

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 44
Minimum today 23.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 45.5
Minimum 38

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SHENANDOAH WINS RACE WITH DEATH

Largest Airship in World Torn From Moorings By Terrific Storm, Weathers Gale After 10 Hour Fight—Gas Bag Is Badly Damaged, But No One Is Hurt.

One Man Is Lost
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 17.—According to information received at state police headquarters here this afternoon, one of the members of the crew of the Shenandoah is missing. He is believed to have fallen to death a few minutes after the dirigible broke loose.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Naval officers, who have had doubts about using the great dirigible Shenandoah for the projected polar flight, appeared to be completely converted today by the performance of the big ship in riding out last night's gale after being torn from her moorings mast at Lakehurst.

Secretary Denby telegraphed his congratulations to the crew of the Shenandoah who brought her back in safety after her wind-driven flight. Mrs. Denby was so greatly impressed by the story of the night that she also sent her congratulations to the airship personnel.

The secretary also issued a formal statement outlining what was known so far at the navy department of the incident. He concluded with a paragraph disclosing the determination of the navy department to get the Shenandoah ready promptly for the polar expedition this summer.

"From all our information," Mr. Denby said, "it may be asserted with positive certainty that there is hardly a possibility that this ship will encounter in her Arctic expedition any test so severe as that she has already met successfully."

LAKEHURST, N. J., Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Shenandoah, largest airship in the world, poked her nose into her hangar at the naval air station at 4:24 o'clock this morning after completing the most remarkable flight a ship of her type ever made. The flight was a flight against the most stubborn element of nature, a wind that blew at 72 miles an hour at times. This gale twisted the giant craft from her mooring mast at 6:52 last night and swept her on a mad chase up the Atlantic coast to Staten Island, New York City, where Captain Anton Heinen, in command when she broke away, turned her nose into the teeth of the storm and maneuvered her back to her home port.

Not a man in her crew of 22 was injured, not a man was downhearted. Each of them declared it was the finest trip he ever made and each was loud in his praise of the navy's pride. They took it as a joke and won the envy of their mates who had watched them drift away into the darkness.

Ship Badly Battered
The ship's nose was battered and she was somewhat scratched up. A hasty inspection showed that her front castles, or gas bags, had collapsed when she was torn away by the wind; the covering of her upper fin had been stripped off and wrapped around the rudder, making the craft exceedingly difficult to steer while there was slight damage to her outer covering, the material being rent nearly up to her nose.

Captain Heinen, who had seen the Shenandoah built, and who had tried out more than 100 other aircraft on

Portland Banker to Divulge Plan Only To Apple Growers

YAKIMA, Wash., (Jan. 17.—No "Hunt" plan of marketing was presented before the Pacific Fruit congress, in session here today, and none will be presented until a proper meeting is held. Isaac D. Hunt, vice president of the Ladd and Tilton bank of Portland, declared this morning before some 500 delegates to the congress.

Mr. Hunt stated, "This is a meeting largely of sellers. I hope that a meeting of real growers at which marketing plans may be discussed will be held soon and that at the meeting only growers will be admitted."

ATTORNEY GEN'L SICK OF DOING COUNTY'S WORK

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—Attorney General Van Winkle declared today that he is going to put it up to the next legislature either to repeal the act whereby the governor is allowed to send special prosecutors into the counties, or he is going to ask that an assistant attorney general be provided to give his time to criminal work entirely.

The attorney general was moved to make this assertion by the frequent calls that are being received from the counties for assistance from the attorney general's office.

"This business of sending out a man at every call heard from the counties isn't part of my job as intended under the law," said Van Winkle. "If a county attorney needs assistance he should go to his county court and get authority to employ help."

Asked if he did not believe the former system whereby a district attorney's jurisdiction embraced a number of counties instead of one county was better than the present system, Van Winkle said he believed it was. "Under the former system," he said, "a prosecutor gave his attention to that work. Under the present system his regular legal practice takes most of his attention and the office of district attorney is in many cases only a side issue."

NEUNER APPOINTED TO HANDLE BURNS CASE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—Attorney General Van Winkle has appointed George Neuner of Roseburg to go to Burns, Ore., to assist in the prosecution of Joe Cavender, who is to be tried for shooting R. L. Haines, a state prohibition agent last summer. Haines was not killed, but was dangerously wounded.

Klamath Woman Is Hurt in Accident Near Canyonville

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Charles W. Eberlein of Klamath Falls, was brought to Roseburg yesterday evening, suffering from injuries sustained yesterday afternoon, when the car in which she and her husband were traveling to Portland turned turtle in the canyon south of Canyonville. The car turned over on its pavement when the brakes were applied in meeting another machine on a turn. The slippery condition of the pavement was responsible for the accident. Mrs. Eberlein sustained three broken ribs and minor bruises. She was brought to a Roseburg hotel.

