

The Weather

Prediction.....Fair and cold
Maximum yesterday.....39
Minimum today.....29.5
Precipitation, 36; Snow, 5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....46
Minimum.....30
Precipitation......01

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

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ENTIRE WEST SWEEPED BY STORM KING

Rocky Mountain District in Grip of Blizzard and Coast States Hit By Gales—Forecast for More Tonight and Tomorrow—Quake at Bellingham, Wn.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—A storm marked by every characteristic of extreme winter weather, from below zero temperatures to a mile a minute gales, is sweeping the Pacific coast today from the "cradle of storms," south of the Aleutian islands, to the plateau regions west of Denver, prostrating wire communications and crippling train service.

Northeast and northwest gales sweeping in from the Pacific off North Head at the mouth of the Columbia river, and Tatoosh, off the Washington, literally snapped off scores of telephone and telegraph poles between Medford and Portland and piled up great snow drifts across railroad tracks and highways. Further south, blizzard-like swirls of the great storm felled wire lines in the high Sierras but these were soon restored. Snow flurries, borne on sharp winds, swept Utah and Wyoming, forcing a strenuous use of snow plows along the rail lines.

It was snowing heavily in Walla Walla and Spokane, Wash., and southeast Idaho today with the probability of a great widening out of both the snow and rain areas tonight. At the northernmost tip of the storm, far in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, the temperature dropped to 30 below zero, while at the southernmost apex, in southern California, there were copious rains.

The low barometer area was over Baker, Ore., early today and was moving rapidly southeast, indicating a spread of the storm over a much wider area tonight and tomorrow. There were indications in some sections of the plateau states today, however, of the clearing weather, but the temperature was dropping and more snow was forecast in those sections.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—Seattle today was covered with a hard frozen crust of snow, ranging in depth from a few inches to nearly a foot as the result of a storm yesterday. The storm was the worst of the winter. Telephone wires, coated with ice, were blown down in several localities and many street lights were put out of commission. A number of automobile accidents and injury to passengers and pedestrians were charged to the snow and ice.

Half of the roof of one home was blown off by the high wind. In the outlying sections of the city the snow drifted to a depth of several feet during the night.

MERCED, Cal., Feb. 12.—Covering the floors of the valley many feet deep with piled up drifts snow after twenty-four hours of continuous storm was still falling in Yosemite this morning. A party of one hundred members of the Merced Chamber of Commerce is spending the week end in the national park. Snow is still standing on the lower foothills of the Sierras today, marking the lowest snow line of the season.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 12.—A distinct shock, believed to (Continued on Page Six)

Hear Evangelist, Or Have No Jazz in Jail Order, Fails

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—The prisoners in the city jail voted unanimously against services there by evangelists. The jailer told them that unless they "listened to the preaching" they could have "no jazz" from the jail piano, but the prisoners remained firm, and the evangelists departed.

GERALDINE SAYS SHE VERIFIED ALL DIVORCE CHARGES

Grand Opera Star On Stand, Nice to Reporters—Lou Tellegen On Tour of West Farrar Heavily Veiled in Court.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Geraldine Farrar, former Metropolitan opera star, took the witness stand today in her suit for divorce from her actor husband, Lou Tellegen, and testified that she had personally verified the charges of misconduct alleged in her petition.

Asked if she condoned his act, she replied crisply, "no." The divorce lasted less than two minutes, most of which she spent in saying "yes" and "no" to technical questions put by her lawyer and the referee.

Arthur Schwartz, counsel for Tellegen, who is playing in the west, did not cross-examine her. He told reporters after the hearing that it was Tellegen's wish.

"You know what Tellegen said," he commented, "quoting the actor's published attitude: 'Let the lady get her divorce.'"

Miss Farrar arrived at the referee's office shortly after 11 o'clock. She was accompanied by Alvin Untermyer, her lawyer, and a private detective. She wore a broad tail coat with chinchilla collar and was heavily veiled.

Farrar's attitude toward reporters appeared to have undergone a change. After a conference with Referee Mahoney, her lawyer and Tellegen's announced there was no objection to the presence of reporters and a group of newspaper men who had been waiting in the hall were admitted to the hearing.

Referee Mahoney had ruled last week that future hearings would be public unless Supreme Court Justice Cohan ordered them otherwise and the justice had passed the decision back to him, saying the court had issued no order for private hearings.

