

The Weather

Prediction: Probable showers
Maximum yesterday.....85
Minimum today.....36

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1923

NO. 21

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....47.3
Minimum.....34
Precipitation......02

GRAIN ACT UPHELD BY SUPREME CT

Chief Justice Taft Gives Decision in Future Trading Act Case — McReynolds and Sutherland Dissent—Board of Trade to Be Regulated By Act.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The grain futures trading act was declared valid and constitutional today by the supreme court.

It was the second time the court had passed on the validity of a grain futures trading law, a previous statute based on the taxing power of the federal government having been held unconstitutional. The law upheld today was based on the right to control interstate commerce.

Chief Justice Taft in delivering the opinion, said the decision in the former grain futures case was an argument in favor of the constitutionality of the present law, because in the latter, congress met the objections which the court had pointed out as having rendered it invalid.

It is impossible, the court said, to distinguish between transactions in cash grain and in grain to arrive from stock shipments which the court had held to be interstate commerce. The grain exchange the court said, was merely the gateway through which the grain flowed in its course from the west to the east and Europe.

Sales on the Chicago board of trade are as necessary to the continuity of this flow of grain, the court held, as are stockyard sales in the movement of cattle. It was added that the evidence showed that future trading does have an effect on the cash price of grain.

The fact that corners in grain have brought about dealings in futures evidenced, the decision said, the relations between future dealings and cash grain.

The Chicago Board of Trade, the court concluded, is engaged in a business which makes it subject to national regulation.

Justices McReynolds and Sutherland dissented.

CHICAGO, April 16.—When advised by the Associated Press that the constitutionality of the grain futures act had been upheld by the supreme court of the United States, President John J. Stream of the Chicago Board of Trade said:

"It is needless to say that the Chicago Board of Trade will obey the law which has been approved by the highest tribunal in the land. We will cheerfully conform in every particular to the law. What effect some of its provisions will have on the orderly marketing of food commodities the future alone can disclose. If the law fails to be the panacea for agricultural ills, it will be through its own deficiencies and not because of hindrance from the grain exchange."

I. W. W.'S TO STRIKE KLAMATH, MAY 1

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 16.—Industrial Workers of the World leaders of this district were in conference here today over plans for a strike in the Klamath county lumber industry May 1. The local secretary said the purpose of the strike was two-fold, first as part of a national demonstration for the release of political prisoners; and, second, to obtain betterment of conditions in the local lumber industry. The final session of the conference tonight will be open to the public.

Phone Hearing Postponed.
PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—The state public service commission hearing on telephone rates, originally set to open today, has been postponed until June 4, it was announced at the commission's offices here today.

HOUSTON, TEXAS DANCERS CAPTURE 3 WORLD TITLES IN MARATHON CONTEST

HOUSTON, Texas, April 16.—This city, recovering from the effects of its 6 1/2 hour dancing jamboree, took stock today and realized that instead of breaking one world long distance championship it had captured three and is open to defend its new found titles against the world.

Miss Magdalene Williams holds the world's endurance record for men and women at 65 hours and 53 minutes, elapsed time. Louis Kessler is men's long distance champion with 65 hours and 38 minutes of elapsed time, while little 17 year old Goldie Hughes, who had to be carried off the floor by main force after dancing 53 straight hours, holds with V. V. Vestal, the couple long distance belt with 40 hours and 45 minutes to their credit.

All four have recovered from the strain.

Grant Would Drop Responsibility for Jesus' Crucifixion

NEW YORK, April 16.—Elimination from the dogma of the Christian church of fixation of the responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was advocated by the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, preaching in the Church of the Ascension on "should Christians and Jews consolidate religiously."

"There is no reason why Christians should make a fuss about this occurrence in Jerusalem centuries ago," he said. "If an organized attempt is made, there is no reason why the elimination of this responsibility could not be brought about."

FRENCH SEIZE 9 ADDITIONAL GERMAN MINES

France and Belgium Now Have 31 Mines and Coke Ovens—Will Begin Shipping at Once—German Government Protests Again.

