

The Weather	
Prediction	Fair
Maximum yesterday	45
Minimum today	34
Precipitation	.01

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	44
Minimum	37.5

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## BANDIT GANG IN FLORIDA WIPED OUT

Five Members of Notorious Ashley-Mobley Gang of Bank Robbers and Desperadoes Killed in Everglades of Florida by Sheriffs and Poses—Fight Continues.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two men were slain and a woman wounded in a fight between officers and members of the Ashley-Mobley gang which raged near here for almost 12 hours today. The outlaws broke through the line of officers late this afternoon and were being chased through the Everglades. At three o'clock this afternoon the battle was still being waged with the strongly barricaded camp surrounded by more than 100 officers and men. The lone machine gun was sweeping the barricade and a heavy fire was said to be coming from behind the swamp fortress. Mobley, one of the gang leaders, was arrested last summer, it was said, following the robbery of the Bank of Stuart. He was taken to Fort Lauderdale, but a short time later escaped from the jail there. Officers said that members of the gang are wanted by the United States government and the British government to answer charges of piracy on the high seas. They are charged with having raided boats anchored in the Bahamas the last three years and robbing liquor smuggling craft between Nassau and Miami, Fla. Walter Miller is believed to be with the gang.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 9.—The notorious Ashley-Mobley gang of bank robbers and desperadoes, which has made the Florida everglades its rendezvous for years, was almost wiped out this morning by Palm Beach county sheriffs and posse. Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker and five members of the gang were killed. A fight was made near the gang's camp at Fruita in the Everglades. The fight started at 2 a. m. The officers used a machine gun. John Ashley and Hanford Mobley were escaped convicts. It was said, with a long record of robberies and alleged murder. Members of the gang also were wanted by the federal government for high sea piracy. A telephone call to the sheriff's office at noon said the fight between the officers and remaining members of the gang was still in progress. Sheriff Bob Baker with a posse of 100 men were reported rushing to the scene.

## ELECT DEMOCRAT DEADLOCK OVER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(5 p. m.)—Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, was elected today as chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee. Four republican insurgents and two farmer-labor senators from Minnesota, Johnson and Shipstead, switched from Couzens to the democrats and made possible his election. The insurgents were Brookhart, Iowa; Frazier and Ladd, North Dakota, and LaFollette, Wisconsin. Senator Bruce, democrat, of Maryland, voted for Couzens in the last. The deciding ballot was the thirty-second since the deadlock developed early in the session.

## DENIZENS OF YUKON DANCING TO MUSIC PLAYED IN PORTLAND AND N. Y. CITY

DAWSON, Y. T., Jan. 9.—Denizens of the Yukon will dance this winter to music played by the best orchestras from New York to San Francisco thru the medium of the radio telephone. Now that the period of the shortest daylight is reached, radio fans are getting perfect results from their instruments and the radio dance promises to become the rage in many a

## Mabel Normand Films Barred in Ohio by State Film Censor

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Motion picture films in which Mabel Normand appears have been barred in Ohio, according to announcement today of Vernon M. Riegel, state director of education, under whose department the Ohio board of film censorship operates. Instructions were being sent to all motion picture theaters in Ohio not to show films in which Miss Normand appears.

## HOOVER GIVES OUT HIS PLANS FOR RAILROADS

Secy. of Commerce Stresses 10 Planks in Comprehensive Railroad Reorganization—Inland Waterway Development Necessary Transportation Feature.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Formation of Longview national policies in transportation is a fundamental necessity for securing the economic future of the United States, Herbert Hoover declared today in an address before the opening session of the transportation conference. The commerce secretary listed ten points of application for such policies among which were a statutory revision of the railroad labor board's power to be determined by agreement between labor organizations and railroad executives; reorganization of the state structure, early consolidation of the railroads into a few powerful systems, and inland waterways development under a national plan. Julius H. Barnes, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, opened the conference with the declaration that the "time has come when national policies which affect railroad regulation and affect as well water transportation and motor highways must be co-ordinated, to stimulate and encourage the expansion which every study shows would be inevitably required." Mr. Hoover, in urging the need for "longview national policies in transportation," declared, the solution of the problems in such policies is only in part a matter of legislation and government relations. "They are in a large part to be solved in initiative and voluntary co-operation amongst the business community," he declared. "If I were to attempt to express my personal views of such national policies—stripped of secondary considerations—I would summarize them somewhat in the following terms, and much of your subcommittee reports support such conclusions:

