

The Weather

Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	64
Minimum today	32
Precipitation	.02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum	42
Minimum	30

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KING GEORGE OF GREECE FORCED OUT

GREEK KING AGREES TO QUIT THRONE

King George and Queen Elizabeth Depart for Roumania at Command of Premier and Army Head—Venizelos May Take Up Reins of Government.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—King George and Queen Elizabeth will leave Athens tonight for Roumania, it is announced by the newspapers here today.

King George II of Greece, eldest son of the late King Constantine, ascended the throne on September 28, 1922, after his father had been forced to abdicate by the Gonasas Plastras revolution. It became apparent almost immediately that George was to be a monarch in name only, for the revolutionary regime gave Greece what was virtually a military dictatorship. Nevertheless, there was no disposition to terminate the dynasty, the government leaders preferring to keep the young sovereign under close surveillance and allow him a semblance of power.

However, in the last few months, republican and pro-Venizelist sentiment in Greece has been growing rapidly. Last Saturday the longed for national elections took place. The returns showed such a preponderance of liberal republican sentiment that a dynastic order seemed inevitable and apparently it has materialized.

Admiral Is Regent
LONDON, Dec. 18.—An agency dispatch from Athens says the king and queen are leaving for Roumania tonight without signing any decrees and that Admiral Koundouriotis will be appointed regent.

Another telegram reports that a delegation representing the army and navy last evening informed Colonel Plastras that the officers of both services regarded the removal of the dynasty as a national necessity.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—According to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail, the liberal victors in Sunday's election plan to urge the first meeting of the national assembly to authorize a plebiscite with a view to changing the present regime.

The party proposes also to start a discussion regarding the form of republic to be established, the dispatch adds. If the assembly decides to adopt the French system, the noted banker, Sir Basil Saraboff, will be invited to become the first president; if the United States plan is accepted the post will be offered to Venizelos.

Premier Gonasas and Colonel Plastras, dispatches say, signed the letter requesting the king to leave after they had been interviewed by the military and naval delegation and by representatives of political and other organizations in the provinces. All of these urged removal of the dynasty. Premier Gonasas also received petitions signed by the officers and men of the Athens garrison, asking that steps be taken to remove the monarch.

King Ordered to Go
The letter to King George, it is said, was couched in stern language and contained the intimation that his departure by evening at the latest was

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CHICAGO GRAFTERS' VICTIMS SCATTERED ALL OVER COUNTRY, LOSSES INCREASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—While prosecutors here continue to search for clues to the whereabouts of Leo Koretz, missing promoter of an alleged Panama "oil bubble," investigations have been extended to New York, Denver, Colorado Springs and other cities, where investors are believed to have added thousands of dollars to the \$5,000,000 or more which Koretz is charged with having obtained.

Neglecting Kettle of Boiling Water Fatal To Seattle Couple

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Death of Eugene A. Childs of this city, former member of the Washington state legislature and former police court judge and Clara Lien, beautiful divorcee, 20 years old, whose bodies were found yesterday in a house that Childs had recently purchased, was attributed by the coroner today to leaving a kettle of water over a gas jet.

The water boiled over, extinguishing the flame and permitting the gas to escape.

HOTEL OWNER SHOT DOWN BY OKLAHOMA MOB

Marlow Hotel Man Dead and Negro Porter Dying As Result of Attack By Anti-Negro Gang—Authorities Make No Arrests.

MARLOW, Okla., Dec. 18.—Search for Marvin Kinnannon, 20 years old, member of a well known family here and a party of young men who are alleged to have left the city last night in a motor car, was started today by Stephens county authorities as a result of the killing last night of A. L. Birch, 38 years old, proprietor of a hotel, and the fatal wounding of Robert Journeagan, negro porter. The negro died today.

MARLOW, Okla., Dec. 18.—Marlow's unwritten law, exemplified by prominent public signs bearing the command: "Negro, don't let the sun go down on you here," caused the death last night of A. W. Birch, prominent hotel owner and the probable fatal wounding of the first negro who has stayed here more than a day in years.

Last Saturday Birch brought Robert Journeagan, the negro, here to serve as a porter in his hotel. A few hours later he received an anonymous communication ordering him to dismiss the porter at once and drive him from the city. Birch ignored the letter.

A mob of more than fifteen men went to the hotel early last evening, its members calling loudly for the negro and announcing their intention of hanging him on the spot. The hotel proprietor, with Journeagan at his side, hurried into the lobby to intercede but was shot dead before he could speak. The negro also fell, critically wounded. Their assailants then fled.

