

The Weather

Prediction—Generally fair
Maximum yesterday—51.5
Minimum today—36

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 51
Minimum 38

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A REHEARING ON MEDFORD CASE ASKED

California Railroad Commission Asks Interstate Commerce Commission to Reconsider Decision—Denies Rate Prejudicial to Medford and Other Oregon Points.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—A rehearing of the recent decision of the interstate commerce commission re-adjusting rates between Portland, points in southern Oregon and northern California and between San Francisco and the same points, was requested by the state railroad commission yesterday in a communication to the federal body.

The decision had been sought by the Klamath county chamber of commerce and was intended to equalize the rates in the two competitive fields to which they applied.

In its petition for a rehearing the railroad commission urges the interstate commerce commission to reduce rates from Portland, other foreign points to southern Oregon and northern California points, instead of raising rates from central California points to northern California and southern Oregon points.

The petition contends the interstate body erred when it found that the rates granted California shippers to northern California points were unduly prejudicial to Portland and Medford and other Oregon points.

RECEIVER ALAMEDA MINE SUSTAINED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—The right of Judge F. M. Calkins of the Josephine county circuit court to appoint a receiver for the Alameda Consolidated Mines company and to confirm the sale of the company's property is upheld by the supreme court this morning in an opinion written by Justice Rand.

The case involves the control of one of the most valuable mining claims in southern Oregon. Becoming involved in financial difficulties in 1913 the mining property of the Alameda company was placed in the hands of a receiver and sold for the sum of \$224,812. The sale was confirmed by Judge Calkins in 1916 and four years later Paul C. Dormitzer, of Portland, representing himself as a stockholder in the Alameda company, filed suit to set aside the order of the court appointing the receiver.

PORTLAND NURSE SUES OREGON MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Lillian E. Bowles, Portland nurse whose marriage to Captain J. B. Wetherall, 75-year-old Sumpter, Ore., mining man and former army officer, was annulled by Circuit Judge Tazwell last month, filed suit in circuit court today seeking to recover damages of \$30,000 from Wetherall and his wife, Cora H. Wetherall.

Wetherall's double life, which was revealed in the trial before Judge Tazwell, led to his indictment on a charge of polygamy. He is now at liberty under bail.

MUSTAPHA KEMAL PASHA, BRIDEGROOM, FOR EMANCIPATION TURKISH WOMEN

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who was recently married to the daughter of a Rich Smyrna notable, has made a noteworthy public pronouncement in favor of the emancipation of Turkish women. Speaking before the teachers' association at Brussels, he declared that the work before the nation could only be perfected if Turkish women joined equally with the men in educating themselves and in taking active parts in the nation's affairs.

Totally Dry U. S. A. Seen By President Harding in 20 Yrs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Constantly progressive improvement in the enforcement of prohibition laws is confidently expected by President Harding it was said by high administration officials today with a resulting decrease of the importance of that issue in the popular mind. The president was said to feel, however, that twenty years or even a longer period will be necessary to bring the public to the point where it will be adjusted to the new order resulting from the 18th amendment.

OPPONENTS OF SHIP BILL TO TALK ALL NIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Nearly a dozen opponents of the administration shipping bill were prepared with speeches, the delivery of which would require upwards of forty hours, when the senate convened today and the filibuster started last night against the ship measure was resumed.

Senator Sheppard, democrat, Texas, who at last night's session, spoke more than three hours on the activities of the League of Nations, still held the floor when the senate met. He at once began to read from a stack of papers six inches high containing a digest of all actions taken by the league and its various agencies. Meantime, republican leaders canvassed the situation and prepared for the all-night session promised by Senator Jones, republican, Washington, in charge of the shipping bill. There was some talk among the majority leaders of attempting to invoke the cloture rule, but they were uncertain whether the required two-thirds to limit debate could be obtained.

The ship opponents ready to follow Senator Sheppard included Senators Stanley of Kentucky, McKellar of Tennessee, Hitchcock of Nebraska, Heflin of Alabama and Fletcher of Florida, democrats and LaFollette of Wisconsin, Brookhart of Iowa and Borah of Idaho, republicans.

