

The Weather

Prediction: fair; continued cold
Maximum yesterday 47
Minimum today 19

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 46
Minimum 27.5

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

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TEXAS GIVES IN: OBREGON IS JUBILANT

At Second Request of Secy. Hughes, Acting Governor of Lone Star State Acquiesces in Allowing Troops to Cross Thru State En Route to the Mexican Battle Front.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The warships will proceed immediately to the Mexican port, which is headquarters for the De la Huerta rebels.

There they will join the cruiser Richmond, due in Vera Cruz today to take on board members of the stranded cruiser Tacoma. What their further movements will be officials here are not in a position to reveal.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 19.—Acting Governor T. W. Davidson today acquiesced in the request of President Obregon of Mexico for permission to transport troops across Texas soil, reversing his decision of Friday at the urgent request of Secretary of State Hughes.

In a telegram to Washington, acting Governor Davidson said 2000 Mexican federal troops would be permitted to enter Texas near El Paso, provided the American government assumed all responsibility for any damages resulting.

President Obregon modified his request by asking that his troops be permitted to enter the United States near El Paso and go into Mexico at that point instead of at Laredo, as originally proposed.

The change in the situation was caused by receipt of a telegram from Secretary Hughes at the executive's office here late last night. The telegram read:

"I beg to inform you that the federal government has given careful consideration to your request for deeming it unwise to grant the request made in my telegram of January 16. However, the desire of the state of Texas to co-operate in this matter has been noted and in view thereof and because an urgency exists involving protection of American lives and property in Mexico, I shall greatly appreciate receiving your assurances that it will be agreeable to you that permission be granted for the two thousand Mexican troops to enter Mexico by way of El Paso, instead of Laredo, provided such arrangement is acceptable to the Mexican government. This arrangement apparently would obviate your objections."

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 19.—Mexican consular and military officers at the border today were jubilant over the announcement that federal troops would be permitted to pass through El Paso and detain at Juarez for service against the rebels in the interior.

Little difficulty is expected in transporting the troops as trains carrying them can be routed directly to Juarez without the soldiers leaving the cars. It is expected that the troop movement will be as secret as possible in order to prevent attempts at violence on the part of rebel sympathizers along the border and lower El Paso.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—After checking up the result of his second 48-hour drive against lawlessness, Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, director of public safety, started shortly before midnight on a personal tour of inspection of the various police districts, "to keep the 4200 policemen and their commanders on their toes." The tour kept him on the go far into the early morning hours, and upon its conclusion he expressed himself as well pleased with conditions.

EXPLORING TOO EASY WITH AIRSHIP AND RADIO, STEFANSSON TO QUIT IT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Exploring isn't what it used to be, so Vilhjalmur Stefansson will quit the business.

The noted Arctic explorer, who is in San Francisco on a lecture tour, said that development of the airplane and dirigible airship had taken a lot of the joy out of the life of an explorer. This, he said, was because discovery itself was not the sole lure of the men who brave the dangers of far places.

Modern inventions, bringing with them ease, safety, comfort and certainty of attainment, have made exploration and discovery more or less humdrum pursuits, Mr. Stefansson said, and added:

"So I am through with exploring." Mr. Stefansson expressed the belief that the dirigible airship Shenandoah proved her worth by her recent accident and that she would negotiate her proposed polar flight without mishap and add the Arctic to the world's map.

French Fighters Can No Longer Kiss Each Other, After Battle

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The boxers' kiss has been forbidden. For some time it has been the fashion for two fighters to exchange kisses—one on each cheek—at the conclusion of a ring battle, but the French boxing federation has decided that for hygienic reasons the practice must go and has issued an official decree ordering its abolition.

M'NARY'S WHEAT BILL ENDORSED BY NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Approval of the McNary bill, proposing the creation of a \$200,000,000 agricultural export corporation to dispose of surplus farm products abroad was given before the senate agriculture committee today by representatives of wheat growers in the northwest. The bill is the third of the trio of major farm relief measures taken up by the committee which has indicated its intention to expedite a report.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 19.—W. Lair Thompson, vice president of the First National bank, of Portland, speaking before the wheat growers and businessmen gathered in this city to form an Oregon export commission, backed the Wallace plan of marketing in an exhaustive report of that plan.

