

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 56
Minimum today 31

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 53
Minimum 33

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DEBT CAN'T BE REDUCED SAYS PARIS

**Poincare in Vigorous Speech
Condemns American Action
Toward Treaty of Versailles
and Tells Allies Just What
They Can Do—Four Main
Topics Allowed.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Statements attributed to Premier Poincare in press advices from Paris, indicating the desire of the French government to restrict sharply the scope of the proposed expert inquiry into the reparations situation, have occasioned considerable concern in official quarters here.

It was said authoritatively that the restrictions outlined were not in accord with the suggestion for an expert commission put forward by Secretary Hughes.

There was every indication that if France insisted upon a formula that would prevent a full and complete inquiry into Germany's capacity to make reparations payments, the success of the present negotiations would be seriously jeopardized in the eyes of Washington.

PARIS, Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Poincare made a speech at Nevers today in which, as interpreted by the French foreign office, he recognized four points as within the jurisdiction of the committee of experts which is to make a reparations inquiry as a result of the recent negotiations of the European chancelleries and the Washington government.

The premier, by his recognition, it is held, excluded consideration of any other point. The four points indicated are:

First—Germany's present capacity for payment.

Second—New methods of payment.

Third—The renovation of Germany's finances.

Fourth—A new monetary system.

This program, the foreign office points out, is in line with that indicated in the American note to London. Premier Poincare, it is declared, considers that Germany's debt to the allies was fixed once for all and cannot be changed any more than the total amounts advanced by the United States to the allies during the war can be changed.

"We do not intend," said the premier, "that the relief shall harbor ideas of revenge and go even as far as America to conspire against French unity and protest against the restitution of Alsace and Lorraine to the mother country; nor that it reconstitute its military formations and armaments, that is all."

Dealing with the peace treaty the premier said the victors in several months had re-made the map of the world, resuscitated some nations and created others and had altered frontiers.

"France," he added, "neither recedes nor asks any territorial advantage in Europe. She simply recovered what belonged to her—what had been stolen from her. But she was told 'keep quiet, if you agree not to remain too long on the Rhine we will guarantee you against fresh aggression.' It was added: 'Have no fear; you shall be indemnified for all the damage you have suffered.'"

"She then signed with confidence a treaty which she was not very well satisfied with, but which she counted at least as a minimum."

"Not many months passed before the finest stones of the edifice crumbled to dust. Our allies, who were the most keen in demanding the prosecution of the Kaiser and his accomplices, forgot their intentions and were astonished we reminded them. Those who had insisted on a reduction of the duration of our occupation and who had offered us guarantee pacts—which incidentally were far from sufficient—withdraw, some of them failing to ratify the treaty in the making of which they had collaborated and others repeating that their offer was dependent upon the definite attitude of the former."

GOVERNOR HART REPEATS THAT TAX LOWERING POLITICAL TALK IS BUNK

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 1.—Declaring that Representative John W. Summers has accepted much misinformation concerning funds in this state, Governor Louis F. Hart last night made answer to a statement issued by Representative Summers yesterday at Walla Walla, in which he commented on a reported speech of the governor at Salem, Ore., last week.

"I said then, and I say now, that

Okla. Governor Denies Emperor Evans' Charge That He Is Klansman

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—William Joseph Simmons, emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, conferred a life membership in the Klan upon Governor J. C. Walton, "in just recognition of your constant loyalty," Governor Walton declared in a statement issued today. The governor said he requested the certificate of membership be not mailed him as he was not in sympathy with Klan ideals.

Governor Walton reiterated that he had never applied for membership in the Klan and denied the statement of Imperial Wizard Evans at Atlanta that he is a "Klansman at large."

"I would rather be right and work in a ditch than to be the highest official of the invisible empire and dwell in the palace of the king," the governor declared.

S. P. SUSPECTS NOW REPORTED IN NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 1.—Ray, Roy and Hugh D'Autremont, suspected of the holdup of a Southern Pacific passenger train in Oregon on October 11 was seen in San Fidel and Cubero small towns along the highway in Valencia county on Monday night and Tuesday, according to reports which reached Albuquerque today.

The report is that Mrs. O. G. Hite, postmistress at Cubero, prepared breakfast for the three young men Tuesday morning and that she identified them from pictures on a circular announcing a reward of \$4,400 for their arrest which she received a few hours after they left. The three boys formerly lived at Lakewood, N. M. They are traveling by automobile.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—A dispatch from the Port Orford, Ore., correspondent of the Portland Telegram received late yesterday said Ray D'Autremont, one of the men suspected of participation in the Skiskiyou tunnel holdup and murders was seen at that place and Gold Beach, Ore. The man, reported as identified by a Port Orford merchant, was declared to be traveling in a light touring car on the seat of which beside him was a highpowered rifle and a revolver.

