

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**The Weather**

Prediction	Probable rain
Maximum yesterday	62.8
Minimum today	47
Precipitation	.42

**Weather Year**

Maximum	94
Precipitation	11
Minimum	35.2

Daily—Eighteenth Year.  
Weekly—Fifty-Third Year.

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## PRESIDENT'S TRIP IS NOT POLITICAL

### Harding May Visit Alaska This Summer—Hopes Clouds of Campaign Will Roll Away—Present Discussion Held Immature—Lasker May Lead Battle.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Harding hopes to visit Alaska this summer when he goes to the Pacific coast on his speech-making trip. Although definite arrangements have not been made, it was said at the White House today he probably would be able to leave for the trip about June 20 and reach Alaska about July 15.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—At the same time it was declared that the president would not make the trip as a political candidate. It was asserted that he wanted to avoid in every way possible the appearance of going into the west as a political figure.

Much of the political discussion now going on, it was intimated, by the White House spokesmen, is regarded by Mr. Harding as very premature. The president was described as unable to understand why a man elevated to the highest office in the gift of the nation, cannot serve at least three years of his term without being made the subject of political discussion.

The president feels that he has considerable work of a non-political nature yet to do. Personally therefore, he would be much gratified, it was said, if the political clouds that have gathered suddenly during his vacation trip might be rolled away at least from six to ten months.

White House spokesmen said Mr. Harding wanted to make the Alaskan trip because so many controversies had arisen over Alaska that an intimate knowledge of conditions was required to administer the territory. The trip made by Mr. Harding to Panama before his inauguration, it was asserted, resulted in the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the government because of the knowledge of conditions gained during the stay there.

In the same way the president was said to feel that many of the difficulties encountered in the administration of Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Virgin Islands might be avoided if the representatives of the executive directly in charge were able to visit those possessions and make a study.

Since the president's return from Florida, it was learned, several informal conferences have been held concerning the Alaskan trip, with the result that June 20 was settled upon as an approximate date when he would be able to get away from Washington. He will ask these members of the cabinet whose duties relate to Alaska to take the trip with him.

In making known the president's opinion that present political discussion is premature and ill-advised, White House officials made no direct mention of any of the public statements recently issued predicting Mr. Harding's renomination and re-election. They did take occasion, however, to deny published reports that Chairman Lasker of the shipping board was being considered to direct the 1924 campaign. Mr. Lasker's name, it was said, never had been mentioned in official circles in that connection.

**Engineer Killed.**  
ABILENE, Texas, April 10.—Texas and Pacific passenger train No. 17, westbound, was wrecked at Colorado, west of here today and Engineer Price was killed. Only the locomotive left the rails and no passengers were injured. A split switch was given as the cause of the accident.

## ROYALTY MATING, AND ENGLISH START TO WONDER ABOUT PRINCE OF WALES

LONDON, April 10.—London is completing plans for the wedding of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bow-Lyon on April 26. The city also is looking forward to the marriage of Lady Mary Cambridge to the Marquis of Worcester this summer. Incidents of the Prince of Wales' relatives getting married or engaged that the British public is becoming solicitous over his favorite's own chances of matrimony.

The wedding festivities of Prince Albert and Lady Elizabeth will begin on April 23, when King George and Queen Mary give a gala dinner at Buckingham palace to 4,000 guests.

This will be followed the next day by a similar function to be attended by the elect in court, state, diplomatic and society circles.

On the eve of the wedding their majesties will give a banquet in honor of the bride and bridegroom.

The ceremony will be celebrated in Westminster Abbey, with the Prince of Wales as best man. The archbishop of Canterbury, who has probably performed more royal marriages than any other living prelate, will officiate.

It is understood that King George intends to bestow on his son the Order of the Thistle as a compliment to the nationality of the future duchess.

## Most Valuable Player In Baseball May Never Play Again

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—George Sisler, adjudged the best all-around player in the American League will undergo an operation for an infected sinus condition probably Friday, it was learned this afternoon. The sinus condition has affected in some degree the star's vision, but the exact nature of the eye trouble has never been disclosed.

NEW ORLEANS, April 10.—George Sisler, St. Louis American first baseman and regarded as the most valuable player in organized baseball, probably will not be in the Browns' lineup this year and may never play ball again, according to a story appearing today in the New Orleans Times-Picayune. Sisler recently had an attack of the flu.

