

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 48
Minimum today 22

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1923

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 47
Minimum 32

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

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PROGRESSIVE
BLOC HOLDS
UP ELECTION

Speaker Gillette Fails to Get Majority and House Is Without Speaker—Democrats Organized in House and Senate Prepare to Aid the G. O. P. Insurgent Move.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The new congress began its first session today and before it was an hour old the house was in the throes of a spectacular fight over the election of a speaker.

The little progressive bloc, made up of followers of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, refused to support Speaker Gillette for reelection and precipitated a deadlock blocking all other business.

Mr. Gillette had the support of the republican organization but his strength fell short of the majority over all necessary to elect. The democrats voted solidly for Representative Garrett of Tennessee and the bulk of the progressive bloc went to Representative Cooper of Wisconsin.

Compromise negotiations to permit of an election within a day or two were expected by the republican chiefs but as the voting went on there were no indications of capitulation to the progressive bloc demand for concessions in committee assignments and changes in the house rules.

On the senate side things went much more smoothly. By pre-arrangement a truce was declared in the fight over senate reorganization and after a session of three-quarters of an hour adjournment was taken until tomorrow out of respect to senators who have died during the nine months recess.

The first ballot in the house speaker election, Speaker Gillette received 196 votes to 195 for Representative Garrett and 17 for Representative Cooper. Representative Madden, Illinois, was given five votes.

The seventeen who voted for Cooper were: Beck, Browne, Frear, Lampert, Nelson, Peaslee, Schaefer, Schneider and Volght, all of Wisconsin; Clague, Davis, Keller and Knutson, republican of Minnesota; Fyne, independent of Minnesota; Gelford, farmer labor, Minnesota; Laguna, republican, New York and Sinclair, republican, New Mexico.

The five who voted for Madden were King, Michaelson and Reid, Illinois, and James and Woodruff, Michigan, all republicans.

Madden voted for Gillette, Berger, socialist, Wisconsin, voted present, as did Gillette, Garrett and Cooper.

Gillette who was "en short of a majority on the first ballot when 415 votes were cast, lacked 11 votes on the second on which the total vote was 411.

On the third ballot Garrett went into the lead, receiving 196 votes as against 195 for Gillette; 17 for Cooper and 5 for Madden.

A fourth ballot immediately began.

Vote Is Abandoned

On motion of Representative Longworth who declared it was evident the house could not agree on the election of a speaker today adjournment was taken until tomorrow noon.

Although he swung back into the lead on the fourth ballot, Gillette lacked 11 votes of having a majority.

Democrats continued to vote solidly for Garrett while Cooper still had the support of the original 17 and Madden of the five who had voted for him from the first.

Berger, Cooper and Garrett continued to vote present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The progressive bloc in congress today made good its threat to throw the house (Continued on Page Eight)

Chinese Elected to
Highest Office in
U. S. Lodge Masons

HONOLULU, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press). For the first time in history a full-blooded Chinese has been elected to the highest office in an American lodge of Master Masons with the elevation of Apau Paul Lowe, a civil engineer of Walluku, island of Maui, to the post of worshipful master of Maui lodge, No. 472. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Stanford university. He is a 22nd degree Mason and is a member of Aloha temple.

ALL FRANCE IN
TURMOIL OVER
DEATH OF BOY

Did 14 Year Old Leon Daudet Kill Himself Or Was He Murdered By Anarchists? Is Question Agitating Parisian Politicians.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press). Not in many years has Paris had a sensation comparable with that afforded by the death of fourteen year old Philippe Daudet, who died in a hospital several days ago from the effects of wounds received in a taxi-cab. Newspapers of a week ago said that the boy had committed suicide but Leon Daudet, the leader of the royalist movement in France and father of Philippe, is of the opinion that his son was murdered by "an atrocious" plot and has asked the prosecutor to act on an article printed in Liberte, the anarchist paper, in which a visit of Philippe to the newspaper office was described.

Leon Daudet was told by the prosecutor general that the boy's suicide had been established beyond a possible doubt and that it would be impossible for the judicial authorities to do anything further unless he made a charge against some definite or indefinite person or could make a charge of corrupting a minor or of some criminal libel against Liberte. He further agreed to prefer charges.

Explanations Asked
Among the incidents requiring clarification today were where the boy spent the two days that elapsed between his disappearance from home November 29 and his visit to the Liberte office November 22. George Vidal, editor, who wrote the article describing the arrival of Philippe at his office on November 22 has been extensively interviewed. The newspaper story asserted that the lad described himself as an anarchist but refused to give any name except Philippe, handed Vidal a letter which was to be used in case anything happened to him.

The editor opened the communication after he had learned of the mysterious taxi-cab suicide and found that it was written to Mme. Daudet. In the letter Philippe spoke of his secret adherence to the anarchist cause as "now my cause summons me. I believe it is my duty to do what I am doing."

