

The Weather

Prediction: Occasional showers
Maximum yesterday.....52
Minimum today.....44.5
Precipitation......72

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum.....53
Minimum.....23

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

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LLOYD GEORGE SPRINGS SENSATION

MACDONALD
REPUDIATES
LLOYD GEORGE

Labor Premier Expresses Regret for Lloyd George's Claim of Secret Agreement Between Clemenceau and Woodrow Wilson—Clemenceau Defies Lloyd George.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—A grave view is held in British government circles regarding the situation precipitated by former Prime Minister Lloyd George's allegation of a compact between Woodrow Wilson and Georges Clemenceau over the occupation of the Rhineland, it was authoritatively stated today.

The relations between Premier Poincare and Prime Minister MacDonald have become cordial, it is declared, and the disclosure was made today that they had arrived at some important arrangements with the Bavarian palatine over the separatist movement in which there has been friction between France and Great Britain. Mr. Lloyd George's statement, therefore, caused something akin to consternation in government quarters as it was felt to have placed Mr. MacDonald in a difficult position. In view of this Lord Crewe, British ambassador at Paris, has been instructed to interview M. Poincare and give a personal explanation of the situation so as to remove any wrong impression.

Lloyd George's Statement

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—With reference to an interview with former Premier Lloyd George published by the New York World and republished in a sensational way by the London Evening Standard last night, the foreign office has issued the following statement:

"An interview is stated to have been given by Mr. Lloyd George to an American newspaper, in the course of which he is made to express himself with indignation regarding his discovery in central official documents recently forwarded to him of evidence that during his absence in London, President Wilson and M. Clemenceau had signed at the peace conference in Paris, a 'secret compact' regarding military occupation of the Rhineland."

The interview continues: "I have always been attacked by many people in England as the villain of that peace. I have just received the document from the foreign office. The French now wish to publish the agreement between Wilson and Clemenceau and desire me to agree. It is a little late to ask my consent; I have never seen the documents before."

The statement proceeds: "These assertions should be read in conjunction with the following facts: The foreign office has been notified that the French foreign office intends to prepare a yellow (blue) book concerning certain documents connected with the drafting of articles 428 to 431 of the treaty of Versailles. The consent of his majesty's government to the publication of these documents is necessary in view of the agreement reached by the peace conference under which the official records of the proceedings of the conference were not to be published."

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Big Pinochle Hand
Causes Death of S. P.
Flagman at Berkeley

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 7.—The excitement of holding a big hand in a game of pinochle is believed to have caused the death of Jacob Allman, a flagman for the Southern Pacific Railroad company in a pool hall here yesterday. He collapsed suddenly at the card table from an attack of heart disease and died before reaching a hospital to which he was rushed.

WILSON'S FINAL
RESTING PLACE
MAY BE CHURCH

Present Plans Contemplate Tomb in Washington Cathedral, But Mrs. Wilson Undecided—Virginia and Princeton Present Claims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The final resting place of Woodrow Wilson has been found sanctuary under the towering arches of the Washington cathedral acclaimed by his countrymen and the world.

He was laid to his eternal rest in the silent vault with only the solemn, simple rites of religious service, as was his wish, often spoken to the sorrowing widow who today sought to take up life's burdens with an aching sense of loss in her heart.

Before her still is the task of deciding where shall be the final resting place of her honored husband. For months, probably, he will lie in the vault to which he was committed yesterday, just as night came slowly over the nation's capital; but a greater memorial will one day be reared for him to show the honor in which men held him.

The dead war president had given thought to the place where he would rest in death and it will be within the District of Columbia that his ultimate tomb will be set. That has already been decided by Mrs. Wilson in accordance with his wishes, although the place where the tomb shall be erected is still to be elected.

Above the vault where lies the casket that contains his body, the cathedral structure has reached a point in building where the transepts north and south are next to be constructed. The north transept, by tradition in England and the United States, is the transept of statesmen, where those may lie who gave great service to their countrymen in the civil walks of national life. Plans have been formed for the building of an adequate memorial to Woodrow Wilson beneath which he now rests. It would be placed just where the massive northern wall of the nave and the western bulk of the transept will join.

Tomb in Cathedral. As the plan now runs, the tomb would be built into the wall of the cathedral itself and the casket so tenderly placed yesterday in the chapel vault would be sealed within its stone enclosure forever.

Within the transept on the main floor of the cathedral, a fitting memorial would be set as the inner face of the tomb.

