

The Weather

Prediction yesterday Fair
Maximum yesterday 52
Minimum today 17.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 31
Minimum 27

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ROOSEVELT CONVINCED OF OIL GRAFT

SON OF "T.R." QUILTS HARRY SINCLAIR CO.

Archie Roosevelt Resigns From Oil Company Because He Is Convinced There Was Corruption—Thinks Sinclair, Doheny and Ex-Secy. Fall Have Skipped Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Archie Roosevelt, son of the former president, told the Teapot Dome investigating committee today that he had severed his connection with the Sinclair Oil interests because of what he considered evidence of corruption in connection with oil leases. Mr. Roosevelt called attention to the fact that Harry E. Sinclair, who holds the Teapot Dome lease, recently went to Europe and said he understood that E. L. Doheny, whose interests leased another oil reserve in California, while A. B. Fall was secretary of the interior, is also out of the country.

Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and a brother of Archie Roosevelt, told the committee that his brother had summoned him to New York last week, told of his suspicions and asked his advice. The assistant secretary said he advised him to resign and come to Washington and lay the whole story before the committee.

Suspicions Corroborated.
"The reason why I could not give such loyalty," he continued, "is due first to the amazing testimony which has been turned up by this committee; second, due to the fact that I learned some things in the office which while not proven facts, at least corroborate my suspicions; thirdly, I noticed that two of the people most concerned with the naval oil lease had left the United States in a great hurry."

Last Friday, Mr. Roosevelt said he received a call from G. D. Whalburg, Mr. Sinclair's private secretary. After closing the door, Mr. Whalburg told him, Mr. Roosevelt stated, that he had some advice to give to him.

"He said he wished I would resign from the company," Mr. Roosevelt stated, "that I had a name and a reputation which I should guard very jealously, that he personally was unhappy to see me there. Mr. Whalburg stated that he, himself, was extremely unhappy with Mr. Sinclair."

Mr. Sinclair had bribed Secretary Fall, Mr. Whalburg hesitated and said "I think somebody may have loaned Mr. Fall money."

"Then I asked him why he thought Mr. Sinclair was leaving the country. He shook his head and said it must be of course because of findings by Senator Walsh."

Got Ticket for Sinclair.
Mr. Roosevelt told the committee that Mr. Sinclair last week had called him into his office and instructed him to purchase for him a steamship ticket for Europe and see that his name was kept off the passenger list and that no one knew of his intention to leave the country.

He said that there was absolutely no reason, so far as he knew, for the presence of Mr. Sinclair in Europe at the present time and added that he was familiar with the company's foreign business.

The witness went on to say that according to his information, Mr. Doheny had gone abroad, and that Mr. Zevely, attorney for Mr. Sinclair, had left the country last Saturday. Mr. Whalburg, he said, had told him that he intended to resign, explaining that he was afraid that he would be forced to "explain certain things."

One of the things that he was worrying over, Mr. Roosevelt said, was a payment of \$48,000 which Mr. Whal-

2 Young Women and Young Man Frozen To Death in Auto

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 21.—Two young women and a youth were found dead in an auto on the Vilonia pike, eight miles east of Conway, when another member of the automobile party, Fred Wallock of Little Rock, staggered to the main highway and hailed a passing car. Wallock appeared in a dazed condition from cold and exposure.

The three persons found dead—Miss Annie Mae Bailey of North Little Rock; Miss Dovey Wood, a business college student here, and Emmett M. Mann of Little Rock, are believed to have frozen to death.

BOK EXPLAINS PEACE PLAN TO PROBING SOLONS

Donor of \$100,000 Award Refuses to Say How Much Money Is in Fund—Denies Propaganda—Has Sharp Colloquy With Sen. Reed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Edward W. Bok, donor of the \$100,000 award for the best world peace plan, was called today before a senate committee charged with investigating propaganda designed to influence the action of congress and the government's foreign policy.

The purpose of the committee is to determine whether there is any relation between the Bok award and organizations having for their purpose American adherence to the League of Nations.

Mr. Bok said that he had personally selected Ellhu Root to serve on the jury which made the award. "I did not give my approval to the other members," Mr. Bok said in reply to questions by Chairman Moses. "I was not asked to approve them."

He said that co-operative agencies had sent in the names of several hundred persons as eligible to act as jurors.