What Occurred in Office
L'Action Francaise, admitting that the communication is in Philippe's handwriting suggests that it may have been written under duress and demands to know what occurred in the offices of Liberte when the boy was there. The royalist publication says the death of the boy was an act of vengeance for Germaine Berthon, the young woman anarchist who killed Marius Plateau, of the staff of L'Action last November.

Vidal told the interviewers that he was alarmed at the extravagant language used by Philippe when he visited Liberte and that the lad seemed unbalanced.

In the light of subsequent events Vidal said to Le Matin, he was convinced Philippe planned to kill his own father but when his excitement wore off he was so overcome with horror at the idea that he could have entertained such a thought that he committed suicide.

N. Y. OFFICIAL
IS PARDONED
BY COOLIDGE

President Grants Executive Clemency to Comptroller Craig of New York, Sentenced to Jail for Contempt of Court—Public Necessity Is Only Cause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Executive clemency was granted today by President Coolidge to Comptroller Craig of New York, sentenced to jail for contempt of court.

A remission of sentence was granted by the president on the recommendation of Attorney General Daugherty. At the same time the president expressed in a statement to be made public later the condemnation of the comptroller's conduct in criticizing the federal courts in New York.

Mr. Coolidge's action was based solely on the public necessity of keeping Craig at his post as comptroller.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—News of President Coolidge's pardon of Comptroller Craig caused quite a sensation in this city where the case had assumed unusual political importance. The case has already resulted in the death of one man, Craig's aide Henry Smith succumbing to heart attack when the news of his chief's arrest was announced, and it has been generally predicted that if the comptroller went to jail he would ride from there to the mayor's chair in City Hall.

Application for a presidential pardon for Craig was made by Senator Copeland, although Craig has refused to take such a step himself.

The sentence was imposed after Craig wrote to a public service commissioner that Judge Mayer had denied the city access to information about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, which was then in receivership. Craig had asked that he be appointed co-receiver because the company uses subways financed by the city. The court appointed as receiver Lindley M. Garrison, formerly secretary of war. The receivership ended some time prior to the recent decision of the supreme court upholding Craig's sentence in a divided opinion.

Much criticism as to the powers of judges and discussion about the rights of free speech developed from the case and the possibility of it being an issue in the coming national campaign was even considered.

FEEBLE MINDED
GIRL ABDUCTED

Salem, Ore., Dec. 3.—The arrest of Minnie Hausman, 18, an inmate of the state school for feeble minded and two unnamed men believed to have been from the institution yesterday will be responsible for her disappearance asked by Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the school, he announced this morning.

Yesterday, when the Hausman girl failed to make an appearance it was discovered that a dummy had been placed in her bed and that she had escaped.

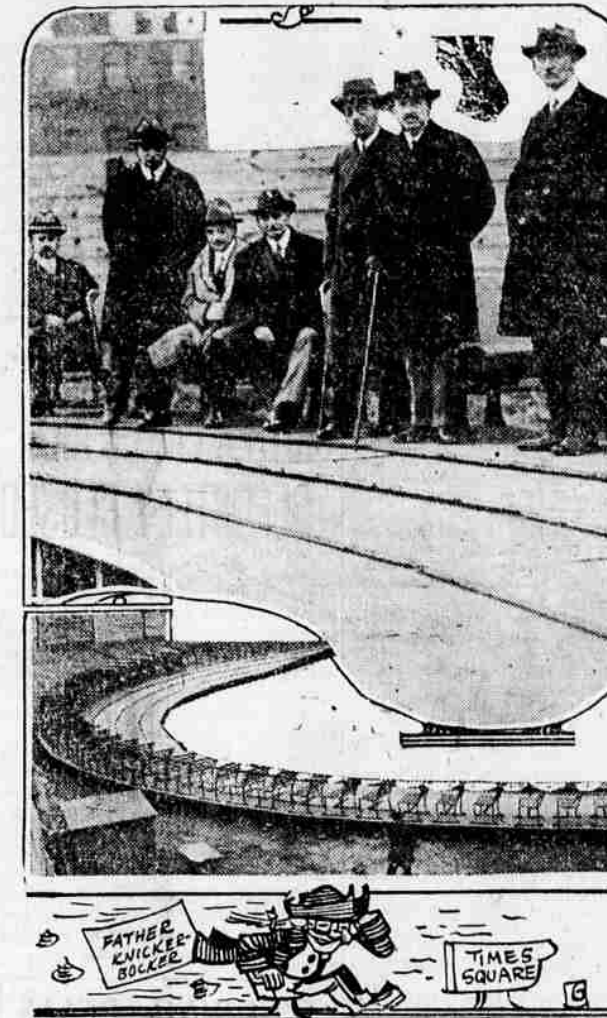
The two men, Dr. Smith said, appeared at the school for the first time last Saturday and represented themselves to be relatives of the girl.

