

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 68
Minimum today 29.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1923

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 49
Minimum 39

NO. 194

SKIPPER OF
LOST FLEET
FACES TRIAL

Eleven Officers of Destroyer
Flotilla Face Court Martial
—No Sensational Evidence
Expected—Interest Keen in
Defense and Punishment.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 5.—Captain Edward H. Watson, who commanded squadron II, destroyer force, United States battle fleet, on the night of September 8 last, when 23 lives were lost and nearly \$14,000,000 in government property was destroyed in the stranding of seven vessels near Honda, Cal., faced a court martial here today for trial on charges of culpable inefficiency, negligence and unskillful seamanship.

Following the trial of Captain Watson, the court martial board will hear the case of Lieutenant Commander Donald T. Hunter, who commanded the U. S. S. Delphy, leading ship of the squadron on the night of the crash in the reefs near Honda.

It was indicated today that the third defendant to face the court will be Lieutenant Laurence F. Blodgett, who was navigating officer of the Delphy. This trio of officers must reply to the most serious charges brought by the navy department in connection with recommendations of a naval inquiry board which for almost six weeks conducted a public investigation into the disaster.

The seven officers composing the court are: Vice Admiral Henry A. Wiley, presiding; Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton, Rear Admiral Jehu V. Chase, Captain Dewitt Blamer, Captain Edward H. Campbell, Captain Walter S. Crossley, and Captain Stanford Moses. The prosecution will be conducted by Judge Advocate Leslie Bratton, assisted by Lieutenant Hardy H. Page.

The officers to be tried are Captain Edward H. Watson, Captain Robert Morris, Commander William S. Pye, Commander Louis P. Davis, Commander William L. Calhoun, Commander William H. Toaz, Lieutenant Commander Walter D. Sedg, Lieutenant Commander Herbert P. Roesch, Lieutenant Commander Donald T. Hunter, Lieutenant Commander Richard H. Booth and Lieutenant Laurence F. Blodgett.

Naval officers expressed the belief that the trials would not be sensational, as the complete testimony regarding the disaster was obtained here by the court of inquiry upon the report of which the court martial proceedings are based. Interest was keen, however, in the defense which the various officers would offer and in the punishment to be inflicted, if they are found guilty.

BIRMINGHAM AXE
SLAYER ACTIVE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 5.—Birmingham police redoubled their efforts today in an effort to solve the city's latest axe assault committed last night in a downtown alley when Jane Jackson, a young negro woman and W. T. Conway were the victims. The woman died a few hours after the attack. Conway is not expected to live.

The death of the woman brought the number of alley murders to seven while fifteen deaths have been recorded as a result of axe assaults upon keepers of small shops and members of their families. Eighteen other persons attacked have recovered from injuries.

SCOTCH TOWNS TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION,
ALLEGED U. S. DRYNESS CAMPAIGN ISSUE

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Thirty to forty Scotch towns go to the polls this week to decide the prohibition issue for their localities. The campaign has been intense. The drys hope to reverse the decision given in 1920 when only two towns, Kirkintilloch and Kilsyth, abolished liquor licenses. The wets in these places, forced to take long journeys during the last three years to quench their thirsts, have been making desperate efforts to bring their fellow townsmen back

Last Survivor of
"Charge of 600"
Celebrates Birthday

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Nov. 5.—Ellis Cutting, who believes that he is the last survivor of the light brigade, whose charge was immortalized by Tennyson's poem, yesterday celebrated his 87th birthday.

At the time of the charge of the light brigade against the Russians at Balaklava, October 25, 1854, Mr. Cutting was eighteen years of age. He later came to this country and after the Civil war settled in Iowa, where for 45 years he was an employee of the Rock Island railroad.

FIND CRITICISM
VETS HOSPITAL,
SITE UNFOUNDED

Case of Man Reported 25 Per
Cent Disabled Seven Months
Explained—Bureau Held Se-
lected for Sticking Together
Ability.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Criticism in connection with the government's purchase of a hospital site at Chelsea, N. Y., were declared unfounded in a report read today to the senate veterans committee. It had been prepared by Louis W. Stotesbury, former adjutant general of New York, after what John F. O'Ryan, counsel for the committee, described as an exhaustive inquiry.