Farrar smiled brightly at the reporters when they were admitted and favored them with an occasional whimsical glance as she testified. When she had finished she donned her veil again and departed through a lane of despairing photographers to her waiting limousine.

Her testimony ended today's hearing. The case will be continued Wednesday.

BEIRUT, Syria, Feb. 12.—The French government has given to the Near East relief a tract of land at the so-called River of Abraham, on which will be established an orphanage for 1,000 Armenian girl refugees from Anatolia.

The institution, which will be in charge of Mrs. W. R. Genaway of Seattle, Wash., will comprise four dormitories, a large hospital and an industrial school. The site is on the sea shore twenty miles north of Beirut.

"It is too bad that the power companies, the representatives of thrift and organization, should be subjected to a scandalous investigation for protecting their lives and the interests of their stockholders, many of whom are poor people," Drum said.

"It was not only our right, but our duty to organize against the act. It was meant to destroy business and impose an enormous debt upon the state."

SELF RULE OF LINCOLN STILL FIRM

Vice-President Coolidge Dedicates Hospital to Negro Wounded of World War—Individual Freedom Basis of Government—Lincoln Ideals Victorious.

TUSKAGEE, Ala., Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—America stands unchangeably committed to the principle of the right to individual freedom made forever plain and clear by Abraham Lincoln, Vice-President Calvin Coolidge declared today in an address dedicating the \$2,000,000 government hospital for negro veterans of the world war.

"The life of Abraham Lincoln," he said, "gave a new and practical meaning to the right of self-government, which was to grow into a great world of influence. Americans are not without justification in assuming that this nation has been called into existence to establish, to maintain, to defend and to extend that principle. Insofar as the world was a conflict between different theories of civilization, it was a conflict between those who supported this principle and those who opposed it. It was the liberty loving nations of the earth, those most generously committed to the principle of sovereignty of the people, who were victorious."

"In that victory Abraham Lincoln had a very large share. Freedom places grave duties and responsibilities on the individual, which will bring success if met and performed but failure if neglected and evaded," the vice-president asserted.

"It was the belief of Abraham Lincoln that all people could and would finally rise to these requirements. In less than seventy years that the negro race in America have been in the enjoyment of freedom, they have made marvelous progress."

"When the call came in time of war they were ready and desirous to respond. More than two and a quarter million of them were registered under the selective draft. They were more anxious to enlist than they were to evade service for their country. Nearly four hundred thousand of them went into military service."

The total casualties of negro troops he said, was approximately one hundred and three officers and 1,543 enlisted men, of whom six officers and 203 enlisted men were killed in action. Fourteen negro officers and 43 enlisted men received the distinguished service cross, he added.

"The negroes' record at home and abroad during the war won them the everlasting gratitude of the American people," he said. "They have justified the faith of Abraham Lincoln."

FATHER OF IRISH HOME MINISTER SLAIN IN RAID

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Dr. Thomas O'Higgins of Maryborough, father of Kevin O'Higgins, free state minister of home affairs, was assassinated last night.

The tragedy occurred at Woodlands near Stradbally. A party of armed men drew up near the O'Higgins residence at 7 o'clock Sunday evening and three members of it approached the house and demanded admittance. Dr. O'Higgins replied that in consequence of a communication recently captured he would not admit anyone, but on the plea of wanting to see the doctor the raiders induced him to open the door. One of the armed men then entered, leaving his two companions on the door step.

While the raider inside was reading the document, O'Higgins, who was 70 years old, disarmed him, snatching away his revolver.

The official announcement today said: "Dr. O'Higgins, coroner of Queens county, was shot dead by armed men last evening."

The victim was a brother-in-law of Timothy Healy, governor general of the free state.

The raider shouted to his two comrades to fire. They responded with the fatal shots which crashed into the top of Dr. O'Higgins' skull, others of the raiding party also firing at him through the windows.

First Posed Photo of Chaplin and Negri



The famous comedian of the screen with Pola Negri, the screen star who is to soon become, according to rumors, Mrs. Charles Chaplin No. 2. The photograph was made outside the home of Miss Negri in the film colony at Hollywood, Cal.

WARN GERMANY HOSTILE MOVE WAR TO FINISH

French General Drastic—Report Clash—Report General Strike Organized at Herne—Labor Conference Called for March 4.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press). Reports that the Germans are organizing a general strike at Herne, not far from Bochum, have led to the dispatch of French tanks to that place.

