

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 52
Minimum today 18.5

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Maximum 53
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ETHERIDGE IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Portland Banker Tried On Charge of \$25,000 Embezzlement From Morris Bros., Bond House, Is Acquitted—More Indictments in Case Pending.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 3.—John L. Etheridge was found not guilty today by a jury before which he was being tried on the charge of the embezzlement of \$25,000 worth of securities from the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., of which he was president.

The acquittal of Etheridge is an echo of the collapse of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., of which he was president. Etheridge left Portland with his wife December 23, 1920, on a trip east after having turned over the affairs of the bond house to Fred S. Morris.

Etheridge was arrested at Minneapolis, December 27, as a result of charges developing from the crash of the bond house, a voluntary petition in bankruptcy having been filed here. A receiver was appointed on the petition which stated interim bonds of \$2,066,000 had been issued by the bond house, whose assets were stated at \$1,495,315.

During the past two years Etheridge while out on bonds has been active in reorganizing the affairs of the bond house, which have been taken over by a new corporation.

Trial of Etheridge was repeatedly delayed until this year when he was brought to trial on the charge of embezzling \$25,000 securities of Morris Brothers, Inc.

Other indictments are pending against Etheridge.

MOTORSHIP BURNS, CREW IS RESCUED

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 3.—The motorship Babinda which caught fire at sea early today will be a total loss and probably will sink before night, Captain William Olson of the whaler Port Saunders announced today after having returned in his ship from the immediate scene of the disaster. He tried to approach close to the Babinda, but was driven off by the flames.

The Babinda had drifted more than 17 miles southwest from the point opposite the city where she was first sighted after the fire started. Captain Olson reported. The fire flamed by a brisk wind, was sweeping from the engine room near the stern to the tip of the stem and was roaring in and about the whole superstructure when he left. The Babinda was riding high with a decided list but the flames were making fast progress down through the deck works and to the waterline.

The rescue ship Cello which took the Babinda's crew off, steamed away to San Francisco as soon as it was determined that salvage was impossible.

Senator Glass Declines.
WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Glass of Virginia, nominated and confirmed yesterday to be one of the three democratic members of the world war debt funding commission, today declined the appointment.

ASK BIDS \$800,000 WORTH OF HIGHWAY WORK TO BE DONE IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 3.—Bids on approximately \$800,000 worth of highway work which it is proposed to carry out during the coming season, will be advertised for at once, according to decision of the state highway commission which closed its regular March meeting yesterday. In addition plans for more than \$550,000 worth of federal forest highway work in which the state will cooperate were approved and bids will be called shortly by the United States bureau of public roads.

The following are among the state projects ordered advertised:
Pacific highway, Eugene to Goshen, resurfacing and widening pave-

Tear Bombs Force War Veteran From Barricaded Home

CLEVELAND, March 3.—Efforts of more than a score of policemen to dislodge John Weitzel, youthful world war veteran, who, laboring under the delusion that "murderers" are after him, barricaded himself in a room last night, were successful early today after every tear bomb in the city had been thrown into the house.

Weitzel, crazed by a flareback of a nervous disorder from shell shock in France, fired at every one who approached the house. His brother Herbert was wounded. Two policemen miraculously escaped injury when bullets passed through their clothes.

ADJOURN KANSAS KLAN HEARINGS TO KANSAS CITY

TOPEKA, Kas., Mar. 3.—Hearings before a supreme court commissioner in the state's ouster suit against the Ku Klux Klan will be resumed soon at some other point in Kansas, possibly Kansas City, Kas., officials indicated today.

Because of the unwillingness of Klan representatives to divulge information the hearing concluded here yesterday resulted in comparatively little evidence concerning the order's alleged activities in Topeka.

H. H. Kitchen, Klan organizer, formerly of Oklahoma City, and Guy A. Swallow, former Topeka chief of police, are in Shawnee county jail, in contempt of the state supreme court.

At the hearing yesterday, John S. Dean, defense attorney, charged the state's attorney with unfairness in bringing out at Thursday's session only a part of the Klan's oath, which he said "would tend to give the public a wrong impression of the oath."

Dean read from the membership oath the following:

"I solemnly swear and affirm that to the government of the United States of America and the states thereof, of which I may be a resident, unequalled, and above any other and any kind of government in the whole world, I here and now pledge my life, my property, my vote and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its constitution and constitutional laws, and will protect, defend and enforce same until death."

Dean also read the concluding paragraph of the oath:
"Before God in the presence of the mystic klanmen, on my sacred honor I do most solemnly and sincerely pledge, promise and swear that I will at all times, in all places, and in all ways stand ready to aid and assist officers of the law in the proper discharge of their legal duties, so help me God. Amen."

