

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 44
Minimum today 22.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 40
Minimum 28

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

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U.S. EXPERTS TO JOIN IN RUHR PROBE

President Coolidge 'Views With Favor' Plan to Have American Experts in Private Capacity On Commission to Investigate German Ability to Pay Reparations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Washington government "would view with favor" the participation of American experts in the reparations commission inquiry now under consideration. It was announced today at the White House.

It was emphasized that the government itself could not participate in any official way or appoint official representatives on the committee, but it was said participation by American economic experts in their private capacity would be approved.

This statement was issued at the White House: "The government has been informed that the reparations commission is considering the establishment of two expert committees, one to consider the means of balancing the budget of Germany and the measures to be taken to accomplish the results desired. All the representatives of the governments members of the commission have expressed the desire to have American experts on the two committees. It is understood that the government of the United States is not in a position to be represented on those committees and that the invitation to the American experts will be extended directly by the reparations commission.

"The government believes that the proposed inquiry will be of great value and in view of its direct interest as a creditor and of the importance of the economic recuperation in Europe, it would view with favor the acceptance by American experts of such an invitation.

"The immediate proposal before the reparations commission has been made by the French delegate and president of the commission and has the support of it is understood of all the allied governments. The British government has informed this government of its desire that American experts should participate in the inquiry.

"The German government also has brought the matter to the attention of this government stating that it would be much appreciated if an American expert were to participate in the work of the first committee as above proposed, as it is believed that in this way important progress could be made toward the solution of the problems underlying economic recovery."

TERRILL ARRIVES PORTLAND, OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Sheriff C. E. Terrill of Jackson county and one of his deputies arrived here today with exhibits gathered in the case of the holdup of the Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou mountains October 11, which the federal grand jury here is investigating. The federal case is based upon the death of a mail clerk, one of the four men killed in the holdup.

PORTLAND AVIATORS PAY FINES FOR HUNTING DUCKS IN AN AIRPLANE

TACOMA, Dec. 11.—A. J. Davis and John Clements of Portland, the two aviators charged in state and federal courts with illegally hunting ducks with an airplane on Willapa Harbor, have settled the cases against them. It was disclosed today.

Checks for \$75 each from the men have been received by Justice F. R. Wright of South Bend who fined the men that sum on the state charges against them.

The fines were paid after Wallace Mount, deputy United States attorney

Oregon Minister Is Indicted for Part in Klan Kidnaping

CONDON, Ore., Dec. 11.—Rev. G. A. Cheney of Condon, Howard H. Stiles, a former detective, and H. W. Sinclair of Pendleton were indicted here yesterday by the grand jury on a charge of kidnaping. The charge grew out of the alleged abduction of Frank Smith from his ranch at Clem, Ore., after he had been accused of shooting up a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in the local hall of that organization last summer.

Not true bills were returned against L. E. Fry and Floyd Dunlap, accused with the three men indicted. Fry and Dunlap testified before the grand jury.

FLORENCE, ORE. BANK ROBBED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Country Bank, Near Eugene Is Held Up By Three Bandits and \$6000 in Cash Taken—Vice-President and Two Farmers Locked in Vault.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 11.—Three unmasked bandits pushed Vice President Carl Bergman and two business visitors into the vault of the Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence, 40 miles west of here this morning and escaped into the sandhills north of the town with cash estimated at about \$6,000.

Bergman took the lock off the vault from the inside in about fifteen minutes and released himself and two farmers in the bank on business when two of the bandits entered.

After locking Bergman and the farmers into the six by six foot vault, the bandits cleaned out the cash tray and an open safe in the bank. The whole town was aroused in a half hour after Bergman released himself and a manhunt was started.

Descriptions of the bandits are meagre. One was very tall, a second rather short and their companion medium in height. One wore a blue handkerchief about his neck. One was about forty years old, the others younger.

Bergman this afternoon is leading a posse scouring the sandhills north of the city for the bandits. The robbers are believed to have entered the town the night before just at dusk in an automobile. All three are unshaven and are thought to have been in some outlying camp.

BLIZZARD RAGES, EL PASO, TEXAS

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 11.—El Paso today was in the grip of one of the worst blizzards in twenty years, according to statistics in the weather bureau. Snow had fallen steadily at 9 a. m. for more than twelve hours, while a gale had caused damage to homes, farms and other properties throughout the Rio Grande valley.

