

The Weather
Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 53
Minimum today 27

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1923

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 57
Minimum 22

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FATAL AUTO SMASH ON YREKA ROAD

James O'Brien of Ashland Killed, 'Red' Watson Fatally Injured, and Ashland Girl Is Hurt When Car Dashes Off Highway 500 Feet Into the Shasta River.

YREKA, Cal., Nov. 26.—James O'Brien, formerly an amateur boxer of San Francisco, was killed and Fred Watson, baseball player and boxer was probably fatally injured when an automobile owned by Mayor Charles L. Loomis of Ashland, Ore., plunged from the Pacific highway 500 feet into Shasta canyon last night.

According to reports from Yreka over long distance telephone today the car went over the grade about six miles north of that city near the first bridge, and rolled over and over 500 feet landing right side up in the Shasta river.

It is believed the accident was caused either by the driver of the Loomis car being blinded by the headlights of an approaching car, or being unable to see the road because of dimming his own lights for an approaching car. The exact facts will not be learned until the coroner's inquest in Yreka this afternoon.

Examination of the road showed the death car had run with one wheel over the edge for several feet before the plunge.

James O'Brien lived in Ashland where he was employed at the Ashland Iron Works, and is said to be a brother-in-law of County Judge Gardner.

Fred Watson was visiting O'Brien in Ashland and the two had attended an Elks smoker before the Yreka trip where Watson gave a boxing exhibition.

It was first reported that the men had been drinking but this is emphatically denied by the coroner at Yreka who made an investigation of the accident. He claims the men had been seen in Yreka during the afternoon and that they were both sober.

The section of the Shasta canyon where the accident occurred is known as the most dangerous point on the Yreka highway, several fatalities having occurred there during the past year.

BLIZZARD RAGING IN N. YORK STATE

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 26.—North-eastern New York state is experiencing mid-winter weather. A Sunday blizzard left a blanket of snow over the upper Hudson and eastern Mohawk valleys.

Albany, Troy and Schenectady reported eight inches of snow and in the eastern Adirondacks sleighs replaced motors.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 26.—William Hoffman who said he was a diamond salesman of Chicago, told police that three men robbed him of diamonds worth \$20,000 when he alighted from a street car early this morning.

He said the robbers beat him with a blunt instrument.

NEW GERMAN PREMIER MAY ABANDON EFFORT TO FORM A NEW CABINET

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—(By Associated Press). The efforts of Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, former minister of the treasury, to form a new German cabinet had borne no visible fruit up to this afternoon.

Gasoline War in Portland Reduces Price to 15 Cents

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26.—A gasoline war was in progress in the southeastern section of Portland today as a result of a dealer making a cut to fifteen cents a gallon. About thirty garages and filling stations met the price, which is the same as they pay to oil companies. The dealers said they relied upon profits on oil and accessories to make up for loss from shrinkage in gasoline. The regular retail price of gasoline here is 18 cents.

MAYOR GADDIS SCORES S.P. FOR COURT ACTION

Regarding the recent Southern Pacific company injunction against the city in federal court in Portland over the Sixth street crossing, Mayor E. C. Gaddis made the following statement today: "It is to be regretted that the Southern Pacific company has forgotten so soon the excellent support they received from Medford citizens in their controversy over the ownership of the Central Pacific a few months ago. Their desire to cooperate with Medford at that time seemed sincere but in view of the fact that on the very first occasion wherein we have asked for cooperation in providing adequate crossings in our city, they have given us a slap by placing an injunction against this needed improvement. It would seem that the same old policies of the past are still in force in some of their departments.

"We have no other alternative than to fight this effort on their part to keep us bottled up in our business district and since the Oregon Public Service Commission has unanimously granted our petition for a grade crossing at Sixth street I feel sure the federal court will sustain their decision when all the facts are before them."

