

The Weather Prediction: Fair; cooler tonight Maximum yesterday 41 Minimum today 35 Precipitation Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago Maximum 53 Minimum 35

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ASK PIERCE TO CALL FOR SP. SESSION

County Judges, Assembled in Salem Ask Governor to Call Special Session to Iron Out Tax Muddle—Some Counties Unable to Get Use of Money for Roads.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—County judges and commissioners of Oregon opening their annual convention here this morning were asked to request Governor Pierce to call a special session of the legislature to straighten out the tax tangle caused by the decision of the supreme court holding the tax supervising and conservation act illegal.

The proposal was made by W. L. Fullerton, county commissioner of Columbia county after R. C. VonLehe, commissioner of Benton county, had asked for information as to how his county was to get the use of its market road fund which brings the total levy above the six per cent statutory limit.

GIBBONS TO FIGHT DEMPSEY IN JUNE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press)—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, and Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, will fight a return title match in New York, probably early in June, Promoter Tex Rickard announced today after a conference with Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager.

STEEL PLANT WRECKED BY WIND IN ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 10.—The concrete steel company plant was partly demolished a dozen homes were damaged and much property loss was caused by high winds which struck the south side of the city at four o'clock this afternoon.

Wilson Refuses Comment

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Former President Woodrow Wilson will not comment on the Bok peace plan his secretary told the New York Times.

KLAN ORDERED TO STOP LIQUOR RAIDS; UNCLE SAM TO HANDLE THE JOB

MARION, Ill., Jan. 10.—The series of spectacular liquor raids in Williamson county by members of the Ku Klux Klan under the leadership of S. Glenn Young, former prohibition enforcement officer and federally deputized citizens which resulted in the calling out of companies of the Illinois National Guard by request of Sheriff George L. Galligan, are at an end, as far as participation of local citizens is concerned.

"Society" Bootlegger Portland Fined \$500; Gets 6 Months Jail

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Despite the insistent demands of his attorneys, that a directed verdict be ordered in the case of Walter E. Brown, alleged "society bootlegger," Municipal Judge Ekwall last night ruled the case should go to the jury, and when that body found him guilty in five minutes, Ekwall sentenced him to six months in jail and imposed a fine of \$500. A notice of appeal was given, with bail set at \$1500.

BOY PRODIGY IN HARVARD IS NOW OBSCURE CLERK

Wm. J. Sidis, Who Could Read and Write at Two, Now Refuses to Do Any Work That Requires Thinking—Also Arrested As Radical

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—William J. Sidis, son of the late Dr. Boris Sidis, internationally known psychopathologist, who knew six languages and passed college entrance examinations when he was eight years old and entered Harvard university at eleven, is at 26, a \$23 a week statistical clerk in a New York business office, it became known today, according to the New York Tribune.

Young Sidis became known as a boy prodigy in 1909, when in short trousers, he delivered a lecture on the fourth dimension before a Harvard professor and instructors of mathematics and freely and ably answered all their questions on the subject.

At two he could read and write; at seven he passed anatomical examinations of the Harvard medical school; the next year he passed entrance examinations of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At ten he entered Tufts college; at eleven, Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1915 at the age of 16.

After two years of graduate work, he became an instructor in mathematics at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.

He was next heard from in Boston, where in 1919 he was arrested after a socialist gathering, charged with rioting, and sentenced to eighteen months in the house of correction. He appealed and defaulted, two warrants being issued for his arrest.

About six months ago friends of young Sidis found employment for him here. They had difficulty in doing so for he insisted on doing work which did not require thinking.

OVER \$100,000 IN 1923 DRY FINES, STATE OF OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—Fines assessed by the state prohibition department from March 15 to December 31, 1923, aggregated \$191,344.94, according to a report to Governor Pierce by George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner. Liquor seized and destroyed amounted to 4873 gallons. Other statistics in the report are:

Number of arrests, 530; stills seized and destroyed, 26; automobiles confiscated, 24; days in jail sentences, 20,049.

These results, the report says, include work done by the head office and some state agents working under direction of the commissioner.

ASK STATE TO SURFACE LAKE ROAD

State Highway Commission Is Requested By Jackson Co. to Surface 9 Miles of Crater Lake Highway Outside of U. S. Forest Reserve—Little U. S. Aid Available.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—The state highway commission, with only \$373,665 in state funds available for new road work this year can expect little help from the federal government, according to statements today to the commission by Charles Pursell, district engineer for the United States bureau of public roads, and George Cecil, district forester. Of \$1,300,000 in federal post road funds for Oregon, and \$383,000 forest service highway money, all but about \$73,000 has already been pledged, they said.