Mr. Thompson denied that the plan called for government price fixing but that it is merely a reverse application of the tariff principle. And far from being class legislation, the plan merely makes the tariff apply to all classes of American products instead of eliminating the agriculturists as is now the case. The plan is not a government subsidy, said Mr. Thompson, but the money involved is merely a revolving fund to be returned intact when the emergency passes and the operations of the export body cease.

Mr. Thompson stated in supporting the plan that at present the approximately 170,000,000 bushels of wheat sold abroad sell for the price of 600,000,000 bushels sold at home. The entire wheat raising areas of the United States are affected by the depression in wheat price which does not give the producer the proper value in buying power for his wheat. Under the plan which is incorporated in the McNary-Haughon bill now before congress the export commission will operate as in the present, when a national emergency exists and will tend to establish a proper ratio between the world prices and the domestic prices.

The speaker was emphatic in declaring that the remedy for the wheat price situation does not lie in curtailing production since over a period of years, the effect of such a plan would be disastrous as it would cut short a needed world supply. The speaker touched lightly on the boycotting of Portland industries by Washington communities and declared that a similar action on the part of the forming body for Oregon would be unwise.

CUBA INVITES SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET HAVANA

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—Spanish war veterans of the United States have been invited by President Zayas to hold their 1924 convention in Havana in conjunction with the Cuban veterans of that war, it became known today.

Grand Jury Adjourns

The grand jury adjourned Friday, until Monday, without filing any report or returning any indictments in their three days' session. It is expected that the body will complete its work by Tuesday noon. The subjects under probe have not been made public.

ENEMY FLEET IS VICTORIOUS IN CARIBBEAN SEA

Navy Maneuvers Off Panama Canal Result in Victory of Attacking Force—Defense By Air Fleet Good, But Forts Ineffective.

COLON, Canal Zone, Jan. 19.—The conclusion of the joint maneuvers between the "blue" and "black" fleets of the American navy off the eastern gateway to the Panama canal finds the official umpires checking up the various theoretical actions in detail to determine the effectiveness of the canal and its defenses in standing off the operations of the Atlantic squadron which acted the part of the enemy.

Just what the maneuvers showed the military and naval experts who observed them will not be known until the official report is issued, but when "hostilities" were concluded yesterday the "enemy fleet" had worsted the "blues" and was theoretically in control of the Caribbean sea, although many units of the Pacific fleet had succeeded in passing from Balboa to the northern gateway.

As the final engagement started the "blue" battleships were behind the low breakwaters that mark the entrance to the canal from the Atlantic ocean. The submarines and destroyers were outside. Admiral McCully, commanding the "black" fleet, came into the harbor with his main units behind a smoke screen laid down by the "black" destroyers. He opened fire at a range of 6000 yards and so concentrated and effective was it that the "blue" battleships were unable to penetrate beyond the breakwater, despite the supporting fire from Fort Sherman. Fort Randolph, the important defensive work that guards the entrance to the canal from the northeast, was captured by "black" marines on Thursday.

When the "black" fleet stood off to sea at noon, after an engagement lasting three hours, it was the opinion of unofficial observers that the "blues" had been decisively beaten and that the "enemy" held the Caribbean. The chief umpire assessing the "losses" through the success of the marines in capturing Randolph and Coco Solo air station and submarine station on Thursday, points out that the "blacks" would have been destroyed by the fire from Fort Sherman which held a superior force.

Gatun lake, with Gatun lock was theoretically under shell fire early in the maneuvers, and was visited by "black" aircraft in an effort to bomb the dreadnaughts as they passed thru. However the anti-aircraft batteries drove off the "enemy" aircraft. In general the air forces of the defense were superior to those of the "blacks."

R. COMMISSION REPLIES TO PROTEST BY S. P. MANAGER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—The public service commission today issued a statement in reply to that of J. H. Mulachy, assistant traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, printed in morning newspapers today, relative to the reduced freight rates on hay that became effective Monday.