Mr. Bok said he did not know the name of the winner of his award. Mr. Bok said he had "defrayed every penny of the expenses of the award."

He added that seven million copies of the prize plan had been printed for distribution, but was unable to say how many ballots were printed for the public vote on the plan. Asked how much money was in the trust fund, which he created to defray expenses of the award he replied:

"I prefer not to discuss that."

Senator Moses then said it was his duty under the statutes to inquire or not an answer would "tend to degrade you?"

Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, after pressed the same question and Mr. Bok then said he did not think it would "degrade me." He added that he regarded the amount of money in the trust fund as solely his own business.

PENDLETON WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF MAIL MAN

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 21.—Nora Ellis, confessed murderer of Gordon Mettles, goes on trial today in the circuit court, facing a charge of first degree murder.

It is expected that those in close touch with the case that the man, who was declared to have been devoted to the selection of a jury, interest in the trial is running high in Pendleton and Umatilla county as the families of Miss Ellis and Gordon Mettles are prominent and well known in this section.

who had been picked up earlier in the morning by a patrolman who knew him and put to bed in his room. The policeman took a cigarette from Antonson, but according to the official, the man lit another one and the fire was declared to have been caused by this cigarette. Antonson was later placed under arrest on a charge of drunkenness.

BOOZE AND CIGARET BLAMED FOR \$10,000 FIRE IN PORTLAND HOTEL

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—Fifty occupants of rooms at the Sargent hotel, 211 1/2 Grand avenue, on the east side, were forced to flee, scantily clad from a fire which swept the building early today. The fire caused damage estimated at \$10,000. Police charged the fire originated in the room of Adolph Antonson, a teamster,

PRESIDENT STANDS PAT ON TAX CUT

In Address to Federal Executive Officials, Coolidge Declares Way to Reduce Taxes Is to Reduce Them—State Subsidies Will Be Held Down to Minimum.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President Coolidge added two new planks to the administration's platform of governmental economy today in an address at the semi-annual meeting of federal executive officials comprising the government's business organization. He will permit no expansion hereafter of the system of federal subsidies to state governments and will countenance no incurring of obligations by federal agencies in excess of their annual appropriations except in extreme circumstances.

The president, who with Director Lord of the budget bureau, reviewed the administration's management of the government's affairs since the meeting last June, touched only lightly on tax reduction, pointing merely to the relationship existing between economy in federal expenditures and the resultant decrease in the revenues required. He told the thousands of more officials that to increase the tax burden was to disregard the general welfare and held up tax reduction as the means of enlarging the reward of everyone who toiled.

"Cut at Every Turn."
There can be no deviation from the economy program, Mr. Coolidge asserted, and he called upon all spending agencies of the government to increase their efficiency and curb the outgo at every turn.

"The budget has been a success," Mr. Coolidge continued. "You have demonstrated that there can be and is a business organization of the government. With the easing of conditions, the time is at hand when we shall decide whether a business administration is to continue or whether our government is to lapse into the old unbusinesslike and wasteful extravagance. As for me, I am for economy. There is scarcely an unbusinesslike ill anywhere in our country that cannot be traced directly or indirectly to high taxes. To increase that burden is to disregard the general welfare. Through constructive economy, to decrease taxes is to enlarge the reward of everyone who toils."

No Exceptions Allowed.
"I say to you frankly that except where specifically authorized by law, I will not countenance the incurring of obligations in excess of those appropriations. I am equally frank in saying to you that I do not look with favor upon the practice of asking for additional funds for the year in progress. These latter requests, commonly known as supplemental estimates, may be justified occasionally to meet real emergencies or contingencies arising after the budget has been sent to congress, or to meet obligations authorized by law. It is only in cases such as these that the chief executive will favorably consider the transmission to congress of such supplemental estimates."

"We are all the servants of the people of this nation. When congress, representing the people, has appropriated funds with which to carry on the business of the government, we must confine our operations within the limit of these funds. We have neither the authority nor the right to incur obligations beyond such limits. On the other hand our plain duty is to make every possible effort to affect some savings from these funds."