HILT S. P. AGENT
KILLS HIMSELF

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 3.—Charles Brown, station agent for the Southern Pacific company at Hilt, near the Oregon line, shot and killed himself with a rifle yesterday after suffering for some time from ill health. He leaves a widow and two children.

Death Toll of
the Automobile

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Edward Dewitt Taylor, son of the late Dr. Edward Robinson Taylor, former mayor of San Francisco, today faces a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of three-year-old Dorothy Ingraham yesterday after she was struck by his automobile. Taylor told a policeman he did not see the child in the path of his car.

Moving Sidewalk, In Three
Speeds, To Replace Shuttle
Trains In Crowded Manhattan

GEORGE McANENY AND COMMISSION INSPECTING THE NEW MOVING SIDEWALK DEVICE.

NEW YORK.—Crowded Manhattan, finding three tiers of traffic elevated, surface and subway—insufficient to handle the rush-hour jams, is about to resort to moving sidewalks.

George McAneny, chief of the transit commission, is considering adoption of the moving sidewalk shown above, in miniature form, in place of the Forty-second Street shuttle.

The sidewalk, moving in three sections, and at varying speeds, it is believed would cure the insufferably crowded conditions in cross-town traffic between Times Square and Grand Central station, and prevent unnecessarily long walks to and from trains.

MEDFORD YOUTH
KILLS HIMSELF
WITH RIFLE SHOT

Suffering from overwork and over-study, Carl Meier, age 22 years, well known and well liked, took his own life Sunday morning about 3 o'clock at the home of his parents in the Sunset Park district, west of Medford. Acute melancholy was given as the cause of the act. A 30-30 rifle was used in the commission of the deed, a bullet being fired into the head.

About a month ago, the young man's health began to fail and on an auto trip to California, he met with an accident resulting in an injury to his head.

Carl was a graduate of the Oak Grove grammar school and attended the Medford high school for two years. He was born in Germany, June 6, 1901, and lived in Illinois until 13 years of age, when he moved to Medford. He was employed by the Frowbridge and Mills foundry on North Central avenue, and was known as a highly efficient workman.

He leaves to mourn his passing besides his father and mother, three sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Helen, and four brothers, Fritz, William, Ernest and Hans.

Funeral services will be held from the Perl Funeral home, Wednesday at two o'clock. Interment in the Medford cemetery.

The Daily
Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—G. W. Potter, cashier of the Southern Pacific railway station at Sherman, a suburb, awaited the opening of the bank at that place at 7:50 this morning when two unidentified men drove up in an automobile, commanded Potter to toss to them four bags containing approximately \$4,000 in cash and currency and drove away toward Beverly.

Officers immediately took up the search for the robbers.

Kansas Wheat Decrease, 1924.

TOPEKA, Dec. 3.—A decrease in the Kansas winter wheat acreage of 35,410 acres or 17.16 per cent as compared with that sowed a year ago, is shown in a report issued today by the state board of agriculture.

JUDGE REFUSES
TO WITHDRAW IN
WALTON'S TRIAL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press).—District Judge George W. Clark, refused today to disqualify himself in the trial of J. C. Walton, former governor, charged in indictments with diverting state funds and preventing a meeting of the state legislature, and counsel for Walton announced that mandamus action would be brought at once in the state criminal court of appeals to force Judge Clark from the bench.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press).—A motion to disqualify District Judge George W. Clark, before whom indictments were returned recently by a grand jury against J. C. Walton, former governor, was filed by counsel for Walton when he appeared for arraignment today.

The motion would bar Judge Clark from any participation in the case.

Walton also filed an application for a change of venue.

The former executive is charged in five counts with diverting public funds through having his former personal chauffeur T. H. Edwards, placed on the payroll of the state health department. He is charged in one indictment with preventing a meeting of the state legislature. Both accusations constitute felonies.

A motion to quash was filed by attorneys for Edwards.

2 BOY ESCAPES AT
SALEM ROB HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 3.—Officials of the State Training School for Boys are today making every effort to capture Young Harry Cooper, 16, and Charles Paulin, 16, who made their escape from the institution yesterday and, according to the authorities are believed to have burglarized the home of Mrs. S. C. Wilsey, five miles south of here, from which they stole a gun, some jewelry and clothing.

Oklahoma Citizens
Form Organization
To Oust K. Klux Klan

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 3.—A call to anti-klan organizations in Oklahoma to meet in Oklahoma City December 8 to form a state wide body went out from the capital today. An attempt will be made at that time to amalgamate more than thirty organizations claiming a membership of 50,000. R. R. Stevens, head of a committee named two weeks ago to affect the amalgamation, announced Sunday.