Members of the city administration generally are quite indignant over the bringing of the injunction proceedings, and are curious to see what grounds the Southern Pacific set forth in its application for the injunction in the United States court. They read with surprise in the Sunday papers of Portland that the railroad petition claimed that the city was already tearing up the tracks and otherwise going ahead with the construction of the crossing.

The city has made no active move and had given Superintendent Davis instructions to begin the work the first of this week. Superintendent Davis has been busily engaged, however, in assembling material for the construction work. The papers of formal service of the injunction and its contents had not arrived up to early this afternoon.

The hearing on the question of making the temporary injunction permanent is set for December 3, next Monday, in United States court at Portland. This gives but a very short time for City Attorney John H. Carlin to prepare to combat the Southern Pacific company's contentions.

The bringing of the injunction proceedings in the United States district court was unexpected, and makes it much harder to legally combat. However Mr. Carlin, who must do some fast work of preparation, is already busily engaged in so doing, and will continue so until Monday.

The daily Oregonian's account Sunday of the injunction proceedings says in part: "The dispute between the city and the railroad has been in progress for several months, following a hearing by the public service commission, which ordered that a grade crossing

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MOB VIOLENCE ENG. CAMPAIGN IS THREATENED

Conservative Speakers Are Threatened With Violence if They Appear in East London—Heavy Police Guards Are Called Out.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Nominations for candidates for the 615 seats in the house of commons were being made today preparatory to the election on December 6. It was estimated beforehand that a record number would be named with the conservatives in the majority, the liberals a good second and the laborites not far behind.

Three cornered contests which every individual candidate wishes to avoid, were expected to be rather numerous. Forecasts placed the number at more than 220, although it was supposed there might be withdrawals at the last moment.

The electioneering campaign in the press and on the platform continued bitter and in some constituencies the people are showing an angry spirit. The conservatives say that several of their speakers have received notices threatening them with violence if they appear on the platforms in east London. Postmaster Evans was heavily guarded by police when he spoke in that district on Saturday.

U. S. Settlement Scored. Prime Minister Baldwin's debt settlement with the United States which David Lloyd George used against him in a speech last Saturday, is doing service for the premier's opponents elsewhere. The Daily Express, one of Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers, which are attacking Mr. Baldwin ostensibly because his tariff proposals do not go far enough, says that what unpopularity the prime minister has achieved is almost entirely due to his financial settlement in Washington.

"It is generally admitted," says the Daily Express, "that but for Mr. Baldwin's 'Hill at a gate' methods have postponed the whole question and given us in the end far better terms. As it is, the British public must find 40,000,000 pounds yearly, which is nearly twice as much as the total inducements the premier is holding out as part proceeds of his tariff scheme. The only difference is that we know the money goes to America but we are not quite so certain of the cash coming into the customs and a tariff."

Times Editor Attacked. The Daily Telegraph takes a fling at the Times because that newspaper is supporting Mr. Baldwin, saying "The Times often always be trusted for giving the American view, seeing that its principal proprietor was born in the United States."

Lord Younger, who as George Younger, is accredited with having forced the resignation of the Lloyd George government, is to have command of the conservative campaign. He has hurried to London from his country seat to take the place of other party conferees who will be forced to leave for their respective constituencies.

FAMILY OF NINE PERISH IN FIRE

CONFLUENCE, Pa., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Samuel Roscoe, his wife and seven children were burned to death early today when their home on a hill half a mile from the village was destroyed. All the bodies were recovered.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 26.—Reports reached here today that Sam Roscoe, his wife and seven children were burned to death when their home in Confluence, Pa., was destroyed by fire today. Parts of five bodies were recovered at noon when the ruins had cooled sufficiently to allow a search.

MINNESOTA CLOSES FOUR STATE BANKS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—Four Stearns county state banks were closed today by the state banking department. They were the Farmers' State bank of Meire Grove, the New Munich State bank of New Munich, the Security State bank of Melrose and the State bank of St. Martin.

Gonzaga En Route, Detroit. CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Coach Gun Dorais led the Gonzaga university football team through Chicago yesterday en route from Spokane to tackle the University of Detroit on Thanksgiving day.

