

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	39
Minimum today	34
Precipitation	.02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	48
Minimum	37

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

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WORKERS IN VALLEY HELD IN BONDAGE

Sensational Report From San Francisco Says That Armed Medford Rancher Is Holding Emigrants Here As Slaves—One Man Escapes—Withhold Rancher's Name.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A charge that a rancher five miles from Medford, Oregon, is holding a number of immigrants in absolute bondage and is compelling them to work for himself and others without pay under threat of death, was made to the California state immigration and housing commission here today by Theodore Kauhausen, a glazier, who said he escaped after being "hired out" by the rancher to a glass establishment in Medford. The name of the rancher is being withheld.

The commission is preparing to take the matter up with the proper Oregon officials and the federal immigration bureau.

According to Kauhausen, who is now employed here, he came from Germany several months ago with his brothers-in-law, Karl and Alvin Steder, 16 and 17 years old respectively and all were given employment by the rancher. The man, heavily armed, guarded them closely and brutally abused them and other immigrants there, he said.

Kauhausen said that he was finally "hired out" to the Medford glazier and that his wages were all appropriated by the rancher. Many others have been similarly bound out, he said. Kauhausen managed to secure one month's wages and fled to this city.

The rancher puts his victims under a five year servitude absolutely without pay or return of any kind. In order to work his ranch and to exact money from those that he "farm out" elsewhere, Kauhausen said.

The above dispatch was received at 3 p. m., too late for any local investigation of the report. As far as known no rumors of such a strange case have ever been reported to local police.

SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The soldier bonus bill which passed congress last year and was vetoed by President Harding was re-introduced today by Representative McKenzle, republican, Illinois, at the request of republican veterans in the house. It carries only minor changes from the original bill.

ORDER FIRST AUDIT BASEBALL, 20 YEARS

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The National Association of Professional Baseball clubs, the minors' joint organization, voted late today to instruct Chairman John H. Farrell of the association to prepare a complete audit of the association's books as proposed by President Charles H. Strube of the San Francisco club.

It is said the association's books have not been audited for twenty years or more.

FORD TO BE NOMINATED PRESIDENT WHETHER HE WANTS TO BE OR NOT

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 13.—A nominating petition to place the name of Henry Ford on the democratic ballot in the presidential primaries next April was filed in the secretary of state's office today by James W. Meier, democrat, of Adrian. The petition carries 107 signatures, the requirement being 100.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—Henry Ford will be nominated for president, whether he desires to be or not, it was unanimously decided at a meeting here last night at which a national Ford-for-president club was organized by a score of supporters of the automobile manufacturer who

Lord Douglas Sent To Prison for Libel On Winston Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lord Alfred Douglas, son of the late Marquis of Queensberry was found guilty by a jury in Old Bailey today of criminal libel upon Winston Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, by his publication of the statement that Mr. Churchill issued a false communique after the battle of Jutland for the purpose of influencing the stock market.

Lord Alfred was sentenced to six months in prison, at the expiration of which he must find a surety to keep the peace, particularly toward Mr. Churchill. Failing to find surety he must undergo six months more imprisonment.

HUGE SWINDLE UNEARTHED BY CHICAGO POLICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Promotion schemes involving nearly \$5,000,000 and covering a period of more than ten years were disclosed yesterday by State Attorney Robert M. Crowe after a raid on the offices of Leo Koretz, an attorney for whom a nation-wide search is being made.

Friends and relatives of Koretz said by the prosecutor to have been induced by him to invest several millions of dollars in the Bayano River Trust company of Panama, organized in 1911, have learned the company was a myth and its holdings in Panama, organized in 1911, represented an producing 250,000 barrels of oil per day, never existed, according to investigators.

The last trace of Koretz was a week ago when he left a New York hotel after sending back to his office here jewelry valued at \$75,000, seized in the raid and sending home all the clothing he had taken with him when he left Chicago. Letters from steamship companies found in his office have led authorities to believe he is enroute to the canal zone, South America or Prague, Bohemia where he is said to have many relatives.

Books and records taken by investigators in the downtown suite of offices of Koretz and in another office suite he maintained at the Drake hotel have disclosed, according to Prosecutor Crowe that investors in Koretz's projects were numbered among prominent and wealthy Chicagoans. From his own invalid mother, Mr. Crowe said, Koretz obtained \$45,000, one wealthy Chicago man whose name was withheld invested \$200,000 and others put in sums ranging from \$2000 to \$100,000.

So trusted was the promoter that none ever investigated the 5,000,000 acres of timber land, represented as owned by the Bayano River Trust company.

Koretz is married and has two children.

