

The Weather
Prediction Fair
Light to heavy frost.
Maximum yesterday 67
Minimum today 33.5

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1923

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 69.6
Minimum 35

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SUGAR FALLS FIFTY POINTS IN 2 MINUTES

Sensational Collapse in N. Y. Market Follows Injunction By U. S. Govt. Against Sugar Gamblers—Prices Later Recover—President Harding Springs Surprise.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Injunction proceedings to shut off trading in sugar futures were instituted in New York today by the federal government.

The government's bill prepared under the personal direction of Attorney General Daugherty after consultation with President Harding, asks the court to permanently prevent the New York coffee and sugar exchange from entering into or permitting any transactions in sugar, "unless the person purporting to make such sale, has in his possession or under his control a supply of sugar adequate to meet the requirements of such transaction."

The action is requested, the government says as a result of an "orgy of speculation," which has driven up the prices of sugar to the consumer and which during February enriched the pocketbooks of brokers by \$900,000.

A "conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce," is charged and officials of the exchange and of the New York coffee and sugar clearing house association against which the injunction would be directed jointly with the exchange, are asked to appear in court and answer the government's allegations.

The court was advised in the bill that the exchange and the clearing house association have no legitimate or useful part in marketing interstate and foreign commerce in raw and refined sugar, but "exist only as a means of contracting and speculation."

As a result, it was added, price levels are established which are "wholly speculative and artificial."

The proceedings are the most sweeping ever instituted by the federal government in its efforts to curb speculation in the necessities of life.

The injunction petition was decided upon after the whole subject, including evidence gathered in New York and elsewhere by department of justice agents, had been discussed in detail by President Harding and his cabinet and after Attorney General Daugherty, who is ill at Asheville, N. C., had revised and approved the bill of complaint.

Although the action today was a civil suit, Assistant Attorney General Seymour announced that the government also was considering criminal proceedings under the Sherman law and was pursuing an investigation along that line.

Mr. Seymour said further that the government probably would request the courts to declare invalid the individual contracts involved in the speculation complained of and issue an order preventing settlements between traders.

Sugar Drops 50 Points
NEW YORK, April 19.—Raw sugar took a perpendicular drop of approximately fifty points on the New York coffee and sugar exchange today upon receipt of word of the government's suit to enjoin trading in sugar futures.

A checkup on the hectic trading in futures which took place on the sugar exchange following news of the filing of the suit showed the tumble in futures ranged from 50 to 80 points. The drop was followed by a rally of 21 to 57 points, bringing prices within 10 to 30 points of the day's high.

HENRY FORD CAN'T SPEND HIS MONEY CASH BALANCE IS OVER \$200,000,000

NEW YORK, April 19.—Henry Ford's cash balances still exceed \$200,000,000 in spite of his recent numerous large purchases of coal property, timber lands, water sites and other investments, it was declared today in the Wall Street Journal, which published the Detroit capitalist's answer to questionnaires.

The manufacturer added that he had no present intention of going into the market to borrow money.

Police Called to Keep Order in D. A. R. Convention Hall

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Police were called upon today to assist in preserving order at the Daughters of the American Revolution annual convention during the balloting in connection with the triennial election of officers.

Several of the nearly 2,000 delegates were described as being on the verge of hysteria. Firemen stationed at the convention hall as a precautionary measure assisted police officers in maintaining order. Excitement was intense, the withdrawal of Mrs. William Cumming, Story of New York as a candidate for president general, narrowing the race down to Mrs. G. Wallace W. Hanger of Washington and Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook of Pennsylvania, having resulted in bitter feeling among a number of the delegations.

U. S. AIR SERVICE TO SEND PLANES AROUND WORLD

DAYTON, Ohio, April 19.—That the records made by Lieutenants MacReady and Kelly here this week only precede still greater achievements of the United States air service was predicted by Brigadier General William Mitchell, assistant chief of the service, at a reception given for the two fliers.

"Providing the ship is ready, Lieutenants Kelly and MacReady will start their non-stop trans-continental flight from New York to San Francisco within a month. The flight which ended last night proves that such an undertaking is entirely feasible," he said.