PACIFIC FLEET MIMIC BATTLE A THRILLING ONE

Aircraft Attack On Gatun Locks Driven Off By Big Guns—Fort Randolph, Outranged, Is Badly Battered—Umpires Give Decisions.

CRISTOBAL Canal Zone, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Pacific or Blue fleet of the United States navy is making good progress in its passage through the Panama canal despite the efforts of the enemy, or Atlantic squadron to prevent it from joining the hypothetical American fleet, which, according to the regulations of the naval war game now under way, is based far up the eastern seaboard. Several units of the Blue squadron are already here. The enemy bombarded the canal yesterday, both from the air and with its long range guns. The official umpires announce that an air attack on the Gatun locks was frustrated, but that they have not yet determined how much damage was done by the naval guns that shelled Fort Randolph from a position beyond the range of this defensive works.

A bulletin issued by the umpires last evening from their headquarters aboard the Seattle said:

"Black aircraft operating from a base established off Porto Bello, attacked the Gatun locks, but were driven off by the Blues' anti-aircraft guns.

"At about 10:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, Blue aircraft, including five bombing and five torpedo planes, attacked the Black plane carrier at the base off Porto Bello. Three black planes were on the carrier and three were on the carrier's deck. A lively combat followed at close range. The chief umpire will assess the damage later.

"Black destroyers were reported moving eastward from Porto Bello, laying a smoke screen and were fired upon by coast defense batteries at about 1:15 o'clock, ranges to 10,000 yards.

"At four p. m. the Black fleet's main body opened a long range bombardment on Fort Randolph from a position beyond the range of the guns of this fort, but it is impossible at this hour to estimate the results of the action.

"Black aircraft conducted a raid south from the base at Porto Bello, and on returning were engaged by the Blue anti-aircraft batteries.

"The planes were flying low and it is believed one was brought down.

"The blue fleet is making good progress in traversing the canal and its various elements are now arriving at Cristobal."

Only skeleton forces have been left in the army barracks on the Pacific side. The others are opposing landing.

It is said the entire Pacific fleet will be assembled at Cristobal by Saturday. It will sail next Wednesday for further maneuvers in the Caribbean sea.

TO HOLD DEMPSEY GIBBONS GO BEFORE DEMOCRATIC ONE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The return world heavyweight title match between Jack Dempsey and Tommy Gibbons will be held in New York the first week in June, Promoter Tex Rickard announced today in denying reports that he planned to stake the contest during the democratic national convention, which opens here June 24.

Rickard revealed his fight plans in emphasizing his intention "not to commercialize the presence of the convention which will use the promoter's fistie arena, Madison Square Garden, for its sessions.

Contracts have not yet been signed for the Dempsey-Gibbons fight, but managers of both have accepted Rickard's terms. The Polo Grounds probably will be the battleground.

Rickard added that after the Dempsey-Gibbons bout the next pugilistic venture probably would not occur until the middle of July when he hopes to stage a match between Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine heavyweight, and Harry Wills, negro battler, the winner to meet Dempsey in a title contest in September.

EX-SECRETARY FALL TOO ILL TO REPLY TO SEN. CARAWAY

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—Albert B. Fall, accompanied by Mrs. Fall, arrived here from Florida, and was quarantined today at a hotel where the former secretary of the interior was reported by Mrs. Fall to be ill.

When newspapermen called at the hotel to inquire if Mr. Fall wished to say anything regarding the attack yesterday in the senate on the former secretary by Senator Caraway of Arkansas, in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserve, Mrs. Fall informed them that her husband was fatigued by the journey from Florida, and was too ill to see them. She said, however, she did not think he would care to make a reply to Senator Caraway's remarks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The senate Teapot Dome investigation which inspired a sensational speech on the senate floor yesterday by Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, probably will remain at a standstill for several days.

Meeting members of the public lands committee, in charge of the inquiry, will canvass the situation to determine whether it would be advisable again to summon Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, accused by Senator Caraway of having "sold" the navy's oil reserve for a "corrupt consideration," and of having told a "wilful and deliberate falsehood," to the committee when it sought to determine the source of certain funds he obtained to purchase ranch property in New Mexico.

Chairman Lenroot left Washington last night and until he returns next week there will be no meeting of the committee. When a meeting is called

BOY SQUIRTS IODINE AT GIRLS IN DEVILMENT



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The men are charged with making unlawful use of the mails in connection with loan proceedings involving moneys voted by the people of Oregon for veterans of the world war.

Nearly a year has elapsed since the indictment. The resolution declares that the prolonged delay in bringing the case to trial must result in rendering unavailable the evidence under which previous action has been taken.