Snow and sleet also were experienced throughout west Texas and the Panhandle, while cold rains are falling over the northern sections of the state.

Would Probe Stock Exchange. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Federal investigation of stock exchanges and bucket shops was proposed in a resolution today by Senator King, democrat, Utah.

here, had notified the two aviators that the federal charges of violating the migratory bird law would be dropped if a settlement was reached on the state charges.

Troy Brewster, South Bend hotelman, is awaiting trial on similar charges. He is accused of accompanying the aviators when they flew over Willapa Harbor killing ducks.

Frank Moss, Pacific county game warden, announced that the federal charges may be pressed against Brewster.

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RED LEADER OF MEXICO IS EXECUTED

'The Lenine of Mexico' Shot Down By Mexican Rebels—Reports Indicate Victories for Rebels All Along the Line—Govt. Troops Reported to Be Deserting.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 11.—Heron Proal, sometimes called "the Lenine of Mexico," was executed by a firing squad in the plaza at Vera Cruz shortly after the revolution broke, according to El Democrita, Callista organ of Mexico City.

De La Huerta troops are reported to have directed the execution. Proal was the president of the Insurgentes and took a prominent part in the communist convention in Mexico City in February, 1921.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 11.—J. Alonzo Ulloa, Mexican consul at Brownsville, has disappeared from the consulate here and repeated efforts by Consul General Alejandro Lubbert, stationed in San Antonio, have failed to reveal his whereabouts.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Reports that Tepic, capital of the state of Nayarit, had fallen into the hands of rebels were denied today at the office of Arturo Elias, Mexican consul general. Mr. Elias said his advisers were that 100 men had revolted but that the garrison remained loyal and the insurgents had fled from the city.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Dec. 11.—Governor Ygnacio Enriquez of the state of Chihuahua has been captured near Torreon by De La Huerta forces and is being held prisoner, according to word received by legislators here today. Governor Enriquez was returning to the state capital from Mexico City where he went in an effort to prevent a rupture between Plutarco Calles and Adolfo De La Huerta.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 11.—Coincident with reports that Tepic, capital of the Mexican state of Nayarit, had fallen into the hands of the rebellious forces General J. Gonzalo Escobar, commander of the department comprising the states of Durango and Coahuila was enroute with 200 troops from Torreon to cut off the rear of General Juan Estrada, military commander at Guadalajara, military officials at Juarez learned last night.

Only meager reports of the uprising against the Obregon government by supporters of Adolfo De La Huerta, presidential candidate, were available early today, due to the disrupted communication with the interior of Mexico. Dispatches from Nogales, Sonora said that all federal telegraph lines of Mazatlan through the states of Nayarit and Jalisco were suspended and that a strict censorship was in force.

General Eugenio Martinez, commander of the northern military zone, has ordered all troops in the northern zone held in readiness, according to military officers who intimated he would probably dispatch strong forces to Durango and Zacatecas.

Reports that the Yagis Indians at Bacalete were about to go on the war path or that they had taken to the mountains in preparation for such action, were declared unfounded in the Nogales dispatch.

Obregon Troops Withdraw VERA CRUZ, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.) The forces of Adolfo De La Huerta and General Sanchez, which are advancing toward Mexico City, met a detachment of federal troops yesterday near Boca Del Monte on the Puebla-Vera Cruz border. The Obregon soldiers retreated, reports of the engagement say, after a brief skirmish with the rebel detachment, which was commanded by Colonel Celso Hernandez. The insurgent leader then started for Tehuacan, Puebla, to cover the advance of troops which are to go forward today.

Obregon soldiers are reported at Chichicomula, state of Puebla, and at other points along the Mexican railway. They are under the command of General Topete, who yesterday morning advanced with a military train to Esperanza. He later withdrew.

Travelers arriving here from the national capital say reports were being circulated there to the effect that the loyal general, Almazan, had arrested Governor Jimenez of Puebla state because he had declared himself against the president.

Rebels Capture Towns VERA CRUZ, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.) The gunboat Zaragoza is prepared to sail for Tampico to assist in the attack on that city which is to be undertaken by the troops of Governor Lopez de Lara of Tamaulipas, in conjunction with troops commanded by General Pancho Martinez.

The operation against Tampico is to be directed by General Adolfo De La Huerta.

Advices received here say that Celaya, in the state of Guanajuato,

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Anton Lang, Famous Christus Of Passion Play, Comes Here To Aid Sale of Wood Carvings



ANTON LANG AS THE CHRISTUS IN THE PASSION PLAY.