Mr. Stotesbury reported that the site had been purchased from the Edward Stormes corporation for \$100,000, and that there had been no fraud or collusion in connection with the sale.

Lack of uniformity in the rating of veterans was described to the committee by Dr. David O. Smith of the veteran's bureau who investigated such cases for General O'Ryan. He told of one case where a veteran had died of tuberculosis and diabetes within one and one-half months after the medical officers of the bureau had reported that the tuberculosis had been arrested, and the patient's rating had been reduced from total permanent disability to a 25 per cent disability. A review of the case was made, Dr. Smith said, and in a final finding approving the 25 per cent rating was returned seven weeks after the veteran had died.

Dr. Smith said also that a Dr. Ballard, who is employed in the veteran's bureau and who made the review in question, himself has a disability rating of 35 per cent on the basis of an operation performed while in the service. Dr. Ballard's rating originally was 25 per cent, the witness said, but was increased when he appealed.

Senator Odie, republican, Nevada, asked how it was Dr. Ballard had agreed with Dr. Rogers, medical director of the bureau in the case of the tubercular patient.

"In a bureau of this kind," Dr. Smith replied, "men are selected not so much for ability as for their cohesive qualities. They stick together."

Death Toll of
the Automobile

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 5.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilding Hoglund of Fortson was killed late Saturday afternoon near Arlington when he was thrown from an automobile and run over. The child was in his mother's arms and both parents were attempting to cover the infant when the auto left the road at a sharp curve.

SPOKANE, Nov. 5.—Mrs. Fred Jones of Ephrata was killed when an automobile in which she was riding from Soap Lake to Ephrata left the road and overturned. Dick Davis, driver of the car, was slightly injured.

FIND BANK LOOT IN
SUSPECT'S AUTO

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—Lee Cordes of Lonsheim, Cal., was arrested by a posse here today and charged with having robbed the Burbank State Bank at Burbank, a short time before. Under the carpet of his car was found \$2700 which officers said was taken from the bank.

Salvation Army Parade
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—A parade to the White House to greet President Coolidge was included in the program for Salvation Army workers convened here today for the organization's 38th anniversary celebration and congress.

LAUNCH AND ALL
ABOARD LOST ON
TILLAMOOK BAR

Phoenix Overturns On Fourth
Attempt to Cross—Four
Lose Lives—Vessel Washed
Ashore—Life Saving Corps
Rush to Rescue.

BARVIEW, Ore., Nov. 5.—The launch Phoenix was wrecked and all hands were lost today when the vessel capsized while attempting to cross the bar here into Tillamook Bay.

It had not been determined this afternoon how many men were aboard but Captain Robert Farley in command of the Barview life saving station, said that all on board were undoubtedly lost.

The vessel first appeared off the entrance to the bay at nine o'clock this morning. She approached the bar three times each time pulling off because the water over the bar was very rough.

The vessel could not be seen at that time from the beach because of a heavy fog but her movements were watched by the lookout high up on the mountainside. Finally at about 10 o'clock the Phoenix made a fourth attempt to cross and the lookout saw her overturn. He reported immediately to Captain Farley and all men were rushed in lifeboats to the Phoenix in the hope of rescuing the crew. All had disappeared. The Phoenix was driven to the beach and this afternoon was stranded, upsidown on the north side of the bay and just south of the north jetty.

Captain Farley ordered his men to cut a hole in the bottom of the capsized boat to search for the crew. This was done but no one was found.

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 5.—The crew of the launch Phoenix, wrecked on the bar at Tillamook Bay today, consisted of four men—Gust Makela of Astoria, master; William Coolbaugh, Walport, Ore.; Fred Edgnet, Astoria; Steve Jarvi, Astoria.

Makela was the only married man. The Phoenix left Astoria Sunday and lay outside Tillamook last night. She carried no cargo from Astoria.

The vessel was valued at \$15,000 and was owned by the Sanborn Cutting company which had chartered her to the Anderson Fish company.

