

The Weather

Prediction.....Rain or snow
Maximum yesterday.....48
Minimum today.....23

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1923

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....54
Minimum.....37

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SCORE OF SHIPS ARE WRECKED AT SEA

FEAR LARGE DEATH LIST IN PACIFIC

Number of Lives Believed Lost in Terrific Storm Which Strews Wreckage Along Coast—Five Vessels in Distress Near Puget Sound—Italian Boat Sinks in Atlantic—Rescues Attempted.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Five ships met disaster in a storm that raged yesterday and last night in the Pacific ocean off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, according to reports received up to noon today.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—With a life line about his body, Seaman Victor Hautopp, a member of the crew of the steamer Santa Rita, leaped into the heavy sea and made shore after a heart-breaking fight with the waves. A breeches buoy was rigged and all members of the crew saved. The Santa Rita is a total wreck.

Captain Rolstad of the Santa Rita thought he was ashore on Tatoosh Island and so reported by wireless to the Estevan radio station. This afternoon the ship was high on a rocky ledge with a list to starboard. There were several holes in her hull and the engine room was flooded.

Schooner Is Sinking
NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 15.—The schooner Friendship is sinking five miles off Oregon Inlet, about 90 miles south of Virginia Beach, according to advices received this afternoon by the coast guard here. The cutter Modoc from Wilmington, N. C., has been sent to her aid.

The entire crew of the Friendship is understood to be still on board and fears are being held for their safety. Advices to the coast guard headquarters said the condition of the vessel was hopeless. She is owned by the Lawrence corporation of Rockland, Maine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The freighter Georgina Rolph bound from San Francisco to Portland was 30 hours overdue at Astoria, Ore., at noon today, according to the operators here. They express the belief that she may be "laying off" Astoria waiting for the weather to calm before entering the harbor.

The Georgina Rolph is owned by Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco and is operated by the McCormick Steamship company.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—A number of lives were believed to have been lost early today when the British freighter Tuscan Prince went ashore near Estevan, Vancouver Island, according to a message received here from the tug Sea Monarch.

The Sea Monarch, at the time the message was sent, was rushing to the aid of the vessel, which was said to be a total loss. The message gave no details and did not state the source of the information.

"Ship breaking up, we are going to drown," was the last message from Tuscan Prince, which came through the air and was picked up by the radio station of the Seattle harbor department. Another message, from

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LLOYD-GEORGE JOINS ASQUITH FOR PROBE GERMAN CAPACITY TO PAY

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) The Asquith and Lloyd George liberals urge that the League of Nations appoint a commission on which the United States would be asked to have a representative to study Germany's capacity to meet her reparations obligations.

This proposal is to come before the house of commons next Monday in the form of a joint amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the

S. P. Will Construct Natron Cut Off When Decision Legalized

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Virtual acknowledgement that the Southern Pacific railroad will undertake construction of the Natron cut-off as soon as the courts authenticate the recent inter-state commerce commission order regarding its right to the Central Pacific was contained in a telegram to the Oregonian from Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the company. He said: "Final decision by the court in our favor will satisfy conditions set forth in my telegram of last July wherein the Southern Pacific was pledged to construct the Natron cut-off whenever and as soon as its title to the Central Pacific was sure."

FRENCH ORDER GERMAN POLICE RUHR DISARMED

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) Ten thousand German security police throughout the occupied region are to be disarmed by order of General Degoutte.

It was explained at French headquarters today that this action was deemed advisable because of the general attitude taken by the police toward the forces of occupation. Hereafter the Schutz Polizei are to be considered by the French as the protectors of the Ruhr communities, without connection with Berlin.

In addition to the recent incident at Gelsenkirchen, the French consider that the police are inclined to use their arms too freely, especially when they get into disputes with French soldiers. Headquarters here has on record 12 incidents where the police used firearms against the military.

It is also charged that in another instance a member of the force was discovered in the act of setting on fire a house which soldiers were billeted in.

The Germans are boasting that since February 6, unoccupied Germany has been receiving more Ruhr coal than France and Belgium. They point proudly to the statement that during the past week sixty trainloads have been shipped out.

Occupation authorities say that actually the Germans managed to get through only forty coal trains which went into the interior over private lines leading from the mines and by other routes which the allies had not controlled properly. The French announce that all such gateways into the interior now are guarded closely and that the customs ring which aims to shut off from the unoccupied region all supplies of coal, coke and metals now is welded tightly.

