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Prediction ..... Fair
Maximum yesterday 43
Minimum today 26
Precipitation ..... Trace

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 44.5
Minimum 28

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LOWER HAY RATES HIT WILLAMETTE

Growers Fear Public Service Ruling Will Flood Western Oregon With Eastern Oregon Hay—Corey Upholds New Ruling.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—H. H. Corey, chairman of the public service commission today issued a statement in defense of the reduced freight rates on hay shipments throughout Oregon that are scheduled to become effective next Monday. Protests against the rates have arisen in western Oregon, and the public service commission claims the new rates will be an advantage to western Oregon growers as well as those in eastern Oregon.

"It is noted from the press reports, as well as from remonstrances filed with this commission, during the last few days, that the Willamette valley hay growers have the impression that our recent state wide reduction in rates upon shipments of hay within Oregon will shut the Willamette valley hay growers out of coast and valley points," said Mr. Corey.

"It is claimed that the hay growers of eastern Oregon will flood these markets with hay from Haines, Hermiston, Bend, Redmond, Etc. Our maximum distance scale reduces the rate from Eugene to Marshfield, for example, from 16 cents per hundred pounds to 14½ cents per hundred pounds, the distance being 122 miles; and the same graduated distance scale, based on actual mileage, reduced the combination of locals, Hermiston to Marshfield, for example, from 45½ cents to 29 cents, the distance being 435 miles.

Surely the reduction in rates, resulting in $2.90 per ton, from Eugene to Marshfield, as against a rate twice that amount $5.80 per ton, from Hermiston, will not ruin the Lane county farmers' chances in the Coos bay market. The greater number of Willamette valley farmers are required to buy hay annually and all the dairymen are in need of cheaper hay.

"Objections to our order are based upon misinformation furnished by propagandists such as hay dealers in western Oregon. These people are deliberately misleading the valley farmers to further their own interests.

"The commission heard testimony from every farm organization in the state, all of whom favored the reductions. Among these, were the state grange, the farmers' union, the state farm bureau, the hay growers' association, the Dairymen's association and the Tillamook County Dairy and Cream association.

"The Willamette valley is destined to become a vast dairying section and it will be necessary to look to eastern Oregon for its superior grades of hay. Our order will materially benefit eastern Oregon as well as western Oregon and coast points."

Death Toll of the Automobile

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—A fractured skull, suffered when he was struck by an automobile late last night, proved fatal early today to M. Gargoff, about 45. He died at a hospital.

Gargoff was struck, police said, by the machine of E. L. Cameron, as he started across the street.

Ford Buys Little Re dSchool, Where He Got His 'Larnin'

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 18.—The little red school house where Henry Ford, half a century ago, picked up what limited "book learning" his youth yielded him, has been purchased by the Detroit manufacturer, it was learned today.

The school, typical of hundreds in use 50 years ago, with sharp sloping roof, bell cupola in front and short steps leading to the door that is set primly in the front, has not been in use for two years.

It was not explained what Mr. Ford plans to do with it.

CANAL FORT IN ENEMY HANDS IN PLAY WAR

'Hostile' Marines Solve Problem With Ease—Air Station and Submarine Base Captured—Defects Found in Defense System.

COLON, Canal Zone, Jan. 18.—Fort Randolph, the defensive work that guards the Atlantic entrance to the Panama canal on the northeast, is in "enemy hands," today. So are the air station and the submarine base at Coco Solo.

To the marines of the Atlantic fleet belong the glory and the spoils. Landing in small boats yesterday from the "black" squadron that represents a hostile navy in the mimic warfare now in progress in the zone to determine the effectiveness of the canal in time of real war, the "devil dogs" swarmed upon Fort Randolph and captured its home garrison of 170 men. Simultaneously, another landing party came ashore at Coco Solo and "overpowering" the seventy aviators and mechanics left to defend the air station and submarine base, took over those works.

Unofficial observers were of the opinion that the comparative ease with which the marines solved the problems set for them in yesterday's maneuvers indicated what a real enemy might be able to do, although it was pointed out that there were only skeleton forces in the units of the defensive system captured.

In only one instance did the marines fail. A small detachment sent to "seize" the army air station at France field, was captured by the infantry unit guarding that post.