Mrs. Wilson has not as yet assented to this idea of the plan. She had agreed with her husband that since he lived for eight long years in Washington as president and came from the White House to make his home in the city, it is natural he should be

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NET ABOUT
SEC'Y FALL
TIGHTENED

Attorneys for Government Persuade Committee to Drop Further Questioning Unless Ex-Secretary Will Waive Immunity—Insistence Might Make Action Impossible.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Further efforts to question Albert F. Fall, in the senate oil investigation were abandoned today by the oil committee.

The decision was reached upon advice of the special government counsel in the oil cases, Silas F. Strawn and Atlee Pomerene. They recommended against permitting Mr. Fall to testify unless he waived immunity. After considering the recommendation of counsel for an hour the committee adopted this motion by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana:

"The witness, Albert F. Fall, having refused to answer any questions that might be put to him touching the matters under investigation by the committee on the ground that his evidence might tend to incriminate him, and the committee being advised by counsel that the statute providing that a witness should not be excused from testifying before a congressional committee on such ground being less broad in its scope than the constitutional guaranty, so that proceedings for contempt or by indictment against the witness for contumacy would probably fail, and that if the witness proceeded to testify before the committee under protest he might gain immunity from prosecution and the committee being advised by the attorney for the witness that his purpose to stand on his constitutional rights is irrevocable, I move that the subpoena issued for the witness, Albert F. Fall, be vacated and that he be released from further attendance on the committee."

Senator Reed asserted that the "sinuous trail of bribery" had been found to reach the government offices and now should be "extended to the penitentiary."

"We are about to determine," he said, "whether cabinet officers are immune from the law which governs the common people of the country. All officers who have betrayed their trusts must be brought to the bar of the courts. All officers who have permitted the country to be plundered while they slept at their posts must be removed. Every man who has for fees or favor, employed the influence which he gained through the generosity of the public to seduce the servants, must be exposed and condemned."

Asserting that immediately after taking office Fall has begun "settling the stage for one of the most gigantic steals of history," Senator Reed said that on April 7, 1922, "Sinclair in the role of minor burglar carried away the Teapot Dome."

"April 25th, Doheny, playing the star part, strolled across the stage, boasting that his loot exceeded \$100,000,000," the senator continued. "The play was ended; the curtain was rung down. The oil circuit season was closed. The actors retired; Sinclair to the race track; Doheny to his California habitat and Fall prepared to return to innocent pastoral pursuits."

Referring to Fall's refusal to testify, the senator declared that "he who dare not speak lest he shall prove himself a criminal, stands self-condemned."

"Nor is Doheny in a happier plight," he continued, "Entangled in the meshes of his own words, tripped and trapped by admitted facts, he lies floundering. Sinclair manifestly prefers the companionship of brightly-eyed Paris to the stony faces of the senate committee."

"The crime stands confessed. So far as Fall, Doheny and Sinclair are concerned, guilt has been found by a substantially unanimous vote in both branches of congress. That decision is backed by the universal verdict of 110,000,000 people."

Doheny Reduces Figures. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—E. L. Doheny, the California oil operator, has notified the senate oil committee

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Doug, Jr.'s Mother Gives
Up Second Hubby To Devote
Life To Son's Movie Career

MR. AND MRS. EVANS AND DOUG, JR. BEFORE THE YOUTH'S CINEMA AMBITIONS BROKE UP THE FAMILY.

LOS ANGELES.—Between her husband and her son, Mrs. James Evans, Jr. made the age-old decision of mothers. She has parted from her husband, whom she married after her divorce from Douglas Fairbanks, in order to devote her life to her boy, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., who has begun a career in the movies.

"It was a conflict between art and business," said Mrs. Evans. "Mr. Evans is a business man. My life and hopes are all bound up in my son."

BOY LAUGHS ON
EVE OF DEATH,
LETHAL CHAMBER

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Gee Jon, Chinese tong player and Thomas Russell, American born Mexican youth, convicted of killing his Indian sweetheart were interviewed by newspapermen today as the hours of their last day drew toward the stroke of ten o'clock tomorrow morning when the two condemned men will be put to death in the first execution by lethal gas.

The Chinese tongman, reclining on his bunk, arose and came to the door of his cell. He indicated that he did not understand the questions put to him and declined the warden's proffer of an interpreter. Gee Jon said he could not eat or sleep and he did not want to discuss lethal gas.

Russell, the young Mexican, in an adjacent cell, met the correspondents smilingly and chatted freely. He repeated his contention that he did not kill the Indian girl, but that she was slain by her mother, who testified that he was the slayer.

