

The Weather

Prediction: Fair and continued cold.
Maximum yesterday 45.5
Minimum today 28
Precipitation 10

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1923

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 53
Minimum 43
Precipitation 29

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

NO. 236

CLEAN-UP IN N. Y. STOCKS BY WOOD JR.

Leonard Wood's Son Disperses Rumors of Philippine Graft By Announcing How He Made Fortune in a Few Months By Speculating in Standard Oil Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, 26 years old, son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, has admitted making between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in speculation in Wall street securities conducted by cable from Manila, where he is an aide to his father, says a copyrighted dispatch to the New York Times today.

The dispatch, by Richard V. Oulahan, in part follows:

"Copyright 1923 by the New York Times company."

"By permission of the New York Times."

"Manila, December 24.—Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, son and aide of Governor General Leonard Wood, will return to the United States soon, probably by the end of January, with the intention of resigning his commission and entering the diplomatic service."

"This step is not only in accord with his inclination, but he is better able to take it for the reason that he has accumulated enough money thru fortunate investments to enable him to follow a diplomatic career independent of salary considerations."

"Lieutenant Wood's streak of good fortune began in September or October of last year when he bought stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey just prior to its sensational rise. Although his capital was extremely small then, so he told me today, the fact that this stock rose approximately sixty points gave him profits which placed him in a position to make further investments on a large scale. Practically all of them were profitable."

"Nearly Million Cleaned Up"
"While Lieutenant Wood said today that he did not know off-hand the exact amount of his profits, he estimated them at between \$700,000 and \$800,000."

"For some time stories have been in circulation in New York, Washington, Chicago and Milwaukee that Lieutenant Wood had engaged in heavy investments in securities and it was reported that he had made deposits in New York and Chicago aggregating \$2,750,000."
"In the course of its circulation the story sometimes took the place that these large sums had been sent from the Philippines by Governor General Wood. Nothing ever appeared or has been disclosed by investigation here to bear out such insinuation. On the contrary, according to what I am assured in the best informed sources, Governor General Wood remains a man of small means, which he is obliged to conserve with true frugal methods."

"It was General Wood who also put an end to Lieutenant Wood's financial ventures when he learned of them. This attitude on his part is understood not to be due to any feeling that Lieutenant Wood's transactions were not legitimate but to the belief that it was unwise that a young man should accumulate a fortune so rapidly and to a desire to afford no ground for gossip that Lieutenant Wood's investments were in the Philippines."

General Wood Informed

"The matter of Lieutenant Wood's financial operations was brought to General Wood's attention by me on his return from his Java trip to Manila, in connection with the resolution of Representative Fearr calling for a congressional investigation of the Philippines."
"General Wood immediately sent for the lieutenant who was in the palace at the time and in my presence asked him to give me all the facts of his financial ventures."

"I want nothing concealed," said General Wood.
"Lieutenant Wood said it was true he had made considerable profits dealing in American securities but said they would not approach anything like the sum of \$2,500,000, the amount I had mentioned as the aggregate reported deposited to his

(Continued on Page Eight)

Portland Man Is Burned to Death In Padded Cell

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Otto W. Crawford, a logger, burned to death early today in a padded cell at the police station, which he had set afire. Crawford was brought to the station yesterday by George A. Young, a relative, who asked that he be locked up on account of insanity.

Crawford was placed in the padded cell and was violent throughout the night. With one match which had been overlooked when Crawford was searched, he set fire to the cell.

PRESIDENT MAY CLOSE ISLANDS TO ALIEN SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Coolidge has taken up the question of extending the coastwise shipping laws to the Philippines, and today asked Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee to submit a memorandum setting forth his recommendations.

Besides his conference with Senator Jones, who drafted the major provision of the merchant marine act of 1920, the president conferred today with Chauncey G. Parker, general counsel of the shipping board.

The merchant marine act provides that the coastwise laws may be extended to the Philippines by presidential proclamation whenever adequate American shipping facilities are available for the trade. In the event of such an extension, only American vessels could engage in trade between the Philippines and the United States.

Senator Jones believes that facilities now are adequate for such extension and this view also is taken by the shipping board. The proposal was considered during the Harding administration and was rejected on the ground that such an extension might violate some of the treaties to which the United States is a party.

Mr. Coolidge several weeks ago indicated that he might take the same position, pointing to a memorandum sent to the White House by the state department, opposing extension. Since then it has developed that the state department has formulated no opinion on the question and that the memorandum which it forwarded to the White House was prepared by Vice Chairman Culbertson of the tariff commission.

Shipping men for several years have held that the shutting off of the Philippine trade to vessels carrying foreign flags would be a powerful impetus in the upbuilding of an American merchant marine in the Pacific, and the president, it is understood, has approached consideration of the matter from that angle.