Hawley Proposes Loan to Astoria Instead of Gift

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A bill proposing a government loan of \$1,000,000 to the city of Astoria, Ore., to assist in the reconstruction of the fire-swept area there, was introduced today by Representative Hawley, republican, Oregon. It is a substitute for a measure proposing a federal gift of that amount which is now before the house military committee.

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon introduced a similar bill in the senate.

STORM KING SWEEPS U.S. LOSS GROWS

Death and Destruction Follow in Wake of Blizzard Which Sweeps Country, Coast to Coast—30 Below in Minnesota—Trains Tied Up—Canada Suffers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Death tolls and damage from the coldest wave of the season were increased today and the only relief predicted in the storm area extending from the Canadian northwest to the northern portion of Florida and from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast, was abatement of abnormally high winds in some sections.

The worst blizzard in five years was sweeping over Ontario today with no indications of abating. It was accompanied by sub-zero weather, snow and a sixty mile an hour wind. Transportation was demoralized.

A Canadian National railway passenger train which departed from Regina, Sask., for Winnipeg Tuesday still was stalled in snowdrifts near Cromer, Manitoba, late last night with fifty passengers aboard. A snow plow was snowed in ahead of the train. Railroad officials said the passengers were supplied with provisions and coal.

The first death in Manitoba since the beginning of the storm occurred last night at Starbuck, Ell Lavallee, a mute, being found dead a half mile from his home.

Heavy property damage was caused and many lives endangered in the Pittsburgh district by a sixty mile an hour gale.

Business and travel was reported suspended in certain sections of Michigan as a result of the storm.

St. Paul, Minn., reported that high winds since Tuesday had abated somewhat and railroads planned to resume service on the main lines west and branch lines. The first trains on the Northern Pacific railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad for 24 hours started from there last night for the west. The Great Northern railway was to send out its first coast train in more than 48 hours. Temperatures in St. Paul and Minneapolis virtually were down as far as 30 degrees below zero. Temperature in Chicago at 2 a. m. today was one below zero but the high wind that ushered in the zero weather of yesterday had abated somewhat.

The district weather forecaster here offered no relief, predicting that the cold wave would continue for the remainder of the week.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A blizzard was sweeping western New York today. The biting gale drove the mercury below the zero mark and added loose snow to the huge drifts remaining from half a dozen blizzards last month.

Two railroad shop employees were killed at Fairport when they became confused in the snowstorm and were struck by a locomotive.

7 Dead in Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Seattle today began shaking off the grip of the worst snowstorm in seven years. Milder temperatures prevailed last night and this morning and the "silver thaw" that at first assumed threatening proportions, was less menacing today.

The death of Charles Ross, a director of the Seaboard National bank here and president of the Miners and Merchants bank of Iditarod, Alaska, brought the total list of deaths resulting indirectly from the storm to seven.

Mr. Ross dropped dead while shoveling snow in front of his residence. Street car service was being rapidly restored today, although tracks and trolley wires were still covered heavily with ice at many places. Hundreds of businessmen spent the night in downtown hotels, unable to reach their homes. The University of Washington and city schools remained closed today.

Snowfall during the two day blizzard which ended late yesterday, was officially recorded at 16 inches down town. This is the greatest depth of snow recorded in Seattle since February 1, 1916, when a fall of 27 inches covered the city.

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Notables Sail for World's Tour



(Left) New York's only woman magistrate, Judge Jean Norris, who sailed on the S. S. Samuria for a tour of the world. She is to make a particular study of conditions in various countries pertaining to the treatment and trial of woman violators of the law. (Right) Mrs. Frank C. Henderson, society matron of Roslyn, N. Y.

GREAT BRITAIN NOW INCLINED TO AID FRANCE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(As Associated Press.) British and French cabinet members met here today in a conference which, if it fails to evolve a program for British co-operation with the French and Belgians in solving the Ruhr transportation problems, is considered likely to result in the early withdrawal of the British troops from the Cologne area.

The British ministers at the meeting in Downing street were Prime Minister Bonar Law, Lord Curzon, the secretary of foreign affairs and the Earl of Derby, the secretary of war.

