The Weather
Prediction Rain tonight
Probably fair Saturday.
Maximum yesterday 58
Minimum today 36
Precipitation ..... .47

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 40
Minimum 32

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

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GOVERNMENT BEATEN BY LABOR VOTE

Although Returned to Power, Baldwin Government Meets Political Defeat in English Elections, Losing Its Majority—Lloyd George and Asquith Re-elected.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—With 601 seats out of 615 accounted for up to 9 p. m., the standing of the parties was:

Conservatives 258.
Labor party 185.
Liberals 148.
Other parties 10.

The situation now is one of the most complex that has ever occurred in British politics. It is generally believed Premier Baldwin will continue to conduct the government until he meets with defeat in the commons. Since it will be impossible for him to put through the protection measures which formed the only purpose of his campaign, he probably will invite defeat as the most graceful way out of his position by proposing any motion in the house which the laborites and radicals oppose.

The government would thus be overthrown, and the king, according to custom, would summon J. Ramsay MacDonald, as leader of the official opposition party, to form a cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conservative majority over all the parties in the house of commons, was definitely wiped out at yesterday's general election.

With 584 seats of the total of 615 accounted for at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the following could be definitely stated:

The conservatives will have a majority over any other party in the house of commons but will lack a majority over all the other parties.

Therefore Prime Minister Baldwin's government stands practically defeated, because it would be impotent in the face of the combined opposition.

The standing of the parties this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with 518 of the total of 615 seats accounted for was:

Conservatives 222.
Labor 158.
Liberals 128.
Independents 9.
Nationalists 1.

This showed a continued relatively greater growth in the number of laborites and liberals returned than of conservatives.

Labor Beats Liberals

The laborites were definitely assured tonight of being returned as the opposition in the commons as the liberals could not overtake them even if they won all the remaining seats.

The greatest number of seats the laborites ever held before was 144.

The Countess of Warwick was badly defeated for parliament in the Warwick and Leamington division of Warwick where she had made a picturesque campaign as the labor party candidate. The countess was at the bottom of the poll with 4015 votes only against the successful candidate, Captain A. Edin, conservative, with 16,567, and George Nichols, liberal, with 11,134.

Mrs. Margaret Philipson, conservative, retained her seat for the Berwick-on-Tweed division of Berwick-on-Tweed but by a smaller majority than at the last election.

Liberals Gain

The first returns received from the English counties, which generally speaking are conservative, gave the liberals further hopes, as they reported a liberal gain in the Basingstoke division of Hampshire over the conservatives who had held the seat. Lieutenant Commander R. T. H. Fletcher, liberal, defeated Sir Arthur Holbrook, conservative, by a majority of 348.

Oregon Constable Found Guilty of Taking Wet Bribe

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 7.—Fred C. Schulte, former constable and deputy sheriff at Reedsport, Ore., was found guilty yesterday of accepting a bride from B. C. Roberts, confessed bootlegger, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of giving a bribe and who was the state's main witness in the case.

U. S. MESSAGE RIDICULED BY PARIS JOURNAL

L'Echo de Paris Thinks Coolidge Sounds More Like Pastor Than Statesman—London Times Sees Policy of Greater Aloofness.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge's message is described by Pertinax in L'Echo de Paris as "an outline of American policy exclusively directed toward attaining her own particular ends, in spite of the fine sounding phrases which to our ears smack rather of the pulpit than the rostrum."

"America, as it natural," Pertinax adds, "intends to defend her own interests exclusively, indeed she disavows other preoccupation. If she concedes us the same right, our policy in reparations and national security can be followed out without encountering any obstacle from her."

LONDON, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge's message the Times says, is marked by a clearness of statement on many important subjects that has not always distinguished the communications of his predecessors.

"It is an emphatic profession of the family creed of the president's party," says the Times, "chiefly remarkable for the precision wherewith it re-affirms the dogma of aloofness from the chief questions that distract the 'old world.'"

Referring to Mr. Coolidge's remarks about the League of Nations, the newspaper says: "The day may perhaps come when the league will find full favor in American eyes with the permanent court."