1. —Railway service under private ownership in order to secure the driving force of individual initiative in efficiency and development.
2. Government regulation of fair rates and railway finance in order to protect the shipper and to give stability to honest investment of savings.
3. Recapture of excess profits in order to allow rates which will assure operation and service for the railroads in less favored circumstances, yet prevent unjustified profits from any particular railroads.
4. The earliest practicable consolidation of the railroads into larger systems under conditions of maintained competition in service in order to secure greater economy in operation, assurance of development and lower rates and greater stability in earnings.
5. A bias of employer and employee relationship that will stimulate mutual responsibility as the first requisite to continuance of service.
6. Reorganization of the rate structure in order to secure a better adjustment of the burden between commodity class and less than carload rates, most of which can best be achieved.

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## DRY RIGHT OF SEARCH IS DEFINED

Atty. Gen. Van Winkle Gives Governor Pierce His View of When Search Warrant on Private Home Justified—Advises Owners Not to Consent to Search.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—Governor Walter M. Pierce today had before him an opinion prepared by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle stating that a complaining witness in applying for a search warrant should have knowledge of the facts and circumstances based upon his own personal observation or upon reliable information furnished by others who have personal knowledge of the facts, and the information at least should be of such character and entitled to such weight that a reasonable man would be justified in acting thereon, in matters affecting his own welfare and interests. The attorney general, however, said it was impracticable to formulate a fixed rule as to the kind and amount of information a complaining witness should have when applying for the issuance of a search warrant. Persons whose premises are about to be searched, however innocent they may be, are not justified in forcibly resisting a peace officer, he added. But they should not consent to the search for if they do so their chances for subsequent damage action are waived.

Labbe Case Started PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—The search warrant upon which the home of A. G. Labbe was raided by state prohibition agents while a dance, attended by about 80 prominent citizens was in progress on New Year's eve, was obtained on an affidavit based on an anonymous letter received by George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, according to information brought out today at the hearing on the motion of attorneys for Labbe to quash the search warrant on the grounds that it was issued without probable cause.

The anonymous letter and a statement of the raid sent by Cleaver to the newspapers of the city were written on the same kind of paper, it was said. The publicity that has been given the case, brought a crowd that taxed District Judge Hawkins' court room to its capacity. Among the spectators were members of the Anti-Saloon league and the W. C. T. U. E. A. Baker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon league, assisted by Deputy District Attorneys Hammerster and George Mowry.

Cleaver occupied the witness stand most of the morning. On direct examination he said he had no idea who sent the anonymous letter, which stated there would be liquor at the party, but under cross examination by Labbe's attorney he admitted that he had an idea who sent it but did not care to reveal the name. He said he had received complaints that several of those who were Labbe's guests had staged liquor parties in their own homes.

Written on Cleaver Paper While Cleaver was on the stand, Charles A. Hart, one of the attorneys for Labbe walked up to him and exhibited the anonymous letter and the statement sent by Cleaver to the press. "Mr. Cleaver," the attorney said, "these two documents were written on the same kind of paper that you use in your office. Do you attach any significance to that fact?" "No," answered the witness. The hearing developed into two angles. Labbe's attorneys were waging a fight to have the warrant quashed and the small quantity of liquor obtained in the raid returned to the owners. The state was opposing the motion to quash and the return of the liquor.

## The Daily Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Two unmarked robbers held up the First National bank at Huston, Orange county, shortly after noon today and escaped with an amount estimated at \$5000. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Eleven bank employees and customers were locked in the vault of the Maywood State bank at Maywood, near here, today, by four robbers who leisurely collected \$2000 of cash and currency, and

## New Year Brings Sweeping Clean-Up To Crime-Ridden Philadelphia; Butler On Job



PHILADELPHIA—Santa Claus left a pack of swatches in this city's stocking in the form of Brig Gen Smedley Butler, of the Marines, and the New Year is witnessing the start of a "clean-up" such as this city has never known. Over-run with vice, crime dens, blind tigers, gambling houses and houses of ill fame, undermined by police and political grafting, Philadelphia appealed to President Coolidge for the loan of General Butler, famous fighting man of the A. E. F., who takes office Jan. 7 as director of public safety. Butler, the man who pacified Haiti, has promised to clean up the city if he is given a free hand, but if not he will "pack up and hike back to Quantico." He is promised the complete co-operation of Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick.