The government officials and state highway commissioners today agreed to put on the forestry map the road from Ukiah, north of Albee, in Umatilla county. No federal money can be spent on this road this year, however. It was also agreed that the state will make a survey for a road up Salmon river in Tillamook county.

The commission accepted a gift of Marcus Mayer of Mosier of 200 acres at Rowena Loops for a state park. The land will be known officially as Mayer Park.

The state agreed to improve the Pilot Rock-Pendleton road near MacKay creek. Two and a half miles of the road is in very bad condition and needs fixing at once.

Jackson county requested the state commission to surface this year the last nine miles of the highway from Medford to Crater Lake, this section being outside the forest reserve.

The exact figures for the state highway commission's fund were given today by Secretary Engineer Roy A. Klein as follows:

Total estimated income from 1924 \$12,743,665; funds obligated \$9,907,000; sum available \$2,773,665; estimate cost of preferred projects to which the commission is obligated \$2,400,000; balance available for other projects \$373,665.

The highway commission signed the agreement with the Southern Pacific to build the overhead crossing at Blodgett, on the Newport-Corvallis road.

Formal request was made by the state highway commissioners to the federal government for aid in building the Harrisburg and Albany bridge over the Willamette river. The government was also requested to help pave the highway from Harrisburg to Junction City and that road from Albany to Corvallis.

SACRAMENTO JAP SLAYS CHILDREN, KILLS HIMSELF

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 10.—S. Kawashima, 38, a Japanese who recently came to Sacramento from Nevada, fatally stabbed his two children as they lay in bed this morning, probably fatally cut his wife and then hanged himself by jumping from the rear porch of his home with a rope around his neck. The children, Hisako, a girl, aged 3, and a boy Shoichi, aged 14 months, died a few minutes later at the emergency hospital. Wawashima's wife was cut and stabbed in many places while struggling with her husband to save the children, and is not expected to live.

According to other Japanese, Kawashima, who had been in the United States for twenty years, was insane and had brooded over the possibility of being deported.

Basil Zaharoff, Europe's "Mystery Man," Offered Premiership Of Greece?



BASIL ZAHAROFF, IN ONE OF THE RARE PHOTOGRAPHS EVER TAKEN OF HIM.

PARIS—The premiership of Greece has been offered Basil Zaharoff, Europe's "mystery man" of enormous wealth, according to rumors which have reached this city. So credited was the story that it found publication in Intransigent.

Zaharoff, about whom nothing is known even to his closest friends, is immensely rich, but he guards his personality and even his origin from the public by means of a guardianship so rigid as that which surrounds many members of royalty.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH, 3 HURT IN OREGON FIRE

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 10.—Two lives were lost and three persons were injured in a fire at Joseph, Ore., in Willowa county last night. The dead are Mrs. G. M. Tucker and grandson, Grant Tucker, aged four years. The injured are G. M. Tucker, Mrs. Ben Tucker, his sister-in-law, and a baby niece of Tucker. They are painfully but not seriously burned.

The fire, according to a dispatch received here today, was caused by an explosion in a stove which threw flames all over the house. Tucker rescued a young niece.

Fire fighters arrived after Tucker had escaped with his niece and after Hester Tucker, uninjured, had escaped from the building.

When the fire was burned out the charred remains of Grant and Mrs. Tucker were found in the bedroom. Mrs. Tucker's body was on the floor beside the boy's bed with arms outstretched toward him. The house burned rapidly, becoming a seething furnace before the woman and boy could be rescued.

Mr. Tucker had replenished the heating stove with wood and a half bucket of coal dust. The explosion followed, igniting the house. His wife rushed to him and he told her to get the grandson while he rescued his niece.

SEAGOING BREWERY LATEST OCEAN STUNT

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A seagoing brewery aboard the steamship Albert Ballin of the Hamburg-American lines is the latest device in adding to the interest of eastbound Atlantic travel, it was learned today.

The plant is in operation only on east bound voyages as German-made beer is taken aboard for each western trip. The brewery is put to work directly the ship is outside United States territorial waters.

Bootlegger Takes Orders, Also Dollar; But Booze Missing

REDLANDS, Cal., Jan. 10.—Police today are looking for the installment bootlegger who called at certain Redlands homes during the past few days taking orders for wines and beer and asking only a dollar down with each order, the rest to be paid on easy terms. His customers complain that the beverages were never delivered.

WIFE, SENATOR BOURNE, SUES FOR A DIVORCE

Mrs. Carol Bourne Declares Ex-Senator of Oregon Has Deserted Her—Alimony Is Demanded—Suit Filed in Alabama.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Carol L. Bourne, filed suit in the superior court here yesterday for a divorce and alimony from ex-Senator Johnathan L. Bourne of Oregon, who has a home in this county, it became known. Voluntary abandonment is given as the grounds for the separation.