Stop State Subsidies.
"I take this occasion to state that I have given much thought to the question of federal subsidies to state governments. The federal appropriations for such subsidies cover a wide field. They afford ample precedent for unlimited expansion. I say to you, however, that the financial program of the chief executive does not contemplate expansion of these subsidies. My policy in this matter is not predicated alone on the drain which these subsidies make on the national treasury. This of itself is sufficient cause for concern. But I am fearful that this broadening of the field of government activities is detrimental both to the federal government and the state governments. Efficiency of federal operations is impaired as their scope is unduly enlarged. Efficiency of the state governments is impaired, as they relinquish and turn over to the federal government responsibilities which are rightfully theirs."

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Satirist of "Insupportable Washington" To Lecture At Columbia Despite Protests



GIOVANNI PAPINI

NEW YORK.—The man who described America as the "land of the insupportable Washington, the degenerate Whitman and the undesirable Edison," Giovanni Papini, will deliver a series of lectures at Columbia University despite protests of the Italian Presbyterian Ministers' Association and other groups.

Papini's caustic comments on the United States in his book, "The Dictionario dell'Omo Salvatico" (The Dictionary of the Wild Man) included equally uncompromising digs at England.

MABEL NORMAND TESTIFIES, BUT MEMORY'S POOR SUPREME COURT REFUSES OKLA. GOVERNOR'S PLEA

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—Mabel Normand, film actress, fashionably clad and looking none the worse for her recent operation for appendicitis, today failed to identify the 25-caliber pistol, up to the present time believed to have been hers, with which Horace A. Greer, Miss Normand's chauffeur, shot Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man, New Year's night. Miss Normand was 45 minutes on the stand at Greer's hearing today.

For the second time Mrs. Edith Burns, heretofore described as Miss Normand's housekeeper at the time the shooting occurred, failed to appear in court as a witness in the hearing and a bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

Shortly after the conclusion of Miss Normand's testimony the hearing adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

GRANTS PASS M. D. NEARLY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Dr. Samuel Loughbridge, one of Josephine county's best known physicians, and his companion, Leo McNair, narrowly escaped death this morning when the doctor's car skidded on the north approach of the Rogue River bridge, smashed thru the railing and fell upside down thirty feet to the rocks on the shore of the river below. Dr. Loughbridge suffered a compound fracture of the hip and internal injuries while McNair suffered a fractured knee joint and broken jaw. Although it took half an hour to dig the men from beneath the car it is believed they both have a good chance to recover.

Name Prest. Greek Assembly.
ATHENS, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—M. Rikitan, who was minister of justice in the Venizelos cabinet of 1915, was elected president of the national assembly tonight in succession to Venizelos.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The supreme court today declined to permit former Governor John C. Walton of Oklahoma to bring up for review direct from the legislature the impeachment proceedings which resulted in his removal from office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The order of the inter-state commerce commission requiring railroads to issue interchangeable mileage tickets under the act of 1922, was set aside by the supreme court today in a case brought by the government against the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Refusal of the federal district court for Utah to prohibit the inter-state commerce commission from consenting to the control of the Central Pacific railroad by the Southern Pacific company will not be reviewed by the supreme court, it was announced today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The supreme court refused today to grant appeals in cases which would have raised the following question: "Whether the declaration of war with Germany warranted the cancellation of a contract made by the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company with Hans Heidner for the delivery of lumber at Tacoma, Wash., for shipment to Hamburg, Germany."

ANOTHER AUTO SMASH NEAR ROSEBURG, ORE.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 21.—W. G. Wade of this city suffered concussion of the brain in an automobile accident which occurred yesterday near Myrtle Creek when the car in which he was riding as a passenger skidded on the icy pavement. The driver, in order to keep from going over the grade into the river, turned the car into the bank, throwing Mr. Wade through the glass in the side of the sedan. He was not cut, but the blow on his head rendered him unconscious. It is believed that he will recover.

Sinnott Joins Hawley and Senator McNary For Soldier's Bonus

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 21.—Representative B. J. Sinnott has added his voice to those in support of the plan for adjusted compensation for veterans and has notified post No. 23 of the American Legion that he will vote for the compensation and to override the president's veto if necessary.

PLEA FOR MOVIE TOLERANCE MADE BY WILL HAYS

Head of Motion Picture Industry Appeals to Press to Be Patient With Hollywood—Takes Time to Evolve Code of Ethics

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—Newspapers of the country should join hands with motion picture producers in opposing a censorship of films that "is as ineffective" in execution as it is "un-American in conception," Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry, told members of the Southern California Editorial association in an address here today.