"In May of 1924 we plan to send six airplanes of a type not yet determined upon, on a cruise around the world," General Mitchell said. He indicated that Kelly and MacReady would be among the pilots to undertake this trip.

GIVE FARMER LOAN ON CANNED FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Farmers may obtain loans from federal loan banks on canned fruits, canned vegetables, nuts and beans, although those commodities are not directly specified in the rural credits bill which permits farm loans on personal property, United States Senator Samuel Shortridge was advised today in a telegram from Judge Charles E. Lobdell, chairman of the farm loan board in Washington.

An interpretation of the point had been asked by Congressman Arthur M. Free of San Jose, Cal., in the interest of canners and farmers in the San Jose region.

Dried fruits can also be listed as one of the commodities on which "personal property" loans may be made under the rural credits bill, Judge Lobdell advised Senator Shortridge.

FAVOR ABOLITION OF CALIF. LEGISLATURE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 19.—Senators Romiger, Long Beach, and Bennett of Modesto, announced they planned to introduce today a constitutional amendment to propose abolition of the legislature and in its stead substitution of a council of state numbering 50 members. Each member would receive \$5000 a year and the council would meet January 1 of odd years and remain in session until all its business had been completed.

Among other things revealed by Mr. Ford was that the first step taken by him in the development of his coal distribution was the letting of contracts for doubling the River Rouge coking ovens. He said he was urging the advisability of putting coke ovens at all his coal properties so that he may take advantage of numerous by-products of coal.

HOODED BANDS ACTIVE AGAIN IN BASTROP, LA.

Paper Company Complains to Authorities That Klansmen Are Intimidating Workers—Members of Klan Surrender to Sheriff Carpenter.

BASTROP, La., April 19.—Sheriff Fred Carpenter early today notified fifteen defendants in the Morehouse hooded band cases to surrender to him at the courthouse here today before noon. He said this method was adopted to save time. Three others charged in connection with the cases are out of the jurisdiction of the sheriff. The state charges all defendants are Ku Klux Klansmen.

Smith Stevenson, Fred Higginbotham and Newt Gray surrendered to the sheriff. They said they were ready to make bond and would prepare to fight the cases in court. Captain Skipworth, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse Ku Klux Klan, telephoned the sheriff he would surrender.

MONROE, La., April 19.—District Attorney David I. Garrett today was investigating complaints submitted to his office by the Bastrop Pulp and Paper company, of Bastrop, that hooded men have been prowling about the premises of the company, and that workmen have been intimidated, it was learned here.

D. A. R. REQUESTS WOMEN IN U. S. TO FIGHT REDS

WASHINGTON, April 19.—American women were called upon today by the Daughters of the American Revolution to put their strength into the fight against communism and other radical doctrines.

Following the line of denunciation of bolshevism in the opening address of Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president-general, the Daughters today adopted a resolution declaring it to be the duty of every patriotic woman to defend the country's ideals against false doctrines.

Forms of radicalism, ever growing in volume, the resolution said, should serve as a spur to American women to inform themselves thoroughly in the principles of American government and the excellence of its institutions so that coming generations might have the benefit of sound teaching.

Resolutions also were placed before the convention today urging preservation of forests along national highways, creation of a department of education headed by a cabinet officer and the setting aside as a national holiday of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin.

BASEBALL SCORES

National.			
Morning game:	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	9	1
Boston	3	9	1
Nehf, Lucas and Gaston; Benton, Greenewich, Cooney and O'Neill.			
Afternoon game:	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	7	2
Boston	3	6	2
J. Barnes, Blume and Snyder; Marquard and Gowdy.			
At Brooklyn—	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	5	9	4
Brooklyn	3	6	1
Batteries: Ring and Henline; Vance, Mammaux and Deberry.			
At Cincinnati—	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	11	14	2
Cincinnati	8	10	1
Haines and Alsmith; Mack, Couch, Schnell, Abrams and Wingo.			
American.			
Washington	2	8	2
Philadelphia	4	10	2
McGrider and Gharvey; Hamy and Perkins.			
At Cleveland—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	5	9	2
Cleveland	6	14	9
Batteries: Leavette and Schalk; Edwards, Morton and Myatt.			
At New York—	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2	6	3
New York	8	10	0
Batteries: Ferguson, Murray, O'Donnell and Devormer; Bush and Schang.			