The French cabinet was represented by M. LeTroquer, the minister of public works. It was understood that the French request for additional transport facilities through the British zone was being considered sympathetically.

The French have a serious problem in the transporting of supplies from France into the occupied territory.

The question may be settled temporarily by the transfer to the French of a sixth military division.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) German treasury bills issued in connection with Germany's agreement to pay Belgian reparations were met when they fell due today.

ESSEN, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) In the opinion of the Ruhr industrialists, unemployment may soon be a problem confronting French and Germans alike. The directors of the various branches of the Krupp works say that there is enough repair work on hand to keep the plants running a while longer but that the outlook for the future is dark in view of the tightened customs ring.

Despite the success of the French in maintaining a limited railroad service and thus gaining control of the industrial centers, it is believed the Germans' passive resistance will checkmate the allies.

Both sides admit that economic conditions in many centers are becoming worse as the smaller industries close. Yesterday the iron and wire factories near Duesseidorf, employing 3000 workers were compelled to shut down because of the coal shortage. In Dortmund the French have opened food kitchens where they are feeding nearly a thousand civilians daily.

In the Essen district the hostility toward the French and Belgians is admittedly increasing as the nationalistic have taken a stand against compromise of any kind. Two pamphlets printed in French asking the soldiers to revolt and leave Germany to herself are being distributed through the barracks of the military in the Ruhr.

The French say this is plainly a German trick to incite the soldiers.

Intelligence officers are searching for the printing plant but suspect it is in Berlin.

BILL REMOVING PEN CHAPLAINS PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—The senate has adopted the house resolution proposing to refer to the people the question of amending the constitution so benefits of the soldiers' bonus and loan act will be open to Oregon soldiers in the world war who went into the army prior to those who benefited by the act, and also opening it to signal service women, who heretofore have been held to have been civilian employees.

The senate adopted the house resolution, providing that a commission be named to confer with a like commission from the state of Washington to investigate the feasibility of building an inter-state bridge across the lower Columbia river.

The house passed Representative D. C. Lewis' bill abolishing Catholic and Protestant chaplains at the state penitentiary and the boys' training school.

The house passed the substitute Astoria harbor relief bill providing that the state buy \$250,000 Astoria municipal bonds to run 20 years, interest of four per cent for the first six years to be deferred.

The house bill introduced by Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Portland representative requiring physical examination of both men and women applying for marriage licenses, passed the house. It approved by the senate and the governor, it would be referred to the people before becoming effective.

A provision calling for a mental test of all applicants was stricken from the bill in committee.

Governor Pierce has signed the bill providing a penalty for law enforcement officers who appropriate, sell or give away intoxicating liquors.

The senate today refused to accept an adverse report of the joint ways and means committee on the bill appropriating \$15,000 for bringing the historic battleship Oregon to Portland, and the measure will go to the third reading.

PASSAGE OF U. S. DEBT BILL IS POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Objection by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, blocked efforts today of senate republican and democratic leaders to arrange for a vote tomorrow on the British debt funding bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate went forward with consideration of the British debt funding bill today with a general expectation of reaching a vote tomorrow.

Efforts to bring about an agreement to vote on the measure Friday, which developed in yesterday's debate, were regarded as having been aided by the acceptance of an amendment by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, limiting the present legislation to the agreement with Great Britain. The amendment also provided for approval of other funding arrangements by congress instead of the president.

Brazil Agrees to Make Homes for 500,000 Japanese

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Agreement has been reached between Brazil and Japan for the migration to Brazil of 500,000 Japanese for purposes of colonization, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle said today it had learned on good authority.

Under the terms of the pact it is understood that the Japanese government is to pay the cost of immigration, about \$8 a head and the Brazilian government is asked to take care of the Japanese when they arrive, distributing them to agricultural sections where they are needed.

RIOT CHARGE TO BE TRIED FIRST IN KLAN CASES

It has been agreed between the court, the prosecuting attorney in defense counsel, that the Jackson county nightriding cases will be called for trial at the next term of the circuit court, beginning Monday, February 26, the first case to be a minor civil action. The court calendar will not be formally arranged, until the first day of the term.