The president also invited Senator Jones today to prepare a memorandum of his views as to a new policy for administration of the government-owned fleet. The president plans to use the memorandum in the partial reorganization of the shipping board which must be made as the result of the senate commerce committee in reporting adversely the nomination of Edward P. Farley of Chicago, now chairman of the board.

Christmas Suicide List in Spokane Is Increased to Three

SPOKANE, Dec. 26.—The death last night in a local hospital of Fred E. Mischelson brought the number of Spokane's Christmas suicides to three.

Mischelson shot himself in his home after having watched members of his family open their presents about the Christmas tree. Worry over business responsibilities was believed the cause.

An unidentified man shot and killed himself in front of a hospital here and another, also unidentified, threw himself beneath a locomotive in the railroad yards here.

REBEL HOLD IN MEXICO IS SLIPPING

Mexican Govt. Claims Entire Country Cleared of Rebels Except Districts Controlled By Sanchez and Estrada—Gen'l. Fuguro Decisively Defeated and Stronghold Taken

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Federal troops now control the entire republic of Mexico, except those positions held by the troops under General Sanchez and General Estrada, Mexican Consul General Ruiz was advised today by Mexico City. Government forces are meeting with exceptional success in the campaign against rebels, Mr. Ruiz was advised.

Colonel Ramon Lopez, commander of troops in Juarez, Wednesday received word from Mexico City that an offensive is being carried out against the rebels in the state of Jalisco and that a successful campaign is expected.

President Obregon has gone to the Jalisco front in person and will direct operations against the rebels in that section.

General Rumblo Figueroa, who has been leading rebel troops in the state of Durango, has been decisively defeated, it is rumored. The city of Suaravaca, reported captured in Vera Cruz several days ago is still in the hands of the federals who are pursuing the rebel troops.

The victory of Puebla did much toward recruiting of the government armies, and also caused much enthusiasm among the federal troops. It is said. Approximately 1,000 rebels were captured in the engagement and severe losses were inflicted upon the De La Huerta troops.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press via Laredo Junction.)—A federal column under command of General Leopoldo Rebata has been dispatched in pursuit of a band of 35 rebels under the former General Daniel Martinez Herrera, former chief under Lieutenant General Manuel Pelaez, which according to reports from Tampico is operating in the Esperanza district.

The federal detachment garrisoning the sector is reported to have been ambushed and Colonel Severing Leal killed.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Joseph Tomasulo, 45, formerly a pugilist known as "Kid" Thomas, and one of the owners of the "White Poodle" cabaret in Greenwich village, was shot and killed early today as he left an apartment house in Hancock street. His assailant escaped, being unidentified. Police believe the killing was the result of a gambler's feud.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—With skull battered by a blunt instrument, thought to be a hammer, the body of Mrs. Mary Munsell, 73, a widow, was found today on a bed at her home in Burnside, East Hartford, yesterday.

A window at the rear of the house had been forced and signs of a struggle were evident. A hammer was found on a stairway and an alarm clock which had stopped at 3:15 a. m. These are clues on which the police are working. Robbery is thought to be the motive of the crime. Mrs. Munsell lived alone.

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 26.—Two unmasked bandits held up the Goldberg Loan company here, forced William Goldberg and R. D. Hanawalt, the only persons in the office at the time, to open the vault, and escaped today with about \$30,000 in cash and diamonds, according to a report to the police.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The French franc continued to decline in today's foreign exchange market, falling to 4.95 1/2 cents, the first time in history it had receded below five cents. The recession, traders declared, was influenced chiefly by an increased dollar exchange on the Paris bourse while requirements for francs in America were unusually small. Bankers said also that some of the decline undoubtedly was traceable to the publicity given the unbalanced French budget.

Girl "Cupid" Earns Way Through College Making "Dates" For Other Co-eds



MISS MARGARET MARKLEY.

EMPORIA, Kansas—How much would a date with a "peach" be worth to you, with this young woman acting as Cupid?

Miss Margaret Markley, president, treasurer, general manager and office-boy of the "Markley Dating Agency" at the university here, charges men 25 cents to arrange a date for them, and girls 50 cents.

That's because men have to spend so much when they take the girl out," confesses this soft-hearted young woman.

She's making her "pin-money" by this novel means, and sociability on the campus has taken a new lease on life due to her efforts.

VENIZELLOS TO SAIL FOR HOME DECEMBER 29

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Former Premier Venizelos who is leaving Marcellia for Athens on December 29, has requested Colonel Plastiras to prevent a public reception on the ground that it is unfitting the statesman's home coming should assume "a triumphant public character," which would injure the purpose of his return. In case his wishes cannot be carried out, M. Venizelos asks that he be landed at a secret port, from which he proposes to motor to a night conference with Colonel Plastiras on the outskirts of Athens.

