

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday..... 55
Minimum today..... 22

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 56
Minimum 32
Precipitation Trace

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1923

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ALL NIGHT RIDER CASES ARE DISMISSED

STATE HOLDS CONVICTION IMPOSSIBLE

On Motion of Asst. Atty. Gen. Liljeqvist, the Case Against Norris and Goodie Is Dismissed—Cases Against Moses and Howard Hill Also Dismissed.

All the Jackson county night-riding cases, in the public eye for the past year, were disposed of in the circuit court just before noon today.

Upon motion of Assistant Attorney General Liljeqvist, the case of J. Alexander Norris, former county jailer, and his son-in-law, Thomas E. Goodie, charged with riot, in connection with the "taking out" of Henry Johnson, colored, last spring, was dismissed, and the jury directed by the court to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The move came as a surprise. The jury did not leave the box.

The attorney general in making the motion stated that the state did not have sufficient evidence to convict, and that it had always been his policy never to argue a case "unless there was a fighting chance for conviction." The case had been on trial since Tuesday.

The sudden move caused no demonstration, the two defendants receiving the verdict in a matter of fact way. They received the congratulations of friends and relatives, during a recess of the court.

Upon motion also of the state, the indictments against Howard A. Hill, orchardist, acquitted last week, of a riot charge in the Hale case, and Bert L. Moses, county janitor, accused with Hill, of being parties to the "hanging of Arthur Burr, colored bootblack, was dismissed. They were charged in the indictments with riot, assault and extortion.

The court announced that the remaining indictments against Dr. Jovett P. Bray, minister; J. F. Hittson, auto dealer, and Howard A. Hill, all acquitted last Saturday on riot charges in connection with the J. F. Hale hanging and kidnapping, had been postponed, "for the present." These indictments charged extortion and assault.

The above legal action closes the night-riding cases. Among the witnesses called this morning was E. A. Fleming of Jacksonville, foreman of the county grand jury last May, who was called by the defense, to testify that Johnson appeared before that body, and made no mention of his testimony in this trial, that he had seen Norris, during the progress of the "holdup" with his hands down.

Under cross examination by the state, Fleming admitted that Johnson had not been asked this question. Fleming was asked by the state, if he had not been present at a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, at which he had a conversation with James E. Edmonston of Medford, in which the Hale, Burr and Johnson "hangings" were discussed, in which he (Fleming) had said, substantially, in regard to any investigations: "We have the grand jury fixed; and they will do nothing."

The defense objected, but Fleming answered the query in the negative. Fleming denied that he was a klanman, or that he had talked about what the grand jury was going to do. Fleming corroborated the testimony of Norris and Goodie, that he

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Dance Record Broken Again, Santos Casani Hops 18 Hrs., 34 Min.

LONDON, March 15.—The latest claimant to marathon dancing honors is Santos Casani, a former aviator, who says that he beat the world's record with a continuous performance lasting 18 hours and 34 minutes.

During this time Casani did 424 fast dances with a succession of partners. The first young woman lasted thirteen hours, beginning at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

MILLION DOLLAR BLIZZARD RAGES IN MIDDLE WEST

OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The heaviest snow of the winter blanketed Nebraska and western Iowa yesterday and last night and is continuing this morning with no sign of abatement. The fall at Omaha has been more than eight inches, resulting in demoralized street traffic.

The fall over Nebraska, according to reports has averaged more than five inches.

Sioux City, Iowa, reported six inches. A brisk wind sprang up yesterday and the snow began to drift badly, threatening to tie up railroad service.

"Worth a million dollars," was the opinion of ranchers and stock men. Mild temperatures ranging between 25 and 28 degrees prevail.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The mid-western storm extends from Texas northward across the lower Missouri valley to the Great Lakes. It was announced today by the weather bureau, with attendant precipitation covering most trans-Mississippi sections as far west as the Rockies. Considerable snow is reported, especially in Nebraska and Iowa.

AHARILLO, Texas, March 15.—The Texas panhandle today is in the grip of a blizzard. The mercury at Amarillo was 12 degrees above early today.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 15.—Snow covered the ground in all Iowa today.

There were eight inches of snow here. This is the most snow Des Moines has had in several years.