The landing operations were carried out with clock-like precision. Under cover of a smoke screen laid down by the auxiliary "black" fleet, 500 marines left their ships in fifty boats, slipped across Limon bay toward Fort Randolph. At the same time another detachment of 500 men left their vessels for a point south of the fort and while the garrison was speculating as to the "enemy's" intentions, it found itself surprised and in a trice eliminated from the problem of the day.

Three hundred marines took part in the operations at Coco Solo.

The official umpire accompanying the landing parties said the operations contained a lesson for the army in the possibilities and defects of the canal defense system.

Veteran Politician on Job

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—John R. Voorhees, 94 year old grand sachem of Tammany hall, the only man now living who attended the last democratic national convention in 1868 when Horatio Seymour was nominated, will be present when the 1924 convention meets here June 24.

TEXAS BALKS MEX. ENTRY WITH TROOPS

Governor Refuses Permission to Cross Border and Reenter—Downfall of Obregon Forecast By U. S. Support—Rebels Seize Shipment of Arms

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 18.—Permission to transport Mexican federal troops across Texas was refused today by Acting Governor T. W. Davidson, in a telegram to Secretary of State Hughes. Possibility of trouble with Mexican residents on the border influenced the refusal, Acting Governor Davidson said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A detachment of the Mexican army carrying its arms and ammunition as baggage, will be permitted to pass from Naco, Ariz., to some point in Texas for reentry into Mexico to oppose the revolutionists, if the governor of Texas consents to this operation.

Authority to move the troops of the border was sought by the Obregon government and transmitted to the governors of the states affected, by the state department, "which announced last night that "this government looks favorably upon the request."

The governors of Arizona and New Mexico have given their approval to the plan, which contemplates transportation of the detachment for service in regions of Mexico where American lives and interests are being threatened with grave dangers by the forces in revolt against the Mexican government.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 18.—The downfall of General Alvaro Obregon as president of Mexico will be hastened by the support granted him by the United States, according to a statement made public today by Deputy Heinaldo Esparza Martinez, who recently joined the personnel of the De La Huerta agency in San Antonio in charge of Deputy Ruben Vizcarra.

"The Mexican people have unfavorably looked upon the intervention of a foreign country in our internal affairs," he said.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Jan. 18.—Rebel troops under Feliciano Garcia captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition consigned to the Mexican federal forces at Tampico, according to a report brought to De La Huerta representatives here by courier from southern Tamaulipas last night. All revolutionary bands between San Fernando and Victoria have been ordered to mobilize to assist in an attack on Tampico, the revolutionists now being well equipped with arms and ammunition, the report said.

Sharp fighting occurred at Aldemas a few miles northeast of Tampico, when the federals attempted to surprise a rebel company, according to the Huertistas. The federals were led into a trap, the report said, and virtually the entire detachment was killed or captured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The situation in Mexico, complicated recently by declaration of a revolutionary blockade at Tampico was considered by President Coolidge and his advisers today at one of the longest sessions in recent months. There were indications that more active steps to protect American interests in the blockaded port were considered at the meeting, but cabinet members said afterward that any announcement must come from the president. White House officials were silent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Part of the crew of the cruiser Tacoma, stranded on a reef near Vera Cruz was put ashore yesterday, according to a message to the navy department. The remainder of the crew and the commander were still on the ship last night.

The cruiser Richmond, ordered to the relief of the Tacoma, was expected to reach the scene today.

