

The Weather
Prediction Fair and cold
Maximum yesterday 47.5
Minimum today 23

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 59
Minimum 31
Precipitation Trace

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

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2 COUNTY OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED

Henry Johnson, Chief Witness for State in Second Night-riding Trial, Says County Judge Gardner and Ex-County Judge Tou Velle Members of Band.

A deposition from W. A. Bishop, owner of the truck which was borrowed by Alec Norris and Goodie to take the trip to Ashland was read in circuit court just before press time this afternoon. The facts relating to the transaction were related. Bishop is ill and unable to testify at the trial.

Ex-County Judge Tou Velle was at the court house this afternoon and regarding the statement by Johnson that he was a member of the night-riding party said to a representative of the Mail Tribune that "it was a wilful and malicious lie."

Johnson told how he and George A. York, the other alleged victim of the night-riders had been invited by the defendants, J. Alexander Norris and Thomas E. Goodie, on a motor trip to Ashland the night of April 9, 1922, and en route home when near Voorheis Crossing, the truck had been held up by a masked and armed band in two automobiles and while York had been given a lecture, he had been strung up.

In further describing the hold-up, Johnson said that just before the masked men appeared, Goodie, one of the defendants said:

"We're pinched; let's get out and see about this," and all got on the ground.

"They wore masks with eyeholes, and black gowns that came down between their shoulders and their knees, said Johnson, and they started in asking me about moonshine, and if I had been selling any, and I told them I had not."

Johnson testified that he was handcuffed, and a rope placed around his neck, and he was asked:

"Do you feel any impression?"

"He said he did, and was then asked:

Bishop Tuttle Near Death: Hope for His Recovery Abandoned

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 14.—(By Associated Press.) The Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, 86, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church was in a state of coma this afternoon, it was announced at his home, and the opinion was expressed that his death might come at any hour. The aged churchman, who is the oldest active Anglican bishop in the world, is suffering from grippe. The bishop appeared to be rallying early today and a faint hope was held for his recovery. Later, however, he suffered several sinking spells, it was said, and this afternoon passed into a stupor.

"BABE" RUTH IS SUED BY YOUNG GIRL FOR \$50,000

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Declaring that he is the victim of attempted blackmail, Babe Ruth has instructed his attorney to fight a threatened legal action for \$50,000 by Miss Dolores Dixon, 19 years old.

Hyman Bushell, Ruth's attorney, said he expected Miss Dixon's attorney, George Feinburg, to file the suit in local courts today.

Bushell said he had been asked to reveal the suit to Ruth, who is at the Yankee training camp in New Orleans with Mrs. Ruth and their small daughter. The lawyer declared that Ruth did not even know Miss Dixon who charges that he took her motor on several occasions last summer. Miss Dixon could not be located.

Ruth was informed that the suit was impending last November 14, Mr. Bushell asserted, and was served with a summons. It was not until February 24 after Ruth had gone to Hot Springs Ark., to prepare for spring training that his attorney received a copy of the complaint detailing the charges of Miss Dixon.

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 14.—Babe Ruth, training with members of the New York American league squad here declined today to add to his statement in connection with a suit for \$50,000 which his New York attorneys said would be filed against him by Miss Dolores Dixon, which he briefly dismissed last night with the declaration: "It's blackmail—that's all I've got to say."

"The whole thing is absurd," said Mrs. Ruth today. "Mr. Ruth told me all about the case as soon as he learned of it. I am glad he's going into court and fight the case. I know as well as my husband that the whole thing is a stupid attempt to blackmail which will be exposed in court."

Ruth was asked what his next step in the case would be.

"I can't do anything until I get back to New York," he replied. "Then I'll go into court. It won't take me long to dispose of the girl's charges."

The Noted Dead

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 14.—Dr. Walter Gill Wylie, 75, who introduced trained nursing into the United States at Bellevue hospital, New York, died yesterday in New York City, according to advices received here.

BRITISH LABOR TO INVESTIGATE RUHR SITUATION

Motion to Reopen Discussion of French Action Loses in Parliament By Small Majority—German Hostages On French Trains.

LONDON, March 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British labor party is sending an official deputation to the Ruhr and other parts of Germany to report upon the situation, the Daily Telegraph says today.