There were no developments today in the Skiskiyou tunnel murder case, which occurred three weeks ago today, but all the agencies of justice were still working relentlessly.

Agents of the Southern Pacific announced that men would be sent to investigate the report that one of the D'Autremont brothers had been seen in an auto near Port Orford, Oregon.

Sheriff Terrill, who has been active on the case since its inception, said this morning "there is nothing much to do now, but wait for developments. We have run down a million clues."

PRESIDENT'S PLAN IS TURNED DOWN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Railroad executives representing nearly all the trunk lines in the United States notified the inter-state commerce commission today that they would be unable to grant a voluntary reduction in freight rates on grain for export which President Coolidge recently asked of them.

No mention was made in the railroads' announcement which was delivered through a committee of trunk line presidents of their conclusions on the request of the president for a readjustment in rates of coal for export.

so long as the people continue to demand additional governmental functions and higher standards of governmental service, taxes cannot be lowered," declared Governor Hart.

The governor took exception to the statement of Representative Summers that general levy taxes have increased more than 100 per cent in six years, pointing out that the general fund tax levy was 1.85 mills several years ago and 1.75 mills this year.

K. K. WINS FIRST TILT WITH GOV'R

**Oklahoma Governor Loses Out
in Effort to Quash Charges
and Disqualify Members of
Court—22 Charges of Misconduct
Are Duly Presented
By House.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Governor J. C. Walton must stand trial on impeachment charges preferred by the lower house of the state legislature today. It was decided in the first tilt of the executive's trial today.

Counsel for the governor lost their fight to disqualify members of the senate court of impeachment when the issue was raised in the court this afternoon.

Governor Walton began his defense with a motion through his counsel to quash all house impeachment charges. This was denied.

Walton Asks Delay.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Governor J. C. Walton, suspended governor, was given until 1:30 p. m. today. The senate court of impeachment then recessed until 1:30 this afternoon.

Governor Walton appeared personally accompanied by his five attorneys who sought the delay in the arraignment. The house board of managers urged an immediate plea.

Counsel for the executive said that an effort would be made to disqualify some of the members of the senate court of impeachment and to quash some of the articles in the impeachment bill.

The court of impeachment was convened by Chief Justice Johnson of the state supreme court. The governor and his attorneys arrived a moment later and then followed the house board of managers who will prosecute the case.

W. D. McElree, speaker of the house, took his seat with the house managers.

F. V. Riddle of Tulsa, one of the governor's counsel entered the appearance of the respondent and made the plea for more time in which to prepare the executive's case. He declared Governor Walton received his first official notice of the impeachment action last Saturday.

W. E. Disney, Muskogee, chairman of the house board of managers, told the court the house wished the trial to be handled with as much speed as possible and asked as to what the governor's plea would be.

The Bill of Impeachment.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 1.—The twenty-two charges constituting the bill of impeachment filed by the lower house of the state legislature against Governor J. C. Walton are as follows:

- 1.—That he illegally appointed Charles H. Baskin, a member of the state legislature, as a district judge.
- 2.—That he diverted state funds to his private use by putting his personal chauffeur on the health department payroll.
- 3.—That he prohibited the meeting of a grand jury here to investigate his official conduct.
- 4.—That he used his official powers to accumulate private credit and property.
- 5.—That he accepted a bribe to pass a certain institutional appropriation.
- 6.—That he suspended the writ of habeas corpus.
- 7.—That he dispersed an assembly of the state legislature with military forces.
- 8.—That he placed Oklahoma county under martial law without cause.
- 9.—That he placed the city of Tulsa under martial law without cause.
- 10.—That he placed Tulsa county under martial law without cause.
- 11.—That he placed the entire state under martial law without cause.
- 12.—That he attempted to prevent a state-wide election.
- 13.—That he loaded the state payrolls with superfluous employees.
- 14.—That he prevented execution of the law providing for capital punishment.
- 15.—That he issued a health deficiency certificate without occasion.
- 16.—That he established a military censorship over the press.
- 17.—That he appointed hundreds of special police officers without authority of law.
- 18.—That he filed a fraudulent report of campaign expenses.
- 19.—That he abused the pardon and parole power.
- 20.—That he collected funds from organizations and individuals for his private benefit.
- 21.—That he issued an institutional deficiency certificate without occasion.
- 22.—That he is generally incompetent.

"Political Enemies," Forbes' Reply To Booze Orgy Charges Before Sen. Reed's Committee



ABOVE: COLONEL CHARLES R. FORBES; INSET, SENATOR REED.