The far westerners will practice on the Notre Dame field at South Bend today and tomorrow.

SOON TO GO ON RETIRED LIST OF BASEBALL



Ty Cobb, after 19 years in the major league announces that he will retire after next season's baseball schedule, with full honors to the title of one of the world's greatest baseball players.

DIRECTOR FORBES ARMY DESERTER SAYS WAR DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Papers said by war department officials to show that at one time Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau, was dropped from the rolls of the army as a deserter, were turned over to the senate veterans committee today by the department.

The records, sent to the committee at its request also were said to show that later Forbes was apprehended, served out his term of enlistment and was discharged without having been brought to trial.

The attitude of the department at this time, it was said, was that the case long had been disposed of and there was no intention of taking any further action; the matter being in the hands of the senate committee.

Members of the committee declined to say what would be made of the information given by the department. During the veterans investigation in which Forbes was a central figure, efforts were made to bring the former director's service record into the public hearings, but Chairman Reed ruled that evidence should be confined to the period after Forbes became head of the veterans' bureau.

The service record placed in the hands of the committee was summarized by war department officials as follows: Forbes enlisted in the army as a private in March 1900, at Boston, Mass. About two months later he was dropped from the army rolls for desertion. At that time he was serving at Fort Myer, Va., as a first class private in the signal corps.

He was apprehended and restored to duty without trial by the department commander. He then completed his enlistment period and was discharged from the army as a first class sergeant with character described as excellent and service said to be "honest and faithful."

During the World war he was commissioned a major in the reserve of the signal corps and was sent overseas with the 41st and 42nd divisions. He was promoted to a lieutenant colonel, signal corps, in October, 1918.

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The logging railway, sawmill, timber land and other physical properties belonging to the United States Spruce Production corporation, organized by the federal government to produce spruce for use in aircraft construction during the world war, were not subject to taxation by Chelan county, Washington during the years 1919, 1920 and 1921.

The supreme court so held today, clearing the federal district court had properly taken jurisdiction of the case.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The supreme court refused today to determine whether regulations of the Ship Owners association of the Pacific coast and the Pacific American Steamship association, requiring seamen to register and to carry continuous discharge books, constituted an unlawful restraint upon interstate and foreign commerce. A case brought against the associations by Alfred Street was referred back to the ninth circuit court of appeals for consideration and decision.

It was contended by Street, who claimed to be suing in behalf of ten thousand seamen, that the regulations were not only an unlawful restraint upon commerce, but were humiliating to the seamen and that the discharge books could be used for blackmailing purposes. He insisted that the federal regulations were ample protection for the associations.

King Visits Naples BOLOGNA, Italy, Nov. 26.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain left last night for Naples.

BRITISH CREW OF RUM VESSEL FIRE ON CUTTER

First Capture in 12 Mile Limit Resisted By Britishers—U. S. Dry Patrol Stages Real Battle on the High Seas.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The rum schooner Tomoka, overhauled yesterday off the Jersey coast by revenue cutters was seized under the new agreement between the United States and Great Britain extending the right of seizure beyond the three mile limit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The crew of the rum schooner Tomoka, after her capture yesterday about six miles off the Jersey coast, threatened a coast guard boarding officer and attempted a dash to sea after firing her machine guns at the cutters Seneca and Lexington.

These additional facts were brought out in an official report made today to the collector of the port who was investigating the alleged British registry of the schooner, whose seizure, it was reported from London, might bring a formal protest from the British government.

According to the report Lieutenant L. W. Perkins of the coast guard was sent aboard the Tomoka after her capture. The Lexington and Seneca started back to New York with the Tomoka lashing along in the rear. Suddenly, it was alleged, the machine guns were trained on Perkins and the Tomoka headed east.

She opened fire when the cutters pursued her.

The alleged smuggler was overhauled for the second time when she was about ten miles off shore and boatswain John Asenn was sent aboard with an armed party of six men. A fight followed before the Tomoka's crew was subdued.