The complaint, filed by Mrs. Bourne, is very brief, stating that the wealthy ex-Oregon senator voluntarily left her more than a year ago.

Senator Bourne came to Mobile and purchased large tracts of land in the southern part of the county near Theodore, and established the Carol plantation, devoted to the growing of oranges, livestock and nuts. The plantation was named for his bride, who was a widow, Mrs. Carol B. Sperry.

The senator, when he married Mrs. Sperry, was 63 years of age, and Mrs. Bourne gave her age as 48. The wedding was apparently a happy one.

The court will pass on the bill for divorce some time this month.

MAY COMPEL BOK PEACE JURY TO READ ALL MSS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Formal action for a court order to compel the Bok peace award jury to read all of the 22,000 plans submitted by contestants may be started in a few days, according to Frank Hendrick, a New York attorney.

Mr. Hendrick whose office has become a center for contestants who assert their plans were not considered fairly, said concerted action might be taken by the dissatisfied contestants.

Elihu Root, chairman of the jury of awards will answer the attacks and criticisms which have been made. It was announced today by Miss Esther Everett Lape, secretary of the policy committee.

The contestants claim that the committee should have ready every word of every plan, submitted before making the award.

Army Promotions Made. WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Army nominations sent to the senate today, by President Coolidge include Brigadier General Fred W. Sladen, superintendent at West Point, to be major general, and Colonels Samuel D. Rook-enbach and Frank Parker to be brigadier generals.

BRITISH "U" BOAT SUNK, CREW LOST

Submarine L-24 Sinks With 30 Men Aboard After Collision With Dreadnaught "Resolution" Off Portland Hill—Accident Occurs During Naval Maneuvers.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—An admiralty message says the British submarine L-24 has been lost off Portland, England, in a collision. It is feared the entire crew perished.

The L-24, which is reported to have had thirty men aboard, sank after a collision with the dreadnaught Resolution off Portland Hill, a rocky promontory on the Island of Portland, extending into the English channel. It is unofficially reported that the submarine was rammed by the dreadnaught.

Official announcement that the L-24 had sunk, "it is feared, with the loss of all hands," was made by the admiralty this afternoon. The announcement said the disaster occurred while the submarine was maneuvering off Portland. Every effort is being made to locate the wreck.

The L-24 was one of the latest type completed in 1919.

GENERAL ADVANCE ORDERED AGAINST JALISCO REBELS

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 10.—General Francisco Serrano, minister of war of Mexico, has ordered a general advance on the Jalisco front against the rebel forces, wireless advices from Mexico City today stated. The federals have been proceeding slowly because of an attempt by rebels to trap them near Guadalupe, but today a smashing attack upon the revolutionary troops was delivered.

General Pedro Gaby and Eugenio Martinez, commanding federal forces on the Vera Cruz and Morelos fronts respectively, also began a general forward movement against rebel positions today, the wireless reports stated.

General Juan Andres Alamazan, in command of federal forces in front of Tehuacan, is engaged in a fierce battle with the rebels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The Mexican forces headed by President Obregon at Irapuato expect to engage the rebel forces under General Estrada at any moment, while the rebels are making desperate attempts to cut all communications between Mexico City and the west coast to forestall a loyalist attack on Vera Cruz, J. G. Zertuche, Mexican consul general here, was officially informed today.

NEW PREMIER OF GREECE IS CHOSEN

ATHENS, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press.) General G. Danglis, chairman of the Venizelist party, will be the new Greek premier. He was appointed to the task of forming a cabinet today. Former Premier Venizelos will be the foreign minister.

WHEELER COUNTY JUDGE MUST GO TO JAIL FOR POSSESSION OF LIQUOR

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 10.—Judge Henry D. Keyes, of Wheeler county, must serve twenty days in jail, Circuit Judge Wilson ruled yesterday. The Wheeler county official pleaded guilty to possession and was sentenced to a fine of \$250 and 20 days in jail by Justice of the Peace Allen. The jail term, however, was put off until January 8 so that Judge Keyes could hold a term of court and spend the holidays with his family.

The ruling yesterday was based on the contention that Justice of the Peace Allen did not impose a suspended sentence, but continued it to start at a definite time and place. Judge Keyes at no time has been in the custody of the sheriff, although he paid the fine. For the past two days he has been out under writ of habeas corpus obtained by friends. Attorneys for Keyes announced intention to appeal to the supreme court. Bond was placed at \$500.