The Germans are boycotting the forces of occupation throughout the Herne district and the French have been obliged to take over the work of some of the German police.

The boycott is becoming more and more popular throughout the Ruhr and the Germans have decided to extend it to Essen, refusing to do business with the French and Belgians beginning today.

Commenting on the results of the first month of the occupation, General DeGoutte told the correspondent that Germany "is branded as a quitter before the entire world."

"But I solemnly warn Germany," he continued, "that if a single one of my soldiers is harmed and she forces another battle on us, she will not stay our hand by crying 'kamerned.' It will be a fight to a finish, a complete knockout."

The general expressed the opinion that Germany would not fight until she believed herself stronger than her adversary.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press). A Central News dispatch from Berlin today says two French soldiers and one German were killed in a clash at Gelsenkirchen, in the Ruhr, this morning when German soldiers halted a motor car containing French soldiers.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press). An Essen dispatch to the Rote Fahne, says a conference of the Rhenish Westphalian workers has been called for March 4. The meeting is being organized by a special committee appointed by the workmen's council to request the summoning of a conference of leading international labor organizations to take "all measures necessary in the interest of the proletariat."

Organizations thus approached include the red workers internationale, the second and third internationales, the social democrat and communist parties and the trades unions of France, Germany, Belgium, and England.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—The latest measures taken by the allies in the Ruhr, the stoppage of shipments from the district to unoccupied Germany is primarily intended to bring pressure on the heads of German industry, who are regarded as "defeating the German policy at present," it was explained today in French official circles.

It is possible, nevertheless, it was said, that arrangements might be made individually by the manufacturers in the Ruhr to complete contracts for the delivery of goods abroad in case they were willing to pay the 26 per cent export tax.

The barrier raised around the Ruhr has two objects, it was stated. One is to press German industry to the point where it will cease obstruction to the enforcement of the treaty of Versailles. The other is to produce something to apply on reparations account. Special licenses for the exportation of manufactured goods from the district therefore are possible in case the allies find these can be given without so relieving the pressure as to make the economic influence on the mines ineffective.

TOTAL DEATH LIST IN DAWSON MINE NOW REACHES 78

DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—The first results of recovery work in cross cut No. 11 south of Mine No. 1 today has brought the total bodies recovered from the mine wrecked by last Thursday's explosion to 78.

Thirty-two victims are reported lying in the entry. All these bodies are expected to be brought out today, leaving ten men still unaccounted for. They are believed to be so deeply buried in debris that recovery of their bodies will be slow.

Workers today faced the danger that at any time great chunks of slate, rocks and dirt, left hanging from the roof of the tunnels by the blowing away of the underpinnings, may drop upon them. In other places great piles of boulders are balanced precariously and the rescue workers must exercise the greatest care not to brush against the balanced or hanging masses of material. A mistake, mine officials pointed out, might precipitate upon the workers a deluge of debris burying them alive.

ARMY BILL LOST, 'PORK' MEASURE UP IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Conferees on the army bill, the last of the big appropriation measures began today the task of smoothing out differences between the senate and house drafts on the legislation. Only minor questions are in dispute, the senate and house both having adopted the river and harbor fund of \$56,583,000 and agreed to continue an army of 125,000 men and 12,000 officers.

Despite their defeat in the recent senate fight, opponents of the large increase of appropriations for river and harbor work said they had assurances from President Harding that there would be no waste of money. The president, they said, had taken the position that only money really needed for necessary river and harbor improvement should be spent regardless of the amount used.

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Draft Evader Wounds Affections German Waitress at Eberbach

EBERBACH, Baden, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Grover C. Bergdoll, wealthy American draft evader, is again in the limelight as a result of his love affairs.

It was recently reported that he had been married but this was denied by his friends, who say he became enamored of a waitress of a local hotel and that one night after a merry dinner he gave her a written and signed engagement contract. A local editor was authorized to print this notice but Bergdoll is reported to have denied the engagement until confronted with this document in his own writing. He then claimed it was all a mistake and the engagement will be cancelled after a reported monetary settlement for the waitress' wounded affections.

2 WOMEN DIE PARTAKING OF POISON CANDY

Mother and Music Student Victim of Los Angeles Murder Mystery—Picture of Movie King Found—Analysis Box of Chocolates.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—An autopsy performed today on the body of Miss Rhoda Hodges of Boise, Idaho, who died yesterday under mysterious circumstances failed to disclose the exact cause of death. County Autopsy Surgeon Wagner said a chemical analysis would be made of the contents of the stomach.