"I have a textbook on co-operative marketing and if the ship subsidy advocates go ahead with their plans to hold an all-night session," said Senator Brookhart, "I am prepared to conduct a night school on co-operative marketing, using my book as a text." Senator McKellar brought into the chamber copies of the Congressional Record containing the speech made by Senator Snoot, republican, Utah, in the filibuster in 1915 against the bill to organize a government corporation to buy and operate ships.

"Senator Snoot spoke for eleven hours then," said Senator McKellar, "and I am ready to read his entire speech and, moreover, make numerous comments of my own."

Bloodhounds Lead to Suspected Man's Home

OSAWATOMIE, Kas., Feb. 20.—Bloodhounds from Kansas City, Kas., were brought here yesterday in an attempt to locate the slayer of Mrs. Flora Reedy, telephone operator, whose body was found late Sunday night. The dogs followed a trail from the scene of the crime to a house here in which lived a man now under suspicion, the authorities said.

Investigating the slaying, police declared they found evidence of what was a desperate struggle by Mrs. Reedy against her assailant. Her body was dragged a hundred feet from the street and hairpins and pieces of clothing were found along the way. She had been strangled to death.

Her husband is in Spokane, Wash.

L. GEORGE IS BEATEN BY BONAR LAW

Ex-Premier's Demand English-American Intervention in Ruhr Squabble Voted Down By House of Commons—Unfriendly Act to France Declares Premier.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Scant hope for British intervention at this time in the dispute between France and Germany is to be gleaned from Premier Bonar Law's speech in the house of commons last evening. The premier concluded the debate on the joint liberal amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne calling upon the League of Nations with the help of America, to investigate Germany's ability to pay reparations. The amendment was lost by a vote of 305 to 196.

The prime minister, answering some of the points of David Lloyd George's proposal to Great Britain and America to save France from what he termed a dangerous position, informed the house that intervention by a league commission as proposed in the amendment would be considered by France as an act of hostility. He asserted that the government's policy was to keep British troops on the Rhine as "long as possible."

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's contention that France had blundered seriously and that America and Great Britain were called upon to act, Mr. Bonar Law said that he too did not approve of the French step, but that opposition apparently could accomplish little or nothing, inasmuch as the pride of France in forcing the Germans to terms had been aroused. He pointed out that France already had refused to look kindly on intervention by the league and suggested that she would hardly be friendly to such a step now.

Mr. Lloyd George, whose sojourn in "the wilderness" has resulted in no impairment of his parliamentary presence, declared that the French action was both short sighted, unfortunate and unwarranted, and that the way was open to disaster. He asserted that the collection of reparations was evidently not the only object France had in view.

Strong Plea Made. Arguing for the motion, the former prime minister said he was asking Mr. Bonar Law to take immediate action and with the co-operation of the United States take a step to conclude the situation.

Great Britain, with the United States, he said, still had a share in the responsibility for present conditions, because morally it had accepted the entire situation.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed the opinion that France confronted by the United States and Great Britain could not fail to listen to nations that had put her in the position of conqueror. He entreated the government to take the initiative, first by approaching the United States and then with that country approach France. Although the sentiments embodied in the joint amendment undoubtedly were approved by a majority of the house, its passage would have represented censure of the government and would therefore have meant the government's fall.

French Report Made. PARIS, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—An official statistical picture of the occupation of the Ruhr was before the French public today in the form of a statement to the foreign relations committee of the chamber of deputies by Premier Poincare.

Expulsion of high German officials from the occupied region total 233, of whom 55 have been Rheinland functionaries. Seventy trains a day are being operated in the Ruhr, whereas before the occupation the total was 1205, divided nearly equally between freight and passengers. The premier asserted that the decrease was due "to disturbed conditions caused by orders from Berlin."

French railway workers in the occupied area number 9640, while 1026 cars of coal have been sent to France and Belgium. The yearly production of the occupied district is estimated at 96,000,000 tons.

The allies now occupy 2800 square kilometers of the Ruhr basin, comprising all but 500 square kilometers of the valley. All but 369 of the 14,500 coke ovens have been taken over.

House Commons Stands Pat. LONDON, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press). The house of commons, by a vote of 273 to 167 this afternoon rejected an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne offered by George Lambert, liberal, urging drastic curtailment of Great Britain's responsibility in Mesopotamia.