PAVE WAY TO END
ELECTRIC WORKERS'
WAGE WALK-OUT

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—Preparing the way for the state conciliation board to adjust the dispute between the Northwestern Electric company and 120 employees who are on strike for an increase in the basic wage scale from \$7.30 to \$8 a day, the wage agreement committee representing Otto R. Hartwig, representative of organized labor on the state board on the question of returning to work, pending action by the board. The Northwestern Electric company will take back the men pending adjustment of the wage grievance, provided the state board of conciliation consider the entire wage question affecting linemen, station tenders and meter testers in this territory, according to L. T. Morwin, vice-president and general manager of the company. This means that the wage question of the Portland Light and Power company must also be considered.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the P. R. L. P. company, said today he had received from the state board of conciliation a proffer of its services to adjust grievances between the company and its employees but the formal request of the employees wage agreement committee had not reached him. He added that he anticipated no serious clash with the wage earners on the question of a basic wage scale dating from October 31.

In the circumstances the United States government is more than ever convinced that the time has come when a plan to make possible the reparations payments should be devised and that such a plan to have any practical value must rest upon a study of every phase of Germany's economic condition.

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FEED OR
AID U. S.
POSITION

Germany Unable to Pay and
Fears Famine—America to
Succor—Full Statement of
French Position Presented
to Washington by French
Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Ambassador Jusserand of France who has just returned to the United States from France was expected to call on Secretary Hughes today for a conference which promises to go far toward clarifying in the minds of Washington the French position with respect to restricting the scope of the proposed inquiry into the reparations question.

Coming direct from the French capital Ambassador Jusserand was believed to be in a position to interpret more definitely the intent and purpose of the restrictions which unofficial reports have seemed to place on the committee's investigation.

The statements made by American Ambassador Herrick in a speech yesterday in the Champaigne district have served to add considerable spice to the general mixture of feelings with which those outside the inner circle of state department officials here are observing developments. Many members of congress, finding the ambassador's assurances of aid spread across the front page of their morning newspapers, speculated in conversations with their colleagues as to how the remarks should be assessed in view of all the circumstances.

Even the return to Washington of J. J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, to give Secretary Hughes an outline of the position of France as he received it from Premier Poincare, failed today to develop any indication whether the decision here would be for or against American participation in the new inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay.

M. Poincare's position in favor of only a restricted investigation as reiterated by him in public addresses in France yesterday, still is regarded here as in conflict with the view taken by the American government. It still is to be determined, however, whether the French restrictions will be judged so great a handicap as to impel Washington officials to wash their hands of the entire proceedings and refuse the allied invitation for appointment of an American expert on the investigating committee.

A full statement of the French position was brought to Washington today by Ambassador Jusserand, just back from Paris, and it was indicated that after his talk with Secretary Hughes during the afternoon, the American government might be in a position to determine without much delay whether participation in the expert inquiry would be regarded as worth while. The government holds to this view, meantime, that there should be the fullest possible exploration by the experts of the facts that underlie Germany's industrial productivity, regardless of any factor of time.

Information reaching the state department indicates that Germany is not making any reparations payments of a substantial nature and that such payments are not to be expected in the near future without stabilization of conditions in Germany. On the contrary, the United States is almost facing the time when it may be called upon to make available large sums of money to feed German nationals who might otherwise die of famine due to the confused economic situation in Germany.

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MRS. STOKES IN
STILLMAN CASE
WITNESS TELLS

Step Taken to Determine if She
Was Guest of Banker On
Yacht Monday—Niece of
Cook Contradicts Aunt—
Defense Closes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The defense today closed its case in the retrial before Supreme Court Justice Mahoney of the divorce suit of W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy hotel owner, against his wife, Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes. A motion of Samuel Untermyer of defense counsel that Mr. Stokes be compelled to take the witness stand again to describe affidavits alleged to have been made by other witnesses, was denied after Mr. Untermyer had engaged in a long verbal tilt with Max Steper, counsel for Stokes.

Frank A. Murphy, chief steward in 1910 and 1912 on a yacht owned by Clarence McCormick and first witness in rebuttal for the plaintiff, said he had seen Mrs. Stokes on board the yacht twice. Mrs. Stokes, then Miss Elwood, he asserted, was on the yacht in company with Mrs. Ida Adams. He declared also that he had seen her at the 38th street apartment of McCormick.

McCormick previously had testified Mrs. Stokes never had been on board the yacht.

Under cross examination by Mr. Untermyer Mr. Murphy said that after Mr. Stokes had summoned him to his private office and asked him to testify at the trial, he had given him \$20. Murphy admitted he had been employed by James A. Stillman on the yacht Modesty.