NEW YORK—Anton Lang, the Christus of the Oberammergau passion play, will arrive here shortly from Bremen to join the group of Oberammergau players already in the United States, arranging an exhibition of wood carvings and native embroideries to be held at Grand Central Palace.

Herr Lang is accompanied by Guido Mayr, the greatest Judas in the history of the Passion Play.

The players are prohibited by their vows from presenting the play elsewhere than in Oberammergau, but they hope to raise money in this country by selling their remarkable wood carvings.

JUSTICE HARRIS RESIGNS PLACE



Justice L. T. Harris

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—L. T. Harris, associate justice of the supreme court of Oregon, submitted his resignation to Governor Pierce late this afternoon. His term of office does not expire for four years.

ASK APPROPRIATION NAT'L PARK ROADS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—An appropriation of \$7,500,000 for the reconstruction of existing roads and trails in national parks and the building of new roads and bridges was recommended in a bill submitted to congress today by Secretary Work.

Practically all roads in national parks, he said, were originally built for horse drawn traffic, but with the advent of the automobile these have been found inadequate.

OREGON MAY GET BIG SUM FOR HIGHWAYS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—If congress complies with the request of the American Association of State Highway officials, from a convention of which Roy Klein, secretary of Oregon, returned today, and gives further federal aid to the extent of \$100,000,000 a year for three years, Oregon's share annually will be about \$1,200,000, according to Mr. Klein.

U. S. BUSINESS IMPROVING, IS HOOVER'S VIEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Legislation for revision of the navigation laws, for control of traffic in the air, and for stabilization of radio service were among the recommendations made by Secretary Hoover today in the annual report of the commerce department. "The rapid growth of aircraft and radio transmission alike, he said, had created a need for administrative development, while the navigation laws, long under scrutiny, required adjustment to the increased commercial expansion.

Within the department itself, Mr. Hoover recommended that congress follow the general reorganization plan proposed under the Harding administration, and make three administrative groupings to deal respectively with industry, trade, and navigation. He likewise urged congressional affirmation for the acts by which President Harding created Alaskan fisheries reserves, and suggested relief from federal taxation for American residents abroad and engaged in furthering American commerce.

Much of the report dealt with the special enterprises in which the commerce department has engaged during the year, designed to standardize commodity and material specifications, to collect facts about world agricultural production, and to determine the character of organization abroad by which it has been charged that American consumers have been threatened with unduly high prices.

In this connection, likewise, the report dealt with the foreign trade situation, and the studies made during Mr. Hoover's direction of determining the financial situation of the United States as left by trade balances in "visible" and "invisible" exports and imports. It was noted that during the period under review—the fiscal year 1922-23—commerce in general had revived, prices had firmed somewhat, and the nation had experienced prosperity.

"Through the huge export balances of the last few years, we have shifted from a debtor to a creditor nation," said Mr. Hoover, "and the theory is now more or less generally accepted that our hitherto normal excess of exports over imports must ultimately shift to an excess of imports, as we have large balances to receive in payment of interest. The gradual reduction of the monthly export excess in 1923, culminating in the spring of 1923 in four consecutive months in which imports were larger than exports, does not necessarily mean that this time has arrived."

In reviewing business conditions, Mr. Hoover declared activity had increased from month to month during the year.

Governor Pierce to Prevent Cigaret Ads In Oregon, if He Can

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—Governor Pierce will propose to the next session of the Oregon legislature that all forms of cigarette advertising be prohibited by law in the state. In a letter to William N. Taft, of this city, made public today Governor Pierce says: "I have received your letter and I realize how much there is to be done. I am going to propose to the next legislature that we forbid cigarette advertising in the state bill billboards and through newspapers. Unquestionably it does much harm."

CLEVELAND IS VIRTUALLY SURE OF COVENTION

At Opening Session of National Committee, Chicago Retires and Des Moines Virtually Does Likewise—Harding Is Lauded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Developments in the republican contest for nomination in 1924, overlaid the work of the opening session today of the republican national committee. The support given by administration leaders to Cleveland's bid for the convention—a chance which appears to be sure of ratification by the committee—promised to take much of the usual uncertainty from the committee's proceedings. Behind the scenes, however, with the campaign managers of both President Coolidge and Senator Johnson of California busily engaged in conference, the real contest of 1924 was starting into full stride.