Hard Fight Foreseen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge's first annual message to congress has served to clear the atmosphere at the capitol so far as the administration's legislative program is concerned.

The president and congress appear to be as one on the desirability of tax reduction, but the administration's program as embodied in a preliminary draft bill, sent to the house yesterday by Secretary Mellon differs in material aspects from the proposals in this direction announced recently by the republican insurgents in the house.

Other subjects treated by Mr. Coolidge which leaders generally say will furnish stubborn contests in congress include the soldiers' bonus; American adherence to the world court with reservations; amendments to the transportation act; relief for agriculture in general and the wheat growers in particular and the anti-lynching legislation.

Bills embodying several of the recommendations of President Coolidge already have been introduced and others will be presented later.

Congress was in recess today until next Monday out of respect to the memory of President Harding.

Democrats of the house were called in a party caucus to select their members of the ways and means committee, who in turn will make assignments of democrats to other committees.

Representative Green of Iowa, prospective chairman of the house ways and means committee, hopes to have that committee organized early next week so as to take up tax revision promptly. He said the preliminary draft bill furnished by Secretary Mellon would be used as a basis for discussion.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO BREAKS OUT

Serious Uprising in Vera Cruz Spreads Over the Country—President Obregon Called Back From Retreat—Declared Rebellion Will Be Crushed By Iron Hand.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Troops in the entire maritime zone have joined the insurgent movement against President Obregon and General Calles, according to reports received at an early hour this morning. The rebellion is now said to embrace the whole of the Huastica oil region.

Loyal troops from Mexico City it is reported were in contact last night with insurgent forces. The railway lines between the capital and this city have been cut.

Leaders of the movement, including Adolfo de la Huerta, General Guadaloupe Sanchez, chief of military operations in this district and Jorge Prieto Laurens, are preparing to set up a provisional government here and plan to elect one of their number as provisional president. Rafael Suburan Capmany is reported to be slated for the post.

The leaders of the revolt have offered guarantees and employment to the people and have given assurances that trade will be protected.

Many land owners, it was announced, have joined the rebels, hoping thereby to regain the properties they lost under the law compelling land holders to share their estates with their tenants.

Plans Carefully Laid.

Plans for the movement, it appears, were crystallized at a meeting held late Wednesday night at the home of General Sanchez. This meeting was attended by several generals and naval chiefs who after telegraphing President Obregon that they had resolved "to assume the defense of the institutions offended so seriously" by the federal government, ousted all federal office holders, replacing them with sympathizers. They also named General Eduardo Loyo as provisional governor of Vera Cruz.

Throughout yesterday and last night came news of similar movements at Tamaulipas, Chihuahua, San Luis Potosi, Michoacan, Jalisco, Sinaloa, Sonora and Toluca.

Manifestos have been issued by both De La Huerta and Prieto Laurens, setting forth their reasons for repudiating the Obregon regime.

General Berianga is said to be the only commander in the maritime zone who refused to join the movement.

From the message sent to President Obregon by the instigators of the movement here on Wednesday night, it appears that the purpose of the movement is to prevent federal interference with the affairs of the states.

The message mentioned "the anarchy and lack of discipline fomented in the army from the highest official ranks."

"Rebels Will Be Crushed."

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—The country will be pacified; the rebellion will be put down with an iron hand, said President Obregon upon arriving last evening from Celaya, where he has been convalescing from his recent illness. This was the only comment the president would make in reports that General Sanchez and Adolfo de la Huerta had undertaken a movement against his government.

Federal officials acted promptly last evening upon receipt of advices that the movement was spreading. Three long columns of federal troops under General Amaro were ordered from Tampico to meet General Sanchez, while other government forces were instructed to converge at Esperanza in order to assist in attacking Sanchez. Other troops were concentrated in the state of Tlaxcala.

Official quarters deny that there has been an outbreak in the state of Ooxaca. They also profess to have received no wor dof revolts in Michaoacan, Chihuahua or San Luis Potosi.

