

The Weather  
Prediction—Fair and cold  
Maximum yesterday—41  
Minimum today—31  
Precipitation—Trace

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago  
Maximum—49  
Minimum—39

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

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## AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONSOLIDATION

Governor and 17 Senators Hold Conference—Put Finance Powers of State in Hands of Commission—Better Prohibition Laws Are Sought in Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—Agreement on terms of the state government consolidation bill was reached at a conference at noon today between Governor W. M. Pierce and the 17 senators who introduced the measure. Three more senators have been added to the group supporting the measure, it was announced, Senators Strayer, Johnson and Kinney. The senators were said to have accepted amendments proposed by the governor.

The house today voted down a motion to reconsider house bill 167, which was passed last night and which creates a state finance committee of five members to regulate the issuance of bonds by municipal and quasi-municipal corporations of the state. Representative W. F. Woodward of Portland, who moved for reconsideration said the bill placed sweeping power in the hands of the majority of the commission to override the wishes of people of municipalities, school district, drainage districts and the like.

Representative Woodward's bill making parenthood of children of school age a qualification for voting at school elections, regardless of property qualifications, was killed in the senate today by indefinite postponement.

Among bills which have passed both houses is one providing for better enforcement of the prohibition laws and providing for punishment of officers who unlawfully make use of confiscated liquor, and the amendment to the state soldiers' bonus act extending time for making applications for loans and cash.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—The house late yesterday indefinitely postponed the bill introduced by Representative Thomas H. Hurlburt of Portland, to limit the tenure of office of the state adjutant general.

The senate defeated the house bill by Representative L. M. Graham of Forest Grove, which would allow the Oregon land settlement commission to borrow money.

Senator W. H. Strayer of Baker introduced a joint resolution proposing that a constitutional amendment be referred to the people whereby the provision for the salaries of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer might be removed from the constitution and provision made for the salaries to be fixed by law.

The house refused to accede to the governor's request that members of the state highway commission be placed upon a salary basis.

## ASK BULGARIA TO PAY WAR DEBTS

SOFIA, Feb. 13.—(By Associated Press). The inter-allied commission in behalf of the ambassadors council has dispatched a note to the Bulgarian government demanding that it specify immediately in what manner it intends to meet its reparation obligations and what guarantees it proposes to give for payments. The government has not replied.

Under the peace treaty Bulgaria is required to pay the allies \$450,000,000.

## MAN, 90, IN PRISON, THREATENED TO KILL SON-IN-LAW, AGED 76

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Believed to be the oldest man to ever enter a state penitentiary in this country, Thomas H. Robertson, aged 90, has started serving his second term in the Washington state penitentiary.

Robertson was committed from San Juan county to serve a term ranging from the minimum of six months to the maximum of five

## Improvement Clubs and Their Head Get Improvement

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Testimony that he was paid \$2000 individually and that his organization was given \$1000 for working against the water and power act was offered by Charles Skaller, of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs of San Francisco today in a special legislative hearing into campaign expenditures for the 1922 general elections.

The money came from a contingent fund maintained by the Pacific Gas and Electric company, Skaller explained.

## SHUNT SHIPPING BILL ASIDE FOR BRITISH REFUND

Senate Agrees to Course, President Thought Other Way Best—Real Fight Looms for Passage—Lodge Sees No Delay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Agreement was reached today by senate republican leaders to lay aside the administration shipping bill tomorrow for consideration of the British debt settlement legislation.

President Harding was said to have reiterated his belief that the ship bill should not be put aside, and the agreement reached today appeared to be in the nature of a compromise. It contemplates that when the legislation comes up again it will be pressed vigorously, the president having determined, according to the republican leaders, to wage "a real fight" for its passage.

The president, was told however, at today's conference, that the fate of the bill was uncertain, the republican organization being not yet positive it could muster a majority. There was a possibility, he was informed, that the bill might be amended in a drastic way before the vote could be reached.

Mr. Harding also was said to be anxious that the four unfinished appropriation bills be pressed to insure against the necessity for an extra session. A desire to have the farm credits legislation brought from the house blockade also was expressed by the president, and the administration senators said they would urge house leaders to get to work on the credits measure already passed by the senate. Despite the situation facing the ship bill Senator Lodge insisted that there was "every prospect" that the bill would be passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Definite assurance that the debt funding bill will be passed with a minimum of delay was given President Harding today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and Senator Watson, republican, Indiana.