The house of commons by a majority of 48 supported the government in rejecting at yesterday's session a liberal motion to reopen discussion of the ministry's Ruhr policy. Roland McNeill, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, asserted that the government continued to stand by the position recently outlined by the prime minister.

The vote on the motion which was offered by Sir John Simon and supported by former Premier Asquith, was 249 to 201.

PARIS, March 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conference which Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury, was to have held today with financial representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy on the question of reimbursing the United States for the cost of her army of occupation, was postponed until Friday.

ESSEN, March 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sixteen thousand coal miners of the three government mines in the Recklinghausen district of the Ruhr are on strike in protest against the occupation of the state coke plant near Vösterhold, according to German estimates today.

The plant was seized yesterday by engineers, escorted by a battalion of French infantry. The French authorities express belief that the strike will last only a few days.

German hostages were today for the first time placed on locomotives of trains operated by the French and Belgians. This move was the outcome of repeated sabotage operations. The hostages so employed were in most cases burgomasters or other municipal officials.

The most serious case of sabotage reported today was the destruction of a section of railroad track near Steele, east of Essen.

MEDFORD RIFLE ASSOCIATION IS NOW ORGANIZED

At a meeting held last night attended by about twenty men interested in marksmanship the local branch of the National Rifle association was reorganized, whose membership is expected to rapidly increase within 60 days.

The local club had practically been out of existence ever since this country's participation in the World War.

GLOBE TROTTER, AGED 72 HAS TRAVELED 9,000 MILES IN 13 YEARS



Henry Stewart, of San Diego, Calif., passing through Toronto on his latest cross continent hike. Stewart passed through Toronto 13 years ago and has been on the road practically ever since.

ENTHUSIASM FOR CHAMBER DRIVE IS INCREASING

That interest is keen in the Chamber of Commerce membership drive was demonstrated this noon when the regular forum dining room at the Hotel Medford was filled to overflowing for the first time in several months and a number of forum members had to be taken care of in the main dining room.

Short speeches on the drive, its advantages and its necessity and on the activities of other chamber towns were given by M. J. Duryea, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Vernon Vawter, chairman of the Crater's drive committee; O. O. Alenderfer, C. E. Gates and Paul B. McKee.

Mr. Duryea's speech was short and enthusiastic. He stressed the point that Medford and the Rogue River valley were endowed with as many natural advantages as any section of the country and stated that he felt sure the drive would reach its goal.

An amusing story of how an Irish contractor accomplished what he set out to do caused a gale of laughter at the banquet tables.

Vernon Vawter announced that the 300 tickets for the big civic dinner to be held next Monday night were selling fast and that J. J. Bucher alone had sold 50 tickets at the Power company offices. The Crater club has taken 120, leaving only 130 at the present time. A program of unusual merit will accompany an excellent meal served by Host Emil Mohr Monday night.

O. O. Alenderfer gave a short, concise speech advising everyone to "talk it up" on the street, spreading the doctrine of the Chamber of Commerce and its benefit to the community all the time and everywhere.

C. E. "Pop" Gates, former mayor, gave a short, enthusiastic speech, stating that the goal of the drive should be 1000 members and showing that, under the new plan, the more members secured the more fair and equitable the distribution of financial burden. "One good secretary and fourteen directors are not as some people think, enough in a Chamber of Commerce," said Gates. "The city is yours. The valley is yours. The Chamber of Commerce is yours. Join it, help improve it, lift the load from the backs of a few and make a noise. A legitimate favorable noise, of course, that will attract people. A hundred men can get together and boost to a stranger and only one says, 'O Hell,' when they get through, their boosting is killed. If you can't say something good about your community, for goodness' sake keep your mouth shut."

Paul B. McKee, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce drive committee, spoke on Medford in comparison with other cities on the coast and showed, that although Medford had not made the progress in the last four years that some of the cities had, that a prosperous upward trend was in progress. In 1919 building permits issued were for construction amounting to \$10,000, in 1920 they were over \$60,000, in 1921 more than \$120,000 and in 1922 over \$240,000.

JAPAN FLATLY REFUSES CHINA'S TREATY DEMAND

Tokio Sends Stern Note to Peking in Reply to Recent Threat of Abrogation—Request Termed Contrary to Friendly Relations.