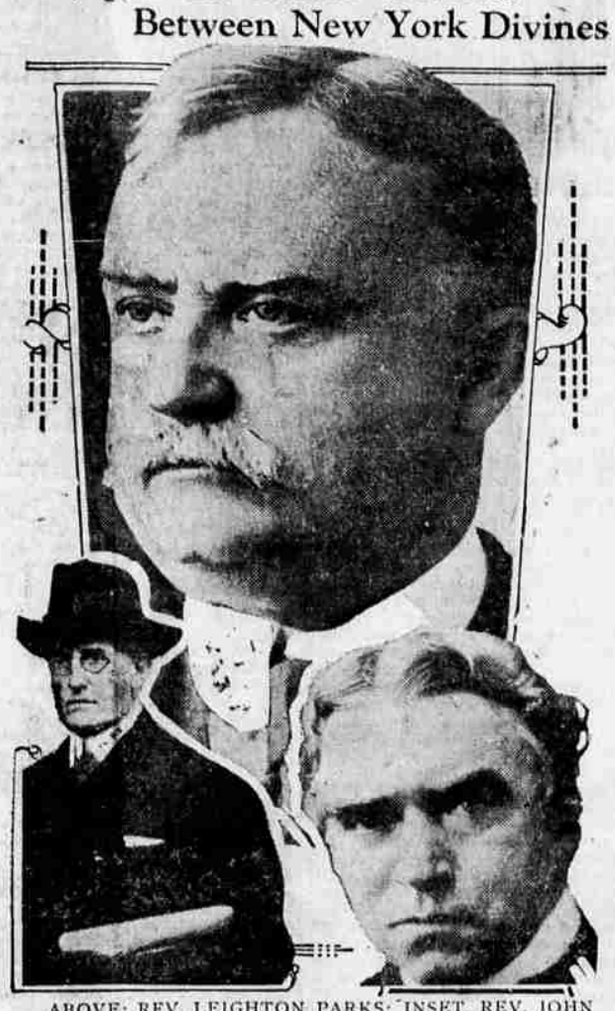
SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 18.—Governor J. F. Hinkle of New Mexico said this morning he regarded his permission for the movement of Mexican federal troops through New Mexico as "merely a matter of courtesy to our own government and also to the government of a friendly neighbor."

Governor Hinkle added that he was under the impresssion that the war department had full power to authorize such a movement.

The Noted Dead

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—A. B. Ramsdell, assstant director of personnel and assistant vice president of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway was killed early today by a Chicago and Northwestern train in the northern part of the city. He was said to have left a sanitarium shortly before his death.

Religious Disputes Reach Apex In Public Debates Between New York Divines



ABOVE: REV. LEIGHTON PARKS; INSET, REV. JOHN ROACH STRATTON AND REV. PERCY STICKNEY GRANT.

NEW YORK CITY—The nation-wide dispute between the "fundamentalists" and the "modernists" of the Protestant faiths has reached the proportions of a religious war in this city, with the leaders of the largest congregations definitely lined up for or against the traditional teachings.

The latest fuel was added to the fire when Dr. Leighton Parks, 71 years of age, twenty years rector of St. Bartholomew's, challenged the virgin birth of Christ and the bodily resurrection.

GALE GAVE SHENA'DOAH REAL TEST

Safe Return After Flight in Storm, Convinces Skeptics—Polar Cruise Not Abandoned—High Praise for Personnel

LAKEHURST, N. J., Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Even the skeptics have been converted.

The Shenandoah's remarkable successful flight against one of the most severe gales that ever struck the Atlantic coast, despite the fact that her nose was torn away and she was otherwise battered has won for her the commendation of those naval officers who were inclined to doubt the practicability of building ships of her type and size.

That battle of Wednesday night and early Thursday in a 72 mile wind which carried her to Staten Island before she could be turned about has convinced virtually every officer at the naval station that the Shenandoah could successfully negotiate the planned trip to the North pole.

There was evident gratification when it was learned that Secretary of the Navy Denby and Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, chief of the naval bureau of aeronautics had predicted that the accident to the Shenandoah would not prevent the proposed cruise.

Echoes of the praise for the cool and quick work of Captain Heinen and the other officers and men aboard the ship when she was set adrift, resounded over the station today. A fact that had not been generally known until last night was the topic of considerable conversation. This was that the Shenandoah when that one great gust of wind tore her from her mooring mast, started to the ground and was only about six feet from the earth when she started to rise and float away.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The house adjourned today without reaching a decision as to the number of names to be required on petitions for the discharge of committees.

APPLE GROWERS ROILED BY TALK OUST BANKERS

Sensational Speech By Portland Man Results in Row at Yakima Meeting—Northwest Growers to Re-organize and Select New Plan.