MASON CITY, Iowa, March 15.—Ten inches of snow here today virtually tied up highway traffic and trains were ploughing through deep drifts only by using two engines.

OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—For the 24 hour period ending at 7 a. m. today, sixteen inches of snow had fallen in Omaha, a new record in the local weather bureau's history. Schools were closed in Council Bluffs, Iowa, while three in Omaha had to close. Some street cars were stalled in drifts. Railroad trains were being delayed.

DENVER, March 15.—Fair weather was predicted today for the Rocky Mountain region, following the storm which swept the eastern part of the region yesterday. Snow fell generally yesterday and last night from Montana southward to northern, and eastern New Mexico, the weather bureau announced.

A total of 23,733 immigrants from the United States entered Canada last year, with cash and effects valued at \$9,544,027.

3 GERMANS ARE KILLED BY SENTRIES

Men Prowling About Machinery Warehouse at Recklinhausen Shot Down By French Guards—Disregarded Orders Is Claim—Berlin for Peace, Reported.

DUESSELDORF, March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three Germans were shot and killed by French sentries today while trying to break into a machinery warehouse at Recklinhausen. According to the French announcement, the shooting took place after the Germans had disregarded the usual challenges.

PARIS, March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—German nationalists, wearing French uniforms and posing as French soldiers, are declared in French official advices from the Ruhr to have been committing robberies and other outrages with their own countrymen as the victims. Their purpose as interpreted here, is to excite the public against the troops of occupation and stiffen the German resistance.

The French authorities are investigating thoroughly into the extent of this and other features of the opposition to the Franco-Belgian regime in the Ruhr.

Among these new developments, the French declare, are the circulation by word of mouth and by publication of accounts of imaginary attacks on German women and of highway robberies.

When these stories first came to the knowledge of the French authorities they invited those who had been injured or attacked to complain. They received numerous letters, they state, but were unable to trace the authorship of the letters or to obtain witnesses.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—State department and German embassy officials here said today they knew nothing of a new German plan for settlement of the reparations question referred to in press dispatches yesterday from London.

At the embassy, the view was expressed that the Berlin government had been willing and ready since 1918 to submit a plan if the allied governments would give it attention, but so far as was known here, there was no proposal under consideration in Berlin.

LONDON, March 15.—The information printed by the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph to the effect that Germany has up her sleeve a peace plan that includes guarantees to France as well as international supervision of her finances, attracted considerable attention here today.

The article, based on advices which the newspaper says are thoroughly reliable, asserts Germany is not prepared to bring the plan into the light until she is assured it will receive more attention than did the proposals she had ready for the London and Paris premier's conference.

Unofficial overtures were recently made to the British cabinet by Germany, the correspondent continues, as to whether Great Britain would enter the opening wedge in peace negotiations by suggesting openly that a definite German offer would be considered in London. These advices, the article asserts, did not draw out the British authorities and consequently Germany is reluctant to disclose her hand.

The writer declares that the German industrialists are prepared to contribute a material guarantee. He hears that Germany is ready to accept international financial control.

FINED \$2000 FOR OPERATING STILL

EUGENE, Ore., March 15.—Fine of \$2000 and sentence of six months in jail was the penalty imposed today by Judge Jesse G. Willis upon William Kilduski, who had pleaded guilty to operating a still. His wife, Frances, also pleaded guilty and was fined \$1000 and given three months in jail. The pair have ten children, the youngest a year old. These were the first convictions here under the recently tightened state prohibition law.

Have They Kissed and Made Up? Not So, Say Movie Pair Who Parted



LOS ANGELES.—Reconciled? Rumors in the movie colony have it that blond, petite Wanda Hawley and her husband, Burton Hawley, may patch up their differences and kiss and make up. "This hitherto unearthed photo shows the couple soon after they were married in September, 1916. They separated last October, and Miss Hawley sued for divorce, charging non-support, unwillingness to work and cruelty. "I had a good job when I married her and I have worked ever since," Hawley retorted, "and if I told what I know it would crack Hollywood wide open." Since this threat, the full in divorce action has inspired rumors of reconciliation, which both deny.

