

The Weather
Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 48
Minimum today 34
Precipitation .08

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 42
Minimum 24

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

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OBREGON IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Mexican President Assuming Personal Command of Army Says Revolt Will Soon Be Crushed—Federal Troops Claim Victory in First Clash—Rebels Claim Progress.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Federal troops at Tepic, Nayarit, have retaken that city, routed the rebel troops and are pursuing them toward Jalisco, according to official advices received here today.

The two Yaqui Indian chiefs in Sonora, Morán and Mapuh, have offered the federal government the services of 2000 Indians to aid in putting down the rebellion, the Mexican consul here was advised by Governor Alvaro Obregón.

No resistance was encountered by the federal troops in their counter stroke against the rebels. General Heriberto Casas is heading the federal column pursuing the flying revolutionist forces.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Mexican federal forces were victorious in their first clash with the rebels under General Enrique Estrada at Ocatlan, Jalisco, yesterday, according to official reports received here. With the routing of the irregulars, the advices said, one of Estrada's captains deserted his leader and joined the federals, bringing with him 100 men and 125,000 pesos in money.

The clash occurred only eighty kilometers from Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco where General Estrada has his headquarters and upon which an advance was said by Iruputo reports to have begun Wednesday by the federals.

"In my judgment there can be little doubt of the early and successful issue of the campaign," President Obregón telegraphed the El Paso Times from Guadalupe.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 14.—President Alvaro Obregón has left Mexico City to take personal command of the troops of General Juan Almazán in the state of Puebla to oppose the advance of the De la Sueta troops, according to advices received in Juarez today.

Rebels Claim Progress
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 14.—A communique issued by the insurgent leaders says General Enrique Estrada with three battalions, four regiments and ten airplanes touched enemy forces from Mexico City.

This may refer to the clash between federal forces and those of General Estrada, which according to advices in Juarez, resulted in a victory for the federals. The engagement is reported to have taken place at Ocatlan, Jalisco, northwest of Mexico City.

The statement asserts that the troops of General Pedro Gonzalez were able to enter San Andreas and Chalchicomula after defeating the forces of General Topete. An advance toward Tehuacan, where a concentration of about 1000 federal troops has been reported, is now being organized the announcement says.

The same statement asserts that the capture of San Marcos, although defended by an Obregon force, is expected momentarily.

Severe Fighting Reported

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 14.—Reports of severe fighting between outposts of the advancing rebel army and federals entrenched in the path of the march

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Tax Supervision Bill to Be Tested In Supreme Court

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—The constitutionality of the act of 1923 legislature creating tax supervising and conservation commissions in all counties of the state is to be tested in an original proceeding in mandamus that was filed in the supreme court yesterday by I. M. Schanep, R. E. Bean and J. O. Hales, taxpayers of Umatilla county, against R. O. Hawks, county assessor, to compel Hawks to levy a tax for the county market road fund of \$66,974.51 which was removed from the county budget by the commission.

NEW DODGE IN FAKING BROUGHT HIM \$5,000,000

Leo Koretz Was Always Very Reluctant to Take Money From Easy Marks to Invest in Panama Oil Bubble.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Relative and friends of Leo Koretz, Chicago attorney, sought by authorities as an alleged swindler who fleeced investors in an oil scheme out of sums ranging from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, have arranged to turn over today as a restitution fund \$400,000 given them by Koretz before he disappeared a week ago. A grand jury inquiry into Koretz's alleged speculations began today simultaneously with a federal grand jury investigation into the operations of the Bayano River Trust company of Panama, said by the authorities to be a mythical promotion scheme managed by Koretz for more than ten years.

Meanwhile foreign lands and the sea were looked to as possible places of refuge for Koretz, who is thought by investigators to have either escaped to a Central American country, put out to sea on a speedy motorboat of his own, or headed for South America by airplane.

The origin of the "Panama oil bubble" organized as the Bayano River Trust company, in which friends and relatives of Koretz are said to have lost millions was ascribed by his friends to a swindle perpetrated on Koretz in 1910.

A relative of an attorney named Dan Belasco, said Attorney Francis E. Matthews, came here in 1910, announcing he had secured for rich timber lands in Panama. He sought someone to invest \$10,000 to pay for cutting and shipping some of the timber, Koretz invested that amount, and that was the last seen of that promoter.