"The organization is not for the purpose of furthering the plans of any individual. It has not sect, no race and no creed; we want to put the Klan out of existence in the state," Stevens said.

DEATH LIST IN
ITALIAN VALLEY
MAY REACH 800

137 Bodies Recovered From Bergaino Valley and Thousands Are Homeless—50 Square Miles Flooded—Cold Delays Relief Work.

BERGAMO, Italy, Dec. 3.—(By Associated Press). One hundred thirty-seven bodies have been recovered early today from the Bergaino valley country, 600 of whose inhabitants are believed to have been drowned when the great dike impounding the waters of Gleno lake collapsed Saturday.

Troops and civilian rescue parties worked throughout the night in the mud and water seeking the victims over an area of fifty square miles and trying to give aid to thousands made homeless. King Victor Emmanuel is expected today.

Hundreds of homes including the entire villages of Dezzo, Corna and Inverigo were wiped out by the ten million cubic yards of water that swept from the artificial glacial lake. The flood was stopped at Lake Izo, fifteen miles away.

The countryside near Darfo has become a vast lake.

The torrential rains of the past week made the pressure against the dike greater than the four mile wall could withstand and although the masonry was 35 yards thick, the dike went out, the water sweeping all before it.

A cold wave has made relief work arduous.

GASOLINE IN FIRE,
5 DEAD, 1 DYING

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 3.—Using gasoline to start a fire in a stove last night resulted in an explosion and the death of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Fordham and their baby and Mrs. Ralph Koester and her baby. Koester, who was burned, is not expected to live. The home was destroyed.

Eugene Editor Re-appointed
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 3.—Charles Fisher, publisher of Eugene, today was re-appointed a regent at the University of Oregon by Governor Pierce.

Lead Price Advanced
NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The American Smelting and Refining company today advanced the price of lead from 6.85 to 7.00 cents per pound.

WHITE HOUSE IS DECLARED UNSAFE
\$400,000 NEEDED TO MAKE REPAIRS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The White House has been declared unsafe, conditions there are such as to require that immediate remedial measures be taken to prevent a possible calamity. These disclosures were made today by Major General Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers of the army in his annual report to the secretary of war. Congress is asked for \$400,000 for the work of constructing the interior portion of the famous building to make it secure.

A preliminary study of the situation in the interior upper portion of

STATE CAN
SPEND CASH
AS SEES FIT

U. S. Supreme Court Rules That Money Derived From Forest Reserve Sales Need Not Be Disbursed for Public Roads and Public Schools—Money Belongs to State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Federal forest reserve moneys appropriated by congress, paid to the states and by them distributed to the counties, need not be disbursed by the counties equally for public road and public school purposes, the supreme court held today in a case brought by King county, Washington, against the Seattle school district number one.

The county contended that it was vested with discretion in the disbursement of the money, but the federal district court did not take that view and its decision was affirmed by the ninth circuit court of appeals.

This was reversed today. In its decision today the supreme court held that money derived from forest reserves belongs absolutely to the states when turned over to them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Reviews were denied by the supreme court today in cases involving the following questions:

Whether under the Chinese exclusion act an American citizen born of Chinese parents in this country can bring into the country an adopted son, a Chinese, who would be otherwise excluded. The point was raised in a case brought from San Francisco by Kwok See Lum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The supreme court today reaffirmed its previous decision in the Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia case holding invalid a West Virginia law restricting gas supplies to adjoining states.

TWO BABIES ARE
BURNED TO DEATH

LONG VIEW, Wash., Dec. 3.—Pauline Clark, aged two, and her two months old baby brother, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark, were burned to death here this morning in the tent house occupied by their parents in a fire started from an overheated stove while the mother was absent a few minutes.

Clark, the children's father, is a blacksmith in the employ of the Long Bell Lumber company. He and his family reside in a tent in the old auto park. The children were in bed when the tent burned. The blaze spread so quickly that there was no opportunity to rescue them. Mrs. Clark had stepped into a neighbor's tent, leaving a fire in the stove to heat water for the family washing. She stayed only five minutes, she said.

Casualties of the
Air Service

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Lieutenant E. M. Byers, Chief Machinist's Mate W. B. Jackson and Chief Machinist's Mate T. E. Entwistle, all attached to the aircraft squadrons, were killed today when two navy airplanes collided in mid-air over San Diego harbor.

LADY TORRINGTON IF ELECTED TO
PARLIAMENT WILL WEAR FURS

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Lady Torrington, liberal candidate in Buckinghamshire has found time to tell the people how she intends to dress when she goes to parliament, if she does go. "I intend to wear my best clothes," she said. "I will put on my fur coat and my pearls. I don't believe in a woman politician wearing a dull little dress with a Quakerish collar. All