INDICT DANCER FOR PERJURY IN WHITNEY CASE

NYACK, N. Y., Mar. 15.—Evan Burrows Fontaine, a dancer, and her mother, Mrs. Florence E. Fontaine, were indicted today on charges of perjury growing out of the dancer's million dollar breach of promise suit against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

The dancer and her mother, reported to be in New York, will be arrested on a bench warrant in the event they do not surrender. Supreme Court Justice Tompkins on January 3 sustained charges of fraud preferred by counsel for Whitney and vacated the annulment of the dancer's marriage to Sterling Adair of Waco, Texas.

"A gross fraud," Justice Tompkins said, "had been perpetrated in the court and both the plaintiff and her mother had committed rank perjury." Miss Fontaine, an Oriental dancer, obtained an annulment of her marriage to Adair on the ground that she lived with him only three hours. Records showed, however, that they had lived together for a year. Adair died after the annulment. A prominent position in the suit was occupied by the dancer's infant son. She said she was going to name him Cornelius Whitney.

U'REN SUES HALL FOR TRIAL COSTS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Suit for \$3,170 alleged to be due as fees for acting as attorneys in the Hall-Olcott recount proceedings last year was filed here yesterday by W. S. U'ren, H. E. Collier and John Collier against Charles Hall, A. K. Peck of Marshfield and eight members of the Public Defense league of Oregon.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The range of Heinenman park at New Orleans, described as the largest playing field in the world, was found yesterday by Babe Ruth and he knocked five home runs over the fence, his first home run barrage of the year. A sixth fell a few feet short.

YAKIMA WOMAN BADLY BEATEN BY HUMAN FIEND

YAKIMA, Wash., March 15.—Yakima police officers are today combing the city in hopes of finding the human fiend who last night beat Mrs. Volney S. Baldwin so severely that she is in a quite serious condition today.

Mrs. Baldwin was walking home at about 11 o'clock when she became aware that she was followed. As she quickened her steps the man hurried to her, placed a thick iron rod against her back and ordered her to "keep still and get down on your knees." Instead Mrs. Baldwin struggled and shrieked until she aroused A. R. Reynolds, living nearby. Upon his approach the assailant ran away, but he had already struck Mrs. Baldwin several times with his bar, scratched her face and nearly choked her. The place where the attack occurred is one of the West residence districts of the city.

EVERETT, March 15.—The police are investigating the story of Cline Stark, fourteen years old, who early this morning was found bound and gagged in an alley in a residence district. He was weak from exposure and said he had lain all night in that condition. He says a young man and a boy met him on the street, led him to the alley where he was found, there robbed him of a small sum of money and kicked and bound him.

HARRY L. WALTHER QUILTS FAIR BOARD

SALEM, Ore., March 15.—The resignations of James R. Lynn, Salem; H. L. Walther, Medford, and H. E. Browne, Portland, as members of the state board of fair directors, were sent to Governor Pierce today by the respective members. It is understood their resignations will be accepted.

Ex-Imperial Wizard Must Go On Trial In Federal Court

HOUSTON, Texas, March 15.—Federal Judge H. C. Hutcheson, at noon today declined to grant a continuance in the case of Edward Young Clarke of Atlanta, former acting Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, charged with violation of the Mann act. It is expected that a warrant will be issued at once for the arrest of Clarke and his return to Houston. The Clarke case probably will go to trial during the present term of court this spring.

FORGER ESCAPES AT GRANTS PASS AMID GUNFIRE

GRANTS PASS, March 15.—Eugene Walker, Fred Myers and Leo Wynham, alleged forgers, were still at liberty Tuesday following their capture and escape Monday night. The three men are charged with passing worthless checks in Grants Pass, Rogue River and Medford, leaving for the north at night by auto. They were overhauled by the officers about 15 miles north of town and were being brought back when one of the alleged forgers, who was driving the car, forced another machine from the highway into the ditch.

When the officers and the men got out to investigate the three men again jumped into their car, with the officers in hot pursuit. A running gunfight followed for about two miles when the three men abandoned their machine and took to the hills.

The tonneau of their machine was filled with new tires, it being their practice, according to the officials, to purchase a tire, giving a check of large denomination in payment. About \$250 was collected in this city, the authorities assert.