Koretz made a special trip to Panama to hunt for the man and while there he evidently acquired a lot of local color for his own greatest promotion venture—the Bayano company, and the inspiration which carried him through thirteen years of frenzied finance.

Those who invested with Koretz described his methods as the exact reverse of the ordinary type of promoter. He was invariably reluctant to accept the money of his friends to invest in his schemes, and always made it appear that he had to sacrifice some of his own holdings to share them with others.

Isadora Duncan's Hub Censured By Literati

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—A court composed of Moscow's literati has tried Serge Yesselin, husband of Isadora Duncan, and three companion poets on charges growing out of alleged anti-Semitic utterances. The court censured the writers but decided to permit them to continue work in Moscow.

MOTIVE OF K.K. KILLING IS DIVULGED

Prosecutor Charges That Murdered Man Had Affidavits Concerning Relations of Fox With Questionable Women—Witnesses for Defense Claim Fox Insane.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—The motive for Philip E. Fox killing William S. Tucker was because Coburn had in his possession an affidavit and other information about the defendant's alleged illicit relations with questionable women, Solicitor General John A. Boykin charged today at the trial of Fox.

The solicitor revealed the alleged motive while W. H. Duncan, a defense witness, was being cross examined. Duncan said he was a reporter for the Dallas, Texas Times-Herald.

The witness had declared the only motive he could see for Fox committing the deed was that he is insane.

E. K. Meade, city editor of the Dallas, Texas Times-Herald, testified as to Fox's condition following his nervous breakdown while working on that newspaper. He corroborated other witnesses as to Fox's alleged fits of despondency and added that at one time he had a delusion that "somebody was trying to kill him."

"I believe Fox was insane at the time he left Dallas to come to Atlanta to accept the position with the Ku Klux Klan," he testified.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—Philip E. Fox, on trial here for murder, was on a three day drunk prior to shooting and killing William S. Coburn, the prosecution charged today while Congressman Patton Summers of the fifth district, was on the stand testifying to Fox's character.

"Did you know," Solicitor General Boykin asked the congressman, "that he was arrested in a local hotel in this condition and in company with a woman, threatened the life of the arresting officer and was taken to police headquarters?"

The congressman said he knew nothing of the life Fox was leading since coming to Atlanta from Texas, but during his residence in that state, his general character was good.

"Knowing Phil Fox as I do such action as you have outlined makes me believe he is crazy—at least something was fundamentally wrong with him," declared the congressman.

Counsel for Fox entered a plea of insanity yesterday.

WIFE REFUSES TO BELIEVE HER HUSBAND DEAD

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Winifred Sperry refused to believe that her husband, Lawrence B. Sperry, the aviator who was drowned in the English channel, where his wrecked plane was found.

"If, after his plane fell into the water, he swam to some little village, news of him would reach London until after the story of the accident had arrived," she said. "I feel that he is safe somewhere."

PIERCE ORDERS ATTY. GEN'L TO TRY BOOZE CASE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—It was announced from the office of Governor Pierce this afternoon that Attorney General Van Winkle had been requested by the governor to take personal charge of the prosecution of the case of Dr. A. E. Wrightman, Silverton physician, who is charged in the Salem justice court with unlawful possession of liquor.

The statement from the executive offices that this was done by agreement with District Attorney John Carson of Marion county, who desired aid in this case, was denied by Mr. Carson.

If the governor's request is carried out it will be the first time that an attorney general of the state has appeared before a justice of the peace, to prosecute a case, it is said.

Casualties of the Air Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 14.—Lieutenant Earl D. Willis and Private DeAnand, an enlisted mechanic, were killed today when their plane crashed during the bombing practice. Because of the roughness of the bombing range no rescue planes could land near the wrecked plane which burst into flames after it crashed.

Lieutenant Willis went into a spin 1200 feet above the ground and was unable to right the ship. He was a bombardment instructor at the advanced flying school, Kelly field. He was 27 years old and his home was Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

DeAnand's home was North Akron, Ohio.

16-Year-Old Bridegroom And Wife, Aged 50, Bill And Coo As Parents Fret



MR. AND MRS. BURTON TUCKER.
RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J.—"Ain't love grand?" Burton S. Tucker, aged 16, and his 50-year-old bride, the former Mrs. Susie Simpson, owner of the hotel Pasadena on Central Park West, seem to think the divine passion is all the poets claim for it. They fell and coo in their rented "love nest" here while Tucker's parents seek to have the marriage annulled, claiming the boy was kept under duress.