WASHINGTON—Sensational "booze orgy" and graft charges against Col. Charles R. Forbes, resigned head of the Veterans' Bureau, are the work of political enemies, according to Forbes' reply, made before the senate investigating committee.

Wild drinking parties, in which Forbes became so exhilarated that he and a woman jumped into a lake near Spokane, Wash., were denied by Forbes as the work of "somebody's imagination."

Investigation to determine the presence of a conspiracy to defraud the government will be pushed through by Senator David A. Reed, chairman of the committee.

NUDE FIGURES IN ROSE CITY ORDERED DOWN

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—Portland is to lose its new outdoor court gallery of five bas relief figures of nude feminine forms in classic pose adorning the facade of a building in course of erection on Alder street, the building's proprietor, Nicholas M. Unger, announcing today that he had ordered his architect to replace them with more prosaic subjects.

"I regret indeed," he said, "that the so-called Alder street gallery has provoked so much comment. Neither the architects nor I had any intention of corrupting the morals of Portland's youth or offending the taste of the Portland public."

The unusual situation of the building, which is located between two large skyscrapers, seemed to call for an architectural design which would break the monotony of the sky line with those adjoining buildings.

"While I am unable to agree with more hostile critics I shall none the less instruct my architect to replace the present facade with a more prosaic design. I shall not do this because of any fear of any ordinance that may be enacted, but out of reverence for the wishes of the many good women of the city, whose opinion I respect, to whom apparently the design is objectionable."

The architect said the idea had been taken from commercial buildings in Paris.

At noon today a large sign was hung up covering the figures bearing these words:

"Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense." (Evil to him who evil thinks.)

COCHRAN IS BEATEN BY GERMAN CHAMP

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Erich Hagenaecher of Germany today defeated Welker Cochran of Los Angeles 500 points to 323 in the sixth match for the world's 18.2 ball line billiard championship. Hagenaecher ran out in 24 innings and set a new high run record for the tournament with 157. Cochran had been favored to win after his victory over Willie Hoppe, the champion, last night.

SENATOR COUZENS RIDICULES IDEA FORD PRESIDENT

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—Ridiculing the candidacy of Henry Ford for the presidency and questioning the motives of the Detroit manufacturer in his negotiations for Muscle Shoals, United States Senator James Couzens answered a recent criticism by Ford on the senator's announced stand on five per cent beer, in a speech last night at a dinner of the Detroit Republican club. The two men worked together in the pioneer days of Ford's manufacturing business and until a few years ago were business associates.

Although he characterized Mr. Ford as a "kindly, lovable man," and declared that he "loved him as much as it is possible for one man to love another," the senator, referring to Ford for president, said:

"It is ridiculous. How can a man over sixty, who has done nothing except make motors, who has no training or experience in government, aspire to such an office?"

"Ford wants to be president," Senator Couzens said. "He will not withdraw his name."

"Why does Henry Ford refrain from announcing his candidacy?" the senator asked. "He is afraid it would be as big a fiasco as his peace ship."

Touching on Ford's criticism of Couzens' stand for five per cent beer the speaker said "he has challenged my integrity and sincerity. Henry Ford has made more unfulfilled promises than any man in America."

The senator also touched on Ford's recent statement regarding the sale of the Gorgas power plant at Muscle Shoals and his criticism of Secretary of War Weeks. Couzens declared Ford had used Muscle Shoals "more for political purposes than from a desire to manufacture." He asserted the charges against the secretary of war came from the man "who spent thousands of dollars to elect a democratic president."

Blue Nose Again Wins Sailing Championship

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 1.—The Lugger schooner Blue Nose today defeated the Columbia, out of Gloucester, in a forty mile race and thereby retained the championship of the North Atlantic fishing fleets for another year.

KU KLUX RECEIVERSHIP DENIED; A PETTY SQUABBLE, SAYS JUDGE

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 1.—Judge John A. Humphreys today denied the petition of David M. Rittenhouse and others for the appointment of a receiver for the Ku Klux Klan. He also denied the petition for an injunction to prevent the distribution of Klan funds until after the next klonovocation.

The petition for receivership was denied on the ground that the evidence did not justify the appointment

E. O. McCormick, Vice President of S. P., Suddenly Stricken

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific railway, died at his home here today of heart disease after a short illness.

Mr. McCormick had been with the Southern Pacific since 1899.

He was born in LaFayette, Ind.

The news of Mr. McCormick's death will come as a shock to his many friends in Southern Oregon who did not know he had been ill. Mr. McCormick was a frequent visitor to Medford and Ashland, and for some years one of his hobbies and been the establishment of a modern resort hotel in the latter city.