A small safe in one of Koretz's offices contained nothing but a few worthless papers when opened by police. The vault in the office however, held two hundred bottles of various kinds of choice liquors.

The long roll of names believed to have been Koretz's "sucker list" contained the name of Harry Rosenhaupt, Spokane, Wash.

Heavy Snow Walls Walls.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 13.—Shortly after noon today snow began falling here in earnest with every indication of a real mantle of white being laid over southeastern Washington. Farmers state they would prefer a good snow prior to any heavy freeze while townspeople have been hoping for a "white Christmas."

A BATTLE TO DECISION IN MEXICO NEAR

Reports Indicate Control of Mexico Will Be Decided By Battle On Vera Cruz Front—Both Sides Rushing Up Troops—Flores Supports Obregon.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—It is generally felt here that a decisive battle between the Sanchez forces and the troops loyal to President Obregon will be fought on the Vera Cruz front near where Carranza was defeated by Sanchez in 1919.

The government continues to concentrate soldiers in that district to oppose the advance of the rebels. President Obregon has rejected the mediation offer of General Angel Flores, governor of Sinaloa, asserting that the question between the government and the insurgents has become military rather than political inasmuch as the rebel leaders are army men who have failed in their military duties.

Big Battle Imminent. VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Newspaper correspondents accompanying the rebel armies in their advance on Mexico City, telegraphed early this morning that the situation in the state of Puebla was unchanged but that a battle apparently was imminent.

The main body of the insurgent troops has joined the advance guard and the rebels are now entrenched in a line that runs from Esperanza north west to Oriental, 35 miles and thence west to Apizaco, 30 miles.

The Obregon forces are at San Andres, 30 miles north of Oriental, where Generals Topique and Almazan have about 1000 men.

At Tehuacan, 35 miles south of Esperanza, Generals Barboza and Lechuga have a similar number of troops and at San Marcos, forty miles west of San Andres, the loyalists have another body of troops. It is evidently the aim of the Obregon forces to prevent the Esperanza and Oriental rebel columns from meeting at San Marcos, where the Mexican and Inter-oceanic railroads cross each other.

"It is between these points, surely," wires one correspondent, "that the deciding battle for the possession of Mexico City will be fought."

The insurgents at Oriental sent out an exploration train which after proceeding about 25 kilometers encountered a similar train manned by Obregon troops. The latter withdrew and when the rebels pursued they found that the tracks had been torn up for a distance of four kilometers.

Flores Supports Obregon. JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Mexican authorities here today declared that the announcement that General Angel Flores, constitutional governor of Sinaloa, had temporarily abandoned his presidential campaign to resume charge of state affairs and had telegraphed President Obregon that he would remain loyal to the government, was the most important news that had come from the west coast of Mexico since the beginning of the revolution.

Verification of the report that Flores intends to fight for the Obregon government was received in a telegram to Consul General E. D. Ruiz from Consul J. Terrazas at Nogales, Ariz.

The message from Terrazas declared that the entire west coast including Tepec, Nayarit is quiet and that Tepec had not been captured by rebels as reported.

In this connection officers of the Southern Pacific railway of Mexico in Nogales, have received a telegram from the Utah Construction company which is building an extension of the line in Tepec saying that the work is going ahead without interruption.

The execution at Guaymas of General Frutos Mendez, Yaqui Indian chief, charged with leading a plot to incite an uprising among the Yaquis in Sinaloa and Sonora and of an unnamed rebel leader at Tepec by federal forces was reported in advices received at Nogales.

Colonel Rosas, commander at Matamoros, has sent troops toward San Fernando to reconnoiter the position of Colonel Guajardo who is reported in command of about 200 irregulars south of Matamoros according to reports from Brownsville. The regular troops protecting the port of Piedras Negras have been reinforced by a trainload of federal soldiers and General Alberto Guajardo is recruiting two regiments under orders of the central government.

Obregon in Command. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—

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HE'S THE "BABY" OF THE 68TH CONGRESS



Representative Lister Hill, of Alabama, who is 28 years old, claiming the distinction of being the youngest representative in the 68th session of the house of representatives.

PIERCE GIVES FIRST PARDON TO MURDERER

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—For the first time since he came into office, Governor Pierce today extended executive clemency to a man who had taken life.

He granted a conditional pardon to Charles W. Purdin, convicted in Multnomah county of killing his wife and a stranger whom he found together in his home. At the time it was pointed out that Purdin did not know his wife was then divorced.

Purdin, it was said, has been in the prison hospital most of the time since he was received here on March 8, 1922.

HYPNOTIC EYE IS BLAMED FOR YOUTH'S CRIME

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 13.—That Alton Covell, aged 16, who was placed on trial today for the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Ebba Covell at Bandon, was not mentally developed more than a nine year old child and consequently not responsible for his acts was outlined by his principal defense by Grant Corby, his attorney, in the opening statement today.