DUESSELDORF, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nine additional coal mines in the Ruhr have been seized by the French and Belgians, it was announced today, making a total of 31 mines and coke plants now in the hands of the occupation forces.

At the last mines seized there were about 160,000 tons of fuel, chiefly coke. All this was confiscated.

The French and Belgians, it is announced, will begin shipping today an average of 10,000 tons of coke daily to France and Belgium. The German mine owners estimate that the shipments will be only about 4000 or 5000 tons.

Three French cabinet members arrived in the Ruhr today—Magneat, Le Troquer and DeLasteyrie, respectively the ministers of war, public works and finance.

BERLIN, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Foreign Minister Von Rosenberg, addressing the reichstag this afternoon declared the battle now in progress on the banks of the Rhine and in the Ruhr was not one for coal or wood, but a fight which would determine whether ideas of right and peace would progress or lose ground.

The minister voiced approval of the suggestion of Secretary of State Hughes that the reparations problem be referred to a body of authoritative experts, and he also endorsed the conclusions of this subject recorded in the resolution adopted by the international chamber of commerce at its recent congress in Rome.

In view of the economic devastation wrought by the invasion of the Ruhr and what he characterized as France's avowed purpose to analyze German economic productivity, any attempt at present to appraise Germany's capacity for payment or establish the precise amount would be wholly futile, he declared.

The German government, he said, had tried in various ways to get the reparations question out of the "quagmire" in which this problem, together with all Europe, was threatened with becoming stuck fast. It had also tried to help put an end to the daily increasing tension and economic chaos under which Europe was suffering. Germany's efforts in these directions, he said, were designed to facilitate the release of all possible forces for reconstruction, in which process Germany wished to co-operate.

Referring to Secretary Hughes' proposal at New Haven in December, Baron Von Rosenberg reiterated the statements he recently made before the foreign relations committee of the reichstag.

U.S. WORRIED BY DELAY IN SETTLEMENT

Washington Concerned By Delay in Final Arrangement for Payment of British Debt—Chancellor Baldwin Issues Statement—Finland Payment Settled.

LONDON, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Baldwin, referring in his budget statement today to the American debt says he hoped shortly to settle the final form of the bonds to be given in replacement of the demand obligations.

LONDON, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—In his budget statement today, the chancellor of the exchequer announced that the corporation tax would be reduced by one-half and the income tax reduced from five shillings to four shillings, six pence the pound sterling.

There will be no reduction in the sugar tax, the chancellor declared, but he hoped that the condition of the world markets would permit such reduction at an early date.

LONDON, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, making his budget statement before a crowded chamber in the house of commons today, said the past year's supply of \$101,000,000 had gone to reduction of the debt. The financial year just closed had become steadily better as it proceeded, trade at home and abroad had improved and unemployment had diminished considerably.

Some concern was manifest at the treasury today as the commission went into session as to reasons for the delay by the British government in returning the debenture constituting the refunding agreement between the United States and England.

Commission members declined to confirm reports that the meeting was called to consider the status of the British settlement. Treasury officials heretofore have declared the delay by the British in returning the debenture was not unduly long, but some commission members were said to hold a different view.

The debenture was sent to London for study of its detailed terms and the language by which the British government binds itself to pay off in 62 years the war time debt of \$4,669,000,000. It had been expected that the document would be started on its return trip within a fortnight after its arrival in London. Neither the commission nor the treasury has received any communication concerning it.

Finland Pact Signed.
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The American debt funding commission today authorized Secretary Mellon to sign the war debt funding agreement with Finland.

The agreement, already ratified by the parliament at Helsinki, has yet to be accepted by congress, but members of the commission expect no opposition. No official announcement was made as to the date for the signing. No payments on the Finnish obligation, among the smallest due the United States, are required under the agreement until late autumn.

Although the British agreement has been ratified by congress and its terms accepted by the British, the document embracing its provisions is tied up somewhere in the offices of the British exchequer. The Finnish settlement thus becomes the first to be signed.