YAKIMA, Jan. 18.—After I. D. Hunt, Portland banker, upset the apple marketing conference yesterday, with a sensational speech in which he charged the growers meeting was "packed" with shipping interests, the growers nearly broke up but settled down again and excluding everybody but genuine growers proceeded, with the officers of the state chamber of commerce, to work out some solution of their own difficulty, ignoring bankers altogether.

Fights between the different sections of apple growers developed and nearly broke up the meeting again but finally, through the influence of President N. B. Coffman of the state chamber, harmony was restored and the growers agreed to appoint a committee of five apple men with authority to proceed to organize the apple men of the Pacific Northwest.

Wenatchee advocates of the so-called Wenatchee plan, insisted on getting their plan introduced at the meeting on the floor, but, after some hot arguments, it was rejected by the main body. No other plan was presented although the growers seemed inclined to follow the California plan outlined by Frank Read of the California Fruit Exchange yesterday.

Finally unanimous action was secured which resulted in authorizing President Coffman to name a committee of five growers to proceed to organize the Northwest Apple Growers, leaving the committee free to select any plan they might deem best. Mr. Coffman said he would take two weeks to name the committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The house rules fight, in progress since Monday, ended late today with the adoption of a resolution providing, among other things, for repeal of the Underwood amendment rule, votes on discharge of committees on petition of 150 members, and creation of a new house committee to handle legislation affecting war veterans.

First Philly Cop to Kill Bandit to Get Promotion Is Word

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—The first policeman to kill a bandit will be promoted, is a promise made by General Smedley D. Butler in his campaign to clean up this city.

PAVING MEDFORD TO RUCH TO BE ASKED CT. COURT

Jacksonville and Ruch Citizens Hold Meeting and Will Circulate Petitions to Be Presented Next Wednesday—Distance Is 12 Miles.

Citizens of Jacksonville and the Applegate met persuant to a call for a mass meeting in Jacksonville Wednesday evening to discuss paving the road between Medford and Ruch.

It was decided to prepare the necessary petitions for signatures, circulate them and present the same to the county court at its session next Wednesday.

No vote is necessary by the people for this work as the funds from which the same would be built are already arranged for. Of the $500,000 last bond issue voted by the people for roads $80,000 was specified to be used on the roads between Jacksonville and Ruch. More than enough of this fund is on hand to pave that section.

The funds to pave from Jacksonville to Medford, according to the plan as explained, would come from a $100,000 market road fund already provided for, part of which comes from this year's levy for market roads. This market road fund is supplied on a 50-50 basis from the state and county.

The road would be about 12 miles long, and according to an estimate by a Standard Oil road man, would cost about $10,000 per mile or $120,000 for the road. It would be 16 feet wide, with asphalt surface, using the present road bed, that was built the past year from Medford to Jacksonville, at a cost of between $15,000 and $20,000.

TRUE BILL QUASHED IN RED PESTERING

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 18.—Indictments against three alleged I. W. W. charging wanton destruction of property at Athena last summer were quashed in circuit court yesterday when the trial of one of them, George Burns, came off as the court held that there was insufficient evidence to support charges. Burns with the other two men, Charley Howey and C. C. Barton, were charged with pouring sand into the journals of freight cars.

WANT M'ADOO UPON PRIMARY BALLOT

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 18.—Petitions for the secretary of state to put the name of William Gibbs McAdoo on the primary ballot as democratic presidential nominee were circulated here today. Party leaders say McAdoo is a heavy favorite in this section.

COMIC OPERA SEA WARFARE AT TAMPICO

Gunboat Shells Fort and Ruins Chinese Soft Drink Stands On Beach—Oil Fields in No Danger, Says Radio—Bottled Up War Ship Escapes.

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 18.—Wireless reports reaching Houston that a rebel gunboat was firing on Tampico created a tempest in a teapot. According to information received early today by Houston oil companies having interests in the Mexican fields below Tampico, the firing was not in the direction of Tampico and that city is in no danger.

A summary of the report follows:

Some fifteen shells were fired, but out to sea, not inland. Two rebel gunboats were bottled up in the Panuco river between the shore line and Tampico, the latter five miles back from the mouth of the Panuco river. One of these boats slipped out to sea Wednesday night and escaped.

