

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 50
Minimum today 29

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 43.5
Minimum 16

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BOOZE WAR
RAGING IN
HERRIN, ILL.

Constable Killed and Deputy Sheriff Is Wounded Before State Troops Take Charge—Wet-Dry Fight Between Klan and Knights of Flaming Circle Causes Bloodshed

HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Herrin, scene of the miners' riot of 1922, was taken over by state troops today as a result of a riot last night between "wets" and "drys" in which a constable was killed and deputy sheriff wounded seriously.

The trouble is a result of the wholesale, dry raids which have been conducted in this (Williamson) county recently by reputed members of the Ku Klux Klan, led by S. Glen Young, paid employee of the Klan. A meeting of the Knights of the Flaming Circle, an anti-Klan organization, was in session when a crowd stormed the hall. The shooting followed.

Constable Shot Dead. Caesar Cagle, a constable, who had been issuing the warrants on which the "drys" conducted the raids, was shot dead. John Layman, deputy sheriff, who with Sheriff George Galligan, went to the anti-Klan meeting to demonstrate with the conferees to disperse and go to their homes in the interest of peace, was shot. He was taken to a local hospital by Mayor C. E. Anderson and Ora Thomas, an anti-Klan woman, and the trio is being guarded at the hospital by National Guardsmen.

Immediately a crowd gathered outside the hospital and began firing into the institution. Persons inside the hospital responded to the fire and a miniature battle waged for a short while.

The first guardsmen arrived from Carbondale at 4 a. m., and the "drys" then established headquarters at the city hall, several blocks from the hospital. The guardsmen are patrolling the hospital to protect the mayor, Layman and Thomas.

Sheriff Is Arrested. Sheriff Galligan, en route from Murphysboro to Herrin, was placed under arrest at Carbondale, in connection with Cagle's death.

Search for Weapons. Before the arrival of the troops the raiders, armed with revolvers and shotguns, patrolled the streets of Herrin, denying anyone they considered "suspicious" permission to pass. All unable to give the plan password were searched for weapons.

Before attacking the hospital, the mob shot out the street lights.

A number of patients in the hospital became panic stricken and were reported as highly nervous today.

A number of windows in the hospital were shot out and the building showed other "battle scars" such as bullet punctured drain pipes and bullet wounding.

When the trouble in Herrin was at its height, Leonard Sterns, deputy circuit clerk and son of Cyclops Sam Sterns, was fired on as he was riding in an automobile in Marion, the county seat.

Klansmen Fired On. A bullet grazed his back, but he was not injured seriously. He is the Klan candidate for circuit clerk. An automobile owned by John Whiteside, also an admitted member of the Klan, was fired on at the same time.

At an undertaking establishment where E. Cagle's body lay, a crowd today took a solemn oath to avenge the death. Cagle was shot in the back and side.

Pleaded for Peace. Sheriff Galligan explained he had been "tipped" that the Flaming Circle was to meet in Herrin and fearing trouble, attended the meeting with Layman to exhort the members to be peaceable.

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BABY SURVIVOR OF DINNER PARTY
SINKING; LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 9.—Horst Ruehling, 2, the last sufferer of the twelve botulism victims here is still sinking under the spell of the peculiar affliction. He is not expected to live throughout the day. The boy has alternately rallied and dropped into spells approaching coma. Each time he appears to shake off the symptoms of strangulation, attendants say, his vitality appears a trifle more on the wane.

Anti-Saloon League
Accepts Resignation
Of William Anderson

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The resignation of William H. Anderson as superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York was accepted at yesterday's meeting of the board of directors in New York.

Anderson yesterday was sentenced to from one to two years in the penitentiary for third degree forgery.

MRS. BILL HART
DEMANDS RIGHT
TO STAR AGAIN

Wife of Two-Gun Hero Is Not Content With Money Settlement Signed When Couple Separated—Hart to Contest Suit.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—William S. Hart, two gun hero of western films, will have a fight on his hands if he expects to prevent his wife, formerly known to the screen as Winifred Westover, from returning to the motion pictures before his death or divorce from her, according to the Los Angeles Times which says Mrs. Hart's attorney today will file in the superior court here a complaint attacking clauses in an agreement entered into between herself and Hart shortly after their separation in May, 1922, whereby she is restrained from acting for the screen.