## NOTED FIGURE OF FINANCE DIES IN WALL ST. BANK

### Stuyvesant Fish, Foe of Harriman in Railroad Battle, Succumbs to Heart Failure—Began Life As Clerk—Worth Millions.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Stuyvesant Fish, banker and former president of the Illinois Central railroad, died suddenly today.

Mr. Fish, who was senior director of the National Park bank, collapsed as he entered the bank to attend a directors meeting this morning. He died almost instantly of heart failure.

Mr. Fish, whose financial battles many times attracted the keenest attention of the business world, had his last big controversy over control of the Illinois Central railroad about 15 years ago. At that time he was president of the road and locked horns with Edward H. Harriman as to whose interest should hold sway. The contest resulted in the retirement of Mr. Fish as head of the Illinois Central, but it was understood that he continued to maintain a large stock holding in that corporation.

In recent years Mr. Fish has been residing in Garrison, N. Y., where he has a large estate.

Mr. Fish was born here June 24, 1851, son of Hamilton Fish, who served in President Grant's cabinet as secretary of state. He began his business career in 1871, as a clerk in the offices of the Illinois Central, becoming a director of the road in 1877 and president in 1887.

After his fight with Harriman he centered most of his attention on banking and insurance.

At the time of his death Mr. Fish was a director of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, National Park bank of New York, Park Union Foreign Banking corporation and Union bank of Canada.

**Extradite Pair.**  
SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 10.—Luther Colton and Clarence J. Smith, alias George E. Williams, wanted in connection with the holdup of a theater in Tacoma last October, will be returned from San Francisco under authority of an extradition warrant issued today by Governor Richardson. They are alleged to have obtained \$1650 in the robbery.

## FRENCH DETAIN GERMAN CHIEFS ON RUHR TRIP

### Stinnes and Wife Searched, May Have Been Joke—Locked Up in Baggage Car—Secy. Hamm Held On Ground of Official Activity.

BERLIN, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Whether the French merely intended to perpetrate a joke on Hugo Stinnes when they held up and detained him with his wife as they were entering the Ruhr region today or whether their purpose was to retain him as a hostage seriously agitated personal associates of the industrialist here today.

Herr Stinnes, who had just arrived in Berlin from his country home, took the night train for Muelheim, where his chief industries are situated. When the train reached Scharnhorst, which is the first rail point under French control, four French railway guards entered the sleeper and demanded to know the number of the Stinnes compartment. They roused the industrialist and his wife and led them to the baggage car, where the couple were locked up.

This is Herr Stinnes' second trip to the Ruhr since the occupation. The French authorities are said to have been watching for him and his agents and only recently they intercepted one of his private couriers, seizing a private paper which the magazine was forwarding to his representatives in Muelheim.

SCHARNHORST, Germany, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French today arrested Herr Howard Hamm, secretary of the chancellery of the Cuno cabinet; Adam Stegerwald, former premier of Prussia, and Reichstag Deputy Giesberts, former minister of posts. The latter two were released but the French are continuing to hold Secretary Hamm on the ground that officials active in the German government have been forbidden to enter the occupied area.

DORTMUND, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hugo Stinnes and his wife arrived in this city today after having been detained at Scharnhorst by French military guards who took them from their berth in a night train.

They were released after the officials had searched their baggage.

The sleeper in which Herr Stinnes and his wife were traveling was attached to the train from Berlin to Essen, on which they had left Berlin last night on their way to Muelheim. Scharnhorst is the frontier station for the occupied zone.

## HARDING TO WIN ON HIS RECORD

CHICAGO, April 10.—Senator Simon D. Pess of Ohio declared last night in a speech that President Harding will be re-nominated by the republican party next year without opposition and will be re-elected with a large majority on the strength of the administration's achievements.

Mr. Pess said he was expressing his personal opinion and had not been authorized to make a campaign speech for the president. The campaign next year, he said, will be waged on the basis of the things done under President Harding and in the category he listed:

- Restoration of peace and diplomatic and trade relations with former enemy countries.
- Adjustment of strained relations growing from the Versailles treaty.
- Settlement of foreign controversies with South and Central America.
- Reduction of government expenditures.
- Reduction of taxes.
- Restoration of liberty bonds to par.

## TRUSTED EMPLOYEES FOOL EMPLOYERS

TACOMA, April 10.—Two trusted employees of the Tacoma Grocery company, a wholesale house, and two other men are under arrest here today charged with the systematic looting of thousands of dollars worth of goods over a term of years. The men under arrest are Max Luckenotte, 32, city sales manager of the company; F. R. Hews, 36, shipping clerk; P. L. Rockey 23, and F. S. Mitchell, 22.