The other rebel gunboat made a futile effort to join its companion. The federals had erected emergency fortifications at LaBarra, on the north side of the Panuco river and at its mouth. The second boat, about half way between Tampico and where the Panuco river jutts out in the gulf, fired that way to affect its escape was to fire on and demolish the emergency fortifications and then rush out to safety.

The shells fell on the beach at Mirami, farther to the north and close to some Chinese refreshment stands serving the bathers.

But the attempt to demolish the LaBarra fortifications failed and the ship is stil inl the Panuco river. No shots were fired from the sea toward Tampico. In fact, it is not generally believed that either rebels or federals have any wish to destroy or interfere with the oil fields operations and that Tampico is safe. Both sides of the Panuco river from its mouth, back five miles to Tampico, are lined with oil company refineries and terminals and thickly settled with employes' houses.

The two rebel gunboats were formerly in the federal service.

Tampico is strongly garrisoned with federal forces, although lacking in strong coast fortifications.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—For the present the United States will not dispatch warships to Tampico to protect the rights of its nationals against possible infringement by the blockading forces of the rebel leader, De La Huerta.

After a day of consultation regarding the latest turn of the Mexican situation, President Coolidge and his advisers have decided that no difficulty is likely to arise requiring the presence of American naval units.

A long cabinet discussion was followed by preparations for the issuance of a statement by Secretary Denby at the navy department, but when the time for the announcement came the secretary said he had no announcement to make.

American naval forces in some strength will be nevertheless in that vicinity in case they are needed. The cruiser Richmond is nearing Vera Cruz and has been ordered to take aboard 278 men from the stranded cruiser Tacoma. These men now are ashore at Vera Cruz, the state department was advised today, and "under the protection of the American consul."

Portland Wheat

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—Wheat, hard white, bluestem, baart $1.02; soft white, western white $1.01; hard winter, northern spring, western red 96c.

Today's car receipts—Wheat 84; flour 29; corn 2; hay 9.

SHERIFF STUBS HIS TOE AND FINDS HUGE CACHE OF MASH IN LOG JAM

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 18.—Expertly camouflaged so that the location could not be discovered except by accident, eight barrels of mash and other material and apparatus for making moonshine, was found last night by Sheriff Starmer and deputies on Rock Creek, three miles northwest of Leona.

The booze factory was located in a narrow gorge across which two logs had fallen. These logs had been covered with brush, and logs and driftwood placed on each side, so that every appearance of a log jam was given, and the plant would not have been discovered had not Sheriff Starmer pulled away a piece of bark in crossing over the obstruction in the creek bed.

His flashlight disclosed a large chamber beneath the logs, and when the officers entered they found the mash, a large furnace, and several hundred feet of fire hose, for bringing water down the hill. The still itself is apparently buried in the immediate vicinity and is being sought today.

No arrests have been made up to the present time.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—Arguments to the jury began this morning in federal court here today in the trial of Fred T. Merrill, charged with possession and sale of liquor and with maintaining a nuisance. Assistant United States Attorney Allan G. Bynon started the argument followed by Barnett Goldstein, attorney for Merrill. The trial was resumed late yesterday after two days recess.

MABLE TO TELL OWN STORY OF LATE SHOOTING BEFORE ILLINOIS CLUB WOMEN

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Mabel Normand, film star, is willing to appear before a meeting of Illinois club women and tell her own story of the shooting of Courtland Dines by her chauffeur, as soon as her health will permit, she said, in a telegram yesterday.

Women of the first district, Illinois, Federation of Women's Clubs and Women's Association of Commerce on Wednesday refused to take action barring Miss Normand's pictures and invited her to come to Chicago and state her own case.

Through Mack Sennett, her employer, Miss Normand expressed gratification over the action of the women.

"Thank you for your kind and just attitude," her telegram said, "also the women of your club who are broad-minded and just enough to wait until the facts are known before they criticize and condemn. When I am well enough to travel, my greatest pleasure will be to meet you personally. Your attitude in this unfortunate occurrence has made me inexpressibly happy. My gratitude and renewed thanks for your loyalty. God bless you always."

The Women's Association of Commerce of the First District of Illinois Women's Clubs will join in conducting the meeting.