## SHERIFFS ARE URGED TO AID DRY OFFICERS

Governor Pierce Tells County Officials Methods Pursued Are No Reflection On Them—Wants State Dry Agents to Co-operate. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—The prohibition law is here and it is the duty of every law enforcing officer to do his share in enforcing it. Governor Pierce declared today at the meeting of the sheriffs of the state, held in the office of Sheriff Hurlburt of Multnomah county. The governor made a strong plea for co-operation between the state prohibition department and other law enforcing bodies of the state, "to the end that the law may be enforced to the letter." "The state prohibition commissioner has been criticized for sending his men into counties without notifying other peace officers of those counties in advance," declared the governor. "I don't think we ought to advertise to the world that we are going into a county to clean out the bootleggers. The best work of the state prohibition department has been done when its agents have gone into a county and worked without the district attorney or the sheriff knowing they were there." The executive declared that the method pursued by the state department is meant as no reflection on other peace officers. He said that the state agents are able to reach many prohibition law violators who cannot be touched by local officers because they are too well known. "What we all want is strict enforcement of the law," he said. "As long as the law stands on the statute books, let's enforce it." The governor said he wanted the state agents to work in hand with sheriffs, constables, police officers and district attorneys.

## HERRIN FRAGAS DEVELOPS INTO A KLAN FIGHT

MARION, Ill., Jan. 9.—Three companies of the Illinois guard are on duty in Williamson county under orders to be in readiness for any emergency occasioned by the alleged growing bitterness between the Ku Klux Klan and an anti-klan faction known as Knights of the Flaming Circle, following a series of prohibition raids. Mass meetings said to have been announced secretly for today by the Knights of the Flaming Circle and the Ku Klux Klan is said to have been the cause for Sheriff George Galligan appealing for the troops. The sheriff's action followed immediately the acquittal yesterday of S. Glenn Young, former prohibition enforcement officer and recently deputized for work in raids, on a charge of assault in a court in which a large group of his friends had mounted two machine guns for "self-protection." Within the last three weeks federal agents, aided by hundreds of deputized citizens, many of whom admitted membership in the Ku Klux Klan, have without the official knowledge of Sheriff Galligan carried out three series of raids in which 212 persons have been arrested for alleged violations of the prohibition laws.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCK STARTLES EUREKA

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 9.—A series of earthquakes was felt here today, the shocks coming within a few minutes of each other. No damage was reported. BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 9.—A slight earthquake movement starting at 24 minutes and 51 seconds after 2 a. m. and ending five minutes later was recorded on the seismograph of the University of California today. The shock appeared to be centered in the Santa Cruz mountains of California.

## The Noted Dead

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 9.—Mrs. John Spreckles died at the family home in Coronado this morning after an illness of one month. escaped in an auto. An employe returning later from lunch found the bank empty and unlocking the vault discovered the imprisoned eleven and released them.

## 8 Year Old Boy Sacrifices His Life To Save His Dog

FORT PAYNE, Ala., Jan. 9.—John Long, eight years old, sacrificed his life today to save his dog. With two companions, the lad was walking on the railroad tracks. A fast train bore down upon them and the boys leaped to safety. John noticed that his dog seemed unmindful of the approach of the train and he jumped back to save his pet. He tossed the dog from the track but John was caught under the train.

## NATIVES SLAY 19 MEMBERS OF CONSTABULARY

Religious Fanatics in Philippines Kill All But Four of Landing Party—Reinforcements to Be Sent—Cause of Attack Unknown. MANILA, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nineteen Philippine constabulary soldiers, including two officers, have been killed by religious fanatics believed to be members of the Colorum, a non-political society, on Bucos island, it is officially stated in constabulary advices from Surigao, on the island of Mindanao received today. Two hundred additional constabulary have been sent to Surigao. Only four of the party of 23 constabulary men which went to the island, escaped. The "Colorum" is a religious body with branches in many parts of the Philippines. It gave the American authorities much trouble for some time after the Filipino insurrection, though for twenty years little has been heard of it. One of the beliefs of its members is that the seeming imprint of a hand on a large stone in a cave of the San Cristobal mountains was made by Jesus Christ and pilgrimages often are made to the cave by barefooted devotees.