"With reference to the statement of J. H. Mulachy, traffic manager, Southern Pacific company," says the statement, "the commission wishes to call attention to the fact that its order is a maximum rate order graduated on distance and does not require that the rates set out therein shall be the minimum rates which may be charged on carload shipments or hay within this state."

"The traffic officials of the railroads of this state are permitted under the order referred to, to establish such reasonable, just and non-discriminatory rates lower than the rate prescribed in the order, when and where in their opinion, conditions local to their lines justify such action."

"One of the functions of a traffic manager of a railroad is to protect the railroad's local traffic, as well as local shippers and consumers of commodities tributary to its lines."

The Noted Dead

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 19.—Dr. Joseph Emery, 91, formerly president of Oregon Agricultural college having been appointed in 1887, died yesterday at his home at Hollister, Cal., according to advices received here by his son, James M. Emery. Dr. Emery was an Indian agent and allotted the lands on Klamath reservation during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison.

GRANDSON OF CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT CALLED CINCINNATI'S BEST DISPOSITIONED BABY



Lloyd Taft, one year old son of Robert A. Taft and grand-son of Chief Justice William Howard Taft who is called the best dispositioned baby in the city of Cincinnati. Little Lloyd has hardly ever cried and when he did for a very good reason. His six teeth are his mother's pride. Lloyd's first birthday was New Year's day.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination and election for that office. Kozar has been secretary of state since May 28, 1920, when he was appointed to the office by Governor Olcott.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Fred T. Merrill, former city councilman and once a candidate for mayor of Portland, was convicted by a jury in the federal court last yesterday of violation of the prohibition law.

The conviction was on three counts, having liquor in his possession, selling liquor and maintaining a nuisance in the way of a roadhouse.

It was Merrill's second trial, the jury in the first case having disagreed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Fred T. Merrill, convicted yesterday of violation of liquor laws, today advertised in a Portland newspaper that his roadhouse and Portland home were for sale, stating his family intended leaving the state.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 19.—While grazing his cow along the tracks of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad near Prescott yesterday afternoon, J. Ingleman, aged about seventy, was run down by a west-bound train and killed instantly. The trainmen saw the man ahead, but whistle and bell failed to awaken him to the danger and he was run down before the brakes checked the train's headway.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Headquarters for United States Senator Charles L. McNary, in his campaign for the republican nomination for United States senator, will be opened in Portland next week with Max Page of Salem in charge, the Portland Telegram announced today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Forty-two boys and two girls were taken into custody last night by police enforcing the curfew law. The youths were questioned in the night court. Parents of boys and girls under 18 violating the curfew law will be arrested following the youngsters' second offense, it has been decided by the authorities.

Mother and 3 Children Burned in Farm Fire

EMPORIUM, Pa., Jan. 19.—The farm house of Jacob Smith, 25 miles from Emporium, was destroyed by fire early today. Mrs. Smith and three children were burned to death and Smith was taken to the hospital at Ridgeway, Pa., in a critical condition.

"Ad" for Noblemen to Be Dancing Partners Brings Out Big List

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—An advertisement in the local newspapers applying for the services of several gentlemen, "having bonafide European titles" yesterday brought out twenty applicants to the manager of a new dancing pavilion who decided he wanted noblemen for hosts and instructors. Of the twenty, six said they were Austrian counts, three claimed British titles, three Russians, and one German said he was a second cousin of the former kaiser. All asserted they could prove their claims to blue blood.

Three said they were willing to work for \$20 a week, while one asserted he would not leave his present job, which paid \$23, for less than \$26.

TWO MEDFORD WOMEN HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

Mrs. Dora Garrison Is Nearly Drowned When Car Driven By Mrs. Edith Jones Goes Into Ditch Near Roseburg, Oregon.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Dora Garrison of Medford was nearly drowned yesterday, when the car in which she was riding with Mrs. Edith Hayden Jones, also of Medford, turned turtle in a ditch filled with water near Yoncalla. The two women were on their way to Portland after a visit in Roseburg, when the car skidded on a wet pavement north of Yoncalla. Mrs. Garrison was pinned down by the machine with her head under water, and was unconscious when rescued. She was revived and taken to the home of J. H. Kruse of Yoncalla where she is recovering.