The first of the so-called nightriding cases scheduled for trial is that of Dr. Jouett P. Bray, Howard A. Hill, and J. F. Hittson, under three separate indictments, alleging riot, assault with a dangerous weapon and extortion. District Attorney Rawles Moore announced Wednesday that the indictments would be tried, in the order named above. This is in connection with the J. F. Hale case.

The second of the cases will be that of Howard A. Hill and Bert A. Moses, under indictment for alleged riot, assault with a deadly weapon, and extortion. This is in connection with the case of Arthur Burr, colored boot-black.

The third case is that of Thomas E. E. Goodie and Alexander Norris, under indictment for alleged riot, in the case of Henry Johnson of Jacksonville.

It is expected that each of the cases will last three or four days. The state will be represented by Assistant Attorney General Liljeqvist and District Attorney Rawles Moore, and the defense by Attorneys O. C. Boggs and H. A. Canaday.

The grand jury for the February term of court will convene next Monday, February 19th, and will probably be in session all next week.

Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas has been in Josephine county this week disposing of equity cases in that judicial district.

SUGAR GOES UP, ALSO GOES DOWN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—An increase of \$1 to \$8.65 per hundred pounds in the price of refined cane sugar effective today, was announced today by the California-Hawaiian Sugar refineries.

Simultaneously a drop of 25 cents was announced by the Western Sugar refineries, so the quotation of both firms is now the same.

The Speckles Sugar company announced a reduction in refined beet sugar of 25 cents, effective today. The new price is \$8.45.

REFUSES TO READ SEC'Y. HUGHES WIRE CHINESE BANQUET CONDEMNING CHINA

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Professor Robert McElroy of Princeton university, who as toastmaster at the annual dinner of the China society last night, omitted reading part of a telegram from Secretary of State Hughes criticizing China, today explained his reasons.

He said he thought it wise not to intrude upon a social affair the stern language of the secretary's telegram, which expressed regret that the pleasant relations between the two countries "are at the present moment disturbed by the killing of an American citizen and the firing upon an American consul by Chinese soldiers

By 45 to 14 Lower House of Legislature Puts Important Tax Measure On Its Way—Alien Land Bill Up to the Governor—Fair Measure Is Adopted.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—The lower house of the Oregon legislature yesterday passed a state income tax bill, 45 to 14. The measure now goes to the senate.

The senate voted indefinitely to postpone Senator Zimmerman's bill providing for a reduction in the salary of the assistant general of the state from \$3000 to \$2400 a year.

Representative Herbert Gordon's concurrent resolution authorizing a corporation to be formed to put on a world fair in Portland in 1927 was adopted in the senate. The resolution would make the governor, the secretary of state and state treasurer members of the corporation.

Speaker Kubli opened the income tax debate by declaring his idea of an income tax was to reach those people who were enjoying a large income and paying no tax, that the bill in question did not meet his idea of hitting such class of people and exempting the property owner up to the amount of his property tax. "This bill compels a large number of people who are now paying taxes to pay a great deal more taxes. That is not my idea at all of a just income tax and I ask that my name be withdrawn from the measure." He was allowed to remove his name.

"The great multitude of people are in favor of an income tax," said McMahon of Linn. "Not for the purpose of raising more taxes but to equalize and lessen the taxes of those already bearing the burden. I think if any income tax bill comes out of this house it is going to be this bill or this bill with some union amendments. I believe this bill will bring about the desired results, namely the raising of some \$4,000,000."

Bennett said that in passing an income tax law the legislature was trying to shift the burden of taxation from those now carrying it to the shoulders of those more capable of carrying it. He declared that now four per cent of the wealth of Oregon is now bearing eighty per cent of the tax burden. Bennett asserted he believed some of the men who were opposing the bill were, he was positive, endeavoring to get features injected into it that it would be so disagreeable to the people it would be brought before them and defeated by the referendum. "Let us see," he said, "when this bill is amended that it be amended by the friends and not the enemies of the income tax."

"I disagree with Mr. Kubli," he added, "that because a man already pays a large direct property tax he should be relieved of an income tax. I believe we should tax the ability to pay and it makes no difference whether he received his money from a big building in Portland or from other sources the man who has the ability to pay must carry the burden. The successful man must bear the cost of government."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Acquisition of land by ownership or lease of aliens not eligible for citizenship is forbidden by a bill passed by both houses of the Oregon legislature and is today before Gov. W. M. Pierce.

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