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING TONIGHT



Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh

The public is invited to attend the mass meeting of the Law Enforcement conference at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 this evening. Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh, national lecturer for the W. C. T. U. and W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon will speak on Law Enforcement.

Meetings of the conference with a number of local speakers including O. C. Boggs, Judge C. M. Thomas and Rev. J. R. Samsatt have been in session all day today.

HE DANCES WITH DIVORCED WIFE, THEN KILLS HER

EL PASO, Texas, April 19.—Luis Quintana, 23, and his divorced wife, Ramona Quintana, 19, were found dead in an alley back of the woman's home here early this morning by guests at a dance given in honor of the couple's three months old son.

Luis and Ramona lived together two years. Then the woman charged him with being cruel and they separated.

But when the baby was christened, Luis left his work to come down to the dance celebrating the christening of their infant son.

Couples danced all night and for a while it looked as if Ramona and Luis would make up, according to the story gleaned from the dancers by the police.

Ramona and Luis went for a walk. Luis pleaded in vain. After they had been away for an hour the dancers became uneasy and organizing a search came across both bodies with bullet wounds in their heads.

"Bury my body with my wife," said a note found on Luis' person. "The person who made us separate is to blame. I could not live without her."

MANY ARRESTS OF LOCAL VIOLATORS OF SPEED LAWS

D. M. Brown, deputy state motor vehicle inspector is making his presence felt and in a large part on the pocketbooks of speeders. He arrived from the north only a few days ago to assist J. J. McMahon. The county has recently put a new man on as traffic officer also, Bert Ingram.

On April 17th Brown arrested C. F. Schmeer and Miss C. M. Richardson, the latter a high school girl from Central Point, for speeding. Both appeared before Justice Taylor. The Richardson case was transferred to the juvenile court and Schmeer was fined \$15 on a plea of guilty.

On the next day McMahon arrested W. H. Rucker who pleaded guilty before Justice Taylor and was fined \$20. On the same day Brown arrested R. H. Moran who was fined \$10 before Justice Taylor after entering a plea of guilty.

Yesterday, both Brown and McMahon, according to report, chased W. C. Reed to Central Point, trying to catch him all the way. Finally at Central Point he was brought to a stop, after running several miles. It is claimed, at 50 miles an hour. He was taken before Justice Taylor and pleaded guilty. A \$50 fine and the revocation of his operator's license for a period of 30 days was the result.

This morning Felix Bein appeared before Taylor and was fined \$10, after having pleaded guilty to a speeding charge. He was arrested by County Traffic Officer Ingram.

MEDFORD RADIO SET IS STOLEN, CLUES LACKING

Virgin's K. F. A. Y. Broadcaster Disappears From the County Fair Grounds—Suspects It's Work of Yegg—Reward Offered.

A most surprising robbery took place one night this week, the time is not definitely known, when the broadcasting set, K. F. A. Y., operated by W. J. Virgin and located in the women's building at the fair grounds, was stolen. The set is worth more than \$1000 and Mr. Virgin offers as a reward a Federal receiving set with tubes, batteries and a Magnavox, total value \$200, to the person giving information leading to the recovery of the set.

Mr. Virgin had not been to the station for about a week and when he went out yesterday afternoon to clean up, preparatory to a program Saturday night, he found that the building had been broken into and the entire apparatus stolen. Tracks near the back door would indicate that a motorcycle and side-car had been used by the robbers.

Deputy sheriff L. D. Fornerook was put on the job this morning but not a finger-print or clue of any kind could be found. It is the belief of the authorities and Mr. Virgin that the set was taken three or four nights ago.