Under the terms of the agreement signed by Mr. and Mrs. Hart at that time, the motion picture actor established a trust fund of \$103,000 for his wife. It was provided that in the event of his death or divorce from her she was to receive the entire amount and that in the meantime the income from the fund was to be paid to her in monthly installments—provided she refrained from appearing in motion pictures and respected certain other stipulations in the trust fund pact.

In addition Mrs. Hart was to receive \$200 a month for eighteen months after the signing of the agreement and \$2000 in cash.

Not Enough Money. The complaint to be filed today, according to the Times, charges that the clause in the agreement preventing her from appearing in pictures unless a divorce is obtained or Mr. Hart dies, prohibits her from earning her livelihood. The income derived from the \$103,000 trust fund and from the monthly payments so far made has been insufficient to enable her to save money, the complaint states, and for that reason she wants to resume her work for the screen.

Offers have been received from several producers, according to the attorney, who says his client is anxious to supplement the asserted insufficient monthly income of \$275 which is derived from the \$103,000 trust fund.

When informed of his wife's proposed suit, Mr. Hart said he knew nothing of it and did not wish to make a statement without conferring with his attorney. He declared, however, that he was ready to meet any suit which might be filed, and had a clear conscience so far as concerned the treatment he had accorded his wife.

The Harts were married here December 7, 1921, and separated in May of the following year. William S. Hart, Jr., was born on September 6, 1922. For the child's support Hart established another trust fund of \$100,000, the income from which goes to Mrs. Hart, who was granted custody of the infant under the terms of the agreement she now is said to be anxious to modify.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 9.—Six boys and the driver were killed and another boy probably fatally injured when a Chicago and Northwestern train struck a truck filled with newsboys at St. Francis, a suburb, late last night. The boys had attended a meeting in the suburb and were returning to Milwaukee. The victims ranged in age from 14 to 16 years.

At times during the night his sleep appeared to be natural, at others it seemed to be a fitful delirium. The serum brought here by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker has not been used, as physicians declared his case too far advanced to warrant the experiment. The serum is devised for use on anti-bacterial diseases, but it would have possibly saved the boy if administered before the deadly symptoms became virulent.

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MURDER OF
N. Y. MODEL
A MYSTERY

Pretty Mannequin and Movie Actress Strangled to Death By Bootleggers, Police Claim—Valuable Jewels Missing—Prominent New York Clubmen to Be Questioned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A dragnet of police and detectives today was stretched to all of the city's known haunts of bootleggers in an effort to find the two men who visited the luxurious west 77th street apartment of Louise Lawson, pretty and 24 years old, shortly before the young woman was found yesterday morning bound face downward on her bed, gagged and strangled to death.

Clad in dainty night clothes, the body was found in a tastefully decorated room, the disorder of which indicated a spirited struggle with her assailants. Furniture lay overturned, jewel boxes were empty of their contents which the police learned included a platinum bracelet worth \$8000 and valuable gems.

On a dresser stood a photograph of an army officer and one of Gerhardt M. Dahl, chairman of the executive committee of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit corporation, lawyer and broker, who police learned had been interested in the young woman.

Thomas Kane, elevator man, furnished the police with their most valuable clue to the slayers—a description of two men who said they were expressmen, who visited the apartment early yesterday. One carried a brown parcel.

Police advanced the theory that they were bootleggers who had been attracted by jewels Miss Lawson wore and by other articles they had seen in her apartment; robbery, they said, was the motive of the crime.

New York Broker Explains. The young woman came here from her home in Walnut Springs, Texas, six years ago to study music and make her living as a mannequin and as a motion picture actress. As an actress she played minor roles in cinema productions. She was a friend of the late Angier B. Duke, and was one of those at the party which ended in his drowning at Greenwich, Conn., last September.