Seizure of the vessel, according to the assistant collector, Edward W. Barnes, was made upon special instructions from the treasury department calling for capture of the Tomoka wherever it was found within twelve miles of shore.

King Bootlegger Talks. Before Collector of the Port Ellings "Runny Bill" McCoy, whom government agents call "king of the rum runners" and who was captured on board the Tomoka, made a successful plea for restitution of \$45,000 which had been taken from him when he was arrested. The money, in \$100 and \$1000 bills, he threw into a handbag which appeared to contain stolen linen.

It was reported at the customs house that figuring in the case of the Tomoka would be allegations that despite any claim of British registry, she was owned by McCoy, an American.

As he was led from the cell to face a federal commissioner, McCoy, well groomed and at his ease, told how he came to be crowned "king of the rum runners."

"I have no tale of woe," he said. "I was outside the three mile limit selling good whiskey to anyone and everyone who wanted to buy and had the price. That's going to be my defense."

"That's me, Bill, to everybody. Until three years ago I lived with my parents at Daytona, Fla. I was a yacht builder. I built one for Frederick Vanderbilt and another one for Maxine Elliott. In 1921 my father and mother died. Then my bull dog died and with the last tie to my affections in Daytona cut, I went to sea."

McCoy told how he bought a yacht of British registry in Nassau, stocked her with liquor and sold it at various American ports.

BELGIUM SEIZES INDEMNITY FOR OFFICER'S DEATH

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26.—The Belgian government today seized German rolling stock at Duisberg and Hamburg in view of Germany's failure to reply to Belgium's ultimatum regarding indemnity of 1,250,000 francs for the assassination of Lieutenant Graff near Duesseldorf in March, 1922.

The time limit fixed by the Belgian ultimatum expired last night. Belgium had previously rejected an offer from Germany to submit the question to The Hague tribunal for arbitration and the Berlin government was notified that the amount claimed as indemnity would be confiscated in the occupied regions should Germany fail to pay.

12 Dead As Result Of Drinking Pre-Holiday Moonshine

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—Seven deaths in as many days caused by poison liquor, put on the market to meet the pre-holiday demand, today brought united action from city, county and federal authorities. The seasonal demand, police say, has resulted in oolonggers working overtime shifts to prepare liquor with a "kick" from medicated alcohol, hastily distilled mash with a high percentage of fusil oil and synthetic combinations.

DISABLED JAP STEAMER LOST ALASKA COAST

SEATTLE, Nov. 26.—The Japanese freighter Shinkoku Maru went ashore today near Montague island, Prince William sound, Alaska and was expected to be a total loss, according to a dispatch received here from Cordova, Alaska. The dispatch said nothing of the fate of more than 30 men who were aboard the Shinkoku.

The Shinkoku carries a crew of about 35. She was bound from Yokohama to Portland, Ore., in ballast when her tail shaft broke. Her master intimated in a wireless message to the Algonquin before the latter came here and proceeded for California, his fear that a mutiny would have occurred on his vessel but for the moral support given by the presence of the American cutter, so great had been the terror of his men at finding themselves drifting rapidly in a lonely part of the Pacific.

SEATTLE, Nov. 26.—The Japanese freighter Shinkoku Maru was today storm beaten within a mile of the coast of Alaska, and the tug Humaconna, which picked the Shinkoku up after the freighter went adrift November 1 on breaking her tail shaft, had been forced to let go of her tow, according to a message received here from the distressed vessel.

The message said the wind was blowing ninety miles an hour and that the windows in the upper housing of the Shinkoku had been shattered by a heavy sea. The message gave the position of the imperiled craft as within a mile of the northeast end of Montague island. This is a region of narrow spaces among islands south of Prince William sound, central Alaska. The position is about 750 miles to the northeast of where the tug Humaconna of Seattle took the Shinkoku in tow after the United States coast guard cutter Algonquin had broken a line and smashed her towing machine and been enforced to content herself with standing by the Shinkoku five days.