MANILA, Jan. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Thirteen members of the Philippine constabulary, including two officers, have been killed by religious fanatics on Bucos island off the island of Mindanao, according to official advices from Surigao, province of Mindanao. The constabulary and the fanatics clashed near Pamosingan, a settlement on the island, and but four of the constables escaped. These got away in the launch the party had used to reach the island. They estimated the fanatics to the number of more than 1000 but this number is thought to have been exaggerated. The officers slain were Captain Valentin S. Juan and Third Lieutenant Juan Guillermo. The governor of Surigao telegraphed a request that forces in the province be reinforced and the coast guard vessel Polillo is being sent from here, with 100 constabulary soldiers to reinforce the Surigao patrol. Nothing is known here of the cause of the clash. It is stated that gatherings of these fanatics usually are peaceful but it is thought the constabulary may have been attempting to disperse the fanatics and induce them to return to their homes.

Investigate R. R. Complaint. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—J. P. Brien, general manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company in conducting a probe in regard to a complaint made by Governor Pierce relative to inconvenient train service between Pendleton and Bond, according to a letter received by the public service commission today.

## 'UMBRELLA JIMMY,' PORTLAND CHARACTER WHO CLAIMED TO BE 108, PASSES AWAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—James J. (Umbrella Jimmy) Sheridan, a local character, died this morning at the county hospital. No one knew his age. He himself, during the last two years, spent at Multnomah farm, insisted he was born in 1820, but is quoted as saying he was 108. Old residents say he could not have been more than 70. Men who grew up with Portland

they can recall, not more than 20 years ago, boxing bouts in which "Umbrella Jimmy" participated before east side audiences. "Jimmy" and the inevitable bundle of umbrellas he always carried, was known to the boys of the early 1900's. When they teased him, he would rush about brandishing umbrellas right and left. His wild swings never hurt anyone, however.

## 2 OIL TOWNS RECAPTURED BY OREGON

Palco Blanco and Puerto Lobos Important Oil Centers in Tampico District, Taken by General Gutierrez—Rebels Retreat—Federals Claim a Victory Near Border. JUAREZ, Jan. 9.—Federal troops under General Evaristo Perez routed a band of 300 rebels headed by Vicente Davila near Allende, forty miles from the border, yesterday, according to advices received from Eagle Pass, Texas. The rebels suffered a great losses in dead and wounded, a message from the Mexican consul at Eagle Pass said. A large quantity of ammunition, horses and arms were captured, according to the reports.

TAMPICO, Mexico, Via Galveston, Jan. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Advance troops commanded by General Luis Gutierrez of the federal forces, which marched from Tampico today, occupied Palo Blanco and Puerto Lobos, Vera Cruz, important oil centers. The terminals of the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, Meridional, Texas Oil and Atlantic, as well as other companies are at those places. The rebel troops, composed of 4500 men retired southward.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 9.—Virtual admission that a shipment of Enfield rifles of the United States army pattern in 1917 had been transferred to the Mexican side of the border was made by American and Mexican authorities today. Word was received in Medford today that John Tomlin, president of the Tomlin-Box factory and one of Medford's best known citizens, was operated upon yesterday at the Mayo hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, for appendicitis. The operation, according to the report was successful in every way and Mr. Tomlin's prompt recovery is predicted. The sad news of the death of Waldo Willard at Baltimore, Maryland, Jan. 2, has been received by friends in Medford. An attack of apoplexy was the cause of death. Mr. Willard lived for several years on his ranch near Jacksonville which he purchased from the late George Dargott.

## NATIONAL PARKS GET \$1,747,035 IN HOUSE BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Abolishment of 21 land offices and consolidation of the offices of register and receiver in fourteen others are proposed in the interior department appropriation bill reported today by the house appropriations committee. The bill, first of the annual supply measures to reach the house, carries \$261,727,965, approximately \$35,000,000 less than the total appropriated for the current fiscal year and \$16,300,000 less than the amount requested in budget estimates. The offices of registrar and receiver would be consolidated at the following points: Eureka and Sacramento, Cal.; Denver, Colo.; Haidley and Blackfoot, Ida.; Bozeman, Mont.; Las Cruces, Roswell and Fort Sumner, N. M.; and Burns, La Grande and Vale, Oregon. Items carried in the bill include: National park service \$1,757,935. Bureau of education \$792,350. For the Baker project in Oregon the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the current fiscal year is re-appropriated. Among projects which would share in the appropriation for the coming fiscal year are: Unatilla, Oregon, \$940,000; Klamath, Oregon-California, \$625,000.