The attorney also contended that Arthur Covell, the boy's uncle who is under death sentence in connection with the same case had Alton absolutely under his power.

District Attorney Fisher in his opening statement declared the state would prove that the crime was long premeditated and that night after Alton Covell and Arthur Covell plotted the murder. Most of the witnesses who testified in Arthur Covell's trial will testify in Alton's case.

GERMANY MAY DEAL WITH FRANCE DIRECT

PARIS, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German government today officially announced its intention to initiate direct negotiations with the French concerning the Rhineland and the Ruhr, according to a Havas dispatch from Berlin.

HUNT D'AUTREMONT BROTHERS IN MEXICO

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Richard Hughes, chief special agent of the Southern Pacific of the Tucson division, is in Mexico on the trail of the three men believed to be those who held up a train at Siskiyou, Ore., October 11. It was announced from the railroad's office here.

Fresno Rancher Burned to Death. FRESNO, Dec. 13.—Trapped in a flaming room early this morning, Louie Ocosovich was burned to death in a ranch house near here. Other members of the family made their escape through windows in their night clothes.

TEMPEST IS AROUSED BY SANITY TEST

Folsom Prison Warden Is Central Figure in Row Over Spinal Fluid Test Given to Alex Kels, Lodi Murderer When He Was Committed to Prison.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 13.—The question of the sanity of Alex A. Kels, Lodi butcher awaiting execution in Folsom prison for the murder of Ed Meservey, today developed a tempest in which Warden J. J. Smith became the central figure and likely to have its climax tomorrow when the state board of prison directors meets at the prison.

The spinal fluid test, requested by the family of the condemned man as a step toward proving him insane and refused by Warden Smith a week ago unless ordered by a court, had already been made at the time the quest was filed and refused, the warden revealed last night in an announcement that the result of the examination proved Kels to be sane.

Judge C. E. McLaughlin, president of the state board of prison directors, asked today whether this test would be the equivalent of one made at the direction of a court, answered absolutely not, and declared the board would go into the case fully at tomorrow's meeting when the report of the test is formally presented by the warden.

The test was made, Smith announced on October 19, the day Kels arrived at the prison, by the prison physician, Dr. John C. Rogers. A specimen of the fluid was sent to the laboratory of the University of California for analysis and a report returned last Saturday.

The report, Smith declared said there was no evidence of blood taint in Kels and thus eliminated the possibility of establishing insanity from this cause. The test is one which is made on every prisoner as he arrives, said Smith. "It is exactly the same kind of test the Kels people requested and which I refused to have made. It is not a conclusive test so far as the subject's sanity is concerned. Doctors admit that."

22 OIL PROMOTERS IN ARKANSAS ARE INDICTED FOR FRAUD

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 13.—Twenty-two alleged promoters of oil stock enterprises in the south Arkansas field were under indictment in the federal district court here on charges of using the mails to defraud while announcement was awaited of additional indictments which were expected to bring the total number of defendants to more than 100.

In six indictments returned yesterday containing 49 counts alleging fraud and one charging conspiracy, 13 defendants were named. They were Morton Howard (Pat) Marr, one of the biggest oil stock company operators in the southwest; Robert David Kerchaval, Roy A. Cox, Samuel E. Davis, the American Trust company, Reginald C. Houston (two indictments); Henri O. Fleisher, Hub Mason, H. A. Marshall, Louis S. Grimm, Thomas J. Ryan, W. B. Duff and Irving Simons.

Nine other defendants who were not named in the indictments announced yesterday and some of whom are not yet in custody, have made bond on oil fraud charges.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE FAVORS LIVESTOCK AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Coolidge was quoted by visitors today as having informed a delegation of northwestern livestock men that he would approve an amendment to the packer control act which would exempt co-operative marketing associations from its provisions.

The request for executive approval was presented by a group of livestock men headed by J. H. Lawrence of St. Paul, who have been in conference here with members of congress from the agricultural states.

16 Wyoming Indians Arrive in Paris to Plead With League

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A delegation of sixteen Arapahoe Indians from Wyoming, clad in full regalia, arrived here yesterday. Their appearance caused such a commotion in the northern railroad terminal that traffic was held up for some time. Chief Old Eagle told interviewers that the delegation intended to ask the League of Nations to intervene with the United States government so that Indians might have the same rights and privileges as other Americans.

CONGRESS FLEES MEXICO CITY TO DEPOSE LEADER

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—By horseback, airplane, automobile and some by rail through the United States, the majority of the Mexican national congress is leaving Mexico City for Vera Cruz, to reconvene for the avowed purpose of deposing President Alvaro Obregon as president of the republic, according to Ruben Cidra, president of the chamber of deputies, who arrived here last night enroute to Vera Cruz.