Avaunt, Cupid! Warn Beauty Contest Maids Set on Movie Careers



BOSTON.—Not all beauty contest winners fall in love with magazine publishers. Witness Charlotte Trowbridge, who a few weeks ago was considered the most charming high school girl in Winthrop, Mass. She entered a Boston beauty contest and won it. Now she's in New York posing for famous artists, and listening to offers of motion-picture contracts. She says she means to spurn romance and take advantage of her "big chance."

FUNERAL OF W. B. BIDDLE HELD IN CHICAGO TODAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—W. B. Biddle, former president of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, died at a sanitarium here yesterday. He is survived by a widow, Ella F. Biddle, and three sons, Robert C., of Chicago, Weldon, of Medford, Ore., and Walter of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Biddle was director of traffic of the Southwestern region during the war and at the end of the war he retired from railroad service to develop a fruit ranch near Medford, Ore. He was born in Beloit, Wis., in 1856, and started railroad work as a brakeman on the Santa Fe system. Funeral services were held here today.

FIGHT SEATING KLAN CANDIDATE IN U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Political opponents of Senator Earle B. Mayfield who defeated Senator Culberson, democrat, Texas for renomination last November in a campaign in which the Ku Klux Klan was an issue, said today that contest proceedings would be filed soon with the senate in behalf of George Paddy, a candidate against Mr. Mayfield in the November election. Both Mayfield and Paddy are democrats, but Paddy received the republican endorsement also.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20.—Evidence presented in the case of Harry B. Terrell and others against the Ku Klux Klan, alleging misuse of bonds by E. Y. Clarke, imperial grand and former imperial wizard pro-tempore, does not authorize the appointment of a receiver for the property of the organization, according to a decision handed down today by the Georgia supreme court.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Several operatives from the department of justice were on hand as observers when police court opened today to consider the case of William Kortner, kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan, whose arrest was made last week on a charge of riotous conspiracy after a raid was made on the Klan headquarters by the local police.

Polish General and Red Deputy Fight a Duel, No One Hurt

WARSAW, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press). General Joseph Haller and the radical deputy Koscialkowski, who is also a major in the Polish army have fought a duel with revolvers. Neither was hit.

After the assassination of President Ivarutowicz, General Haller met Deputy Koscialkowski near the scene of the outrage and the major accused him of being responsible for the murder whereupon Haller issued a challenge.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Sterling exchange mounted to another new high record today, demand bills being quoted at \$4.715. This represents an overnight advance of 1/32 and is the highest rate recorded since the abandonment of the "pegged rate" of \$4.75 in March, 1919. The normal or par rate is \$4.85.

Woman Reports Man Floating Down the Niagara On Ice Cake

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Police headquarters received a telephone call from a woman at LaSalle at 3:30 this afternoon saying a man was floating down the Niagara River on a cake of ice and was frantically waving for help. Officers were immediately sent along the American shore in automobiles and telephone calls were made to all points that could be reached. Up to 4:10 p. m. no word had been received from any of the officers to confirm the woman's story.

EDDY'S SCHOOL BILL IS BEATEN FOR 2ND TIME

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—Four bills having for their object the increasing of tuition fees in the state university and the state college, both for non-resident and resident students, were indefinitely postponed in the house of the Oregon legislature yesterday.

The senate passed a bill providing for the creation of one additional judgeship in Multnomah county.

The house for the second time killed a bill by Senator Eddy which had passed the senate providing for revision of high school courses.

The Ku Klux Klan and its sympathizers were able to make only a weak resistance in the senate Saturday when Representative Lewis' two anti-Catholic bills, one to do away with chaplains at the state penitentiary and the other to eliminate Columbus day, October 12, as a legal holiday, were easily killed by indefinite postponement. Both came in on divided reports of the committee on revision of laws.

The anti-chaplain bill came out with Moser, Strayer and Zimmerman recommending that it pass and with Eddy and Joseph recommending that it not pass.

In recommending that the minority report be substituted for the majority report, which meant the indefinite postponement of the bill, Senator Eddy explained that the bill attempted to raise the religious issue in the senate—which he deemed inadvisable at this time.

Sum at Stake Small. Moser read the statute which provides for a Catholic and a Protestant chaplain at the state prison. He said he could see no reason for such a provision with an appropriation of \$1200 a year to pay for them. He said he thought the clergy of Salem would be glad to take turns in officiating at the prison.