Asked whether he dreaded the new form of execution, Russell said: "No more than any other way."

"I wouldn't choose any of them," he added with a laugh. "and if I had to choose, I wouldn't know which to take. But I am not afraid. I did not commit this murder. I am leaving this world so why should I lie?"

Russell was reading a prayer book when the interviewers arrived. He had magazines on his table. His demeanor was cheerful, he seemed to have a faint hope that a last minute reprieve might save him.

"Perhaps," he mused, "the old saw, my girl's mother, will come here and tell the truth."

This was the first time the condemned men had been seen by outsiders, excepting their counsel in the many months that they have been under the death watch while their cases were carried to various courts of appeal.

FLU EPIDEMIC IN ENGLAND; 367 DIE IN ONE WEEK
LONDON, Feb. 7.—There is no sign as yet of the abatement of the epidemic of influenza which is sweeping

Oregon News
in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—William A. (Billy) Sunday will not conduct a series of revival meetings in Salem as planned by a majority of local churches. In a letter which he directed to the chairman of a committee, which urged him to appear here, he intimated he is not coming because of the divided sentiment.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 7.—A Umatilla county "Coolidge for president" club was formed here yesterday afternoon with H. E. Hall of Pendleton as president. Senator Ike Patterson, state manager of the Coolidge campaign reports that the sentiment for Coolidge in Umatilla county is very strong.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 7.—Pendleton slipped another notch in the Umatilla county basketball league last night by dropping a slow game, 36 to 15 to Helix, the league leaders. At Adams, Pilot Rock secured a 29-25 victory over Adams.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 7.—Seventy-five businessmen representing Salem, Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, Junction City, and Springfield, indorsed the proposed pipe line from Clear Lake, to Valley cities as far north as Salem at a meeting here. The proposed plan calls for about 179 miles of pipe line with an estimated cost of between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

It is said that the project would provide a sufficient supply of water for 600,000 persons for the next thirty years.

'MME. TROUBLE' FOUND
DEAD, LONDON HOTEL

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Mme. Sargu, the famous continental syndicalist, was found dead in bed in a London hotel today. She was here as a correspondent for a Belgian newspaper, seeking interviews with Premier MacDonald, Mr. Lloyd George and other notables.

Mme. Sargu was the daughter of the French philosopher, Durand Degros, and her grandfather was the Russian general, Kriepkef. In the course of her career, she has been described as "Europe's most dangerous woman, the stormy petrel, and 'Mme. Trouble' over the United Kingdom. The deaths reported from influenza last week numbered 367.

Wealthy Clubman
Shoots Visitor of
The Early Morning

NEWTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—An exchange of shots between Lewis F. Curtis, wealthy clubman and sportsman, and a man believed to be Roy G. Vance of Haverhill in the sun porch of Curtis' home in the fashionable Chestnut Hill district early today sent both men to hospitals. Curtis suffered only a slight wound in the arm but Vance was found to be in a critical condition.

JAPAN PLEADS
FOR CHANGE IN
U. S. ATTITUDE

Foreign Minister Matsui in Exclusive Statement to Associated Press, Pleads for Fair Play—Asks Only for Treatment Accorded Others.

TOKIO, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Viewing with apparent anxiety the "increasing restrictions upon Japanese residents in the United States and the proposal now before congress for further exclusion of Japanese," Foreign Minister K. Matsui, in an exclusive statement to the Associated Press today appealed to the United States to heed Japan's cherished desire "to be treated on the same footing with other independent nations."

Defending Japan's attitude toward the question as "conciliatory and well meaning," the statement expresses readiness to discuss anew the problem of restrictions and exclusion.

The foreign minister's statement follows:

"Naturally, Japanese are disturbed over the increasing restrictions upon the Japanese residents by the United States and the proposals now before congress for further exclusion of Japanese. The discriminatory and seemingly relentless opposition of some Americans to the presence of comparatively few of our people is difficult for us to understand and hard to reconcile, either with our sense of proper dignity or with the appreciation of fine principles, for which Americans generally stand."

"Being particularly anxious for American good will we have gone far in many matters to meet the American viewpoint. Sentiment apart, we fully realize that an accord and understanding with the United States would be of incalculable advantage to Japan. Our continued development and security to a large measure depend upon the maintenance of good relations with America as well as with other nations. This is not merely a temporary need, but as far as possible to see, Japan's need far in the future. We live by our overseas trade, in which the United States is our greatest customer and our chief source of supplies."