Action on the place and date for the 1924 convention and issuance of the call are the principal business before the national committee which will end its sessions tomorrow with a luncheon at the White House.

Despite the swing toward Cleveland, representatives of Des Moines and San Francisco were given an opportunity today to press their claims for the convention. Los Angeles also had a bid before the committee, forwarded by mail, but leaders appeared indisposed to consider it favorably because of the city's plan to sell tickets to meet the convention expenses.

The opening committee session also was occupied with the question of a memorial to the late President Harding.

While the national committee was holding its morning session former Governor Frank O. Lowden, who was one of the "big three" candidates for the presidential nomination in 1920, talked with President Coolidge at the White House. In reply to questions, Mr. Lowden said that he had no activities designed to bring forward his name as a candidate next year were being engaged in with his sanction.

Mr. Lowden described his call on the president as a "visit of respect." He also said that Mr. Coolidge's message to congress had been received very favorably both in the middlewest and in the east.

The national committee was opened by Chairman Adams with a brief address in eulogy of President Harding. Fred W. Upham, formally announcing the withdrawal of Chicago, said he came to Washington with a "painting of wonderful Chicago sunrise embellished with 47 pledged votes."

"Then I called on a number of gentlemen from Boston," said Mr. Upham, "and they said, 'you people of the west don't understand much about art. Turn over the picture, it's perfectly clear to us that that is a sunset instead of a sunrise.' So what could we Chicagoans do but withdraw our invitation."

"Chicago owes much to the committee in the past in sending five conventions to our city. We bow with good grace."

Des Moines' case was presented by former Senator Charles Rawson, but he indicated that he thought the committee already had made its choice for next year, and extended invitations from Des Moines for the 1923 convention. "Maybe by that time they will be looking for western votes a little more," said Mr. Rawson.

FARM BLOC AGAIN HOLDS UP SENATE

Another Day Wasted in Effort to Break Deadlock Over Cummins Election—Magnus Johnson to Fore, But Fails to Prevent F. B. Kellogg's Confirmation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate again found itself in a deadlock as it resumed balloting today for the election of a chairman of the inter-state commerce commission.

On the second ballot Cummins again was short three votes of the necessary majority. La Follette held his seven votes; Cummins got 41 again and Smith 39.

Cummins' vote dropped to 39 on the third ballot, Smith holding his 39 and LaFollette his seven.

With Cummins four short of a majority, the senate went into executive session and later adjourned until tomorrow when there will be more balloting.

Supporting LaFollette were the same seven senators who brought about the deadlock yesterday after Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, a member of the inter-state commerce committee, had forced a separate vote on the chairmanship. They were Brookhart, Iowa; Ladd and Frazier, North Dakota, and Norris and Howell, Nebraska, republicans, and Shipstead and Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota.

These senators want repeal or revision of the transportation act and some of them are opposed to one senator holding two such important posts as those held by Senator Cummins.

The vote as subsequently announced, was 75 to 9. Those voting against confirmation were Brookhart, Iowa; Frazier, North Dakota; Norris, Nebraska, republicans; Copeland, New York; Dill, Washington; Ferris, Michigan and Wheeler, Montana, democrats; and Shipstead and Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—After a contest in executive session the nomination of Frank B. Kellogg, former United States senator from Minnesota, to be ambassador to Great Britain, was confirmed today by the senate.

Both of the farmer-labor senators from Minnesota, Johnson and Shipstead, and several others are understood to have argued against confirmation, they lost their fight, however, on a roll call vote.

Short Haul Bill Offered. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A bill to amend the transportation laws so as to prohibit a greater charge for a short than a long haul "in cases where a short haul is comprised in the long," was introduced today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho.

Would Cut Out Turkey. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A report to place the senate on record as opposed to resumption of diplomatic relations with Turkey until the rights of Armenia have been adequately protected was offered today by Senator King, democrat, Utah.

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CALIFORNIA FRUIT DAMAGED BY HARD FREEZE; MERCURY DROPS TO 17 ABOVE

will not be known until January 1. When the survey of conditions is expected to be completed, according to the California Fruit Growers' Exchange here. Considerable loss is expected to be shown by fruit blown down by the wind while other fruit bruised and otherwise damaged is expected to show deterioration as the crop approaches maturity. Tulare county has had three nights of low temperature, according to the exchange and there the damage is expected to run to a substantial figure. Last night thermometers reached as low as 18 degrees.