Senator Lodge was of the opinion, he said after the conference, that the objection to the debt funding measure would be unimportant and that it would soon be out of the way, whereupon every effort would be made to enact the shipping legislation.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13.—After bucking the deer snow drifts between here and Pendleton yesterday afternoon in their efforts to reach California, the automobile tourist party of Rufus Woods, publisher of the Wenatchee World, which spent the night before on a lonely road the other side of Kenewick, owing to impassable drifts, gave up the battle for the sunny south and returned to Walla Walla last night. Mr. Woods stated today that he guessed they would have to give up the trip.

## ECONOMIC QUAKE SEEN BY GERMANS

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—Economic disturbances are foreseen by the Allgemeine Zeitung as a result of the stagnation of the French iron industry which has been deprived of Ruhr coal. The newspaper asserts that France has lost more than a million tons of fuel in the first month of the occupation.

## AMENDMENT TO CHANGE CONGRESS

Eliminates 'Lame Ducks' and Shifts Inaugural From 4th of March to Third Monday in January—Passes Senate 63 to 6—Ratification By States Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Norris amendment to the federal constitution eliminating the present session of an old congress after election of a new congress and changing the date of inauguration of the president from March 4 to the third Monday in January, was approved today by the senate.

The resolution, embodying the amendment was adopted after brief debate and by a vote of 63 to 6. It now goes to the house with approval there before adjournment of congress regarded as problematical.

The senators voting against the resolution were Broussard, democrat, Louisiana; King, democrat, Utah; France, republican, Maryland; Nelson, republican, Minnesota; Overman, democrat, North Carolina and Reed, democrat, Missouri.

Such an amendment was proposed by the new progressive bloc immediately after it was formed and probably is the first proposed change in the constitution to be approved by the senate after coming out of any committee other than the judiciary committee. It was reported from the agriculture committee of which Senator Norris is chairman, as a substitute for a senate resolution introduced soon after the beginning of the present session by Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, providing that members of congress defeated in an election should not vote on other than routine business during the session of the old congress following the elections.

The Caraway resolution had been referred to the agriculture committee at the request of its author who said that if it went to the judiciary committee it would "go into the sleep that knows no awakening."

The agriculture committee has among its membership a number of members of farm and progressive blocs and it incorporated in its draft of the amendment a plan changing the present indirect method of electing presidents and vice presidents. This section, however, was eliminated today before the final vote on motion of Senator Norris. Opposition to the section had been expressed both by democrats and republicans and President Harding some weeks ago let it be known that he did not look with favor upon it.

The resolution as adopted follows: Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the following amendment to the constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the states, to become valid as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states, as provided by the constitution.

That the terms of president and vice president of the United States elected after adoption of this amendment shall commence at noon on the third Monday in January, following their election.

The terms of senators and representatives elected after adoption of this amendment shall commence at noon on the first Monday in January following their election.

That the congress shall meet at least once in each year and that the meeting shall begin the first Monday in January unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Similar amendments have been pending at one time or another in congress for years and hearings were being held on one presented by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, when the agriculture committee reported the one approved today.

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## RUHR POLICY OF BRITISH IN TALK BY KING GEORGE

Doing Nothing to Hamper Allies—His Highness Hopes for Turk Peace—American Debt Question Handled in Sentence—Jobless Worry.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The Ruhr question was stressed by King George today in his address from the throne, opening the second session of the fourth parliament of his reign.

He declared that although the British government was unable to honour or participate in the Ruhr operations it was acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of Great Britain's allies.

The king disposed of the American debt question in one sentence, saying that he welcomed the settlement "which reflects the determination of our people to meet their obligations."

The remainder of the speech was devoted largely to an expression of the hope that the Turkish question might be settled.

The sovereign also touched upon domestic problems, particularly unemployment.

Parliament was opened with the usual ceremonies of state. King George, accompanied by Queen Mary, setting in motion the machinery of what is generally regarded as one of the most important sessions since the declaration of peace in view of the unsettled European situation and the financial, trade and labor questions at home.

The ceremony, in the house of lords, was surrounded by all the splendor which has characterized it from time immemorial. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York took their places among the gorgeously attired nobility who crowded the antechamber. Rain detracted somewhat from the brilliance of the parade from Buckingham palace to Westminster, but crowds nevertheless lined the streets.

A small procession of the unemployed paraded Whitehall with sandwich boards reading: "Out of Work" and "We are determined to see Bonar Law."

A few minutes later King George was saying in his speech from the throne that the state of unemployment was causing him the deepest concern.

The king began his speech with the subject of reparations.

"The conference which was held in London early in December on the subject of reparations by Germany was resumed in Paris in January," he said. "My government in their desire to hasten the complete settlement of the reparations question far reaching concessions on the allied debts to this country. I greatly regret it proved impossible to reach a general agreement."

"The French and Belgian governments therefore proceeded to put into force the plan they favored and the Italian government countenanced their action. My government, while feeling unable either to concur or participate in this operation are acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of their allies."