When Mr. Untermyer asked the witness whether he was ailing Mrs. Stillman for \$3500 for services in connection with the Stillman divorce trial, an objection by Mr. Steper was sustained by the court.

Murphy admitted under further cross examination that Mr. Stokes had given him \$50 a short time ago to induce him to remain here long enough to testify at the trial and not take a position on a vessel. He said also he had been sent to Denver by Mrs. James A. Stillman's secretary to watch Mrs. Stokes and to find out whether she ever had been present on the Stillman yacht Modesty.

Carry E. Jones, negress, niece of Mrs. Martha Jones, cook for Edgar T. Wallace, who testified Mrs. Stokes never had been in the Wallace east 35th street apartment, today contradicted her aunt's testimony and said she had seen Mrs. Stokes in the Wallace apartment many times.

During Miss Jones' presence on the witness stand Mr. Untermyer asked that Mrs. Hattie Johnson, negress, procurer of witnesses for Stokes, be removed from the courtroom. Mr. Steper declared he resented the defense's insinuation that Mrs. Johnson had been coaching witnesses for the plaintiff, but the court ordered the woman's removal from the room.

REPORT TRAGEDY AT
TILLAMOOK BAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—Several persons were reported drowned shortly before noon today when the launch Phoenix No. 10 capsized when attempting to cross the bar at the entrance to Tillamook bay.

The disaster was reported to John Kelly of the Portland headquarters of the coast guard cutter service by Captain Robert Farley in command of the life saving station which is at the entrance to Tillamook bay.

Captain Farley reported that the launch had sunk "with all hands" and that the Barview lifesavers were out in lifesaving boats searching for the victims.

The Phoenix No. 10, is owned by the Sanborn company of Astoria and was under charter to the Anderson Transportation company of Astoria.

ELECTION NOTICE.

County Clerk Chauncey Florey said this afternoon that the poll places for the income tax election tomorrow had not been definitely decided upon, owing to some of the owners of buildings previously used, not having them available. As far as possible the old voting places will be used. The polls will be open from eight o'clock a. m. to eight o'clock p. m.

Germany Not Liable
For "Mental Anguish"
Of Lusitania Horror

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The American claims against Germany, many resulting from the loss of life, personal injuries and property loss sustained in the torpedoing of the liner Lusitania were upheld today by the mixed claims commission. It is ruled at the same time, however, that the German government was not liable for punitive or vindictive measures or for "problematical mental anguish."

HOREMANS LEADS
COCHRAN IN CUE
MATCH FOR TITLE

Belgian Ahead at End of
Fourteenth Inning—Coast
Player Gets Early Lead—
Schaefer and Hoppe to Play
Tonight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Welker Cochran of San Francisco and Edouard Horemans of Belgium met this afternoon in the fourteenth game of the world's 18.2 balk line billiard championship.

A victory for Cochran will place him in a tie for the championship with the winner of the night's match between Willie Hoppe and Jake Schaefer, requiring a play off. If Horemans wins the title will go to the winner of the Schaefer-Hoppe match.

Cochran won the bank, chose the spot ball and ran 41. He evidently was in fine stroke. Horemans counted 18 and missed a long one-cushion shot. Cochran failed to make a difficult two-rail. Horemans counted one and found the hole on a three cushion shot. Cochran was playing a bit too carefully in his third inning and missed an easy one-cushion shot after counting eleven.

Horemans counted 42 in his third. His 36th and 40th shots were billiard masses or freezes. He missed a two-rail. Cochran got the balls together in two tries and counted 39 and missed a one-cushion shot. Horemans counted two and missed a draw shot along the side rail. Score ended 63-11. In the ninth inning Horemans did some of the prettiest light stroking seen in the tournament. The balls split for the first time at the count of 171 on a bump and Horemans then missed a long draw. The score at the end of the ninth inning was Horemans 247; Cochran 178.

Both played poorly from the tenth to the fourteenth inning. In the tenth Cochran counted 11 and missed an easy one cushion shot. He failed to count in the 11th, got three in the 12th, 21 in the 13th and three in the 14th, making his total 216. Horemans got one in the tenth, then 66. Failing to count in the 12th or 13th, he made eight in the 14th and his string tallied 322.