Mrs. Birch who witnessed the shooting said she thought she recognized the man who killed her husband but authorities here today said they had no clue as to the identity of the members of the mob.

They were not masked.

Casualties of the Air Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 18.—Captain Harold E. Strucken, commander of the 47th school squadron Brooks field, and Sergeant C. E. Ryals, were killed today when their ship crashed at Pendleton, Texas. They were enroute to Dallas. Captain Strucken's home was New York City. Sergeant Ryals' home was Glenwood, Ga.

According to information which investigators say they have, Koretz received an amount in New York equal to that invested by his friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Salo Auerbach, wife of a wealthy theater owner who is said to have invested \$35,000 in the Panama River Trust company of Panama, appeared at the prosecutor's office last night and denied any knowledge of the place of refuge of the missing promoter.

REBEL CITY IS CAPTURED BY OBREGON

San Marcos Falls in President's Hands With Large Supplies—Victory May Be Decisive—Americans Aid the Loyalists—U. S. Recognition Obregon Reaffirmed.

(By the Associated Press)
The Mexican government forces moving east from the capital have come into direct contact with the rebel columns operating from Vera Cruz and fighting for the possession of Apizaco, 70 miles east of Mexico City, it is reported.

The battle went on all day yesterday, according to dispatches received through Vera Cruz where the rebels maintain their headquarters. Rebel reinforcements are being hurried to the scene. Dispatches to the border say the rebels were completely routed. Belated advices from Mexico City say the rebels evacuated Puebla City, southeast of the capital last night. While not admitting the truth of this, the rebels through their Vera Cruz headquarters, announced a "change in plan" where by their forces from Puebla "advanced upon Apizaco" for the purpose of consolidating railroad communication.

The rebels also admitted that fighting was proceeding at San Marcos, the railroad center east of Puebla and southeast of Apizaco, which might indicate that a body of federals had succeeded in flanking the rebels in Puebla City and thus forcing their evacuation.

News regarding operations in the zone west of Mexico City is lacking in the government advices reaching the United States, but the rebels say Obregon was compelled in the face of superior forces to withdraw his troops from Irapuato in Guanajuato and from the states of San Luis Potosi and Tamaulipas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The revolutionary movement in Mexico has not operated to change the policy of the American government toward Mexico, it was announced today at the White House.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—By the Associated Press.—Revolutionary forces evacuated Puebla tonight and federal troops have occupied the city, according to a war department announcement.

EL PASO, Dec. 17.—Fighting for possession of San Marcos had been under way for more than sixteen hours before the rebels were forced to retreat. Mr. Ruiz was advised. The federals captured an immense amount of ammunition, small arms, a number of cannon and several trains used by the rebel forces for transportation, Mr. Ruiz was informed.

President Obregon himself is directing the federal troops and is commanding the pursuit of the rebel forces in an effort to make the victory even more complete.

The message was from General Francisco Serrano, secretary of war who expressed confidence that the rebellion would end shortly.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The revolutionaries evacuated Puebla tonight, the war department announced. Federal forces occupied Almaz and Lucas Gonzales.

EL PASO, Dec. 17.—Wealthy Americans interested in mining in the state of Durango are financing an organization of defense units to oppose the revolution, according to telegrams received here.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 18.—Federal troops have taken San Marcos, the important strategic points between Vera Cruz and Mexico City and are advancing steadily toward the seaport stronghold of the rebels, according to advices received today by Mexican Consul General Ruiz.

Rebel Rout Expected
JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Complete rout of the reactionary forces in Vera Cruz is expected momentarily, said a message received here early today by Colonel Roman Lopez, garrison commander.

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Eats 53 Hot Dogs; Wins World Title



New York.—By consuming fifty-three frankfurters at the annual Thanksgiving day hot dog championship contest of the J. W. Gates association, John Hunt hung up a new world's record, and incidentally won the fur-lined brown derby and hand-painted leather vest awarded to the winner. Hunt, disdaining any of the condiments usually associated with the delicacy, took them "raw" and soon outdistanced a large field. Val Menges, last year's title holder, collapsed at the forty-fourth round.