"During the past three months plenipotentiaries of my government in conjunction with those of the other allied powers, have been engaged at Lausanne in a sincere and patient effort to bring to a close the conditions of warfare which for over eight years have desolated regions of the Near East. I greatly regret that in spite of the conciliatory spirit shown by the allies and the immense concessions they were prepared to make the treaty, when on the verge of signature, was declined by the Turkish delegation. But I cherish the hope that when the full report of the Turkish government, the latter may still be disposed to accept the treaty and the opportunity so earnestly and laboriously prepared of rebuilding the peace of the east and the stability of the future Turkish state may not be sacrificed."

"I welcome the prospective settlement of our war debt to the United States of America, which reflects the determination of our people to meet their obligations."

## PAIR SUFFOCATED IN REFRIGERATOR CAR

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Both the victims of asphyxiation whose bodies were found in a refrigerator car at Wallula last Wednesday morning have been positively identified, according to Coroner J. W. Cookerly. One is the body of Morton W. Reynolds of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and the other is the son of J. W. Yandle of McCoy, Ore.

## CANCEL WAR DEBTS FOR NEW PEACE

Economic Stability of Europe Urged By Borah in Debate On British Settlement—Fears Leniency Will Mean More Activity—Smoot Expresses Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The administration shipping bill finally was put aside in the senate today and the war debt settlement with Great Britain given right of way.

Republican leaders, after a conference with President Harding, at first tried to begin discussion of the debt agreement without dislodging the ship measure from its privileged status as "unfinished business," but that plan failed on objection from the democratic side of the chamber.

Chairman Jones of the commerce commission, in moving formally to lay the ship measure aside gave notice that he would call it up again as soon as the debt debate was concluded, possibly tomorrow. Opponents of the shipping legislation began a new campaign to prevent it from ever coming again before the senate.

Debate on the debt settlement was opened by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee who said the agreement constituted the "very best terms possible."

Prediction was made by Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the American debt funding commission, that no debt settlements could be obtained from other debtor nations as favorable as that accepted by the British government.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, said he would venture the prediction that unless the settlement of debts was utilized to effect some measures to improve economic conditions, the benefit to be derived would be very temporary. He added he could only be persuaded to vote for the settlement if it could be shown to operate to bring American influence into solution of European problems.

"If the European nations continue to build a vast military establishment," said Senator Borah, "it is useless to make any debt settlements."

Senator Smoot, interpreting the Idaho senator's remarks as further argument in favor of his proposal for an international economic conference, predicted that if such a conference were held, the first demand to be made would be that the United States cancel all the debt owed to it by the European countries and the second demand that France be guaranteed against invasion by Germany.

Senator Borah responded that if such demands were made he presumed the American representatives would be free in such a conference as any similar international meeting to reject the demands or to ask what the European nations proposed to offer in return.

"I would be willing to cancel every dollar of this indebtedness," continued the Idaho senator, "if economic stability in Europe could be restored and those nations put in such shape to provide a market for our goods and allow the American farmer to sell his products at a profit instead of below the cost of production, as at present."

## KLAN LECTURER SAYS MER ROUGE VICTIMS ALIVE

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 13.—Declaration that Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard, the two men whose supposed bodies were removed from a lake near Bastrop, La., recently, are alive and at the present time are in New Orleans, was made here last night at an open meeting of the Idaho Falls chapter of the Ku Klux Klan by a man introduced as "Dr. Lew Burzer of New York City, official spokesman of the invisible empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Burzer said at the proper time Daniel and Richard would be produced "alive."

The speaker dealt at length with the Morehouse investigation of the Klan and touched on activities in Texas and Oklahoma.

The meeting was in charge of about 40 members of the Klan dressed in full regalia.

## Men's Dress Shows Influence of Women Says Clothier Head

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Eighty-five per cent of all apparel worn by men show the influence of a woman, Fred Vollant, president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers said in an address prepared for delivery today before the convention of the Illinois Retail Clothiers association here.

"You may not see her," President Vollant explained, "but the urge is there, impelling, or compelling man to appear as well in his sphere as she is in hers—for the American woman is today the best garbed female in all the world. American women know instinctively the eternal harmony of dress—not all well to do folk, but the women of the so-called tolling class."

## DARING CRIMES FEATURE DAY IN SOUTHERN CITY

Los Angeles Has Bank and Diamond Robbery—One Killed By Auto Bandits—Jewel Worth \$75,000 Seized—Onlookers Aghast.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Samuel McGee, bank messenger of the First National bank, was shot and killed today in a daylight robbery by two automobile bandits who escaped with a bag containing bank funds.