Mrs. Tucker says she means to send her husband, the grandson of her half-sister to Boston Tech and later buy him a seat on the Stock Exchange.

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SELECT COUZENS IN CUMMINS' PLACE TO HALT DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The organization troubles of the republican house leaders increased today at the same time that the senate organization row was showing signs of subsiding.

The republican insurgent group in the house, negotiating with the democrats for a coalition to control the powerful rules committee, made such progress that a floor fight on the subject seemed likely to develop when the committee assignments are brought in for approval.

On the side a well-defined movement developed to end the deadlock over election of a chairman of the inter-state commerce committee by the selection of Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan.

There were indications that he would be satisfactory to the republican senate insurgents who have affected a deadlock by refusing to support Senator Cummings of Iowa, the regular republican choice for the chairmanship. There were signs also that some of the organization leaders who have voted for Cummings thrust also would be willing to try their strength to the Michigan senator when balloting is resumed Monday.

It had been planned by the majority house leaders to present their committee slate for approval today but instead they asked for an adjournment until tomorrow ten minutes after the session began. Immediately afterward Democratic Leader Garrett asserted the democrats would hold a caucus tomorrow before the senate convened.

Death Toll of the Automobile

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 14.—Four were killed and three injured last night when an automobile crashed into a boulder loaded with University of Colorado students which was speeding over the slippery road four miles east of Boulder hooked on behind another automobile. The dead: Jack Simpson, Thomas Ward and Henri Klot, all of Denver, and Ray Saunders of Boulder.

The injured are Manley Betts, Richmond, Va.; Charles Parker, Orange, Cal.; and J. G. Williams, Boulder, Colo.

Williams was the driver of the automobile which collided with the boulder and then overturned. The other six were riding the sled.

Coolidge for German Relief.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Coolidge announced last night that the administration approves and encourages the utmost private charity for relief of the German people.

ROSEBURG BRIBERS GET 5 TO 10 YEARS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 14.—Judge Hamilton today sentenced Jack Connelly, Fred Schulte and Bert Roberts to ten, seven and five years respectively in the state prison. Connelly and Schulte were convicted of accepting bribes in return for protection of the Redwood run ring and Roberts pleaded guilty to giving the bribes as the "retailer" of the organization.

70 Year Old Veteran Hatfield-McCoy Feud Leads in Jail Break

BRISTOL, Va., Dec. 14.—Five prisoners headed by John Hatfield, 70 year old veteran of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, are at large in the Cumberland mountains, having escaped last night from the Wise county jail at Wise Courthouse. Hatfield is a cousin of "Devil Anse" Hatfield and is under sentence of twenty years imprisonment for murder.

As the aged leader of the escapees made his way from the jail he was said to have yelled to prisoners on the lower floor: "Tell that jailer he told a bare-faced lie when he said there was no chance for me to get out of here."

TEN FROZEN TO DEATH IN SNOW STORM N. MEX.

Record Breaking Freeze Hits As Far South As Florida—Heavy Snow in Tennessee—Worst Blizzard in History of State in N. Mexico.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—Winter traced an icy finger through the south today, leaving lowered temperatures as far south as southern Florida and snow in several sections for the first real winter weather experienced in the south this season.

Snow fell last night in Tennessee. Chattanooga reported the heaviest fall in the history of the weather bureau. Knoxville reported a four inch snow.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 14.—

Although more than 24 hours had elapsed since snow stopped falling New Mexico early today was still trying to "dig out" of one of the worst blizzards in years which caused at least ten deaths and blocked railroad and automobile traffic in many parts of the state.

Telephone reports from Socorro and San Marcial last night stated that 72 automobiles with more than 300 passengers were snowbound in Nogales canyon on the highway to Hot Springs, N. M., and that 100 men, members of the party were trying to dig a passageway out thru the snowdrifts in the canyon. Food and fuel were taken to the canyon from San Marcial, the reports stated, and no suffering was reported.

Rail traffic had been resumed and highways in other sections of the state were being opened to traffic, according to reports received here.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Two bandits today bound and gagged the paymaster of Michael Melody and Son company, builders in the office of the concern and died with \$15,786 which he was placing in envelopes to pay the employees.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Orrin W. Schmitz, a male nurse, was beaten to death with a flatiron early this morning by his patient, Karl W. Eaton, 27, a student.