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Members of the commission said today that the resolution is not to be construed as a criticism of United States Attorney Coke, who, they declare, has been eminently fair and above board in the case.

Oregon News in Brief

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—Crowds stood about four sewer drain basins in the downtown district here today watching men of the street cleaning bureau dig for diamonds. Miss E. Thelander, a school principal, reported she had lost two rings set with several costly diamonds and city officials volunteered to aid. The search proved unsuccessful.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—Senator Hiram Johnson will probably deliver several speeches in Oregon in his campaign for the republican presidential nomination. T. B. Neuhausen, Johnson's Oregon manager, said today. The senator plans to come to the Pacific Northwest after speaking in North and South Dakota, said Neuhausen.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—The United States government, through the emergency fleet corporation, today filed suit in federal court here against the Astoria Marine Works, for recovery of \$50,637, with interest, alleged to have been overpaid for installation of machinery in seventeen hulls. It is alleged that the company claimed that amount in addition to the contract price of \$1,686,092, and that these extras were unlawful paid.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—Russell P. Shortridge, an electrician, was found dead this morning in his room at a hotel here, having hanged himself to his bed by a strap. Police reported Shortridge had threatened to end his life because of refusal of Miss Edna Kruger, of Albany, to marry him. Shortridge came here from Albany last November.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, will make a report on his recent trip to Florida to examine Edward B. McLean, the Washington newspaper publisher, from whom Mr. Fall said he borrowed \$100,000. Senator Walsh said today he would not ask the committee to recall Mr. Fall.

PIERCE WANTS PROSECUTION OF BONUS FRAUDS

Governor Can't Believe Atty. Genl. Daugherty Will Dismiss Indictments Against Deschutes County Citizens—Ex-Service Men Act.

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REPORT VOLCANO ERUPTION ALASKA, ALSO EARTHQUAKE

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—The last position of the steamship Latouche received by the Alaska Steamship company of this port, her owner, was 37 miles east of Belkofsky bay last night. News of an earthquake at Belkofsky and of intensification of the activity of Pavlof volcano, on the mainland about fifty miles east of Belkofsky sent by the Latouche was relayed by a United States naval radio station on St. Paul island, in Bering sea, 350 miles northwest of Pavlof.

Disturbance of Pavlof island, including explosions, belching of smoke and steam and deposition of dust and ashes over the Alaska peninsula and shipping in that vicinity, has been a commonplace for several years. This activity has been accompanied by changes in the level of the bottom of the Pacific ocean that have startled navigators.

STEAMSHIP LATOUCHE, Via St. Paul Island, Jan. 17.—(By Associated Press.) The inhabitants of Belkofsky and vicinity reported that a severe earthquake occurred at 10:50 Tuesday morning. The southern edge of Pavlof volcano blew off.

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R. L. Strike to Begin Sunday
LONDON, Jan. 17.—A strike of British locomotive men, who have refused to accept the reduction in wages authorized by the railway wages board, will begin at midnight on Sunday, according to an announcement made this noon.

John Knocked Down, Forgets Everything Since Last Tuesday

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—John Quinn, 17, was at a hospital here today suffering from a lapse of memory caused by a blow received while engaged in boxing at the Mulnomah Athletic club here yesterday.

Quinn received a blow on the chin which knocked him to the floor, his head striking with a thump. He continued boxing and not until some time later was it discovered that he had lost his memory. He told companions and club officers that he could not remember anything that had happened before last Tuesday.

U. S. A. CRUISER ON ROCKS MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The United States cruiser Tacoma, grounded on Blanquilla reef, off Vera Cruz, has three compartments flooded, according to wireless reports from the ship received today at the navy department.

Tugs were standing by, it was said, and hopes were entertained that the craft could be drawn into deeper water as soon as the heavy seas subsided. No fears were felt for the safety of the officers and men aboard.

The Tacoma was thrown on the reef during a storm. She was high on the reef and in only two fathoms of water when the message was dispatched.

The cruiser Richmond probably will be stationed at Vera Cruz to take the place of the Tacoma, which had been ordered to that port to act as an emergency communications station to the United States due to the interruption of cable facilities incident to the De La Huerta insurrection.

Dispatches outlining the situation of the cruiser, however, led some high officers of the navy to believe that she might have to be abandoned. If she is on rock bottom in twelve feet of water and was driven there by the force of a norther, it was estimated the cost of getting her off may not be justified.

CHANGE DATES FOR STATE LEGION MEET

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—That the dates of the Oregon convention of the American Legion will have to be changed in accordance with the provisions of the national legion constitution was the declaration here of Harry Nelson, state adjutant of the legion.