## Marital Adventures of Morgan Sisters



Above are the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan. (Mr. Morgan is the U. S. Consul General at Brussels.) At left, Mrs. James V. Converse, formerly Miss Thelma Morgan, is reported from Paris as preparing divorce action against her husband, whom she married only last year. In the center is the Countess de Maupas, the former Consuelo Morgan, who recently obtained a Paris divorce decree. At the right is Miss Gloria Morgan, twin sister of Mrs. Converse who only a few weeks ago became the bride of Reginald C. Vanderbilt.

## GOMPERS DON'T LIKE RULING OF SUPREME COURT

### Says Decision On Minimum Wage Law Basely Sets Forth Reactionary Viewpoint—Judge Taft Dissents and Is Praised.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The supreme court's decision invalidating the District of Columbia minimum wage law was declared today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor to have "basely" set forth the reactionary employer viewpoint of wage earners.

"Five justices, a bare majority of one," Mr. Gompers said in a formal statement, "have taken from the women and girl wage earners the protection that guaranteed them something approaching a fair wage and fair hours of work."

"I recall no recent decision which so basely sets forth the reactionary employer viewpoint of wage earners. The court says that labor is to be bought just as groceries are bought. To buy the labor of a woman in the district is now like buying pigs' feet in a butcher shop, according to the learned Justice Sutherland, who wrote the decision."

"Has the justice never read the Clayton act, which says: 'The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce.'"

"It is noteworthy that Justice Taft dissented. That Justice Taft does not hesitate to express his opinions was shown in the child labor decision, but he finds this demeaning of women workers impossible. The whole proceeding is shocking and I trust that the coming congress will find some way to extend effective protection to the women workers of the District of Columbia and to all states that may hereafter enact such protective legislation."

## Revive Report Hunt for Russian Crown Jewels Proceeding

CHICAGO, April 10.—A revival of reports that federal treasury department agents still are industriously on the trail of reported lost Russian crown jewels, which a few months ago were reported to have been buried in a Brooklyn cemetery, was in progress today as a result of a trip westward of William Williams, special agent of the department. He reported on his way to Los Angeles.

## FILE APPLICATION FOR RECEIVER OF M. F. H. BUILDING

James A. O'Neil, vice-president of the Pacific Savings & Loan association of Spokane, Wash., who holds the first mortgage on the Medford building, is in the city and will apply to the district court this evening through his attorneys, Reames and Reames, to have a receiver appointed.

There have been rumors of this action for some time, owing to the fact that a number of liens have been filed against the building by people, who worked on remodeling the same. Mrs. Jane Bakeman, who has been in charge of the building left two or three days ago for California.

G. S. Butler of Ashland holds the second mortgage on the building. The total of the two mortgages and interest are about \$88,000 which does not include the liens. The building is four stories and basement, is one of the largest and best buildings in the city, is centrally located and is valued at about \$125,000.

It is also reported that Howard Brothers, who traded their equity in the building for a ranch in Utah, have also brought suit to set aside the trade, claiming the ranch is not as represented.

## NEW HIGH MARK FOR RAW SUGAR

NEW YORK, April 10.—The highest price for raw sugar to be recorded here since the high levels of 1920, was touched today at 5 7/8 cost and freight.

The continued closing down of central in Cuba showing an outlook below expectations, appeared to revive apprehension of a shortage in supplies. A better inquiry was also reported for refined sugar, accompanied by renewed buying of Cuban raws by European and Canadian interests. This brought the domestic refineries into the market and a considerable business was reported.

## TARIFF CLEARED OF PRICE RISE

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Harding has received informal assurances from the tariff commission that the new tariff law has had no effect on the price of sugar and it was indicated at the White House today that the commission would confer with him on the subject some time during the week.

## Aged Lothario Gets 2 Years in Pen For Extra Wife

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10.—Captain J. B. Wetherall of Baker, Ore., aged 78, today received a sentence of two years in the state penitentiary following his plea late yesterday of guilty of a charge of polygamy. Captain Wetherall admitted being married in Portland to Lillian E. Bowles in 1914, while he had a wife, Cora Henry Wetherall, in Baker, having been married to her in 1902.

The penitentiary sentence was imposed when attorneys for Wetherall said he was unable to pay a fine of \$2,500. Presiding Judge Hewitt said he would recommend a pardon at any time that adequate provision was made for the second wife, who recently had her marriage annulled.