FARMER ADMITS BANK ROBBERS GAVE HIM \$200

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 18.—Sheriff Fred G. Stickle had in custody here today Charles P. Blazier, a home-steader living north of Florence, who the sheriff said, admitted he had received \$200 from the three bandits who a week ago held up the Lane county State and Savings bank at Florence, for aiding them in their flight. Jack Haring and Nels Berken, farmers of the Mercer Lake country, ten miles north of Florence, also are under arrest on charges of having aided the bandits.

The sheriff reported Blazier told him he left his homestead north of Florence Saturday on his way to Eugene to attend the farmers' convention. That evening he arrived at the home of Berken and was met by a strange man who told him that he was a member of the posse that was looking for the robbers. While the two were talking, two more men came in and he was covered with a revolver, he said. He was then told that the three men were bank robbers and that if he wanted to live he had better help them get away. Blazier agreed and the four left the Berken ranch. He said they passed through the edge of Florence and walked to Cushman where he thought the three robbers boarded a train for Coos Bay.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

TACOMA, Dec. 18.—The gang of robbers that has been stealing and plundering safes in this vicinity for the past ten days stole two safes last night, and attempted to batter open a third. The robbers obtained about \$1000 from the safes obtained from an automobile agency, a cigar store and a pool room. The police have not yet found the stolen safes. The robbers telephoned a misleading call to the police station and most of the available force went to the south end of the city.

Standard Oil Is Awarded Big Sum Against Germany

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Twelve awards totalling approximately \$1,000,000 were announced this morning by the mixed claims commission in favor of American claimants against Germany for property losses sustained during the war. The largest awards were to the Standard Oil company of New York \$900,000 and the Remington Type-writer company, \$64,800.

DEFENSE CLOSES IN TRIAL OF KU KLUX MURDERER

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) The defense in the case of Philip E. Fox, on trial here for the murder of William S. Coburn, rested its case today. The defense rested at the conclusion of the expert testimony of Dr. J. N. Brawner, one of the three alienists who declared Fox to be a paranoiac. The defense has entered a plea of insanity.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Philip E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan editor, will not take the stand to testify in his own behalf during his trial here on a charge of the murder of William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney. It was announced today by a person closely associated with the defense. Fox has entered an insanity plea.

"Fox is able to converse intelligently on many subjects," the informant declared, "but defense counsel, after lengthy deliberation, has decided it would not be wise to have him make a statement in his own behalf. His counsel feels that they cannot place any dependence on his possible action while on the stand."

"For illustration, Fox today will converse with you on various topics," the informant said, "but when you asked him if he had to slay Coburn over again if he would do it he would say 'why, certainly I would have it to do. The voice of God told me to do it. I still hear that voice and it tells me that I did right.'"

STATE OF OREGON RECOGNIZES THE C. LAW MARRIAGE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—For the first time in history, the state of Oregon today officially recognized the common law marriage.

The state industrial accident commission this morning allowed a claim of a woman who, for fourteen years, had lived with a man to whom she was not married. Five children, born out of wedlock, will be benefitted by the commission's action. Seven dollars a month will be allowed the family.

"The validity of the common law marriage has never been passed on by the Oregon supreme court," D. A. Elkins, industrial accident commissioner, pointed out. "The pension bureau, at Washington, D. C., however, has allowed pensions to common law widows in this state."

Bill for Vote on War.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A war referendum amendment to the constitution was proposed today by Senator Bill, democrat, Washington. Under it congress would declare war without a special election only in case of invasion or rebellion.

Secretary Hughes Turns Down Plea Of Soviet Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hughes informed Russian soviet officers today in a statement transmitted through the American consul at Reval that "there seems to be at this time no reason for negotiations," with the soviet government such as suggested in the message from the foreign minister received yesterday at the White House.

The secretary's statement said that the American government "is not proposing to barter away its principles."

HOUSE IS ALSO DEADLOCKED BY FARM BLOCKERS

Attempt to Transact Little
Business Fails When Soldier's Bonus Bill Is Considered—Scare Off Administration Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Republican leaders of the house who perfected their committee organization yesterday after a delay of two weeks encountered a fresh setback today when they made their first attempt to begin the session's legislative business.

A meeting of the ways and means committee at which the administration managers had planned to take up the Mellon tax program ahead of the soldier bonus question was suddenly cancelled.

The republican leaders made no explanation of the upset of plans, but some of the democrats declared the delay was due to a fear that insufficient votes could be mustered behind the proposal to put taxation ahead of the bonus.