"Just why has reforming and censoring the movies been the great indoor sport for so many?" Mr. Hays asked his audience of editors. "It has been blamed for much of which it is not guilty. It has been charged with crimes it did not commit. When it has made a real blunder of taste or fact, the chorus of opprobrium has been universal."

"Incidentally," he added, "there have been many, very many, such occasions."

Censorship Opposed.
Comparing the problems of the press and screen, "the Caesar of the films" reminded his hearers that "when a free press is attacked, we make common cause with the publishers, recognizing in time the necessary commercial factor in literature. On the same basis you should give the producer of pictures a hand when he is being beset by forces which must find a new devil in every dread. The more you help, the better pictures will become."

As a matter of fact, of course, political censorship is only an incident. It is as ineffective as it is un-American in conception. The American people are against censorship of any method of expression, against censorship of the press, of pulp and of pictures. Just as certainly are they against wrong doing, and the demand which may have existed for the political censorship, of this method of expression will pass as soon as the reason for the demand is removed. It is the removal of the reason for the demand with which we are concerned and we face the new year with a renewed sense of that continuing obligation."

What he meant by the "reason for the demand," for censorship, Mr. Hays did not explain, but the remark was accepted generally as a reference to the scandals which have rocked the film world from time to time.

Asks More Patience.
Asking that the movies be judged with more patience, and greater consideration of the obstacles that have confronted the industry in its brief

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BABY IN CHICAGO FROZEN TO DEATH; BELOW ZERO WEATHER IN MID-WEST

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—With the northwest and midwest in the grip of below zero weather but with some moderation promised tomorrow, a new cold wave is advancing southward from Alaska, according to weather bureau reports.

White River, Ont., was the coldest place on the weather map, with 58 degrees below zero last night. In the United States, Wausau, Wis., reported 26 below; Chicago 13 below; Omaha

zero; Columbia, Mo., 10 below; Columbus, Ohio, 4 below; Devil's Lake, N. D., 14 below; Erie, Pa., four below; Buffalo, N. Y., 6 below.

One death, that of a baby frozen to death, was reported by a Chicago physician.

STURGEON BAY, Wis., Jan. 21.—Louis Bauman, 57, a farmer, was found frozen to death in the snow by his son.

7 FIREMEN DROWNED IN BOILING OIL

Frightful Tragedy Marks Oil Conflagration in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania—Ladder Collapses, Hurling Firemen Into Tank—Many Firemen Injured—Heat Is Terrific.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 21.—Seven men were drowned in oil, two captains and five hosemen of the fire department, while fighting a fire at the Butler street plant of the Atlantic Refining company today. The bodies were recovered after the fire had been brought under control, with the monetary loss unestimated. So intense was the heat from the blazing stills and tanks that fire lines were established far from the refinery and newspaper men excluded. Shortly after nine o'clock a fireman ran from the fire and while waiting for a telephone connection told newspapermen that no less than five firemen had been killed, when a ladder, from which they were directing water on a burning tank, collapsed. All were plunged into the tank, the fireman said, among them being Captain Edward Jones and Captain Rudy Blaise, and hosemen Pat Abbott and John Markham. Others on the ladder he said, also had been lost.

The dead are: Captain Edward Jones, Captain Rudy Blaise, hosemen Patrick Abbott, Robert Smith, John Markham, Harry J. Frazier and Samuel Bollinger.

Several firemen also were injured. The fire broke out in a tank containing 104,000 gallons of oil shortly after 5 o'clock. Seven companies answered the alarm and fire lines were thrown out for four or five city blocks on each side of the refinery, which adjoins a residence district and has been the scene of several costly blazes. Many families deserted their homes and additional fire apparatus was summoned.

The captains and their men were on a ladder which extended above the top of a tank adjoining the burning oil. The oil in this tank was being drawn off when the ladder broke and the men fell into the tank. A chemical extinguisher, automatically released by the heat of the burning oil nearby, the authorities said, covered the oil and fumes arising from it was believed to have overcome the struggling firemen. They sank almost at once and the bodies later were recovered through the manhole at the bottom of the tank.

Much Discussed Hay Rate Is Now In Effect Here

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