Joseph said he could see no reason why anyone should object to this small amount paid the chaplains. On the vote to postpone the bill indefinitely the vote was:

Ayes—Corbett, Dunn, Eddy, Edwards, Garland, Hare, Johnson, Joseph LaFollette, Nickelsen, Ritter, Robertson, Staples, Taylor, Toose, Upton, Noes—Clark, Denis, Farrell, Fisk, Hall, Kinney, Klepper, Maglady, Moser, Strayer, Zimmerman, Absent—Brown, Ellis, Smith.

On the bill proposing to eliminate Columbus day as a legal holiday, a majority of the committee, Strayer, Eddy and Joseph, recommended that the bill not pass, while Moser and Zimmerman moved that it pass with amendments.

Wrangle Develops. Moser had moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report and had read two statutes covering the same subject.

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BOLSHEVIKI DECLARE WAR ON VODKA BOOTLEGGERS AND PRIVATE STILLS

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press). The Russian government has declared war upon bootleggers and manufacturers of "illicit hooch," and the campaign is duplicating many of the scenes of the situation in New York and other American cities.

The sale of wines and beers is legal in Russia but the soviet regime has continued the war policy established in 1916 of banning vodka and other strong intoxicants. These are now being made in huge quantities illicitly and nearly everyone of Moscow's newly rich has his private source of supply.

CARKIN BILL UP TO SENATE FOR ACTION

Last Hope for Consolidation Now Lies With Measure Offered By Local Man—8 Hour Day for Lumber Industry Is Signed By Gov. Pierce.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—Consolidation of state departments and bureaus was revived in the Oregon legislature today when the house, without a dissenting vote took the Carkin consolidation measure from the table and sent it to the senate. The action was taken on the motion of Carkin, who said there was a widespread sentiment that the bill, only survivor of several consolidation plans which had been proposed, should not be left to die. He said it should be left to the senate either to kill the bill or make the amendments which had been tacitly agreed upon by members of the house.

The senate today defeated Senator Peter Zimmerman's bill requiring labelling of goods as to the amount of virgin wool contained.

The senate also killed the house bill creating a maintenance of betterment account in state highway funds, segregating part of the gasoline tax for that purpose and providing for its use in the upkeep of public highways of the state.

Governor W. M. Pierce today signed the Woodward bill providing an eight-hour day in the lumber industry and a bill introduced by the Umatilla county delegation appropriating \$10,000 for investigation of hydro-electric and reclamation projects in eastern Oregon.

Legislator Indicted. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Notice was served on H. J. Overturf, representative in the state legislature from Bend that he had been indicted by a federal grand jury which investigated charges of use of the mails to defraud in connection with the soldier bonus loans in Deschutes county.

At the same time Charles Carroll, Charles Haynes and James Ryan of Bend were arrested in Bend today on similar indictments which were returned here secretly yesterday. The notice was served on Overturf through his attorney, as he is immune from arrest while the legislature is in session.

Overturf was dismissed by Governor B. W. Olcott last fall from the board of appraisers on the soldiers' bonus as a result of charges of irregularities in the administration of the bonus act in Deschutes county.

Carroll and Haynes are members of a realty company.

Grant Harry Thaw Permission to Visit Mother in Pittsburg

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, who is an inmate of the Pennsylvania hospital for mental and nervous diseases in West Philadelphia, today was granted a ten days leave from the institution to visit his mother in Pittsburg. Thaw will go to Pittsburg under guard.

Astoria Bill Endorsed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The bill of Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, providing for government advances of \$1,065,000 to the city of Astoria, Ore., to replace municipal improvements lost in the recent fire, was reported favorably today by the senate finance committee.

During the last three months of 1922, according to statistics furnished the correspondent by the Moscow authorities, the police made 5087 house searches and discovered nearly 3000 private stills. Evidence obtained even indicated that there were "vodka trusts" or combinations of capital to produce the liquor in large quantities. Restaurants have been searched and quantities of brandies and highpower spirits seized, while in some instances patrons "bringing their own" have been arrested.

Heavy prison sentences or expulsion from Moscow are the penalties applied to violators of the law.