Mrs. Dora Garrison is an employee of The Rogus confectionery, and Mrs. Jones is proprietress of the "Kodak Shop" on West Main street. They left for Portland in Mrs. Jones' Buick roadster, intending to bring back two of Mrs. Garrison's little boys. Mr. Garrison is employed by the Davis Transfer Co. in this city. Mrs. Garrison is the mother of five children, and has lived in this city for several years, where she is well and widely known. Three children are at home.

Mrs. Jones has lived in this city for about three years. Her husband formerly ran an auto exchange business on South Fir street.

AMPLE FUNDS FOR DESTRUCTION OF OREGON ANIMALS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Ample funds are available for the destruction of predatory animals in Oregon during 1924, according to a statement made today by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian and secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, which administers the fund.

The state legislature appropriated \$40,000 for the two years 1923 and 1924, the money to be allotted to the counties as matched by them, and no county to receive any of the funds unless it is matched.

Of the \$40,000 the board allotted \$15,000 for 1923, and of this amount \$13,633 was used, leaving \$1367 for the year.

Of a total appropriation of \$27,666 for the year, which is the \$13,633 appropriated by the counties and the equal amount available from the state under the match agreement \$18,055.36 was expended, leaving a balance unexpended of \$9210.64. To this is added \$8997.57 in receipts from fur sales, making the unexpended balance for the year \$13,207.61.

BIG WATER PROJECT WILLAMETTE VALLEY

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—Four business men of Albany, Ore., have filed with the state engineering department an application for authority to appropriate water from Clear lake and the north fork of McKenzie river for a municipal water supply for Salem, Albany, Eugene, Springfield, Independence, Harrisburg, Junction City, Creswell, Corvallis and other Willamette valley towns. A supply line 179 miles long would be necessary and the estimated cost is from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The men who filed the application are Waldo Anderson, C. C. Hall, W. S. Richards and Robert L. Burkhardt. Details of the project are not known here.

SHERIFF MISSING SO ARE \$2000

BEND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Sheriff H. C. Topping of Jefferson county has sent in his badge and keys to county officials in the county seat at Madras. The package containing them was marked, "from H. C. Topping, Culver, Ore."

Sheriff Topping has been missing for some time, following the discovery that he was short some \$2000 in his accounts. Jefferson county plans to collect the amount short from the companies in which Topping was bonded.

Pocket Flasks Won't Be Good Form at Meeting of Wets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A warning that pocket flasks will not be considered in good form at the anti-prohibition rally here Monday was issued today by G. C. Hinkley, secretary of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, under whose auspices the meeting will be held.

"Our association is pledged to the observance of all laws, however unwise or inexpedient some of them may be, so long as they remain on the statute books," he said.

NIGHT MURDER KLAMATH FALLS PUZZLES POLICE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 19.—J. E. Bratton, former under-sheriff, was shot to death in his home here early today under mysterious circumstances. Officers professed they believed Bratton shot himself, though Mrs. Bratton declared a masked intruder fired the fatal shot. She said when she opened the door of her room, adjoining that of her husband, the man fired a shot at her and fled.

The fatal shot was inflicted in the right side of Bratton's head, back of the ear. His automatic pistol was found on the floor and two empty cartridge shells, fitting the gun were found.

An autopsy on the body of Bratton is to be performed today by Dr. Frank Menne, autopsy surgeon for the city of Portland, who is here on business. The inquest will be held this afternoon.

Authorities hoped to ascertain by the autopsy whether the tragedy was murder or suicide. Officers said, after an investigation today that because the shooting was done with the victim's own gun and because there were no footprints on the snow-covered porch over which Mrs. Bratton said the slayer fled, they were inclined to the suicide theory.

KLAN MEETS TO ENDORSE TICKET

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—A meeting of the Good Government league of Oregon here today brought together delegates from many parts of the state to endorse candidates for United States senator, representatives in congress and state offices to be voted on at the May primaries. Delegates to the league meetings are members of the Ku Klux Klan. K. K. Kuhl of Portland was prominently mentioned as favorite among the delegates for endorsement for the republican nomination for United States senator.

CANADIANS RUSHING TO SETTLE IN U. S. A.

