

The Weather

Table with weather predictions: Prediction Fair, Maximum yesterday 53, Minimum today 22

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago table: Maximum 52, Minimum 33, Precipitation 18

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MUCH GRIST GROUND OUT BY SOLONS

None of Measures Vital—Portland Official Uses Senator Carkin's Bill for Paid Highway Board Out of Committee—Insanity Grounds for Divorce Bill Killed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Oregon's legislative grist mill was working rapidly today grinding out bills. In the senate a number of measures received the stamp of approval.

The house, however, started operations by indefinitely postponing the bill introduced by Representative J. H. Overturf of Bend, to amend the workman's compensation act to permit employers to provide self insurance for their employees.

Among the measures which passed the senate this morning were: The bill of Senator Gus C. Moser of Portland, providing recount of election ballots in any precinct upon petition of ten per cent of the voters of the precinct.

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Senator M. R. Klepper opposed the bill, declaring that some official in Portland, afraid he is going to be dismissed, was using the eastern Oregon senator as a goat to keep him in office.

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The house late yesterday killed the Beals bill to make insanity ground for divorce and the senate killed a bill permitting garages and other places to sell denatured alcohol. Under the present law drug stores only may sell this product.

Senate Nominations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The following were nominated today by President Harding to be registers of land offices:

Frank P. Light at Lakeview, Ore., and Elsie K. Pitts at Waterville, Wash.

Military Trains Collide

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—A Duesseldorf dispatch to the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that two French military trains collided Tuesday on the Duesseldorf-Kettwig line and that the bodies of 28 soldiers have been removed from the wreckage. The report lacks confirmation.

COURT GIVES WIFE RIGHT TO SPANK HUSBAND, WHENEVER HE NEEDS IT

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 8.—Joseph Leszynski, 21, will behave for the next year if spankings and the continual presence in his home of a probation officer have the proper effect.

Mrs. Gladys Leszynski, his wife, proved to Judge Thomas M. Cotter yesterday that she was capable of spanking him—had been doing it for a long time—and was instructed by the court to administer the punishment whenever she believed it necessary.

Escaped "Tiger Lady" In Mexican Jail, Is Word of Fugitive

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 8.—In jail at Angleton today, "Little Phil," Alguin, told reporters that Clara Phillips is in jail at Chihuahua City. He said he did not see her, but that he is positive she is in jail there.

GERMAN TEMPER BADLY STRAINED BY FRENCH MOVE

Occupation of Textile Towns in Wupper Valley No Balm—Drastic Orders to Prevent Sabotage—Coal Output Decreases in Saare Valley.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports from the Wupper valley, where the French have occupied several textile towns, indicate that the temper of the civilian population is uncertain. At Elberfeld which is surrounded by a troop cordon, the people are highly excited although the city itself is not occupied.

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CHAIN STORES IN BREAD CUT WAR

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Bakers for the Piggly Wiggly stores, incorporated, worked overtime last night to satisfy Chicago's demand for free bread that resulted from a price war between the Piggly Wiggly stores and the Atlantic and Pacific chain stores.

The demand was so insistent yesterday, C. S. Wyatt, district manager of the Piggly Wiggly stores, said, that 150,000 loaves of bread were handed out at the 88 stores in Chicago. Bread sold at two loaves for five cents to those who did not make a fifty cent purchase.

At the Atlantic and Pacific stores bread was quoted at 3 1/2 cents a loaf.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—King and Queen Mary were grandparents today. A son was born last evening to Princess Mary, the wife of Viscount Lascelles. The king and queen are being showered with congratulations upon the arrival of their first grandchild and as much excitement is being shown as was caused by Princess Mary's marriage a little less than a year ago.

FEARED WORLD WOULD THINK U.S.A SHYLOCK

Reason for Reduction of Interest On British War Debt—Reach Limit of Kindness—Committee Says Action of Plan Expected Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The American debt commission does not desire to make more favorable terms with the debtor nations than are embodied in the settlement agreement reached with the British government, the house ways and means committee was told today by Representative Burton, republican, Ohio, a member of the commission.

Questioned by Democratic members Representative Burton went into details, but his statements were given the utmost confidence and were not made a part of the official record of the proceedings. Mr. Burton argued that the commission had not exceeded its authority under the law in proceeding with the drafting of a tentative agreement with the British government. He said it had a right to consult with the British and to make a recommendation to congress. Asked why the commission assented to an interest rate below that fixed in the bill, he said that the good will of the remainder of the world naturally prevented the United States from taking the position of "a pawnbroker or a Shylock in concluding the debt funding settlements."