ADMIT DRINKS BUT DENIES ANY ONE WAS DRUNK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Ewing LaPorte of Pittsburg, former assistant secretary of the treasury, explained to the senate veterans' committee today why he had rushed through an agreement just at the end of the Wilson administration for leasing a hospital site at Excelsior Springs, Mo., from E. L. Morse, prominent in republican politics in Missouri.

"I rushed all sorts of things through at that time," LaPorte said. "These veterans were suffering and were out on the streets and they had to be cared for. I had to provide beds for them, there wasn't any appropriation from congress for building hospitals and we had to do the best we could under a leasing system."

General O'Ryan switched the inquiry back to the now famous trip of Charles R. Forbes, former director of the bureau, and Mr. and Mrs. Elias H. Mortimer to the Pacific coast in the summer of 1922. John D. Milliken, a former employee of the veterans' bureau, was the witness.

Milliken told the committee he did not accompany the party to Stockton, Cal.; Spokane or Hayden Lake. He understood these were more or less social trips.

"I don't know how hectic the parties were," Milliken said. "I was not on any, nor was Dr. Rinehart."

Milliken was referring to Dr. Stanley Rinehart who joined the party in the west to inspect hospitals for the government.

"I got the belief there was some drinking," the witness added, "but I did not get the impression that anybody became intoxicated or that any wild antics were performed under alcoholic influence."

U. S. MAIL AIR PLANE STOLEN

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—When Herbert Munter hastened to the hangar today to make his flight with United States mail from Seattle to Victoria, B. C., his trusty machine was gone. He found it two miles away, beached at a flying field of the United States navy, Sand Point. Officers of the company owning the plane inclined to the opinion that its theft had been attempted as an interference with the transmission of mail to the Far East.

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WIFE TELLS HER SIDE OF LOVE STORY

**Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes Takes
Stand in Own Defense at
Retrial of Notorious Divorce
Case—Photographs On the
Beach at San Francisco Are
Explained.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Supreme Court Justice Mahoney, presiding at the retrial of the divorce suit instituted by W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy realty owner, today granted motions for a joint commission to take further testimony at Bunceon, Mo., and Bethel, Conn.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes today took the witness stand in her own defense at the retrial of W. E. D. Stokes' suit for divorce.

She reviewed at considerable length her acquaintance with Edgar T. Wallace, named as the chief co-respondent and made a denial of her husband's allegations. She denied she had ever visited Wallace at Bunceon, Mo., as had been alleged by Mr. Stokes.

"In your visits to New York before your marriage, were you always accompanied by someone?" asked her counsel, Samuel Untermyer.

"Always chaperoned."

The family traveled west, she said, visiting California in 1906 and stopping at the Palace hotel, San Francisco.

"I think we were at the Palace hotel two or three weeks when Humboldt Gates, or his sister, Mrs. Pittman, the wife of Senator Pittman of Nevada, introduced me to Mr. Wallace," she said.

"How frequently did you see Mr. Wallace?"

"Three or four times. It might have been more or less."

"Where did you generally meet him?"

"Usually on the beach where we were taking my young sisters and brother down to wade."

"Was there always a crowd on the beach?"

"Yes, there was always a crowd of nurses, mothers and young people."

"Did you get to know Mr. Wallace quite well?"

"I don't know what you mean by that—we were always good friends."

Photos Are Explained.

Mrs. Stokes was then handed the photograph of herself and Wallace on the beach at San Francisco. Asked if she recognized the picture, she smiled and said she did, adding as she studied it: "I think I was throwing sand at him and he grabbed my hand to stop me. Mother snapped the picture."

She identified another photograph of herself and Wallace taken at the same beach and identified two other persons in the group as her sister, Beatrice and Humboldt Gates.

"Did you ever meet Wallace at Bunceon?" she was asked.

"No, I never heard of Bunceon until this trial," she replied.

Mrs. Stokes testified she never met any of Wallace's family; that she never was in Bunceon and never had a telly-hill ride there. Asked if she ever met Clarence McCormick at Bunceon, she said she never saw him until this trial.

Mrs. Stokes admitted she had asked Wallace to call on her at her home in Denver and was then questioned concerning a ring he was said to have given her.

She said Wallace had loaned her the ring in 1908 because she had admired it. She added she had returned it in New York a few months after he had given it to her. She testified she never had seen him between 1920 and 1921, when he testified for her in the first trial of her divorce suit.

TACOMA, Nov. 1.—A lone bandit held up a United States mail truck, disarmed the driver and escaped with a small package of letters here early this morning. There was no registered mail in the truck, night employees at the postoffice stated.