

The Weather
Prediction—Rain, snow, cold
Maximum yesterday—43.5
Minimum today—22

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum—45
Minimum—32
Precipitation—.13

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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COMPR'MISE BILL UPON CONSOL'TION

Teeth Taken Out of Eight
Hour Law—Governor in
Favor Horizontal Cut in
Taxes—Bill to Clip Salary
of Militia Head—License
Nursery Men.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—Senate leaders and Governor Pierce had reached an agreement today after five weeks of wrestling with the problem of consolidation of state offices, and a compromise bill was prepared for introduction with signatures of more than sixteen senators attached. With a few exceptions, the measure embodies principles of Senator H. L. Corbett's bill and the chief features of Senator W. G. Hare's program.

In response to the appeal of the governor yesterday for action on his recommendations resolutions have been introduced calling for a conference of governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and Oregon for imposition of taxes on natural resources and for the appointment of a commission of five members to investigate irrigation problems.

Representative W. F. Woodward's revised eight hour day bill for the lumber industry passed the house with an amendment providing that penalties for violations shall not be effective until similar laws have been enacted by Washington and Idaho.

Governor Pierce in a statement published today announced his approval of the pending bill by Senator Bruce Dennis of La Grande, for a ten per cent horizontal cut in tax levies, as amended to provide that in case of dire necessity a tax levying body may ask permission of the governor to exceed nine per cent of the 1922 levy for the years 1922 and 1924.

The house has passed amendments to the state soldier bonus act extending until December 31, 1923, the time for cash payments and until December 31, 1927, for loans. Permission also is given ex-service men who took cash to return the cash with interest and accept loans, provided they can convince the commission that they accepted the cash while laboring under the misapprehension that loans could be used only for buying or building homes.

The joint ways and means committee has made further cuts of \$24,829 in recommendations of the budget commission.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—The senate yesterday passed a house bill providing for licensing nurserymen and another authorizing the state board of horticulture to fix standards for horticultural, viticultural and vegetable products and containers thereof.

Sensors W. I. Hare of Hillsboro and C. J. Edwards of Tillamook introduced a bill that would give to public utilities the right of indeterminate franchise in municipal corporations, at the same time giving to the municipality the right to purchase the property of the utility whenever it might desire.

Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill today introduced a bill that

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ESPEE WINS RIGHT TO CONTROL OF CEEPEE, AND KEEP OFF ITS TRACKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Control of the Central Pacific Railway company by the Southern Pacific company under lease and stock ownership and under terms of a traffic agreement protecting the use of the northern transcontinental route, was approved today by the inter-state commerce commission.

The Central and Southern Pacific systems which have been operated as a unit for many years were ordered separated by a decision of the supreme court but the commerce commission today ruled that broad powers given it under the transportation act would allow issuance of an order permitting the present consolidation to continue.

All members of the commission with the exception of Commissioner McChord held that the commission's power to grant the desired authority to the Southern Pacific to maintain its unity with the Central Pacific was unquestioned. Commissioner Mc-

VERBOTEN FOR GERMAN HEADS IN RUHR ZONE

Visits of Chancellor Cuno Pro-
voke Citizens Claim of
French and Belgians in Note
Sent to Berlin—Unity of
Action Aim of Allies.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—German cabinet ministers hereafter will be barred from the Ruhr by the Franco-Belgian forces, Premier Poincare of France and Foreign Minister Jaspard of Belgium at a conference here today sent a brief note to this effect which was immediately delivered to the German embassies in Paris and Brussels.

The note reads:
"The Belgian and French governments have established that the visit of Chancellor Cuno in the Ruhr region and the action he took there had for its sole object and really resulted in the provoking of a dangerous state of excitement, particularly among the big industrial leaders, chief functionaries and government employees.

"Under these conditions the French and Belgian governments, anxious to avoid, especially in the interest of the population, disorders that might become sanguinary, find it necessary to inform the reich and the governors of the states that the officials will no longer be allowed to enter the Ruhr."