Mr. Dahl spent several hours yesterday explaining to the police his friendship with the young woman. The elevator man said Dahl had been a frequent caller at the 77th street house, and was seen leaving there Wednesday morning. Police asserted they had found in the apartment a record showing Miss Lawson owned \$12,000 in B. M. T. stock.

Fred Landeck, a lawyer and friend of Mr. Dahl, explained that the transit executive knew the girl's parents and that he had been interested in her musical education.

Mystery Increases. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The mystery of the murder of Louise Lawson, mannequin and actress, in her fashionable 77th street apartment yesterday, became deeper today when detectives found part of her jewels in a shop where she had left them to be repaired. The discovery tended to dissipate the police theory of a robbery motive.

In a search of the apartment, Inspector Coughlin and Captain Carey found evidence strongly supporting the robbery theory, they said. They also found memorandum books containing the names and addresses of well known persons in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and cities in Texas. All the New Yorkers are to be questioned. The murder and robbery, Coughlin declared, was the work of skilled crooks.

"Miss Lawson," he said, "moved in the select circles. She was not an habituée of the cabarets of the Forties, but frequented the fashionable country clubs of Westchester county and Long Island. She was known for her beautiful gowns and her fine jewels."

"It is with these people that 'gentlemen' thieves mix, learn the value of their jewels and wearing apparel and details of their home life. With such information they operate. This case, I believe, was the work of such men, who in disguise entered Miss Lawson's apartment."

"Although some of the young woman's jewels have been found in a jeweler's shop, the thieves got away with quite a bit of valuable stuff, including a diamond studded platinum wrist watch, a diamond bar pin, a ring or two and an emerald coat."

"Two men were taken up to the Lawson apartment in the elevator. Only one man descended in the elevator. His companion went down the stairs. They fled in an automobile which was left standing at the tradesmen's entrance."

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7,000,000,000 More "Fags"
Smoked In Past Year Due To
Women's Adoption Of Habit

ABOVE THE GLOBE THEATRE SMOKING-ROOM, FOR WOMEN, FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY; INSET MISS OLIVE JONES

CHICAGO—With Miss Lucy Page Gaston, famous foe of tobacco, lying here hors du combat in a hospital after being run down by a street-car, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation announced that the consumption of cigarettes increased 7,000,000,000 in 1923, over fifty million cigarettes having been smoked during the year.

Much of this increase is attributed to women. In January, 1922, the first smoking-room for women was installed in the Globe Theatre, New York, and today no theater is without one, no dining-room in the city and few elsewhere forbid women smoking.

Though the question has been agitating educators, at least one, Miss Olive Jones, president of the National Education Association, has declared the fad harmless.

FORD'S MUSCLE
SHOALS OFFER
A BAD BARGAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The McKenzie bill authorizing acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the government's war time project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., is emphatically opposed in a minority report submitted today by members of the house military committee.

Comparing the Ford offer with that of the Southern Power companies but without specifically endorsing any of the four proposals which have been made for operation of the Muscle Shoals plants, the report declares that acceptance of the Detroit manufacturer's bid would amount to "a gift of enormous property and industrial advantage to a private citizen from the resources of the United States."

The power companies' proposal as compared with the Ford bid, it says, offers savings to the government amounting to \$34,218,000, for fifty years and \$75,660,000 for 100 years.

Representative Hull, republican, Iowa, who consistently has opposed the Ford offer, presented the minority report in which he was joined by Representatives Morin and Ransley, Pennsylvania; Hill, Maryland; Prothingham, Massachusetts, and Walnwright, New York, all republicans. The report criticizes the majority for attempting to "justify the violation of the Ford offer of every safeguard and principle of the federal water power act," and declares that the McKenzie bill gives Ford a loophole to quit the manufacture of fertilizer if it should not prove profitable. Furthermore it contends "no one is in a position to know from any statement of Mr. Ford or any accredited representative whether he would accept the properties on the terms offered him in the pending bill."