The convention is scheduled for Portland September 7, 8 and 9, but with the announcement Wednesday that the national convention will be held in St. Paul from September 15 to 19 inclusive, the state convention dates must be changed, the constitution providing that all state conventions shall be held not less than thirty days prior to the national convention.

Investigate Congress Lobby.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—An investigation to determine whether lobbyists are operating to influence acts of congress was authorized today by the senate.

CHICAGO CLUB WOMEN BACK MABEL INVITE MOVIE STAR TO ADDRESS THEM

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Members of the first district Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs yesterday refused to approve a resolution recommending that Mabel Normand films be banned and tabled the resolution by a large majority. More than a score of prominent Chicago women participated in the sharp debate which followed the introduction of the measure at the annual mid-winter meeting of the organization.

Opponents of the proposed action declared it was time enough to pass such a resolution after the grand jury and other investigating bodies had heard the evidence and rendered a verdict.

As soon as the film star has sufficiently recovered, she will be invited to address the Women's Association of Commerce and tell her story, Mrs. Delaven Cowles, president of the association declared. She said it was absurd for Chicago clubwomen "to follow the lead of a few foolish women

TAMPICO IS BOMBARDED BY GUNBOATS

Rebel Fleet Opens Fire On Beach of Mexican Oil Port, According to Radio Message from U. S. Tanker—Federal Reinforcements Are Being Rushed to the City

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 17.—Gunboats of the Mexican rebel faction were bombarding the beach at Tampico at 11 a. m. today, according to a wireless message picked up by the Iris theater station, WEAY, here shortly after noon today.

The message was broadcast by the Sinclair tanker Joseph M. Cudahy, which reported its position about 183 miles south of Galveston. It reported it picked up the message from the tanker Eugene V. Thayer, also of the Sinclair Oil line.

About fifteen shots were fired, the message stated, although no idea of the damage could be obtained.

The Cudahy was reported as being just off Tampico.

TAMPICO, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Observers of the De La Huerta rebellion are inclined to ridicule the insurgent leader's recent proclamation of the blockade of this port, for yesterday, the day the blockade was to have been made effective, there was no sign of a rebel ship off this port and shipping was in no way disturbed. Trains were running on normal schedules.

Federal reinforcements are arriving in Tampico in considerable strength, for the Oregon government is anxious to rid the entire oil region of rebels so as to make good its promise of guarantees for property and life.

The rebels have released representatives of the Huasteca Petroleum company whom they had jailed in Tuxpam for non-payment of taxes.

It is known here that the revolutionaries have received orders to waste no ammunition because of the embargo placed by the United States on all shipments of war material to the insurgents. Conditions in Tamaulipas are returning to normal with the flight of ex-Governor De Lara.

The new government has reduced the taxes.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—England will recognize Mexico only after the United States has accorded full recognition to that country, it is declared in authoritative quarters here.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 17.—President Obregon has ordered that every available soldier of the Mexican national army not needed for field service in his present station be sent to Tampico in an effort to wrest the oil field control from the rebels. Jurez military authorities were advised today.

Passengers arriving at the border from the interior today report that rebel bands are terrorizing inhabitants of some small villages along the tracks and that passengers are often held up and searched by roving bands.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 17.—(Continued on Page Eight)

STORM KING RAGES IN THE EAST AND MIDDLE WEST, 5 KILLED, LOSS LARGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—One of the most severe January wind and rain storms that has struck New York City and vicinity in years had subsided today after causing indirectly five deaths, considerable property loss and damage to small shipping in the harbor and along the New Jersey coast.

Two unidentified vessels were reported in distress. Four men and a woman were missing after the sinking of a barge off Long Branch, N. J. The wind reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Chicago had its second taste of the winter of sub-

zero weather today with thermometer registering five below and close to ten below in neighboring suburbs and towns.

Frigid temperatures are general throughout the Great Lakes and north central section of the country. The mercury ranged from close to twenty below zero in the region of Duluth, Minn., to zero and slightly above throughout Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 17.—Temperatures in Nebraska today ranged from 18 below zero at Valentine to one below in Omaha.

in a small town club who thought they were doing their duty when they passed such a resolution.

"Men stick together—it's high time women did, especially until they know the real facts of a case," declared Mrs. Marion Biel, chairman of the district committee.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Mabel Normand, film actress, will appear before the women's association of commerce if they want her and if it is possible for her to travel, it was declared here today by Mack Bennett, employer of the motion picture star. Bennett, in forceful terms, expressed appreciation in behalf of the actress for the action of the Illinois club women in refusing to approve a resolution recommending banning of the Normand films until they heard the defense of the player.

"I will move Heaven and earth, I will do all within my power, even to carrying Mabel Normand there in a suitcase, if the women of Chicago want to hear her story," Bennett said.