NOT DOUBLE SUICIDE, BUT MURDER AND SUICIDE

MANILA, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Murder and suicide, with the woman in the dominant role, today had replaced a suicide pact as the police theory in the deaths in a hotel here Wednesday of George Baldwin, actor, and composer of New York and San Francisco, and Mrs. Ann B. Schlenger, middle-aged stenographer.

The police said they believed that Baldwin, thinking he had whiskey, drank a poison potion prepared by Mrs. Schlenger, who then drained a similar brew. It was found that she had bought poison in a drug store saying she desired to remove spots from clothing.

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PARIS SENDS HER FORCES OVER RHINE

Mannheim and Darmstadt Occupied—Operation Purely Fiscal, French Foreign Office Announces—London Hints U. S. A. May Protest British Interests Affected.

BERLIN, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—A telegram from Mannheim says that French troops crossed the Rhine today, apparently with the intention of cutting off the harbor. Mannheim is the third largest city on the Rhineland and is the chief commercial center of Baden. It has excellent facilities for shipping.

A dispatch from Karlsruhe says that Moroccan troops crossed the Maxau bridge near that city this morning.

BERLIN, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Thirty persons have been wounded in a clash between Bavarian national socialists and communists at Augsburg, in Bavaria, 35 miles northwest of Munich, says the Central News.

ESSEN, March 3.—The principal railroad station of Essen was occupied today.

LONDON, March 3.—The French crossed the Rhine today, occupying Mannheim and a part of Darmstadt, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin. The wharves at Mannheim and the workshops in Darmstadt were taken over, whereupon the German employees left their work.

PARIS, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The French troop movement east of the Rhine, south of Mayence today, was an operation purely fiscal in purpose, the French foreign office announced.

There is no question for the present of advancing further than the port of Mannheim, it is stated.

The foreign office pointed out that the advance of the French troops this morning was not connected with the German railways control and had no relation to the sanctions taken at the end of January when troops crossed the Rhine to Strasbourg, occupying the railway station at Appenweier and Offenbourg so as to control the movement of trains.

LONDON, March 3.—The Dueseldorf correspondent of the Evening News quotes General DeGoutte as follows:

"There are signs that the Ruhr magnates are thinking over settlement terms. But we hold the door for the Ruhr and we shall not give up that door until we know that our debts will be settled."

MAYENCE, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—French troops today advanced outside the Mayence bridgehead and occupied additional small sections of German territory. Three railroad repair shops were occupied by the French troops at Darmstadt, which is just on the rim of the bridgehead.

The ports of Mannheim and Karlsruhe respectively 40 miles and 70 miles to the south of Mayence, further up the Rhine, also were occupied.

(Karlsruhe is not on the Rhine, lying about six miles to the east. The little town of Maxau, on the Rhine, where other reports say the French crossed the river, is opposite Karlsruhe and in the Karlsruhe fiscal district.)

According to information here, these ports were occupied because of cases of sabotage on the railroads and canals in the Rhineland and the Ruhr.

PARIS, March 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Bavarian troops, notably near Munich, are declared in unconfirmed reports reaching the foreign office, to have been arming and carrying on infantry target practice. It is also reported that during the last fifteen days bands organized by Adolf Hitler, Bavarian fascist leader, have been mobilized near Munich.

FAMOUS WRITER'S WIDOW CROSSES OCEANS ON CARGO BOAT



After crossing from San Francisco to England on a cargo boat as the only passenger, Mrs. Jack London, widow of the famous writer, is about to start for a long holiday in Europe. Mrs. London is as keen on adventure as was her famous husband and many of their South Sea trips about which London wrote were made together. The above photo was made of Mrs. London shortly after she landed in England.

OLD LAND MARK PHOENIX BURNS MEDFORD HELPS

By a strange coincidence as the funeral procession of George W. Wimer, well known pioneer of Jackson county passed through the town of Phoenix yesterday afternoon, flames broke out in the old flour mill he conducted there sixty years ago, and before the funeral procession reached Ashland where Mr. Wimer was buried, the old mill had burned to the ground.

The Wimer mill was the outstanding pioneer landmark in the southern part of the county and being on the Pacific Highway has been an object of interest to visitors and tourists for years. The structure was built in 1866, and like most structures of that day was well built. All the huge timbers were hand-hewn and although the mill has been more or less neglected these many years, as far as repairs are concerned it was in fairly good condition at the time of its destruction. Mr. Wimer operated the mill about 1866, and supplied the country for miles around with flour.