Advices from Puebla state that fighting occurred at Cordova when a part of the garrison there refused to join the Sanchez-Huerta movement.

Pretty, 21, And Heiress To $500,000, Schoolma'am Will Go Right On Teaching!

MISS ELIZABETH WURTHMANN.

JERSEY CITY—Twenty-one, an only child, and heiress to $500,000!

This is the dazzling position in which Miss Elizabeth Rosalie Wurthmann—a week ago a quiet, unpretentious little, schoolma'am—finds herself today.

"I'm just lucky, that's all," was her comment when informed that Louis Lehmeyer, hermit, who died in pauper's ward on Welfare Island, left her a fortune.

She will finish teaching school this year, then travel around the world. Will she marry? "Oh, no!" said Miss Wurthmann, but she winked.

FRIGHTFUL TALE OF CRIME TOLD BY MERE BOYS

Two Pasadena Lads, 14 Years Old, Tell of Barbarous Slaying of Five Year Old Playmate—Will Be Examined As to Sanity.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 7.—Two 14 year old boys were held in the city jail today in connection with the slaying of a five year old playmate, whom, according to an alleged confession obtained by the police last night, they wounded with a .22 caliber pistol, beat into insensibility with a brick and then left to die in an abandoned factory.

The alleged slayers, William Forrester and Paul Dadeler, both pupils in a school for abnormal children, explained the death of five year old Arthur Martinez substantially as follows, police said:

They were enacting "wild west" scenes in the abandoned factory, flourishing in their play a .22 caliber pistol. The pistol went off; Arthur was wounded. In their panic the boys beat him into insensibility to still his cries, then tied him to a post with bits of wire. Late yesterday they returned to release him with a threat not to tell anyone how he had been treated. They found him dead.

Once more they fled the scene, this time they encountered a man near the factory and to him they said they had just found a boy's body within. In the investigation which followed they at first denied knowledge of the slaying then ended by relating all of the details calmly and frankly, according to officers.

Pending examination by alienists, no formal charges were filed against the boys.

NOVEMBER SHORT RAINFALL, MANY DAYS SUNSHINE

The official report for the month of November in Medford and vicinity shows that that month in comparison with Novembers of recent years was a comparatively nice one, with a marked shortage of rain. Usually this is a rainy month with much disagreeable weather, but this year the most of that sort of weather came in September and October.

The November rainfall was .87 of an inch, .42 of which fell on the 14th. There were eight days with .01 inch or more of precipitation, 11 days were clear, four partly cloudy and 15 cloudy. Nine days had fog, and there were frosts on seven mornings, but there were no so-called killing frosts.

For five years past other Novembers have had the following rainfalls: 1922, 1.35 in.; 1921, 3.54 in.; 1920, 4.27 in.; 1919, 1.87 in.; 1918, 2.89 in.

There were no thunder storms, hail or sleet during that month.

The monthly summary of temperatures follows:

Mean maximum, 56.86; mean minimum, 33.70; mean, 45.28; maximum, 68 on the 4th, and 16th; minimum 26, on the 18th and 27th; greatest daily range, 38.

The official government summary is, in part, as follows:

Date—	Max.	Min.	Pre.	
1	48	31	..	Clear
2	58	39	.08	Cloudy
3	56	36	..	Clear
4	68	31	..	Clear
5	67	30	..	Clear
6	66	28	..	Clear
7	63	28	..	Clear
8	61	29	..	Pt. Cldy
9	62	29	..	Clear
10	61	27	..	Clear
11	54	32	T	Cloudy
12	59	36	..	Cloudy
13	66	44	.02	Cloudy
14	53	43	.42	Cloudy
15	53	40	..	Pt. Cldy
16	68	33	..	Pt. Cldy
17	62	27	..	Clear
18	55	36	..	Cloudy
19	54	34	..	Cloudy
20	58	40	..	Cloudy
21	55	34	..	Cloudy
22	51	34	.01	Cloudy
23	50	41	.02	Cloudy
24	60	48	.03	Cloudy
25	53	29	..	Cloudy
26	50	27	..	Clear
27	53	26	..	Pt. Cldy
28	46	29	T	Cloudy
29	48	41	.25	Cloudy
30	48	39	.04	Cloudy