He referred to the great burden of taxation in Great Britain and said that the United States and that country were allies in the war and that in the struggle "Great Britain bore an infinitely greater burden than we, however great our own burden."

Members of the committee estimated roughly that the total interest that Great Britain would pay if the refunding extends over the permitted period of 62 years would be ten billions of dollars whereas the total of interest under the original congressional stipulation of 4 1/2 per cent and 25 years would have been \$4,637,000,000.

Representative Burton said that the British government would be permitted under the terms of the settlement to liquidate the debt at any time within 90 days' notice and that it was possible that in a little more than ten years the entire debt would be paid off.

After hearing Representative Burton the committee postponed action on the postponed action until late in the day. Chairman Fordney said it still was his plan to report the measure out before night to obtain house consideration of it tomorrow.

AUTHORIZE SEARCH FOR CZAR'S JEWELS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Authorization to open the grave of James Jones, American seaman, buried in a Brooklyn cemetery, whose casket is reported to contain some of the crown jewels of Russia, was telegraphed by the war department today to the quartermaster general at New York.

WOMAN SUICIDES IN CHICKEN COOP

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 8.—The body of Mrs. E. M. Olson, aged 56 years, was found hanging from a rafter yesterday in the Olson chicken coop at Alderwood Manor, a few miles south of Everett. The discovery was made by a neighbor, Mrs. Olson had been in ill health for some time. Her husband works on a demonstration farm at Alderwood.

FOOL BILL KILLED AFTER PERSIFLAGE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—After indulging in half an hour's persiflage the house yesterday voted down and killed Harburt's bill which would compel newspapers to print retractions for alleged false statements. Only a few scattering votes were cast for the measure.

Wife of Defeated Senator Who Raised Tempest in Washington



Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of the defeated United States senator from Washington, has caused a society furor in Washington by her public revelations of official secrets. One of those very much wrought up is Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the secretary of labor, whose use of a government automobile for a shopping expedition has caused acrid comment by Mrs. Poindexter. Mrs. Davis is here shown with her son, and insert shows Mrs. Poindexter.

FREE TEXT BOOK MEASURE KILLED IN LOWER HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house of representatives of the Oregon legislature today decided against free text books in elementary schools by voting to accept the majority report of the committee on education and indefinitely postponed Representative W. F. Woodward's free text book bill. The senate recommended to the printing committee the bill introduced by Senator F. J. Toole of Oregon City to do away with election pamphlets, and substitute newspaper advertising in their place with instructions to amend the measure to eliminate candidates' pamphlets but preserve pamphlets expounding initiative and referendum measures.

Announcement was made at the office of Governor W. M. Pierce today that he was to study this afternoon the synopsis of a new state government consolidation bill prepared by Senator S. M. Garland of Lebanon. Garland, a democrat, has prepared the plan following a series of conferences which included a number of republican senators.

BANK ROBBER GIVES UP FARM LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Tom Frazer, leader of the bandit gang which robbed the Yokohama specie bank here of \$23,477 in a spectacular holdup March 19, 1918, has broken his parole and is being hunted throughout the United States and Canada. It was announced today by Edward H. Whyte, state parole officer. Frazer disappeared with his wife and two children from a ranch in the northern part of the state, Whyte said.

CONTRACT LET FOR KLAMATH ROAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the state highway commission here yesterday a contract was let subject to the approval of the federal bureau of public roads for surfacing 5.93 miles of Hayden Creek-Jackson county line, Ashland-Klamath Falls highway; Harness and Colby \$42,675.

RAID HUGE STILL OVER SISKIYOU

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 8.—The government prohibition agents from Klamath Falls, Ore., cooperating with the sheriff of Siskiyou county, raided the residence of R. N. Wilson in Shastina, this county, yesterday, and seized over 400 gallons of illicit liquor and a still capable of turning out 100 gallons a day.

LAST MINUTE CLUB MEMBER DEAD

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 8.—Only four members remained today of Minnesota's famous "last minute club," whose president, Adam Marty, of St. Paul, died yesterday. They are the last of 34 members of B company, first Minnesota Infantry of Civil war days, who met at Stillwater, Minn., on July 21, 1885, organized the club and were given a bottle of wine which it was agreed the last member of the organization should drink as a toast to those who had died.

Pardon Moonshiner So Purebred Horse Can Get Out of Stall

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 8.—To enable him to go home to take care of a purebred Percheron stallion that has not been out of the barn since September 19, Governor J. J. Blaine today pardoned Edward Elman, Pepin county farmer, serving one year in jail for manufacturing moonshine liquor.