Colonel Plastiras, announcing that the government will respect the wishes of the former premier, plans to take M. Venizelos off the ship in a small boat at a secret spot along the coast.

The decision of Venizelos to visit Greece has stirred political circles.

The liberals naturally are gratified, believing Venizelos can be induced to take up once more the reins of government. The republicans are perplexed, for they do not yet know of the real purpose of his return.

The royalists allege that Venizelos has long been pining to return to Greece and that his repeated affirmation of his determination to abstain from politics as well as telegraphic appeals to his followers was staged to facilitate his return.

OREGON CITY JAIL BIRDS ENTERTAINED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 26.—Seventeen prisoners in the county jail in addition to partaking of a turkey dinner yesterday, were released from jail in the afternoon for two hours and accompanied by Sheriff Wilson and four armed deputies attended a moving picture show.

The Daily Bank Robbery

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The Park Savings and Trust company, in the southwestern part of the city, was robbed for the second time in less than two months today when bandits stole \$600. On November 6, \$2300 was taken.

NEGRO KILLS LAD, ASSAULTS GIRL

MIAMI, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Ted Grosh, University of Arizona athlete, was shot to death and his companion, Miss Maxine McNelly of Globe, Ariz., is in a Globe hospital in a serious condition as the result of an attack by a negro near here early today.

According to a statement by Miss McNelly to Dr. R. D. Kennedy of Globe, who attended her, the negro first shot Grosh, pulled her from Grosh's automobile, assaulted her and then shot her, leaving her for dead.

A passing motorist found Grosh's body in his car and Miss McNelly wounded and helpless, lying in the road.

One bullet entered Miss McNelly's neck and came out through her mouth. A second grazed her scalp. She is expected to recover.

BALL PLAYER'S WIFE SUICIDES IN FLORIDA

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Joe Tinker, wife of the famous Chicago Nationals shortstop of former years, killed herself here yesterday while temporarily mentally deranged, it was revealed today by members of the family. She had appeared to be recovering from a protracted illness following a nervous breakdown. She was 41 years old.

The Noted Dead

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—W. D. McHugh, nationally known as a corporation lawyer and general counsel of the International Harvester company, died here today after a brief illness.

EARLY MORNING FIRE PROVES TO BE ONLY SMOKE

The fire department was summoned at 5:45 o'clock this morning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pratt, but the firemen had their early morning exercise for nothing. It seems when a fire was built the stove emitted much smoke because of a clogged flue, and the house becoming filled with smoke the fire department was summoned.

All of Ray's friends claim that this occurrence served him right for getting up so early the morning after Christmas.

3 Dead, 5 Dying, As Result of Drinking On Christmas Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Liquor smuggled ashore from the rum fleet is less deadly than made-in-America hooch, R. Q. Merrick, divisional prohibition chief declared today, pointing to New York's Christmas day toll of three dead, five probably dying and more than fifty under hospital treatment.

"We have warned the people against taking such chances," asserted Mr. Merrick. "If one must drink, drink foreign liquor rather than the local product."

WHEREABOUTS FRENCH AIRSHIP STILL MYSTERY

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Officials of the ministry of marine said today that although they had received many messages reporting the presence of the dirigible Dimude over various parts of Tunisian coast, they considered that the latest trustworthy news was the official dispatch from Bizkra last Friday announcing her arrival there. It was at this point that the Dimude was instructed by wireless to remain in the south because of a violent storm along the French coast.

The message was sent at 11 p. m. Friday at which hour the dirigible was seen twelve miles from Uled Jellal, 33 miles from Bizkra, which is about 125 miles south of the Mediterranean coast. The Dimude was then proceeding southward.

If the airship continued to travel as a free balloon, without help from her motors, department officials expressed the opinion that she might cover considerable distance as it was estimated that she had twelve tons of water on board for ballast, without reckoning her motors and accessories.

If she has landed it is considered improbable that the landing could have been effected without accident.

Regarding the food on board the dirigible it is related that in addition to fresh meat and other perishable foods sufficient for three days, she carried an eight day supply of biscuits and an eleven-day stock of preserved meat, together with 330 gallons of water, a three day supply and her 16 tons of water ballast.

A revised statement of the number of persons on board given out today gave the total as 54 officers, 10 carried as passengers and 25 men.

She has six cars suspended from her main structure, each with a 300 horsepower motor.

Government air experts say it is doubtful that the Dimude is still aloft, as she could not navigate without power and her gasoline supply is undoubtedly exhausted. The lack of news from the dirigible since Friday is taken as supporting this view, for if still aloft, it is believed the commander would have found means of sending messages, if the wireless were out of action, either by dropping them or by sending down a messenger by parachute.