Request Not Unreasonable

"In the wisdom of a policy of close understanding and cooperation, all Japan concurs. Japan was overwhelmingly gratified and moreover, touched deeply and enduringly by the sympathy and extensive generosity your people."

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BABY DYING
AS FUNERAL
OF 11 HELD

Two Year Old Baby Only Survivor of 12 Stricken Three Sets of Pall Bearers and 3 Ministers Take Part in Unusual Services in Willamette Valley.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 7.—At one o'clock this afternoon the First Presbyterian church was packed to overflowing when the funeral services were held. Floral offerings were piled high upon the platform which bore the ten caskets.

One tiny coffin is already prepared for Horat Ruehling, so certain are the attendants that his fight for life is hopeless.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 7.—Horat Ruehling, aged two, only survivor of a family party of twelve poisoned by food eaten at a dinner Saturday was today stricken with symptoms of the malady which already has caused eleven deaths. Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer rushed to the home of Ernest Holts, six miles east of here this morning on receiving news of the child's illness, intending to administer serum to counteract botulism poisoning but he said he feared the serum had arrived too late and that the child would not survive.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 7.—Ten caskets, containing the eleven bodies of the Reinhold Gerber and Paul Gerbig families, two of the Ruehling family, and one of the family of Otto Yunker were placed today in the First Presbyterian church here for funeral service this afternoon over the victims of poisonous food eaten at a family reunion dinner last Saturday. One of the caskets contained the body of Mrs. Paul Gerbig and her 13-months old daughter Esther.

Three sets of pall bearers were selected from among members of the congregation with which the Gerbers and Gerbigas have been associated since coming to Linn county more than thirty years ago.

The Rev. H. C. Messer of Albany, Rev. H. W. Gross of Salem Lutheran church, Rev. E. J. Propst of Corvallis, Rev. C. Schulerberg of Lebanon, and Mayor P. A. Young of Albany, were chosen to assist in conducting the services, which are being held in the First Presbyterian church because it has the largest seating capacity of any church in Albany.

In accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Reinhold Gerber, the Gerber and Gerbig families will be buried in one long trench in a plot in Riverside cemetery, with floor, walls and roof immediately above the caskets in concrete. The Ruehling's go to another plot, and Hans Yunker to his family's burial ground.

A deputy of the state health office was here last night to get samples of tissue and organs of the victims for a more thorough study of this malady which caused the deaths of the eleven victims and which has been ascribed by local investigators to botulism in home preserved beans.

Casualties of the
Air Service

LYONS, France, Feb. 7.—Two military airplanes, piloted at a height of 3000 feet while maneuvering yesterday, crashed in flames. Both pilots were fatally injured.

WIFE DENIES SHE SHOT WAYWARD
HUSBAND AND KILLED SWEETHEART

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 7.—Dental that she had anything to do with the slaying last night of Miss Kate Harter, 26, or the shooting of her husband, Lawrence Stackman, 35, was reiterated today by Mrs. Stackman.

"I don't see why he insists I did it, after he promised to go straight and now that he is dying," she was quoted as saying.

Mrs. Stackman was held by the police for questioning, but no charge has been filed against her.

Stackman was taken today to Colfax, the county seat of this county, where he was questioned by the sheriff.

Miss Harter's body was found in her home with Stackman, badly wounded, by the girl's mother when she returned last night from a picture show. Stackman had three bullet wounds in his breast and physicians did not expect him to live long.

Mrs. Stackman arrived here yesterday from Lewiston, Idaho, and was quoted as having said she came to warn Mrs. Harter about her daughter keeping company with Stackman, who is a railroad engineer.

Mrs. Stackman was found asleep in her hotel room last night, and deputy sheriffs were informed that she had not left the building.

BE USEFUL TO HUMANITY AND LIVE IN
JEFFERSON'S MANSION, 3 MONTHS FREE!

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 7.—A plan to make Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home near Charlottesville, Va., a memorial that will "embody active and continuous service for the preservation and spread of American ideals," has been worked out by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial foundation which is conducting a nation wide campaign for funds.

The plan calls for the selection each year of three American citizens adjudged to have rendered the greatest service to humanity in science, educa-

tion and government, who will be designated "guests of the nation." They will be entitled to occupy Monticello each for a period of three months as the central figure in an educational program of national scope, directed by the foundation in cooperation with influential agencies for public enlightenment in all the states of the union.

Edward F. Albee, chairman of the foundation, in making public the plan, said the selections would be made each year on April 13, the birthday of Jefferson, by a proposed Monticello board of regents.