The agreement with Finland provides for the payment of the \$8,000,000 in principal and approximately \$1,000,000 in interest in installments over 62 years. The terms as to interest provide for a rate of 4 1/2 per cent from the date of the loan, about four years ago, to December 15 last. A rate of 3 1/2 per cent interest will prevail from December 15 last to December 15, 1932, and a rate of 3 per cent thereafter to the maturity of the funding agreements.

Yesterday's Results

Los Angeles 1-4; Vernon 9-5.
Seattle 3-2; Sacramento 7-2.
San Francisco 5-7; Oakland 5-0.
Portland 9-19; Salt Lake 6-7.

She's Real English Countess Herself So She'll Play One Well



PEGGY RUSH

NEW YORK.—When "Winter" comes to the screen, as it will do shortly in spite of the purring buds and the first robin and all the other signs of approaching springtime, Miss Peggy Rush or London will be the cynosure of all the feminine eyes in America.

But she isn't nervous. For Miss Peggy Rush, who is to be the Lady Nona of "If Winter Comes," is a real English countess herself, so she ought to know how to play the part, oughtn't she?

In real life she's Countess of Dunsford with a country seat and everything.

HARDING URGES PEOPLE TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Paying tribute to the principles of the Daughters of the American Revolution, President Harding, in an address delivered at the annual congress of the organization here today, appealed for an open mind in the approach of the problems confronting the nation.

"Never has mankind faced difficulties of such a varied character or on so huge a scale," the president said.

"The very destiny of the race, the future of civilization, seem to depend on our finding answers, and on our sincere, generous, broadminded acceptance of that answer when it is found."

"We shall not find an answer which will be completely satisfactory to any state or race of people, but if we shall pursue our quest with open mind and with purpose of achieving the largest benefit for the greatest number, I believe we shall in the end discover that we shall have attained also a large advantage for those who seemed to be making something of sacrifice to the common welfare."

The president further advised that pending the solution of the manifold problems, the American people "hold secure" to those paths made by the fathers of the republic. In this connection the executive spoke of the founding of the republic and pointed out that at that time "no group arrogated to itself all the political righteousness in the young republic."

Spirit Photo a Fake.—Doyle.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A putative ectoplasmic spirit photograph sent to him from Chicago which he exhibited here last week was a "fake," Sir Arthur A. Conan Doyle told an audience at Carnegie hall last night.

Alice Gets a Job.
WASHINGTON, April 16.—An executive order permitting the appointment of Miss Alice Robertson, former representative from Oklahoma, as a welfare worker in the veterans' bureau, was signed today by President Harding.

10 Japanese School Children Burned in Dormitory Blaze

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 16.—Childish voices that rang loudest yesterday in the merry-making at a grove in West Sacramento, where was held the annual picnic of the Japanese of this county, today are stifled in death, ten boy and girl pupils of the foreign language school that is conducted in connection with the Buddhist church here having perished from asphyxiation in a fire that gutted the school's dormitory building at midnight.

Trapped in a locked building, tired from their picnic ride and all day play, the little folk had small chance for their lives.

There were 23 of them in the building. Thirteen escaped only because of two volunteer heroes, both Japanese, who either carried them out or drove them to safety by main strength measures.

PRIEST PLEADS GUILTY SPITE OF ATTORNEY

Father Dillon Refuses to Follow Counsel's Advice and Claim Insanity As Cause of Crime—Gets Sentence of Life Term.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., April 16.—Rev. Father Charles Dillon, confessed slayer of his superior, Rev. Father Henry O'Neill, of St. Augustine's Catholic church last Thursday, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor by Judge Welmer in circuit court today.

The sentence followed a plea of guilty entered by Father Dillon this morning over the objections of his counsel, who advised the court he had ineffectually tried to persuade the priest to enter a defense of temporary insanity.

"He does not intelligently know what he is doing," Attorney W. L. Fitzgerald informed the court. Father Dillon persisted, however, and after a conference in the judge's chambers, was brought back into court and sentenced.

A crowd that taxed the court room was present when the assistant pastor of St. Augustine's appeared. He received the sentence of the court with seeming indifference. Turning to members of his former congregation in the court room, he bade them a casual "goodbye" and turning to the sheriff said: "I am ready to go."