## ROUND UP REDS SEIZE BOOKS IN CAPITOL RAIDS

### Literature of Radical Group Seized—Meeting Held in Behalf of W. Z. Foster Is Broken Up—Trap Officials of Workers' Party.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The state department has cancelled its authorization for a visa to permit Madame Kallina, wife of the president of the Russian government, to visit the United States.

"The presence of Mme. Kallina in this country," the department said in a formal statement made public today, "is rendered wholly undesirable by the deep feeling which has been aroused by the execution of Vicar General Butchkavitch."

WASHINGTON, April 10.—A plan for implanting revolutionary doctrines within the government departments here was declared today by the police to have been disclosed in papers seized in raids last night during which seven men were arrested.

A letter, which the authorities said was addressed to Edward Irvine, one of the men held, signed by William W. Memstone and dispatched on March 22 from the workers party of America in New York, told of the hopes held for converting government workers to revolution.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Seven persons were being held by the police today for investigation, following a roundup of alleged radicals in two raids here last night in which department of justice agents participated. A quantity of radical literature seized was being examined by the government agents.

In the first raid, ten persons were taken to police headquarters out of more than a score who had gathered at the Typographical temple to attend a meeting in behalf of William Z. Foster, labor leader, under auspices of labor defense counsel. They were apparently unaware that the meeting, the police were informed, had been called off by officers of the typographical union when they learned of its nature. The five held on investigation charge out of this group included a man who gave his name as Edward J. Irvine, secretary of the District of Columbia local of the Workers Party of America. It was under the auspices of the district local that James P. Cannon, chairman of the workers party, addressed a meeting here Wednesday night and was applauded for his remarks in approval of the action of the Russian soviet government in putting to death Vicar General Butchkavitch.

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The four children were sons and daughters of Colonel Babb. The dead:

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## UTAH BANK HEAD SLAIN FAMILY ROW

### Nephew of Inventor of the Browning Gun Admits Firing Shot in Self Defense—Wife Involved in Affair—Liquor Plays Role—Salt Lake Police Investigate.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 10.—Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying late yesterday of Benjamin G. Ballantyne, former teller at a local bank, was continued today by the police following their announcement last night that Mariner F. Browning, nephew of John M. Browning, gun inventor, had admitted he killed Ballantyne in self defense. The shooting occurred in the presence of the Ballantyne family at their home in a fashionable part of the city. Mr. Ballantyne died at a hospital a few hours after he was shot. John Browning, Jr., son of the inventor, who lives at Ogden, Utah, and Mariner Browning, both were held in the city jail today pending the outcome of the police investigation. They were booked for "investigation."

Mariner, according to the police, confessed he killed Ballantyne following a quarrel when the latter drew a revolver from a book case.

"I also had a gun," asserted John Browning, Jr., the police declared, as he handed them a pistol. "He beat me to it."

In a dying statement to police officials Ballantyne declared he was unarmed and had no revolver in his reach at the time he was shot. Asked whether he had been drinking he replied "yes," but shook his head to the question "were you drunk?"

The Brownings went to the Ballantyne home yesterday with W. H. Reeder, Jr., attorney of Ogden, shortly after arriving in Salt Lake, according to the police. Both John and Mariner, the police said, maintained that they had come to take Mrs. Ballantyne to her father's home in Ogden, following domestic troubles in the Ballantyne family. Mrs. Ballantyne is the daughter of the gun inventor.

A family statement was issued last night by James E. Ballantyne, father of the slain man in which he denied there had been any trouble between his son and Mrs. Ballantyne.

He declared a complete investigation would be made and that the slayer would be prosecuted.

Ballantyne resigned two weeks ago as teller of the Utah State National bank. He is survived by three children.

Shortly before noon today, announcement was made from the Salt Lake county attorney's office that issuance of complaints, if any, in the case would have to await further investigation. Officials of the attorney's office spent the entire morning considering reports of the affair.

## EDUCATOR STRICKEN UNABLE TO TALK

TACOMA, April 10.—Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, collapsed with ptomaine poisoning last night at a banquet of clothing dealers in the Scottish Rite cathedral. Dr. Suzzallo was unable to speak to the 500 guests present, but he was able to return to Seattle unattended after a physician had pronounced him not dangerously ill.

## 4 LITTLE TOTS AND THEIR RESCUER DIE IN COUNTRY HOME BLAZE

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