The conference between the French premier and the Belgian foreign minister arranged for yesterday in Brussels after consultations between the Belgian cabinet ministers and M. Le Troquer, French minister of public works, resulted in the reaching of complete unity as to methods of action in the Ruhr. General DeGoutte, who the Belgians feel is sympathetic toward them, will remain in command as heretofore and no inter-allied high commissioner will be appointed as has been predicted in some quarters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Refusal of the French government to accept diplomatic notes from the German government protesting against or criticizing demands of the reparations commission has been met with a flat statement by the Berlin foreign office that it will not let itself "be prevented" from raising objections "against French measures, which by right and morality must be raised against them."

BRISK FIGHTING ON IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Feb. 10.—A brisk exchange of shots occurred in Dublin last night when the city hall guard was attacked. Machine guns dispersed the assailants. Later a lorry load of troops was fired on.

The body of a man riddled with bullets was found on the road between Ballingarry and Mullinahone yesterday. A card attached to the body bore the words:
"The first of fifty spies."

BEIRUT, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Four arrests made here last evening are regarded by the police as important. On two of the prisoners plans for the destruction of the Beirut jail and other public buildings are said to have been found.

'BIG FOUR' AND SOIL TILLERS UNITE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The California State Federation of Labor and the representatives of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods in California have effected the formation of a new political party known as the "Farmer-Labor Non-Partisan Political Alliance," it was announced today by Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the federation.

SCOTCH WHISKEY IN EGG SHELLS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—"The very best grade" of Canadian eggs is quoted here at \$4 a dozen. Prohibition agents bought a case and learned why the price was so high. Each egg had been blown and re-filled with "three fingers" of the best Scotch whiskey.

WIFE FEARS RICH BUYER SLAIN BY ORIENTALS



Mortimer Lautman, buyer and general manager for a Pittsburg department store, who disappeared from his rooms at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, with cash estimated at \$75,000.00 Mrs. Lautman, on her arrival in New York from her home, said she feared her husband had been spirited away by a band of orientals and slain, after being robbed of his money.

DEBT LENIENCY TO BRITISH PLAN UP TO SENATE

Funding Measure Reported
Out of Committee—Early
Vote Is Sought—Govern-
ment Selling of Wheat Crop
Act Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The British debt funding bill passed yesterday by the house was ordered reported favorably with minor amendments today by the senate finance committee by a vote of 8 to 3.

The senators opposing it were La Follette, republican, Wisconsin; Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, and Wash, democrat, Massachusetts.

One democrat, Senator Williams of Mississippi, voted for the settlement. The republicans supporting were Chairman McCumber and Senators Smoot of Utah, a member of the American debt commission; Watson, Indiana; Curtis, Kansas; Dillingham, Vermont; Calder, New York, and Frelinghuysen, New Jersey.

When the bill will be brought before the senate was not determined because of the desire of the administration to press the shipping bill to an early vote if possible.

Senator Walsh moved that the minutes of the American commission be called for but this motion was voted down, as was one by Senator La Follette that Eliot Wadsworth, secretary of the committee be examined.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The bill of Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, to create a government wheat stabilization corporation with \$500,000,000 capital to buy and sell wheat was reported favorably today by unanimous vote of the senate agricultural committee.

A basic gathered price of \$1.75 per bushel for number one northern wheat would be provided by the bill and would apply to the crop of the next three years. This corporation on July 1 each year, under a committee amendment would determine whether the \$1.75 basic price should be changed.

INCREASE ON WOOL RATES DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Western transcontinental railroads were today ordered by the inter-state commerce commission to suspend until June 1 increases in freight rates on wool and mohair moving from the Pacific coast to the eastern half of the United States. The new schedules were to have become effective today. Preliminary hearings on them will begin March 20 at Portland, Ore.

Under the schedules proposed, freight rates on sacked wool from Pacific ports to Chicago and Boston would be \$2.70 per hundred pounds, as against present rate of \$1.95. There would be slight reductions on wool from Rocky Mountain territory to the east. From Reno to Chicago the present rate is \$2.72 per hundred pounds while the new schedule would make it \$2.70. From Reno to Boston the rate is \$2.76 and the new rate would be \$2.70.