Cochran got to shooting in his 15th inning and counted 88, missing a one-rail shot after a bump. He counted seven in the 16th and only three in the 17th. Horemans did not count in the 15th, made only one in the 16th, he counted 18 in the 17th and had the balls together, then missed, leaving Cochran a perfect setup. Score: Horemans 341; Cochran 314.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 5.—The 1924 national Shrine convention positively will be held in Kansas City June 3, 4 and 5. This was decided yesterday when the Shrine hotels committee without whose approval the organization's convention can come to no city, approved local hotel arrangements. Seven thousand rooms have been pledged.

JOHN D. JR. TELLS HIS BIBLE CLASS THAT
MORE LOVE NEEDED IN BUSINESS WORLD

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is convinced "that the doctrine of love is applicable to business life."

Speaking yesterday to the Park Avenue Baptist church bible class, of which he is honorary president, he drew on his business experience to illustrate the chapter from St. Paul upon brotherly love, summing up his theme with the words:

"If I have these many things and I have not love, it profits me nothing." "Only where service to others is considered first and profit secondarily can business reach its highest success," he told his audience of 250. "If I had ever questioned the importance of love in that unfortunate industrial tangle arising with the Colorado coal miners many years ago, I don't think anything would have come out of the conferences. There was much bitterness. Things were at a standstill. It was thru love, the understanding between man and man that we reached a solution."

"The world," he added, seemed to have proved that force was the significant thing in life."

KLAN MESS
AT BASTROP
BEFORE JURY

Boys' Up for Carrying Guns
While Masked in Purifying
Raid—Governor Walton's
Drive for Funds Annoys—
Hearst's Can Publish Articles
On Ku Klux.

BASTROP, La., Nov. 5.—Four alleged members of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, including J. K. Skipworth, exalted cyclops, today were found guilty of carrying firearms on the premises of another, in connection with hooded band activities in Morehouse parish last year.

Sentences will be pronounced later. Others found guilty were Benton Pratt, Marvin Pickett and W. G. McIntosh.

Three alleged klanmen, tried jointly with the four, were found not guilty. They were Sam Eldridge, Sam Cox and "Cud" Pickett.

The seven were tried jointly before Judge Fred C. Odum in sixth district court. They were charged with a raid on the home of Alonzo Braddock farmer, who was believed to have been engaged in the illegal manufacture of whiskey.

BASTROP, La., Nov. 5.—(By Associated Press). The trials of alleged klanmen charged with hooded mob operations in Morehouse parish last year opened today before Judge M. Odum, Judge of the fifth judicial district. Bastrop was crowded.

The first case called was that of W. G. McIntosh, charged with carrying firearms on the premises of another. Assistant Attorney General Guion suggested that all the defendants charged with this offense be tried jointly to save time. The defense agreed.

The other defendants are Marvin Pickett, Cud Pickett, Sam Eldridge, Sam Cox and Captain J. W. Skipworth. This charge grew out of a raid made upon the home of Alonzo Braddock, alleged bootlegger. Braddock was brought to Bastrop by the raiding party and delivered to Sheriff Carpenter.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 5.—(By Associated Press). Val Gardner, formerly a citizen of Tonkawa Oklahoma, appeared before the house investigating committee of the Oklahoma legislature Sunday and testified in corroboration of the charges in the fifth count of the impeachment bill against Governor J. C. Walton, suspended executive, according to members of the committee.

This count alleges that Governor Walton received \$6000 from citizens of Tonkawa in return for which he permitted the appropriation for the Tonkawa school to stand untrammelled.

The possibility of a federal probe of the actions of Governor Walton loomed Sunday when it became known that a federal investigator had asked the house committee for evidence regarding an alleged mismanagement of the federal truck fund and for information with regard to the drive which Governor Walton is said to be making for funds with which to fight the Ku Klux Klan.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The United States circuit court of appeals today upheld the action of Federal Judge Window in denying the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., an injunction restraining the International Magazine company from publishing in Hearst's International an alleged exposure of the klan in articles written by Norman Hapgood.

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 5.—When federal court began the new term today the case of George B. Kimbro, Jr., former grand goblin of the Ku Klux Klan in this territory, against Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard, asking libel damages to the extent of \$100,000, was withdrawn at the plaintiff's costs. A suit for libel is on file in state civil court.