McGee, with two guards, was driving a small machine from a postoffice station to the bank, carrying a registered parcel containing currency. Two holdup men in an automobile apparently had followed the bank messenger from the postoffice. They left their machine and running to the bank car fired at McGee, killing him and snatching the bag containing the parcel ran back to their machine and escaped.

The shooting occurred on Fourth street, three blocks east of Main, shortly before nine o'clock today. This is the center of the jobbing and commercial district. O. L. Callan and W. Blizard, guards for the bank messenger, were forced to hold up their hands while the robbers took the parcel and escaped.

Check by police investigators indicated the robbers obtained 150 pieces of registered bank mail in the parcel.

One of the shots fired at McGee went wild and crashed through a store window, hitting Grover Mellus, proprietor, in the leg.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Sol Cohen and two employees were held up in his diamond palace at 521 Spring street, the heart of the downtown business district by a single robber today, who dashed out of the shop with \$75,000 in diamonds and \$1000 in gold.

A pedestrian gave chase and the robber threw the diamonds in his face and escaped in the crowd with the gold.

Several hundred people were in the vicinity, it being one of the most crowded streets of the downtown section, when the robber entered Cohen's store, adjoining the Alexandria hotel. He forced Cohen, Ira Kingsburg, a clerk and Will Howard, porter, to hold up their hands while he extracted the diamonds and gold from the safe.

The robber fired a number of shots from a pistol equipped with a silencer and dashed out. The pedestrian who sensed the robbery and chased him, was nonplussed by the diamond barrage and the robber slipped into the crowd and lost himself to pursuit.

## SUN SHINING IN THE VALLEY, YOUNG BLIZZARD IN ROSE CITY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Snowfall which began in the night and was continuing unabated this morning, accompanied by a brisk wind, gave Portland a blizzard today. Railroad and street car traffic was proceeding with some delay and wires were operating. The weather bureau reports indicated that while some snow was falling in the Willamette valley, the temperature there was mild. Snow was falling in Eastern Oregon but the wind was not strong, according to reports.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A cold wave

## IRON HAND OF FRANCE UPON RHINE

Franco-Belgian Forces Seize Ports to Control Holland Trade—Cocky German Police Force Taken in Hand—Bonar Law Talks About Situation.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The towns of Emmerich and Wesel on the right bank of the Rhine northwest of this city, were occupied by Belgian forces early today.

It is announced that this move was made to allow Franco-Belgian supervision and control of exports and imports along the lines leading from the Ruhr into Holland.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The occupation of the towns of Emmerich and Wesel, set for today, gives the allies control of two Rhine ports. Both places are located on the right bank of the Rhine north of this city. Emmerich has a customs house as well as iron casting plants and railwhops.

According to German sources, yesterday's collision between French soldiers and German police at Gelsenkirchen has aggravated the feeling between the French and the civilian population. Reports that French officers used their riding whips upon German functionaries as a means of enforcing orders, added fuel to the smoldering fires of discontent.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—A strong French force including cavalrymen and artillery, occupied Gelsenkirchen today, according to a semi-official agency dispatch, disarmed the German police officials and removed them. Later in the afternoon the whole force withdrew, taking with it the mayor, the president of the local bank of the Reichsbank and other officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Treaties between the United States and France covering the mandates over Togoland and the Kameruns, former German colonial possessions in Africa, were signed today in Paris by Premier Poincare.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Prime Minister Bonar Law, speaking today in the house of commons said he still hoped it would be possible to retain the British troops on the Rhine, but either the French or German governments could make that impossible, and that would be a great misfortune because the withdrawal of the troops would mean the end of the entente.

## COLD WAVE SWEEPS ROCKY DISTRICT

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—While the lake region, the great central valleys, the plains states and the gulf states today still enjoyed a marked rise in temperature, the Rocky mountain region was in the grip of a cold wave.

Another cold wave was reported coming from the Canadian northwest and moving southward. It was expected to cause more temperature drops in the Rocky mountain states. Havre and Helena, Mont., were two cold spots in the country last night, the former reporting twelve below zero at 7 p. m., and the latter 15 below at the same hour.

NEW YORK—Reginald G. Vanderbilt confirmed reports of his engagement to Miss Gloria Morgan.

carrying temperatures as low, is not lower than record drops of the winter, is rushing into the upper Mississippi valley today from the Rocky Mountain and Canadian northwest, and by Wednesday morning will be spread over the western lake region and western portion of the Ohio valley, according to the weather bureau.

A heavy snow storm, the advance guard of the sub-zero weather forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, began falling over the upper Mississippi valley today, increasing with further depths, ranging from five to sixteen inches.