The mill caught fire about three o'clock yesterday afternoon when Frank E. Furry, the present owner, was burning out brush in his berry patch nearby. A high wind sprang up, the flames spread beyond control and noon the historic structure was ablaze. An alarm brought out the Phoenix fire department, and a telephone call was sent in for assistance from Medford. The Medford chemical engine was immediately dispatched and assisted effectively the Phoenix department.

But though the water pressure was good and several hundred feet of hose laid, the mill could not be saved. In fact the efforts of the fire boys were directed mainly to preventing the spread of the flames which with the high wind blowing at one time threatened the entire town. The chicken house at the Bob Furry home caught fire and was destroyed the chickens being saved; the Louis Colver barn and house and the White Wing poultry farm a quarter of a mile away also caught fire from blazing shooks, but the flames were put out before serious damage was done.

According to reports from Phoenix there was no insurance on the mill and no estimate as yet as to the loss. The mill had recently been used as a barn by the owner.

ROBBER SUSPECT ARRESTED IN AGER

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 3.—Ted Andrews, 21, arrested yesterday in Ager, Skikyou county, as a suspect in the robbing of the postoffice at Montesano, Wash., recently, waived extradition in the United States district court here today and expressed his willingness to go back to Seattle for trial.

AIR FLEET STARTS FOR PORTO RICO

Six DeHavillands Hop Off From Kelly Field for Land and Water Flight—Make 100 Miles An Hour to New Orleans Field—Carry 135 Gallons Gasoline.

CROWLEY, La., March 3.—The six DeHavilland planes en route from San Antonio to Porto Rico passed over here at two o'clock this afternoon. Crowley is 140 miles from New Orleans, by direct route.

The planes were traveling at about 100 miles an hour, covering the air line distance of 50 miles between Lake Charles and Crowley in about 30 minutes.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 3.—The six giant DeHavilland airplanes, en route from Kelly Field, San Antonio, to Porto Rico, passed directly over the business section of Lake Charles at 1:31 o'clock this afternoon. The planes were apparently about 5000 feet in the air. They did not stop here.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 3.—Six giant DeHavilland planes carrying twelve officers of the air service took off at Kelly field shortly after eight o'clock this morning on a flight to Porto Rico. The first ship left at 5:01 o'clock and a half minute later all were in the air. After circling over the field in close formation, they headed due south and turned toward Houston. They were flying in a 12-mile east wind.

The huge planes are equipped with Liberty motors of twelve cylinders, 400 horsepower. A fuel tank with a 135 gallon capacity and a reserve tank is on each plane. Each of the ships is equipped with a Martin bomber type propeller which enables the planes to attain a greater speed than by using the regular propeller. The planes have a total wing spread of 42 feet, nine-inches.

'ORANGE LODGE' OF CALIFORNIA IS ORGANIZED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 3.—To oppose the introduction of sectarian teachings into the public schools of California and other states is one of the purposes of the Grand Orange lodge of California, a protestant organization of Oakland, which today filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

The articles of the lodge state among other things, that it proposes "to maintain the free, non-sectarian public schools of the United States and oppose the use of the public school funds for sectarian purposes."

Other aims and objects of the lodge are given as follows:
"To support and protect the principles and precepts of the protestant religion; preserve inviolate civil and religious liberty and improve the moral, intellectual and social rights of its members."

Attorney Gen'l. Will Ask 30 Indictments In Mer Rouge Case

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Attorney General A. V. Coco will leave tonight for Bastrop to lay before the Morehouse grand jury the testimony obtained at the state's hearing at that place last January into hooded band activities which resulted on August 24 in the slaying of Wat Daniels and Thomas Richard of Mer Rouge.

Mr. Coco has intimated that he would ask the jury to indict at least 30 persons alleged by the state to have been guilty of crimes ranging from minor offenses to that of murder.

Harry Manning Says He's Rightful Heir To \$600,000,000 Cash

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 3.—(Special)—Claims to \$600,000,000 estate are rare enough to not allow rival claims to remain undisputed. H. D. Manning of Grants Pass, noting a story in a Portland paper from Astoria in which it was said two Clatsop county people claimed heirship to the huge estate of Annika Jans Bogardus Brower, daughter of William of Orange, has risen to assert his rights in the case. One hundred and nine acres on Manhattan island, including the Wall street district, are included in the property in question.

"My grandfather obtained a judgment of heirship through Aaron Burr and the papers are now on file in New York," said Manning. "So as to heirship, I have the court records to show I am the only heir on my father's side, on which side of the family the heirship would descend."

DOCTORS BAFFLED BY HUMAN HOT-POINT PATIENT

ESCANABA, Mich., March 3.—Miss Evelyn Lyons, Escanaba, is baffling the medical profession here with what seems to be a strange fever which carries with it a steady temperature of 114, which is the highest the physician's thermometer registers. She has been in the same condition for ten days but is conscious.