Bergdoll Kidnaper Gets Light Sentence, Accomplice Freed

MOSBACH, Baden, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—A sentence of eighteen months' imprisonment was imposed upon Corliss Hooven Griffis of Hamilton, Ohio, for the part he played in the attempted kidnapping of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft evader at Eberbach last August. Karl Sperber of Paris was sentenced to fifteen months and the Russian prince, Faust Gagarin, to five months. Eugene Victor Nelson of Chicago, the fourth defendant, was set free.

MELLON GIVES DETAILS OF HIS TAX REDUCTION

Secy. of Treasury in Annual Report Shows How Federal Taxes Can Be Reduced and Prosperity Be Given Impetus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Secretary Mellon, in his annual report transmitted to congress today, described treasury operations under which the nation's debt had been reduced $613,674,343 in the fiscal year 1923, and again urged a sharp reduction in taxation based on rigid economy and barring "authorizations for new and unexpected expenditures." The report contained a copy of Mr. Mellon's letter to Acting Chairman Green, of the house ways and means committee, in which the secretary said "a soldiers' bonus would postpone tax reduction not for one but for many years to come."

To the usual review of official activities under his direction, Mr. Mellon attached additional argument for the general reduction in income taxes which he has urged. He particularly stressed the advantage which he has predicted would come from cutting the surtax rates upon large incomes to a maximum of 25 percent, on the ground that it would actually increase government income, as well as indirectly benefit the public at large by reducing burdens on productive operation.

Debt Reduced 4 Billion

The government, "firmly established on the basis of balancing its budget each year," Mr. Mellon said, brought the national debt, once at a figure of over $26,000,000,000, down to a total of $22,082,209,000 on October 31. The record, he said, was one brought about "only by the most rigid economy and the application of business principles to the government's finance." On the present basis of taxation and expenditure, he cited an estimated treasury surplus next July of about $329,000,000, and a possible surplus in the year after of $395,000,000.

"High taxation," the report continued, "even if levied upon an economic basis, affects the prosperity of the country, because in its ultimate analysis the burden of all taxes rests only in part upon the individual or property taxed. It is borne by the ultimate consumer. High taxation means a high price level and high cost of living. It can safely be said that reduction in the income tax reduces expenses not only of the 7,000,000 income tax payers but of the entire 110,000,000 people of the United States."

Increase Tax Income

As to the reduction in the surtax rate, Mr. Mellon said that the history of taxation thruout the world indicated that "means have always been found by the ingenuity of the citizen to to avoid taxes inherently excessive." It was significant, he said, that the large incomes reported for taxation were decreasing in number each year, those over $300,000 being 249 in 1921 as compared with 395 the year before. The estates of the wealthy, he pointed out, were flowing into tax exempt securities. The treasury actuary, he continued, estimated that the reduction of the surtax to the 25 per cent maximum, against a present maximum ranging up to 50 per cent, would actually increase by 1926 the amounts the government receives, the lesser rate being more than compensated for by the additional volume of tax paid.

Mr. Mellon advocated also the reduction of federal taxation on estates after death on the ground that this tax was taken "not out of income but out of capital," with cumulative confiscatory effect.

DEATH LIST COAST GALE REACHES 16

Steamer Sinks in Rosario Strait With Loss of 15 Lives—Other Casualties Along Sound—Storm Continues in Portland and Along the Coast of Oregon.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—One of fifteen men who lost their lives when the Puget Sound steamer T. W. Lake was wrecked in a storm in Rosario strait between the San Juan Islands and Anacortes, Wash., yesterday and who wore a medal indicating that he had rendered heroic service in the World War, was Joseph I. Larsen of Seattle, chief engineer of the vessel, it was believed here today.