Arrangements had just recently been completed to have the Ashland Chamber of Commerce give regular programs, musical numbers and talks on the Rogue River valley and Crater lake. These programs were to have started next week and would have been one of the best advertisements the valley ever had as the station has delighted thousands of radio fans from Canada to Mexico and the coast to New York state.

The set can be of no use to the person who stole it unless it is wrecked and the parts sold. To operate it one must obtain a license which would at once lead to detection. One part of the set, the 500 watt motor-generator made by the Electrical Specialty company of Stamford, Conn., weighs over 150 pounds. The motor-generator is of large enough capacity to operate a much larger station and Mr. Virgin had hopes of increasing the size of the station and his range in the future.

He takes the loss philosophically and said this morning, "I put in my time and labor and \$1000 or more on parts to advertise the valley. If the people of Medford want to, I'll help them to go at it again and put in a 250 watt station and do things right. If they'll buy the parts I'll put the station in."

"Hm, I wonder why they didn't take the pianos too. Two good pianos and the aerial and two hundred foot poles left here yet. Think I'll put an ad in the paper and tell them to come back and get the rest of the stuff they left behind. In order to complete the job. Well, if we put in another station, I guess we better have it down town where we can watch it."

Mr. Virgin states that the radio is one of the best ways on earth to advertise the beauties of southern Oregon and the wonders of Crater lake to the world of tourists who flock to the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast each summer. "Why, all these fellows who spend their time and money traveling and enjoying themselves are radio bugs," he says. "They all have sets, and use them too."

GREAT MOUNTAIN OF WATER THRILLS MODERN MARINER

TACOMA, April 18.—A mountain of water that arose from the sea was described here today by Captain George G. Mitchell of the Nawaco liner Brush. Captain Mitchell said that on the morning of March 20, while the Brush was fifty miles off the coast of Mexico, sailors saw a long, unbroken black line out to sea.

This line approached the Brush rapidly, until it was seen it was a wall of water full 70 feet in height. The ship was made ready for the onslaught of the sea, and Captain Mitchell said when the water hit the vessel it seemed as though a great hand grasped the ship and elevated it into the air. There was not a breath of wind at the time.

For six hours, the log of the Brush shows, the vessel wallowed in swells equal to those off Cape Horn. The Brush was driven miles off her course, Captain Mitchell has sent the facts to the government officials for an explanation of the phenomenon and to discover if an earthquake under the bed of the ocean might have been responsible.

Calif. Gov. Throws Out Labor Leader On Lobby Charge

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 19.—Governor Richardson today removed Paul Scharrenberg from his position as a member of the immigration and housing commission for using his prestige as a state official to influence legislation.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Paul Scharrenberg, known throughout the state as a labor leader, has been secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor for twelve years and a commissioner of the state immigration and housing commission since its formation.

Scharrenberg is also serving as secretary of the commission.

ASK RAILROADS TO GIVE DATA TO I. C. COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, April 19.—As a part of its inquiry into efficiency and economy of railroad management the inter-state commerce commission ordered the fifty-one largest railroads to furnish under oath responses to a questionnaire covering labor conditions in their maintenance departments, and the general situation in regard to fitness of their equipment. The companies were given until May 25 to reply.

Each railroad was asked for data as to how the strike of shopmen had affected it, and whether any settlement had been made with the employees as a body. Where no agreement had been formally reached the roads were required to state what the striking employees demanded before returning to work.

They also were asked for information on the expenditures made in fighting the strike, such as providing lodging for guards and strikebreakers, and to give by months from July 1, 1921 to March 31, 1923, the total number of train and engine employees in their service.

Other sections of the questionnaire were designed to cover the amount of traffic handled, the number of locomotives and railroad cars in use and the records of their service ability, including locomotive and car breakdowns.

In connection with the number of men employed, the questionnaire sought pay rates and the record of work accomplished. Details of railroad practices in contracting out repair work on locomotives and cars were also requested.

PLAN N. W. APPLE DISPLAY IN N. Y.

YAKIMA, Wash., April 19.—An exhibit of Northwest box apples to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York City in November at the same time as the display of eastern apples is being shown at the Grand Central Palace will be promoted by the Yakima commercial club if Washington fruit men favor the undertaking.