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RAILROADS FILE
INJUNCTION ON
HAY RATE CUT

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company and nine other railroads operating in Oregon have filed suit in the circuit court for Marion county against Attorney General Van Winkle and the public service commission to enjoin the commission from enforcing its recent orders reducing the freight rate on hay, grain, potatoes, onions and other farm products, also an order suspending that part of the railway hay traffic under the roads levied a diversion charge in Portland.

The rate reducing the rates on hay became effective several weeks ago. The order reducing the rate on other farm produce will be effective Monday unless a restraining order is issued.

The railroads allege that if the orders are allowed to remain effective, the freight rate will be insufficient to pay costs of service. Another allegation made is that the rates would be discriminatory against the state of Washington and would prevent producers in that state from competing with Oregon producers. These orders of the commission have brought a bigger storm of protest than any orders since the famous order that increased telephone rates. The situation, however, is a peculiar one. All the farmers' organizations in Oregon stand with the commission in the reduction of the farm produce rates, including the state grange, the farmers' union, the state farm bureau, the Tillamook Dairyman's association, the Oregon Hay Growers' association and others. Then just before the hay order became effective, protests began to come in from commercial organizations of western Oregon and from some dealers, but from few producers. These protests averred that the reduced rates were discriminatory against western Oregon and in favor of eastern Oregon. The public service commission declared that these protests were the result of propaganda by the Southern Pacific company.

The new rates are on a mileage basis, affecting all parts of the state.

Steel Orders Increase. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation on January 31, made public today, totaled 4,798,429 tons, an increase of 353,090 tons over orders at the end of December.

A little after his arrival, Ford was playing a fiddle, jolly with the girls and "calling off" for some of the old country dances, now all but forgotten and while someone played an old time air, while Mrs. Ford beat time, he danced a jig nimbly and with evident enjoyment.

The inn radiated the atmosphere of old New England. Lights gleamed from the windows across the snow covered fields and the faint tinkle of sleigh bells added to the big time touch. Within was a typical New England dinner and later, after Mr. Ford had fiddled and the party had danced, they played old games, "tucker" and "puss in the corner" and "drop the handkerchief."

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Astoria, Oregon, Has
\$100,000 Fire; Dance
Pavilion Is Burned

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 9.—Fire which broke out early today in the service garage from an unknown cause burned the garage, the Dreamland dancing pavilion and the Astoria Bakery. Port Columbia stages were included in the property burned. The total loss was estimated at more than \$100,000.

U. P. TRAIN SHOT
UP; LOS ANGELES
CONDUCTOR DEAD

Without Warning Passenger From Idaho Starts Shooting—Conductor Killed, Brakeman and Passenger Wounded—Prisoner Not Crazy.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—A conductor was killed and a brakeman and passenger wounded today on Union Pacific train No. 25 westbound when W. H. Barnett of Caldwell, Idaho, without warning commenced shooting in the forward end of the coach as the train was pulling out of Barstow, east of here, according to advices to the railroad company here.

The slain conductor is W. F. Morton of Los Angeles. The wounded are C. Carlson of Shelby, Idaho, scrip wound, and Harry Barringer, brakeman, Los Angeles, bullet in side, possibly rib broken.

Barnett was seized by the other passengers and taken from the train at San Bernardino by county officers.

Carlson, the passenger, was enroute to Fresno.

Company reports indicated that Barnett, who was traveling without companions, suddenly began shooting in the dimly lighted day coach at 4:10 o'clock this morning as the train was pulling out of the Barstow yards. Conductor Morton fell, mortally wounded, and died a few minutes later. Barringer, the brakeman, was struck by the next shot and the third bullet wounded Carlson, a passenger.

Deputy Sheriff Williams of Yermo, 95 miles east of San Bernardino, was on the train at the time of the shooting and placed Barnett under arrest. Williams said that Barnett after shooting and upon being taken to the San Bernardino county jail, gave no evidence of mental derangement.