Demands for priority for a bonus bill have been made both by Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democratic member of the committee and Representative Frenar, Wisconsin, a republican member belonging to those followers of Robert LaFollette who delayed organization of the house and still are holding the senate in deadlock over the election of a chairman of the inter-state commerce committee.

Leaders Scared Off.
Whether there was any real prospect of a democratic-insurgent combination against the republican tax plans was not revealed, but it was apparent the republican leaders were moving cautiously, in the light of their experiences of the first two weeks of the new congress.

The sudden cancellation of the ways and means committee meeting was followed by hurried conferences between republicans on the committee and majority leaders in the house and it was determined that Chairman Green should propose at a meeting to be held probably tomorrow that the committee proceed with a study of the purely administrative changes in the tax law recommended by Secretary Mellon. This, it was hoped, would enable the committee to ascertain how much could be saved by the government by amending provisions of the law, which now affords loopholes for rich taxpayers to escape heavy assessments.

Chorus Girl Suicides.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Hazel Olander, a chorus girl at a local theater, was found shot to death in her room this morning. Police learned she had been in ill health, following a breakdown and said it was a case of suicide.

SAILSTAD AND SUNSHINE GIRL FIND PEACE AFTER TALK WITH FAMILY PASTOR

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 18.—The "peace that passeth understanding," came last night to Edward J. Sailstad, in the Douglas county jail where he is awaiting trial on a charge of arson and he went to bed unworried and even cheerful.

Sailstad and his "sunshine girl," Dorothy Anderson, his former secretary, when he was head of a phonograph manufacturing company at Eau Claire, Wis., yesterday asked for and received spiritual guidance from the pastor of the church Sailstad attended here as a boy, the minister remaining with the couple in the sheriff's office more than an hour.

DEADLOCK IN SENATE CONTINUES

Senator Smith, Democrat, Passes Cummins, But Fails to Get Majority—Hiram Johnson Switches to Couzens With Farm Bloc—Vote Again Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate failed again today to break the deadlock over election of a chairman of the inter-state commerce committee.

The vote on the last ballot taken before today's adjournment, the 25th since the voting began, stood: Smith, democrat, South Carolina 42; Cummins, republican, Iowa 37; Couzens, republican, Michigan 11; Smith was four short of a majority.

Voting will be resumed tomorrow. The republican insurgents and the two farmer-labor senators again voted for Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, whose totals showed a gain of two as compared with the last ballot yesterday. Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, led the field with 39; Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, had 37 and Couzens 14. Smith lacked six of the majority necessary to elect.

Johnson Leaves Cummins
Senators Johnson, republican, California, and Capper, republican, Kansas, switched their votes from Cummins to Couzens on this ballot. Others supporting Couzens were Borah and Gooding, Idaho; Brookhart, Iowa; Cummins; Frazier and Ladd, North Dakota; Howell and Norris, Nebraska; and Norbeck, South Dakota and Jones to Washington, republicans, and Johnson and Shipstead, farmer-labor, Minnesota.

The lineup of the 16th ballot was precisely the same as on the fifteenth. The same lines held on the seventeenth, Smith getting 39, Cummins 37, and Couzens 14. Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, was voting for Cummins. The only change on the eighteenth was that Senator Borah switched his vote from Couzens to Senator Fess, republican, Ohio. Senator Smith had 39 and Cummins 37, while Couzens had 13 and Fess one.

The twentieth ballot showed Smith 39; Cummins 36; Couzens 12; Fess 3. Frazier switched to Smith on the 21st, but the democratic candidate's total of 46 was five short of a majority. Cummins got 35; Couzens 11 and Fess 2.

The two farmer-labor senators joined with Frazier in voting for Smith on the 22 ballot, but the democrat still was four short of the necessary majority polling 42 votes to 36 for Cummins, and 11 for Couzens and 1 for Fess.

NO COALITION IS ASQUITH'S POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Former Premier Asquith, speaking at a meeting of the members of the liberal party this afternoon at which Lloyd George and practically every liberal member of parliament was present, declared the liberals intend to remain free from alliances with other parties.

Mrs. Augusta Sailstad, aged mother of the prisoner, brought the churchman to the jail and her pleasant greeting to Dorothy and her son set at rest fears which had worried them for years, fears which had found expression in their first interview here, the night they arrived and were whisked away to jail to avoid a large crowd of the curious.

Another cause for relief to Sailstad was the news that his wife, Mrs. Leona Sailstad-Richardson whom he deserted to elope with the "sunshine girl" had returned to her home at Eau Claire.