The Humaconna had been expected here to go to Cordova, on the eastern side of Prince William sound, for fuel oil before proceeding with the Shinkoku to Esquimault, B. C., where the Japanese steamer was to have been surveyed.

The Corlova message said that the tug Humaconna, which had taken the Shinkoku Maru in tow off the Aleutian islands, had been forced by a fierce gale to drop the freighter. The Humaconna, continued the message, remained standing by, but helpless because of the tempest, to give any succor.

JESSE WINBURN PAYS \$60,000 FOR LOST PICTURE; GIVES IT N. Y. MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Jesse Winburn, retired advertising man, has presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art the original "Portrait of a Gentleman," by Jan Van Ravesteyn, which he found two months ago in Paris after a search of thirty-five years, started when a slip-sheet boy in a downtown lithographing shop.

Shortly after he had taken a job in the shop, incidentally his first anywhere, he saw the reproduction of a picture for calendars of the "Portraits of a Gentleman." The subject resembled his father and he made a resolution to own the original when he was

EXPLOSION IN ILLINOIS MINE FATAL

Two Dead and Many Dying As Result of Gas Explosion in One of Largest Coal Mines in Country—Barrier System Saves Scores of Lives—Rescuers Prove Fearless.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Nov. 26.—Two dead and thirteen injured made up the toll of the explosion which occurred today at mine No. 1 of the Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal company at Orient, four miles from here. It was reported by the rescue teams who returned to the surface this afternoon. All men entombed in the mine were brought to safety, it was stated by members of the teams.

Survivors returned to the surface with tales of terrible suffering by the injured and narrow escapes encountered by others. One man told of tearing his coat from his body and saturating it in his dinner pail to protect himself against the flames while crawling to safety. Others told of how they dragged their unconscious co-workers until their failing strength forced them to abandon their rescue attempts.

Cries for help penetrated the dark chambers of the mine, others told, these cries being mingled with loudly uttered prayers for unexpected relief. Women and children streamed to the mine to learn the fate of their husbands and fathers.

The two dead are: Ira B. Hamilton, 29, and Harry Ode, 23 years old. Six of the injured, it is feared, will die. The most seriously injured are: Willie Sweet, a trapper; Frank Waite, Tony Latel, John Weira, C. Kreiba and a man named Fynn.

Waite, it was said, was one of the survivors of the fatal Chicago, Illinois, mine explosion which occurred in 1919. At that time Waite was entombed near the bottom of the shaft for eight days without food or water. The explosion probably was caused by gas and a great disaster probably was averted by the barrier-pillar system in use in the mine. The advice received over the company's private wire indicated the explosion occurred in the northwest corner of the mine, probably about a mile from the shaft. The mine is one of the largest coal mines in the country.

The explosion occurred on a level 500 feet below the surface and the information received from Joseph Louis, general superintendent, indicated that the trouble had been localized. This, he attributed to the barrier system by means of which entries are closed and the workings where an explosion or fire occurs are cut off from the remainder of the mine which includes miles of underground tunnels.

HIRAM READY FOR OPENING RALLY

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator from California, the only avowed republican presidential candidate, will arrive in Chicago today to open his campaign.

He will deliver his first real speech since announcing his candidacy, tomorrow night at a dinner of the Cook county real estate board.

He is expected to speak "freely" detailing some of his platform principles and indicating his campaign policy.

Today Mr. Johnson is expected to confer with William Wright, Jr., chairman of his campaign committee and other supporters.

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rich. And in an amazingly short time he had become wealthy and retired. For years he searched catalogues and art galleries of the world for the original. Last summer, while hunting through Europe, he encountered Prince Olnsky, once of the retinue of the czar, who said he knew where the original was. Winburn found it in the possession of an old woman of Paris to whom he paid \$60,000.

Jesse Winburn is now making his home in Paris, having abandoned Ashland and Sap and Salt as his domicile.