PROCTOR TO MODEL
TIL TAYLOR STATUE

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—Alexander Phimister Proctor, nationally known as the sculptor of the west, will leave the first of next week for Hollywood, Cal., where he will begin work on a statue of the late T. H. Taylor, sheriff of Pendleton, Ore., who was killed in the execution of his duty two years ago. A small model of this statue will be exhibited at the Pendleton round up this year.

A large equestrian statue of a frontier circuit rider, done in bronze by Proctor, will be unveiled in Salem, Ore., April 15. This statue was presented to the state by Senator R. A. Booth in honor of his father, who was a circuit rider of the early days in the old Oregon territory.

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HENRY FORD AND "MOTHER" PLAN
REAL WEEK-END PARTY AT WAYSIDE INN

SUDBURY, Mass., Feb. 9.—Apparently as eager as a boy for what he termed a "real old fashioned New England party," Henry Ford, with Mrs. Ford and a little party of friends arrived at Wayside Inn last night. For the old hostelry, made famous by Longfellow and purchased by Ford to preserve it as a New England shrine, it was again reminiscent of an earlier time.

A little after his arrival, Ford was playing a fiddle, jolly with the girls and "calling off" for some of the old country dances, now all but forgotten and while someone played an old time air, while Mrs. Ford beat time, he danced a jig nimbly and with evident enjoyment.

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CONSPIRACY
IS CHARGED
IN OIL DEAL

Denver Editor Declares Sinclair, Doheny and Standard Conspired to Assure Award of Teapot Dome to Sinclair—Editor in Hot Water During Cross Examination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A charge that H. F. Sinclair, E. L. Doheny and the Standard Oil allied companies conspired to assure award of the Teapot Dome naval oil lease to Sinclair was made before the senate oil committee today by Frederick C. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver Post.

Continuing his story of his connection with the group that held contesting claims in the Teapot reserve and disposed of them to Sinclair, the publisher asserted that in addition to the payments made to that group, the Mid-West and Pioneer companies, who also had an interest in the district, received \$1,000,000 in oil produced by the Sinclair company from Teapot.

Replying to questions by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, Mr. Bonfils said that "there was a conspiracy between Doheny and Sinclair and the Standard Oil allied companies to let Sinclair have the Teapot Dome as far as they were concerned."

"They having no antagonistic interests in California," he said, "they had no objection to letting Mr. Doheny have the naval reserve there and they went into the agreement along these lines and the leases were granted."

"The Midwest and the Pioneer got a million dollars in oil produced by the Sinclair company on the Teapot Dome. That I have confirmed."

"The feeling with Sinclair was not friendly to Mr. Stack. (J. Leo Stack one of those associated with Bonfils). They treated him like an office boy and they thought they could settle with him on any terms agreeable to them."

"The Pioneer company kept telling him to settle with Sinclair and to take whatever he would give him."

Settlement Is Made. During his testimony yesterday the witness had said that he and Stack, a Denver oil man, with H. H. Tamm, his partner, and S. H. Schwarz, their attorney, negotiated a settlement with Sinclair, the proceeds of which were split four ways. This settlement, he said, took place after the Post had published an article attacking the Teapot Dome situation, but had deferred publication of other stories on the same subject because of a fear of libel suits.

Today Bonfils vigorously denied that the attitude of his paper toward Sinclair had anything to do with the contract of settlement.

In the midst of a vigorous cross-examination, Chairman Lenroot asked whether "the matter of your attack on Sinclair," was discussed at the conference with Sinclair.

"No sir," Bonfils replied.

"Was the matter of your ceasing your attacks on Sinclair discussed?"

"I would like to know what instigated these questions. Did they emanate from Colorado?"

"I am asking these questions on my responsibility as a senator and you will please answer them."

"It is a most extraordinary question and I want the record to show the fact."

Pressed as to whether the attacks on Sinclair in his paper had not been stopped, Mr. Bonfils leaned across the table and said:

"They did not cease. They have not ceased. They never shall cease."

Senator Lenroot read a telegram.

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