DETROIT, Jan. 19.—Unhindered by immigration quota restrictions that restrict the entrance of Europeans and Asians, Canadians are flocking into this country, taxing the Detroit immigration office to its utmost, it is learned.

A rush from Canada began before the Christmas holidays, immigration officials say and they estimate that 50,000 Canadians have entered the United States at this point by legitimate routes since then.

WEALTHY CALIFORNIA RANCHER GOES CRAZY, SHOTS UP SHERIFF'S POSSE

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 19.—Archibald C. McKendry, wealthy rancher of Menlo Park, who set fire to a large barn on his 200 acre ranch, and then held police officers at bay with rifles and pistol from the top floor of his home for several hours, was finally captured here last night after he had been shot down by a posse that encircled the place.

Physicians at the hospital to which he was sent here said that McKendry was suffering from a sudden fit of insanity. He was stricken similarly two years ago, local reports show.

The man was shot down and captured when he emerged from the house to engage in battle with the officers. Before he was wounded he managed to break the windshield and tear the top off the machine brought by Sheriff T. C. McGovern with rifle bullets.

McKendry received two wounds in the leg and one in the hip. He will recover.

DRY LAW IS ASSAILED BY AGED SOLON

Congressman Sherwood, Democrat, of Ohio, Oldest Member of House, Declares Volstead Act Failure—Cost Taxpayers Over Thousand Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Flourishing an empty flask and assailing the activities of the anti-saloon league and Representative Upshaw, democrat of Georgia, Representative Sherwood, democrat, Ohio, 88 years old veteran of the house of representatives told his colleagues today that "up to 1924, it is generally conceded that prohibition enforcement officers have failed to enforce the law," and also charged that the use of narcotics had increased enormously since enactment of the dry laws.

Declaring that when he was only 12 years old, he had signed a temperance pledge and would "vote for no law which tolerated intoxicating liquor as a beverage," he insisted that prohibition had failed to prohibit, although it had cost the taxpayers "over a thousand million dollars in revenue in the last two years."

"Attorney General Daugherty concedes the failure," he said. "He concedes the failure to enforce the law, when he asks for an appropriation of \$20,000,000 by congress to build a fleet of vessels to enforce the law on the Atlantic coast only."

He cited figures to show that there was a mounting consumption of British liquors in the United States, placing the 1923 exports from that country at 25,000,000 gallons, compared with 22,000,000 gallons the year before.

Booze Drinking Increases.

"Since the passage by congress of the Volstead act," said Mr. Sherwood, "there has been a large increase in booze drinking among young men and young girls. It has become a menace to orderly society."

"Men who never indulged in liquor before are now carrying flasks in hip pockets loaded with moonshine or bootleg whiskey, and young girls are induced to drink the vile stuff in dance halls and automobiles parked along lonesome roads. It is a moral menace now and it is growing worse."

When the eighteenth amendment was proposed, he asserted, the anti-saloon league promised that "it would reduce crime to the minimum, would largely reduce the divorce rate, would abolish drunkenness, would make for business prosperity by inducing the earnings of the industrial classes to go into homes instead of into intoxicants, and would empty our jails and penitentiaries."

Crime Has Increased.

"After four years of experience," he said, "we find that not one single promise made by the proponents of prohibition has been kept. Crime has increased forty per cent; divorces in some fifty cities have increased 35 per cent; and murders have increased forty per cent. And worse than all the calamities that have happened since the Volstead act is the fearful record of the dope fiends, or narcotic addicts, now numbering nearly a million victims, as represented by the highest medical authorities."

Charging Representative Upshaw with "skyrocket oratory," Mr. Sherwood said his Georgia colleague had "failed to point out a single benefit to either an individual or to the state," because of prohibition. "This bold attitude required the gall of a curmudgeon, and the audacity of a Chinese bandit," he declared, characterizing Mr. Upshaw as "the reincarnation of the old Puritans of the 17th century, who hung Quakers in Connecticut and burned witches in Massachusetts."

League Is Scored.

"If the anti-saloon league should induce this congress to amend the Volstead act by adding the twelve amendments suggested by the gentleman from Georgia," he added, "it

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