DIXIE SENATOR SAYS PRESIDENT 'OFFERS INSULT'

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"President Harding 'did an unseemly thing,'" Mr. Harrison asserted, "in suggesting that the senate had shown 'marks of impotency,' by delaying a vote on the ship bill."

"The president comes to the American congress," he said, "and offers an insult to the senate, because for a few days none of us have seen fit to pass his program for the ship subsidy bill."

"The ship bill itself, Senator Harrison said, 'was monstrous and wicked,' proposing a transfer of \$875,000,000 to the shipping trust. He charged that the president had fallen 'under the influence' of Chairman Lasker of the shipping board. 'When Lasker pulls the string,'" he said, "the president jumps."

Senator Harrison said the republican leadership could have a vote tomorrow on the shipping bill if it would agree that "lame duck" senators should not vote. He suggested that the president also could call an extra session of congress March 4, if he wanted a real show down on public opinion.

MOVIE QUEEN SUES FOR LAWYER'S FEE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Whether Pauline Frederick, actress, gave George Edwin Joseph, New York attorney, \$10,000 for the legal services or for investment was the principal point argued during the morning session of Joseph's suit against Miss Frederick for \$56,000 and her counter suit for \$46,647.

Joseph, who was under cross-examination said he received a check for \$10,000 from the actress with the understanding that it could be applied on his fee, but that if there was any balance he was to invest it. His accounts showed he had charged the entire sum as a fee. Miss Frederick asserted the whole amount was given for investment purposes.

COUE LEAVES CHICAGO WITH CHEERS AND JEERS, RINGING IN HIS EARS

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—M. Coue, smiling little French chemist and exponent of the "cassape" cure for psychic ills, left Chicago last night for Buffalo with shouts of praise and cries of unbelievers ringing in his ears. In his two days visit M. Coue delivered four lectures, gave 34 treatments, visited the stockyards and was disturbed continually at his hotel by persons seeking cures. Four thousand heard him yesterday as he told them of his theory for curing psychic ills by auto-suggestion.

NEAR EAST SITUATION BRIGHTER

Allies Call Turk Bluff and Send More Warships to Smyrna—Lone U. S. Destroyer Not Affected By Order—War Now Unlikely—Paris Press Aroused.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 8.—The governor of Smyrna is reported to have informed the French consul there that he has extended by 24 hours the time within which the allied warships must leave Smyrna harbor. The governor is said to have decided upon the postponement in order that he may receive instructions from the Angora government.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Associated Press filed late Wednesday, stated that the destroyer Edsall constituted the American naval representation at Smyrna. It was reported, added the message that the Turks had defined her as outside the prohibited class both in tonnage and as a neutral and that it was expected she would remain there.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation at Smyrna was considerably eased today, according to British official quarters, where it was thought it was extremely unlikely that any fighting would occur.

It is believed the "ultimatum" issued by the Turkish chief of staff who is on a tour of inspection in Anatolia will be withdrawn as soon as the Angora authorities understand the allies are firm in resisting the demands that the allied warships quit Smyrna harbor.

Pleasure was expressed in British official circles that the American representatives in Smyrna joined in the protest to the Angora government.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Orders to the French and British war craft at Smyrna to defend themselves if attacked by the Turks is the answer of the Paris and London governments to the Turkish ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of the vessels.

Press dispatches from Constantinople assert the British have gone a step further, ordering the diversion to Smyrna of other ships of the Mediterranean fleet.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent reported this morning that all was quiet in Smyrna, the Turks having made no attempt to force the allied warships to leave the harbor.

Rear Admiral Nicholson, aboard the light cruiser Curacao, standing off Mytilene, has been ordered to enter Smyrna harbor today to support, if necessary, the cruiser Calypso.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French press attaches the greatest importance to the Smyrna situation, regarding it to be so delicate as to render the declaration of war inevitable unless the Turks recede from their position in demanding the withdrawal of allied warships.

It is pointed out that there are probably ten large naval units in Smyrna. These include the French Cruiser Ernest Renan, at least two British craft and one representative each of the Italian, Dutch and American navies.

In addition there is a flotilla of light craft. LeMatin remarks that to expel warships anchored in a port before the signature of peace constitutes an unfriendly act.

The Turkish government, the newspaper says, in informing the high commissioners at Constantinople of its determination to demand the departure of the ships, justified its position. (Continued on page sixth)