A committee from the local club will present the proposition to Washington growers at the blossom festival there May 4-5.

Demar Wins Again.
BOSTON, April 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Clarence DeMar, of Melrose, won the annual 25 mile marathon run from Ashland to Boston today, despite a cold. It was his third victory in the classic.

DeMar's time was 2:23:47.5. Frank Zona of New York finished second, while Willie Carlson of Chicago was third.

AVERAGE U. S. FARM IN 1922 ONLY MADE \$715 TO PAY COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A cash balance of \$715 was all the average farm made available to the owner to pay his living expenses and take care of debts in 1922, the department of agriculture announced after a survey of 6094 representative farms. Of the total farms canvassed, 14.8 per cent failed to break even and only 5.8 per cent returned more than \$3000.

The farms averaged \$917 to the owner-operators for the use of an average of \$16,400 of capital and the labor of the farmer and his family.

The margin of receipts over cash outlay averaged \$715 and the average increase of inventories of crops, livestock and machinery was \$202. In addition, the average farm produced food and fuel consumed on the farm, estimated to be worth \$294. Average receipts were \$1,972 and average cash outlay \$1,257.

The average value of the real estate on January 1 was \$13,600. The average size of the farms was 252 acres.

PLANES FLY WITH FOOD FOR COLONY

Army Planes Go to Rescue of Small Colony of Starving Workers On Island in Lake Michigan—Harrowing Tale of Relief Workers—Without Food for Three Weeks.

SELFREDGE FIELD, MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., April 18.—A two-passenger army airplane, piloted by Lieutenant E. C. Whitehead took off here this morning for Fox Island to take provisions to nine men and women reported marooned there and facing starvation. The plane was expected to reach Northport about noon.

NORTHPORT, Mich., April 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cold, exhausted and half starved, three men who for 48 hours battered their way through slush, ice and open water, reached the mainland here yesterday, bearing news that ten others, nine men and a woman, are slowly starving on Fox Island, eighteen miles from here, in Lake Michigan.

As a result of their story two army airplanes are on their way from Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, today, to carry food to the marooned party.

The party went to the island last fall to cut timber, carrying provisions sufficient for several months. Three weeks ago all food supplies, except some frozen potatoes were gone. An attempt was made by four men to cross to the mainland. They started on foot, but two miles from the mainland the ice broke up and two of the men narrowly escaped death by drowning before the return to the island was accomplished.

A week later the men started again but when two miles out they were caught in a blinding snowstorm. Last Monday a third start was made. Edward Horn, 31, Earl Cooper, 25, and Ellis Sayers, 21, left the island in a stoutly built skiff. They had no food. Nearly starved, they took turns at the oars. There was open water for about five miles.

Horn, seated in a physician's office here, told the story as Dr. E. Flood treated his frozen feet.

"When we ran into slush ice it took all one man's strength to push the boat a few feet. The ice became thicker, and we attempted to lift the boat upon it and draw it along, but the ice broke under our feet."

"We determined to return to the island but a stiff wind blew in big ice floes and we couldn't turn back. We kept pushing the boat through ice all Monday night."

"Tuesday we found a stretch of open water and were able to row about two hours until we came to solid ice. We abandoned the boat and started on foot. We had gone half a mile when we struck open water again and we went back and dragged the boat across the ice. After we put the boat in the water we found it leaked badly. It sank as we bumped upon a large ice floe Tuesday afternoon about eight miles from the mainland."

"We used the axe to chop a large piece of the floe when we found open water at its other end. Then, using our pole, we started to paddle, using the cake of ice as a raft."

"About five o'clock we started to walk to land on solid ice, but a stiff wind started to break it up. At 8 o'clock, completely exhausted, we laid down in our blankets and slept until three o'clock Wednesday morning."

"The wind was blowing the ice inshore. We started walking and jumping across short stretches of ice. Cooper fell into the water twice and it required all our strength to get him back on the ice. We then made our jump to the mainland."