TURK ORDERS TO LEAVE SMYRNA STILL IGNORED

Rumor Status Quo to Be
Unchanged Till Treaty Is
Signed—Yankee Naval Of-
ficer Had Orders to Remain,
and So Stated to Turks.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The latest information from Constantinople as well as from diplomatic quarters here indicates that nothing important has developed in the situation at Smyrna where the foreign warships are said to remain, in defiance of the order from Ankara. There is no confirmation of the report that the Turkish officials at Smyrna have reached an agreement with the allied naval commanders, whereby the status quo will be maintained pending diplomatic negotiations.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Telegraph tells how the commander of the American destroyer Litchfield met the Turkish order to leave Smyrna. The dispatch says that the vessel's commander admitted to the governor of Smyrna that the Litchfield registered slightly more than 1,000 tons, the limit set by the Turks, but explained that destroyers nowadays were necessarily fairly large ships and that he would like to stay.

The commander supported his answer by adding that if permission was refused he had orders to remain anyway and pointed out that it would be much more pleasant not to have any trouble. The governor thereupon gave his consent, the correspondent adds.

Nevertheless a few minutes before the expiration of the time limit the Litchfield took a turn outside the harbor and then re-entered the forbidden waters.

SALEM WINS AND ROSEBURG BEATEN

SALEM, Feb. 10.—The Salem high school basketball team defeated Corvallis last night 31 to 14, the players indulging in a fight in the second half, so bitterly contested was the battle. Corvallis was figured as a strong contender for the state championship, and her victory over Salem last year robbed that team of the title.

EUGENE, Feb. 10.—The Eugene high school last night defeated the Roseburg high school 18 to 15, in a closely contested game, that required an extra five minutes play to decide. At the end of the second half the score was tied at 13 to 13. The Roseburg team showed a close defense.

The Medford high school lost a week ago to Salem 21 to 24, and plays Roseburg at Roseburg Feb. 15.

The Noted Dead

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Masonic funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon for Captain Henry Zeenas Osborn, congressman from the tenth California district, who died at his home here yesterday after a lingering illness.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 10.—Thomas B. Connery, veteran New York journalist and diplomat, died today in his 53th year.

For 15 years Mr. Connery was managing editor of the New York Herald and later editor of "Once a Week," afterward Collier's Weekly. He was minister to Mexico in the Cleveland administration.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Professor William Conrad Roentgen, discoverer of the Roentgen rays, popularly known as X-rays, is dead at Munich.

Wage Increase
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 10.—A wage increase of five cents an hour was voted here yesterday by the district of Local Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, effective February 15. The wage base now is \$3.30 a day.

The Weather
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:
Pacific states—Occasional rains with temperature near normal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Morgan E. William A. Reno M., and Montego La Montagne, wealthy distillers and importers, today entered amended pleas of guilty to charges of illegal sale of 20,000 gallons of liquor for which they were indicted recently after a federal grand jury investigation of the fashionable Racquet and Tennis club.

Veteran Student at Columbia to Quit, Angry at Papers

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—William Cullen Bryant Kemp, who first entered Columbia university in 1872 and has attended off and on ever since, has not enrolled for the spring term. He said he quit largely because of the unpleasant notoriety given me by the newspapers.

Mr. Kemp, who holds numerous degrees and last year studied paleontologic development of North America, has exhausted most all ordinary subjects as a freshman, was a classmate of Dr. Nichols Murray Butler, now president of the university.

CAR SHORTAGES TO BE PROBED FOR LAW TO GOVERN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Creation of a special presidential commission to study charges of a car shortage and a possible other transportation questions during the coming recess of congress is being considered by President Harding who is expected to send concrete recommendations on the subject to the senate and the house inter-state commerce committees with the next week.

The commission would be composed under present plans, of members of congress and representatives of shippers and producers, the railroads, railway labor unions and railway security associations. It would make recommendations to congress next December.

The president recently discussed the matter at a conference at the White House to which he invited Senator Capper, Gooding, Idaho; Coughen, Michigan; Norbeck, South Dakota; Brookhart, Iowa and Ladd, North Dakota, all republicans. Those at the conference said there was general agreement that the agricultural industry required drastic relief to afford more freight cars and that freight rates on agricultural products were too high. Among other things which the proposed commission, it was said, might study, methods to bring down rate reductions.