The list of the dead as completed today was:

Captain E. E. Mason, master of the Lake, Tacoma.
Swen O. Uddenberg, Seattle, first officer.
Joseph I. Larsen, Seattle, chief engineer.
E. E. Fields, Tacoma, purser.
Lars Drupping, Seattle, assistant engineer.
E. V. Abbott, Tacoma, cook.
Al Mason, Tacoma, quartermaster.
W. Banks, Tacoma, quartermaster.
Charles Pearson, George Ehrt, and William Carson, all of Tacoma, stevedores.
A. Skinner, J. Dunn, H. Skillam and George Corbinn, all of Tacoma, deck hands.

The storm which destroyed the Lake and her crew was declared the worst in twenty years in the San Juans. Theories of what caused the disaster differed among marine men here. Some held that a cargo of lime which the Lake had taken aboard at Roche Harbor, Wash., had become wet and burned the boat or caused her seams to rip. Wreckage found showed no indication of burning.

Timekeeper Killed.

The other death was that of Thos. E. Phipps, 32, timekeeper at the Whatcom Falls Mill company, Bellingham. He was repairing the entrance gate when it suddenly opened and struck him on the head, instantly killing him.

Hundreds of telephones were reported out of commission in Bellingham, Everett, Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Street car service was held up a short time in Seattle early yesterday. At Everett the high tension electric wires leading into the city were blown down and the city had to depend on the auxiliary steam plant for light and electric power yesterday.

Three feet of snow was reported to have fallen in the Cascades.

With the exception of the one shipwreck, coastal navigation was unhampered.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—Damage wrought by the storm yesterday, which swept the north Pacific coast and the western portions of Oregon and Washington continued to grow today as further reports were being received from the districts visited.

Towns near the coast had their streets flooded with tidewaters, wire communication with many districts was interrupted and ramshackle buildings were blown down. Warrenton, Oregon, and Aberdeen and Hoquiam reported tidal floods and other Oregon towns also were believed to have suffered. Trains were being reported behind time at several points.

While the wind had abated early today, rain was continuing to fall and more was forecast.

MOTHER OVERJOYED AT RECOVERING SON EVEN THO HE COMMITTED CRIME

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite the fact that her son, Edward J. Sailstad, is held in a Napa, Cal., jail, pending his return here on a charge of arson, committed three years ago, Mrs. Augusta Sailstad is glad that he has been found and will soon be home.

Since the discovery of charred human bones in a cottage near Lake Nebagamon, Douglas county, three years ago, said to have been those of Sailstad, who had occupied the cottage, the mother refused to believe he had died.

During the intervening years she says she had maintained a constant search for her son, without success.

In her telegram to him after his arrest she pledged her allegiance to him, regardless of what he is said to have confessed to Napa police.

Death Toll of the Automobile

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 7.—Hymen Cohn, treasurer of the Elks lodge of Spokane, is dead and his wife is in a hospital here seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident near Dixie shortly after noon today. Details of how the accident occurred are not known. Passersby saw the overturned car and brought Mr. and Mrs. Cohn to this city, the former dying on the way here.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Foreign exchanges broke sharply at the opening of today's market on British election returns. Demand sterling broke nearly four cents to $4.35 and French francs slumped 10½ points to 5.32 cents. Other continental exchanges yielded in sympathy.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—The stock exchange today indicated that it was disappointed with the election. Home rails sold off 1 to 2 points and corresponding declines were noted in industrials, oil shares, mining stocks and foreign securities.

FEAR "MISSING GIRL" WILL DIE IF SUBJECTED TO MORE QUESTIONING

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Fear is felt for the life of Miss Nell Austin, Seattle school teacher, who is in a hospital in Vancouver, B. C., where she was found after vanishing here November 25, according to advices received today from Vanconver.

Dr. H. C. Powell, under whose care Miss Austin is, was quoted as saying that further questioning of her to unravel the mystery created by her declaration that she was kidnapped, while the Seattle police have taken the stand that she went away after dissension with her sister, would probably prove fatal. The patient was put in a quiet ward and all visitors barred.

Dr. Powell expressed the hope that Miss Austin, who he said was suffering from something like shell shock, might never recall in detail her experiences from the time she disappeared.