Portland Predicts Cold Snap Tonight; Ice in Hood River

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—A cold spell in the wake of the recent storm was forecast by the weather bureau here today. Freezing temperature for Portland tonight was expected. Freezing conditions prevailed today at points along the Columbia river.

At Hood River, Ore., icy streets last night caused several automobile wrecks. Kelso, Wash., reported snow.

Coast Guard In Danger

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 26.—Exposed since Monday night to a heavy wind, hail squalls and bitter cold, eight members of the coast guard from the Newport station were still lying outside the bar here this morning in a small boat waiting for the sea to calm or for a craft to go to their rescue.

At nine o'clock preparations were

LIVES LOST IN GALE ON THE PACIFIC

Christmas Storm Death Toll Increases As Reports Come in—Coast Guard at Newport, Oregon—Unable to Make Port Boat Dashes to Pieces On Rocks.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 26.—The gasoline schooner Osprey, with three men on board, which left here for Rogue river before the recent storm, had not arrived at her destination today, and fears were expressed for the safety of the vessel. A coast guard life saving crew went by automobile to Nellie's cove today to investigate in that locality for trace of the Osprey. Dave Colvin, H. Christensen and Charles Grabber comprise the crew of the Osprey.

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 26.—Eight members of a coast guard life saving crew who were exposed to a storm at sea in an open launch since Monday afternoon, were brought into harbor here safe just before noon today by the tug Go Getter.

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—After a Christmas eve and Christmas day in which the Pacific coast in the vicinity of British Columbia and Washington was lashed by furious gales, causing a death toll of five and the loss of two ships and temporarily disabling two others, the storm swept section was recovering today with weather conditions considerably improved.

The storm apparently centered about Gray's Harbor, where the wind reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour. At Port Angeles, on the south side of the Strait of Juan De Fuca and at Tacoma and Seattle, the wind ranged from 45 to 60 miles an hour, breaking government water bureau records in some instances.

The fatalities as a result of the storm include four members of the Canadian tug Tyea which was wrecked on the rocks at Pedder bay near Victoria, B. C., and Gus Quarantoff of Aberdeen, who was killed by current from a falling electric power wire.

Property Damaged

In many cities the gales smashed windows, tore down power lines, throwing entire communities into darkness on Christmas eve, unroofed buildings, interrupted telephone and rail communication and drove many small boats in exposed harbors upon rocks where they sank.

The steamer Dawn pounded to pieces at her dock at Lake Washington here.

The steamship Author with a crew of 45 men was making slow progress, according to latest reports received here, after being disabled by heavy seas Monday night and escaping crashing on the rocks off the Washington coast only by emergency repairs to her machinery.

The schooner Thistle, after being lost by the steamer towing her and buffeted by heavy seas Monday night, spread her sails and made Port Angeles harbor yesterday in safety.

Coast Guard In Danger

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 26.—Exposed since Monday night to a heavy wind, hail squalls and bitter cold, eight members of the coast guard from the Newport station were still lying outside the bar here this morning in a small boat waiting for the sea to calm or for a craft to go to their rescue.

At nine o'clock preparations were

(Continued on Page Eight)

D'AUTREMONT BROTHERS AND 3 GIRLS REPORTED IN ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. 26.—Police here today were searching for three men, two of whom were said to answer the description of Roy and Hugh d'Autremont, wanted for the robbery of a Southern Pacific train at Siskiyou, Ore., September 11 last in which four trainmen were killed. The three men, accompanied by three girls, were first noticed in a drug store where the clerk said he recognized them from pictures he had seen on posters, police announced. A few minutes later a detective from Minneapolis saw the men in a hotel and called the police. Hotel attendants said the trio with the girls had gone to a nearby moving picture show but when police searched the place they found no trace of them.

SPECULATIVE OIL STOCK ORDERED OFF NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The board of governors of the New York curb market today ordered a suspension in trading in the stock of the Southern States Oil corporation, pending an investigation of the recent relatively violent fluctuations of the stock.

Southern States Oil has been the most active oil stock traded in the curb market for the last two months. In the first six weeks it has doubled its market value, jumping from a low of 16 1/2 in the week ending November 27 to a high price of 33 1/2, established just after the close last Monday.

Last week more than 500,000 shares

were traded in, or nearly twice the total transactions of all the so-called standard oils. Subsidaries combined, including Standard Oil of Indiana, New York, Kentucky and Ohio, it fluctuated last week between 28 and 32 1/2, opening on Monday with a "spread" quotation of 32 1/2, and then advancing to 33 1/2.

A statement issued by C. H. Rowan, vice-president of the company, disclaimed any responsibility for the fluctuation of the stock and said that the action of the curb officials was influenced by the inability of a brokerage house which had been handling the shares to meet its obligations.