REEL MEN STAGE A REAL RIOT

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—A riot of movie men that was not filmed and sent five of the extras into the receiving hospital here with real, not reel wounds, occurred today at the service bureau for motion picture employees. It was an outgrowth of reduction in pay from \$5 to \$3 for motion picture extras.

There were 300 men in the scene. They were waiting for work in the yard of the bureau. A bureau man issued a call, declaring that the wages would be \$3 instead of the customary \$5. A howl went up and the 300 men threatened to storm the bureau located in an old residence in Hill street near Tenth, just outside the retail business section of the city.

TED THYE BEATS JAP CHAMPION

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Ted Thye, light-heavyweight wrestler of Portland, won from Taro Miyake, Japanese jiu jitsu wrestler, in 32 minutes, 46 seconds here last night. There was only one fall. Miyake having been unable to continue the match.

LONG DISTANCE DANCING RECORDS ARE SMASHED TOO FAST FOR THE JUDGES

LONDON, Mar. 15.—Endurance records in dancing are being shattered so frequently in the hot contest for world supremacy between England and Scotland that it is difficult to keep track of the figures.

When Santos Casani, former aviator stopped his continuous performance at Hammersmith early today with a record of 18 hours 34 minutes, he was happy in the belief that he had established new figures for continuous dancing. His efforts were vain, for when he finished two couples in Edin-

R. VALENTINO IS NOW AN IDEAL HUSBY

Perfect Lover Settles Down As Faithful Benedict—Married Again Last Night to Winifred Hudnut—Will Let Wife Read His Love Letters—Plan Dancing Tour.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Rodolph Valentino, "Shiek" of the Movies, today began preparations for settling down to a quiet married life, following marriage for the second time to Winifred Hudnut in Crown Point, Ind., last night.

What Valentino described as the most hectic year of his life, which started with his marriage to Miss Hudnut in Mexico and which California authorities declared was not legal because a year required by Valentino's interlocutory decree from his first wife had not expired, ended with the quiet wedding ceremony before Justice Howard Kemp in the little Indiana town.

The year of separation to which Valentino and his bride agreed and which ended with last night's ceremony has convinced the "perfect lover" of the screen that married life is much to be desired and he declared himself willing and glad to assume the dutiful husband role, even to allowing Mrs. Valentino to censor the letters from feminine movie fans.

In the marriage license Mrs. Valentino gave her name as Winifred DeWolfe, her legal name, because of adoption by an aunt, her age as 26, and her address as Hollywood, Cal. Valentino gave his name as Rodolfo Guglielmi his age as 27, his address as Los Angeles and his occupation as a motion picture player.

Valentino and his bride plan to leave tomorrow night on a six week's dancing tour, their first appearance to be in Omaha, Neb., Saturday night.

GOVERNOR KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT KU KLUX KLAN

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 15.—(Special.) As far as Governor Pierce is concerned there is no Ku Klux Klan in Oregon. Yesterday W. R. Stewart, correspondent of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, who covered the night-riding trials in Medford for that paper, called on the governor and asked him what political significance he believed the klan now had in the state of Oregon.

Governor Pierce showed marked irritation at the question and replied that he didn't even know that such an organization existed. He said there had been much talk about the Ku Klux Klan but he had no evidence that there was one in the state. He rebuked the newspaper representative for taking up his valuable time asking such irrelevant questions.

HorseShoe Sport at College. SEATTLE, Mar. 15.—The list of intramural sports at the University of Washington this spring includes barnyard golf. Inmates of the fraternity and club houses are being organized into six man teams that will compete for the horseshoe pitching championship of the campus.

GOULD BOY RUNS TRUE TO FORM, GETS FIRST DIVORCE AT AGE OF 27

NEW YORK, March 15.—Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Jr., have been divorced at Nice, France, friends here learned today. The two children have been awarded to the mother. The marriage took place at Philadelphia in 1917, when both were 21 years old, soon after Gould had been graduated from Columbia university.

Mrs. Gould was Laura Carter, a dancer. The marriage caused a temporary estrangement between Gould and his parents. Instead of entering the Gould companies he went into the bond business with his brother-in-law, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr. Mr. Gould is said to be in Egypt. His wife and children went to France months ago.