TOKIO, Mar. 14.—(By Associated Press.) Japan today rejected China's proposal to abrogate the Sino-Japanese treaty of 1915, which contained the noted "twenty-one demands," and extended for fifty years the Japanese leases on Kwang Tung peninsula, including Dalay and Port Arthur.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—(By Associated Press.) China's latest move to abrogate the famous "twenty-one demands" treaty of 1915 has led Japan to inform her that such a proposal is contrary to accepted international practices and will "fail to contribute to the advancement of friendship between our two countries."

In a note delivered to the Chinese charge at Tokio and made public at the Japanese embassy here, the Japanese foreign office not only flatly rejected the proposal that the treaty and its kindred agreements be abrogated, but declared it could see "absolutely nothing" in them which is "susceptible of further modification."

"The Japanese government are unable to conceal from themselves the sense of surprise and regret at the communication under acknowledgment. The treaties concluded and notes exchanged in 1915 were formally signed by Japanese and Chinese representatives who were properly invested with full powers by their respective governments, the treaties having been moreover duly ratified by the respective heads of state. The views of the Japanese government on cancelling these agreements were declared by their delegates at the Washington conference."

"The attempt on the part of your government to abrogate of its own accord treaties and notes which are perfectly valid, will not only fail to contribute to the advancement of friendship between the two countries but should be regarded as contrary to the accepted principles of international course."

"This government, accordingly, will not in any way lend themselves to the line of action now contemplated by your government."

The Daily Bank Robbery

IONE, Ore., Mar. 14.—Unidentified robbers Monday night dynamited the safe of the bank of Ione but were unsuccessful in the attempt to force entrance. Following this the robbers broke into the vault containing the safety deposit boxes and bank books. All the boxes were ransacked and contents of value taken.

was that prompted him to make such a suggestion just after having assisted Jacksonville in organizing a chamber of commerce of her own.

Carlin replied: "That is a mixture of Pierce and Republican."

Mr. McKee proceeded with his speech and suggested that persons that did not like certain things about the Chamber of Commerce, such as singing at the forums for instance, should join it and change the existing order of things to suit their tastes.

"If you don't like it, join it and change it," said McKee, "it's the one place where everyone in the community can put his shoulder to the wheel and push."

Governor Pierce Names C. E. Spence State Market Agent

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 14.—C. E. Spence of Oregon City was today named by Governor Pierce as state market agent. Although the law fixes the maximum salary at \$4000 a year, the governor placed Mr. Spence's salary at \$3000.

WOMAN DIES AS RESULT OF AUTO FIRE NEAR CITY

Lucetta Alice Dusenberry, for many years a resident of Gold Hill, passed away at Sacred Heart hospital, yesterday afternoon as a result of injuries received on the way from Gold Hill to Medford Monday evening.

She, with other members of the family, were traveling in an auto, when it was noticed the car had caught fire, presumably from the exhaust, and before the car was stopped, Mrs. Dusenberry, through temporary excitement, opened the door of the car, and jumped to the pavement. The shock was such that she soon lapsed into unconsciousness, in which condition she remained until death.

Mrs. Dusenberry was hurried to Medford, where medical aid was employed, but her injuries proved fatal the following day.

Deceased was born in Polk county, Indiana, Sept. 15, 1855. The family later moved to Wisconsin, where she was married to R. L. Dusenberry, who passed away in December, 1921. With their family they came to Jackson county the year following the completion of the railroad through the Rogue River valley, and have been residents of Gold Hill for 30 years.

She leaves six sons, E. S. R. W., and R. R. Dusenberry of Klamath Falls, E. L., S. A., and J. C. of Gold Hill, Ore. The funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel Friday, at 2:00 p. m., interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

ASSOCIATED OIL PLANT ROBBED

The Associated Oil company's plant opposite the Fair Grounds was robbed last night and although nothing of great value was obtained considerable inconvenience was caused to Ben Garnett and Roy Ulrich, who lost a pair of gloves each, and to several other employees.

The robbery was evidently done by two men with a car. The window of the office was broken and opened and the thieves went through office and warehouse and breaking another lock went through the garage.

Among the things taken are: 25 gallons of gasoline, some cylinder oil, one five gallon bucket, a spotlight, a small leather cushion, and two pairs of gloves.

Deputy Sheriffs Fornerook and Alden were on the job this morning trying to find a clue that will lead to the identity and capture of the thieves.