FRENCH AVIATORS TO CIRCLE GLOBE

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Five French airplanes flying under the patronage of the government, will leave early in March for a trip around the world. The aviators plan to divide their journey into a series of short flights, participating in exhibitions and competitions along the way.

Their course will take them through Italy, Algeria, Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, Persia, India, Siam, Indo-China, China, Korea, Japan and the United States. They will then fly south across Central and South America, crossing back to Africa and returning to France by the way of Spain.

FILM COMEDIAN LICENSED TO WED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Harold Lloyd, film comedian and Mildred Davis, his leading lady, obtained a marriage license here today.

Dies in Flames
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 10.—The body of an unidentified man was taken from the ruins of one of six frame buildings which were destroyed by a fire on Elk street early today. Firemen were searching for another man who was reported to have been in the building.

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STATISTICS SHOW FOOD COSTS STILL SOARING ABOVE PRE-WAR PRICES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The retail cost of food in 16 of 19 representative cities of the United States decreased between December 15 and January 15, the department of labor announced today. The decline in Denver was four per cent; Salt Lake and Seattle, two per cent; Omaha one per cent.

For the year period which ended January 15, the report revealed that 15 of the cities experienced increases ranging from less than five-tenths of one per cent at Omaha to six per cent at Cleveland.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food January 15, ranged from 24 per cent higher at Salt Lake City to 34 per cent higher at Richmond.

DEATH LIST IN 2 MINES MOUNTING

Snow Falls at Dawson, N. M.,
As Rescue Proceeds—122
Thought Lost—Little Hope
Entertained—34 Dead at
Cumberland, B. C.—Inquest
February 16.

DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 10.—A raging blizzard which began shortly after eight o'clock this morning drove from their vigil, the anxious watchers at the mouth of the blast-shattered mine No. 1, of the Phelps-Dodge corporation, in which 122 men were entombed by an explosion last Thursday.

Only the crews of rescue workers and repairers were at the tunnel entrance. Snow is swirling in a blinding cloud about the check cabin, tunnel mouth and tool sheds on the hillside. The New Mexico sun blazes overhead and the temperature is hovering around 28 degrees above zero, while the work of recovering the victims of the disaster continues.

W. D. Brennan, manager of the mine, entered the workings shortly after nine o'clock this morning to explore a series of cross cuts not yet reached by the rescuers. His trip is expected to reveal definitely the fate of the miners who are still unaccounted for. If Wednesday's check is correct, showing that 122 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred, 89 men are still entombed, either dead or alive. Only forty bodies had been recovered this morning according to revised official figures by the Phelps-Dodge representatives. Two men escaped uninjured.

DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—As the sun rose over grief-stricken Dawson today, the stretcher-borne cargo of burned and mutilated victims of Thursday afternoon's explosion still trickled from Dawson mine No. 1 of the Phelps-Dodge corporation.

Steadily throughout the night, the list of known dead in the second great mine catastrophe to visit this little village in the hills of the Cimarron plateau in the last decade, had mounted. At daybreak 36 bodies had been removed from the mass of debris cluttering the interior of the workings from the mouth of the shaft as far back as the rescuing crews have penetrated. Two men walked out of the mine unharmed yesterday and 34 are believed to be still in the mine.

A little cluster of toll worn women, grim visaged men, and anxious eyed and fearful children, who have congregated about the tunnel entrance since Thursday afternoon, began to grow larger as the first streaks of dawn appeared over the mountains. Hope has not completely died in the breasts of those whose loved ones were in the mine at the time of the explosion. As each hour brings forth new evidence of the terrific devastation and ruin wrought within, however, despair grows in the breasts of the watchers.

The arrival of two United States bureau of mines rescue cars today is eagerly awaited by the work-weary forces who have been combing the underground network of passageways.

Volunteers from three adjoining mines of the Phelps-Dodge corporation, scores of Dawson townpeople, and a corps of four doctors and ten nurses, augmented by the crew of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's mine rescue car, have been working steadily since shortly after the explosion, recovering the bodies of the dead, caring for the few who were injured and nursing the exhausted.

Undertakers at one temporary morgue and the city morgue have worked incessantly preparing the bodies thus far recovered for burial and aiding in identification of them.

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