He will be taken to Marquette to begin his sentence some time tomorrow.

Thousands of the late Father O'Neill's parishioners attended funeral services for him today. In the presence of more than 100 visiting priests, the Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, bishop of Detroit, celebrated the pontifical requiem high mass.

Following the services, the body was taken to Hubbardstown, Mich., Father O'Neill's boyhood home.

HEAT RECORD AT EVERETT BROKEN

EVERETT, Wash., April 16.—With the thermometer at 76 degrees at four o'clock yesterday afternoon all April heat records for the eight years since official weather observations have been taken here, were broken. With one exception it was hotter than any day recorded here in May.

LYMPIA, Wash., April 16.—This year will show one of the earliest forest fire seasons on record should the hot, dry weather of yesterday recur, according to State Forester F. E. Pape, who will make arrangements to hire wardens immediately if the warm spell should continue. Two small fires were reported northwest and north of Olympia yesterday. Although they did no serious damage, they spread rapidly under a faint wind. The state forester has only four wardens at present and received no reports from other parts of the state. He said there is no danger to big timber yet unless today's cool weather turns off hot again.

FRIENDSHIP WITH FRANCE U.S.A. PLEDGE

President Harding Sends Cable of Congratulation to France When Hall in Honor of Allied Armies Is Dedicated—Ceremony Held in Paris Impressive One.

PARIS, April 16.—(By Associated Press.) An exchange of telegrams between President Harding and President Millerand was a feature today of one of the most moving ceremonies here since the great war when at the Hotel Des Invalides the new "halls in honor of the allied armies," especially the American army, were formally thrown open.

No discourse marked the dedication ceremony. It was only a silent tribute to the memory of the dead. President Millerand reviewed the guard of honor and then greeted Ambassador Herriek, Colonel T. Bentley Mott, the military attaché at the American embassy and the other members of the diplomatic corps. Then, followed by a numerous company of diplomats and military attaches and American civilians, the president passed through the commemorative halls, including those devoted to the United States, England, Portugal, Belgium, Japan, Italy, Yugoslavia and Poland.

Many French officers were present, but Marshal Foch, in simple civilian attire, seemed most to embody the dominating note of the ceremony—France at peace solemnly commemorating the memories of unity in the common cause.

President Harding's message was communicated to President Millerand by Ambassador Herriek. The ambassador declared the president of the United States was impressed by the thought that this dedication of memories of the world war would not only be the most interesting of its kind in the world's history but would also constitute a personal appeal to the sentiments which among all the nations inspired the splendid co-operation witnessed during the war.

Ambassador Herriek added in the name of President Harding that the government and the people of the United States held the sincerest hope of seeing forever preserved the complete and constant friendship which marked the relations of the allied and associated powers during the war as an everlasting testimony of the true fraternity of nations and peoples.

The French government has asked Ambassador Jusserand in Washington to thank President Harding on behalf of President Millerand for the American president's message, "the particularly cordial terms of which will have a profound effect upon the French nation."

FEAR EARLY FOREST FIRES, WASHINGTON

SECOND RADICAL TRIAL STARTED

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland, Ohio, nationally known liberal, the second person to face prosecution under Michigan's anti-syndicalism law, was ordered to trial today, a little less than two weeks after a jury failed to convict William Z. Foster of Chicago, first defendant tried.

Ruthenberg is charged with assembling with an organization advocating illegal methods of bringing about social and political reform. The indictments against Foster, Ruthenberg and 34 others awaiting trial resulted from their attendance at the national convention of the communist party near here last August.

LONDON, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The prospect of a reduction of a penny a pint in the price of their favorite beverage gave beer drinkers something to think about today. All the publicans and saloonkeepers said that if the expected announcement of the reduction in the price of beer tax was forthcoming in connection with the presentation of the budget in the house of commons, they would start selling tomorrow at a reduction of a penny a pint.

Financial writers are confidently predicting another cut in the income tax from five shillings to four and a half shillings the pound.

ENGLISH LABOR THRILLED BY PROMISE OF REDUCTION BEER TAX ONE CENT