Heavy Snow in Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb., March 14.—A heavy snow prevailed over Nebraska and western Iowa today. The weather bureau predicted more snow and cold weather for Nebraska tomorrow.

LEGAL HEAD VET. BUREAU A SUICIDE

Charles F. Cramer of San Francisco Shoots Himself Through Head at Washington Residence—Worry Over Congressional Probe Believed Cause of Action.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Chas. F. Cramer of San Francisco, who retired last month as general counsel for the veterans' bureau at a time when the conduct of the bureau was under fire in congress, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head.

His body was found in the bathroom of his home where he had locked himself after saying goodbye to Mrs. Cramer when she left on a midnight train for New York. The police found no message to explain his act, but his friends said that the nervous strain which had resulted from his connection with the bureau had undermined his health.

The house in which Mr. Cramer lived and in which his body was found, was that occupied and owned by President Harding when he was a member of the senate. It was said to have been purchased by Mr. Cramer shortly after he came to Washington from California in 1921 to become head of the legal division of the bureau.

Passed On Contracts. An general counsel, Mr. Cramer passed upon the many contracts which were made by the bureau during the past two years for the construction and rental of hospitals. Some months ago he and other bureau officials were bitterly assailed by some officials of the American Legion and members of congress. Shortly after the counsel of the legion had discussed bureau affairs at a meeting in Indianapolis he issued a statement saying he had "given patriotic and wholehearted service to the bureau, had laid all the facts before Director Forbes and was willing to abide by the latter's decision as to whether he should remain in office."

Soon afterward his resignation was accepted. Since then the senate has ordered an investigation into bureau affairs and a special committee appointed for the purpose, appointed John P. O'Ryan of New York as its special counsel. Director Forbes, himself, has retired and the new director, Frank T. Hines, has promised to place before the investigators all the records of the bureau which they are to examine.

Servants Find Body

Mr. Cramer's body was found by servants after they had discovered that his bed had not been slept in and after they had broken down the locked door to the bathroom. He had shot himself with a pistol. A bullet had passed entirely through his head and was found in the bathtub. On the dresser in his bathroom was a poem on death which had been clipped from a newspaper. The police were summoned, and later the coroner issued a certificate of suicide.

Only a chauffeur, who slept nearby, had heard the shot and he was awakened by a noise like the slamming of a door, but he paid no attention to it. Later he aided a housemaid in searching the house and breaking down the bathroom door. The police theory was that Mr. Cramer had spent the night pondering over the possibility of suicide and had made up his mind to shoot himself when the sun came up.

Mr. Cramer was 45 years old. During the war he came to Washington and tried to get a commission in the army, but because of a crippled arm and bad eyes he was refused. Later he was appointed representative of foreign petroleum interests which were supplying the allies with materials to manufacture explosives.

Prior to the war he had been general counsel for various western oil companies in San Francisco. He graduated from New York university.

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CHICAGO WOMAN SENT TO PEN FOR LIFE, FIRST CASE IN CITY'S HISTORY

CHICAGO, Mar. 14.—A squat, middle-aged Polish woman, Mrs. Tillie Kilmek, who affected dresses of "decent black," during her trial here, today had a unique position in Chicago criminal history, being the only woman ever sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in this county.

Her case was given to a jury last night and on the first ballot her guilt was established. On the third ballot the jurors agreed on life imprisonment. Mrs. Kilmek was charged with the murder of her third husband, Frank Kupezyk, by poisoning.

Mrs. Kilmek, still facing trial with a cousin, Mrs. Nellie Koulik, for conspiracy to murder her other three husbands and other relatives remained calm.

This afternoon a telephone message was received in Medford at the Crater National park office from the ranger on duty in the park that the depth of snow at Crater Lake was eleven and one-half feet at the rim. This is a much greater depth than has existed there at this time of year for years past.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS NECESSARY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HOMES SAYS LADY

SEATTLE, March 14.—In public dance halls, according to the philosophy of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Harris, are laid the foundations of homes and therefore public dance halls are a public necessity. Mrs. Harris, whose husband is a city detective, has for years been a police woman and has just been chosen supervisor of dancing under a new ordinance.

"The character of the music in dance halls is very important," said Mrs. Harris. "Jazz, I consider in a great measure responsible for the sensuousness to which social workers object."