Eaton is suffering from a mental disorder, according to his physician.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Two bandits today bound the driver of a mail truck at East Rochester, to the wheel of his machine and stole a registered letter containing between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in currency.

Fear U. S. Aviator Drowned.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Fear that Lawrence B. Sperry, American aviator, has been drowned in the English channel was expressed last night by the Daily Mail.

SHIP GOES ON ROCKS NEAR MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, CREW SAVED, SHIP LOST

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 14.—The lumber steamer Flavel of the Hammond Lumber company of San Francisco, bound from Aberdeen to San Pedro with one million feet of lumber, is believed to be a total loss. Members of the crew were picked up in open boats by the tug Normandie.

Later Captain H. Johnson and most of the crew of five returned to the vessel to assist in salvage. She is high on the rocks, her position apparently hopeless. Naval Commander H. R. Lyons, returning in an automobile from a dance, heard the vessel's siren distress signals. He notified the Presidio of Monterey and fishing fleet.

The tug Normandie put out at 10 p. m. The Flavel struck while she was trying to catch shore fog signals. Her keels were running but there was no wind.

The Flavel is a three masted schooner of 967 tons. She was in San Francisco in 1917 to

RANCHER IN PEON CASE IDENTIFIED

Medford Man Declares Professor Englehardt, Is Person Whom Theodore Kauhausen Yesterday Charged With Holding Him and Others in Bondage.

Peonage charges filed with the California state immigration board Thursday against a Rogue River valley rancher, by Theodore Kauhausen, a glazier now employed by the W. P. Fuller company of San Francisco, were directed at Professor Karl Englehardt, whose ranch is located in the Agate district near the Elks picnic grounds, 12 miles north of the city. This information was furnished by Carl Meyer, cabinet maker at the Medford Planing Mill, where Kauhausen was formerly employed.

According to Meyer, Kauhausen came to America from Germany last August, and remained on the Englehardt ranch, afterwards securing work at the local concern, upon the solicitation of Englehardt. He is alleged to have complained to his fellow workers about the conditions on the Englehardt ranch, and they regarded his charges lightly.

The two boys, brothers-in-law of Kauhausen, are Carl and Alvin Steder, age 15 and 17 years, who came to this country from Meiningen, Thuringia, Germany, last June. Englehardt paying their fare, for which he is alleged to have attempted to exact long terms of servitude.

Meyer says that Kauhausen told him that he was held for an eight year term, and that he told him it was impossible.

Meyer says that Thanksgiving day he was hunting ducks in the vicinity of the Englehardt ranch, when he met one of the Steder youths, who was hunting rabbits. Meyer attempted to get his version of conditions, but Meyer says the boy was "as bulldozed" he was scared to talk, and would not say anything about his trouble except that Englehardt had tried to collect \$400 of his wages.

It is expected that state and federal authorities will investigate the charges of Kauhausen.

Friends of Englehardt maintain that he only advanced the Steder boys their passage from Germany, with the understanding that they work until he had been repaid, and that the local rancher acted in good faith. Englehardt himself has not yet been heard from.

Terrill Makes Statement

Sheriff Terrill said this noon: "I have tangled with Professor Englehardt two or three times, on the same proposition, and once when he was over to Jacksonville as a witness before the grand jury on some school business. I told him he was going to get in a jackpot, if he didn't watch his step."

"When George Roberts was district attorney, a rumour came up. Professor Englehardt had a boy from California, and he agreed to give him \$500 if he stayed until he was 21. He was a German boy. The boy's dad got wind of something and came up and tried to get the boy. George sent me out to get the boy, but he would not leave, and the father went home without him. I have forgotten what his name was. There is no state law that covers this stuff, and the best way is to put it up to the U. S. department of justice."

EFFORT TO STOP COOS BAY TRIAL FAILS

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 14.—Motion of the defense in the trial of Alton Covell, charged with the indictment he was hanged on the ground that the defendant had not received a preliminary hearing after his arrest was denied today by Judge Kendall after hearing arguments.

The defense resumed its efforts to clear the sixteen year old defendant of the charge of having killed his stepmother, Mrs. Ebba Covell.