Dr. H. J. DeFenet, city health commissioner, in charge of the odd case, said the reading of the clinical thermometer is correct. Five other physicians verified his report.

According to the commissioner the young woman's body is so hot that the placing of a bare hand on the skin is unpleasant.

Miss Lyons suffered from an attack of influenza which developed into pneumonia and has been dangerously ill for several days, yet, Dr. DeFenet declares the patient is rational.

The Daily Bank Robbery

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 3.—Three unmasked men drilled the vault of the Yacolt State bank at Yacolt, Wash., about 3 o'clock this morning and with about \$500 in silver belonging to the bank and \$5,000 in Liberty bonds belonging to patrons, after having cut all telephone wires and bound three boys on duty at the telephone exchange. The robbers were unable to reach the inner compartment of the vault wherein the funds of the bank are kept.

The boys, Glenn and Ira Cleland and Eddie Dalton furnished a good description of the bandits. The alarm was sent to Vancouver by Martin Claus, cashier, who had to travel eight miles out of town to get to a telephone. Sheriff W. A. Thompson and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Kemp started from here immediately and took charge of the search. Officers learned that a high powered car was heard speeding through Heilson, southwest of Yacolt, at 4:30.

MRS. REED NAMED P. M. AT GOLD HILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—Mrs. Nellie G. Reed has been nominated and confirmed for postmistress of Gold Hill.

Bank Reserves Increase

NEW YORK, March 3.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows a deficit in reserve of \$885,660. This is an increase of \$16,742,190.

RUM FLEET OFF N. JERSEY COAST MAY HAVE TO LIVE ON CARGOES

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—Preceding the swallows that travel on wings, the Atlantic ocean off the New Jersey coast was visited today by a new variety of harbinger of spring. The re-establishment of a rum fleet after several weeks of absence was reported last night. Six steamers and five schooners were the visitors.

The buccannery may ultimately be forced to subsist on their cargoes if customs officials obtain a ruling from

67TH CONG. WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Sunday Session Necessary to Get Calendar Cleared—Great Confusion Marks the First Long Vacation in 8 Years—J. G. McNary Gets Favorable Report.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—The contested nomination of James G. McNary of New Mexico to be comptroller of the currency was reported favorably today by the senate banking committee.

There was a delay in compiling the final committee vote members being polled instead of the vote being taken in full committee early results of the poll, however, gave Mr. McNary a majority.

Opponents of confirmation predicted that despite the favorable recommendation of the committee the nomination probably would fall with adjournment of congress tomorrow. A recess appointment by the president is expected.

A minority report said to criticize severely Mr. McNary's administration as president of the El Paso National bank, based upon the evidence of national bank examiners and others in the committee's recent extensive investigation was prepared by Senators Couzens, republican, Michigan and Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska. Senator Couzens also prepared a personal statement declaring his reasons for opposing Mr. McNary's confirmation.

Excessive loans from the El Paso bank to Mr. McNary and other bank officers "speculative" banking, especially in Mexican currency, and payment of large dividends without reducing doubtful loans were said to be the principal counts in the minority report.

Not considering pairs of absentees, the lineup was said to be 8 to 1. One member, Senator Page, republican, Vermont, who retires tomorrow, refused to vote.

Those said to favor confirmation were Senators Pepper, Pennsylvania; Calder, New York; Norbeck, South Dakota; Shortridge, California and Edge, New Jersey, republicans, and Owen, Oklahoma; Fletcher, Florida and Kendrick, Wyoming, democrats. Those in opposition were said to be Chairman McLean, Connecticut; Waller, Maryland and Couzens, Michigan, republicans, and Hitchcock, Nebraska; Glass, Virginia and Pomerene, Ohio, democrats.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Its major tasks all but completed, the 67th congress found time in its closing hours today to take up many of the lesser bills and resolutions such as usually die unnoticed amid the hurry and confusion of a session's final windup.

From the opening of the final day's work in both senate and house, discussion of legislation chicken feed was the order of business, with many members seeking, and in many cases finding an opportunity to get a vote on this or that private or local measure which they never hitherto had hoped to bring to the stage of action.

The only bill of first magnitude to which attention had to be given during the day was the farm credits measure as finally agreed to last night by senate and house conferees.

Acceptance of the conference report by the senate and house themselves was more or less of a formality. Last night sessions were conducted in both senate and house with a view to finally clearing the decks and leaving only formalities for the brief meeting tomorrow preceding the final fall of the gavel Sunday noon. To avoid a technical sabbath meeting and still comply with the letter of the law for ending the congress March 4, the leaders planned to recess tonight until an hour or so before noon tomorrow.

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