Mrs. Stella Hodges, who became seriously ill at the same time her daughter was stricken, was somewhat better today and the police said they were hopeful she would soon be able to make a statement concerning the case which appeared to them to be one of poisoning.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Police investigation was promised today into the mysteries of a double poisoning case which resulted in the death here yesterday of Miss Rhoda Hodges of Boise, Idaho, and precarious condition of her mother, Mrs. Stella Hodges. While the homicide squad today was investigating the activities and relationships of the two Hodges women here for the past several months, the coroner arranged for an autopsy to ascertain the agent of death.

Miss Hodges was a harpist and student of music and came here with her mother last November. Arthur E. Hodges of Boise, father and husband of the victims, was due here tomorrow according to a letter found in the apartment.

A box of chocolates, from which some of the sweets had been taken, and the remains of some food in the kitchenette of the apartment, is being examined today by chemists. An autographed photograph of Milton Sills, a motion picture actor, was found in the apartment but he denied acquaintanceship with the girl, saying that the picture probably had been mailed by his secretary.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—An encounter between state troops and rebels in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul is reported here in dispatches from Porto Alegre, Brazil. The government forces are said to have suffered 200 casualties while the rebel losses are not reported. The engagement took place at Nonohay.

WISCONSIN SOLONS BACK UP CAMPUS PAPER PROMOTING "FREE THOUGHT"

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 12.—Legislators today evidenced their interest in the Scorpion, a new student journal of political opinion at the University of Wisconsin, and indicated that if the editors of the paper were expelled from school, they would take a hand in the situation.

David Sinclair, son of Upton Sinclair, novelist, and J. H. Brooks, editor of the Scorpion, are to appear before the university dean of men late this afternoon to answer for their unauthorized publication. They affirmed their determination to continue printing their journal to promote "free thought." Attacks on certain university policies are promised.

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NIP BANKS WITH FAKE RED SCARES

Inside Workings of Detectives Shown at Radical Trial—'Double Cross' Doubled—Agent Told to Be Radical During Strike—Two Agencies Named.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—An amazing story of intrigue and deception was unfolded today when Frank P. Walsh, attorney for twenty-two communists, who are facing trial at St. Joseph, Mich., for advocating criminal syndicalism, began taking the deposition of Albert Ballin, alias Balanow, confessed spy and agent provocateur.

By Balanow's testimony, Mr. Walsh is seeking to show that radical organizations and "red" scares were invented at will by private detective agencies to assist them in collecting large sums of money from banking and other interests for the purpose of investigating the imaginary radical menace.

Balanow, in a story that ranged from sordid details of double crossing and the double double-cross to high comedy, swore he had worked for the W. J. Burns and Thiel detective agencies at the same time as an expert on radical questions; that he had sold the secret reports of the Thiel agency to the Burns people; that an official of the Burns agency had picked his pocket and appropriated other Thiel reports and that Allen O. Meyers, head of the radical bureau of the Burns agency, had proposed that he make bombs and get well known radicals to throw them, so Burns men could then arrest the radicals.

O. L. Smith, assistant attorney general of Michigan, and Charles W. Gore, prosecuting attorney at St. Joseph, represented the state at the taking of the deposition.

Balanow swore that as an operative of the Thiel agency in 1917 he had been assigned to join the Cigar Makers union as an agent provocateur during a strike, and was instructed to urge the strikers to break windows and commit other violence. His instructions, he said, came from Michael Flannigan, general manager of the agency, who, he said, told him to "always show your radical side be so extreme that they'll have confidence in you."

Flannigan, he said, told him that Sol Kaiser, president of the Lajurba Cigar company, he said, was furnishing \$100,000 to break the cigar workers' union.

Shortly after the suggested window-breaking to Charles Winfield, business agent of the union, Balanow testified, 200 or 300 windows were broken and shortly after he discovered Winfield was an operative of the Thiel agency.

ASHES OF WIFE TO BE CAST ON SEA

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 12.—Aerial funeral services were to be held here today for Mrs. Jesse L. Foote, her husband, a mechanic was to take her ashes aloft in an airplane and scatter them over the ocean while the Rev. William Galbraith, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist church, also in the plane, read the burial service.