He said that the national congress had been functioning since the outbreak of the revolution under military pressure. He further stated that a quorum was not present and that all acts since the revolution were null and void.

Some of the members are having difficulty in leaving Mexico City, he said and about 25 of them were still there.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Rebel forces at Manzanillo, Mexico, have captured and executed General Miguel Pima, of the federal army who was returning to Mexico City from Lower California where he had been on a mission for President Obregon, according to advices received in official circles here today.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN E. OREGON PREDICTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A storm reaching from the Aleutian Islands to the heart of the temperate zone is being thrust toward the Pacific coast by high off shore winds today and is carrying everything in the storm line with it from gentle, misty rains to swirling, snow-filled blizzards. It is expected to strike in full force some time late today or early tonight.

In anticipation of high winds the United States weather bureau had ordered storm signals up from Cape Flattery, Washington, to Point Reyes, California.

The storm is expected to travel out into more or less windless rains in the northern California lowlands but the mountain ranges and much of Nevada, Idaho and eastern Oregon and Washington are due for heavy snowfalls.

Everett Safe Blown Up.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 13.—The safe of the W. E. Ropes Transfer company at Sedro Woolley was blown open by robbers early this morning and \$400, \$100 of it in silver, stolen.

The interior of the office and the safe were wrecked. Night marshals on duty heard the explosion about 3 a. m. but because of a high wind storm, could not locate it.

Swiss President Named.

BERNE, Dec. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Federal Councillor Ernest Coudand of Lausanne today was elected president of the Swiss confederation for 1924. The Swiss parliament gave him 183 of the 219 votes.

The new vice president of Federal Councillor Jean Musy of Fribourg.

New York Pastor Called On Carpet For Greek Dances Held In Church

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Dr. Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Marks in the Bowery and his board of vestrymen were called before Bishop William T. Manning, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York today to explain reports of dances and festivals in the downtown church and parish house. These reports have "shocked and scandalized" Bishop Manning, he said.

The dances, most of them of the Greek classic variety, have been given by young women members of the parish as a part of Dr. Guthrie's avowed purpose of bringing beauty into religion.

KILLING OF K. K. LEADER DESCRIBED

Witnesses at Trial of P. E. Fox for Murder of W. S. Coburn in Atlanta Give Details of the Tragedy—Fox Had Knife As Well As Gun—Insanity to Be Defense.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—The defense in the case of Philip E. Fox, on trial late today, for the murder of William S. Coburn, entered a plea of insanity.

The plea was entered in an address before the jury by Frank A. Hooper, Sr., attorney for the defense, who reviewed Fox's life and declared "there existed traces of insanity in the defendant's family."

Everett identified a knife which he said was purchased by Fox for \$4 on November 5. He said Fox had him all the knife and examine the opening springs before he would close the knife. The knife was seven inches long the witness said. It looked like a dirk.

The opened blade knife was taken from Fox when he was arrested a few minutes after he shot Coburn. The weapon was said to have been found in his hand when taken into custody.

A. E. Wilson, an attorney who occupied offices adjoining those of Coburn, testified that Fox entered his office on November 5 and asked which were the offices of Coburn. Fox, Wilson said, tried to enter Coburn's office through the room he occupied but he stopped him. Had Fox entered Coburn's office through this door, Coburn's back would have been turned to him, the witness said.

Five Shots Fired.

The witness identified a flat top desk which occupied a space in front of the jury box as that of the slain man. He said he was once a law partner of Coburn.

Mr. Wilson declared that shortly after Fox left the office he heard five pistol shots. He said he heard screams and when he emerged into the hall found a Mrs. Holbrook, Mr. Coburn's stenographer, who said "Captain Coburn has been shot."

"I entered Coburn's office and found the body lying face down on the floor. A pistol was four or five feet away," the witness said. "The desk chair he occupied was about three feet away and I later examined it and found a bullet hole."

The purpose of his examination, it was indicated, was to show that Coburn was seated at his desk when Fox opened fire.

Fox, sitting to the right of his wife at his counsel's table, apparently paid no attention to the testimony. He began to beat a tattoo on the table when Dr. H. E. Stockbridge, a physician, told him he rushed into Coburn's office to find the slain leader on the floor dying.

Facing him across a narrow aisle was Mrs. Coburn, the widow, who pushed a black bordered handkerchief to her eyes during the testimony of the physician who said he worked hard after he examined Coburn and found there was still a spark of life left. The witness said Coburn lived for several minutes after he was shot.

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