

The Weather

Prediction Generally Fair
Maximum yesterday 61
Minimum today 42.5

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

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1924

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 43
Minimum 23

NO. 279

N. Y. BANKER FALLS DOWN COMPLETELY

Frank A. Vanderlip Fails to Produce Any Evidence and President Harding's Name Is Absolutely Cleared—Fall Charge Also Proves a Dud—Committee Indignant.

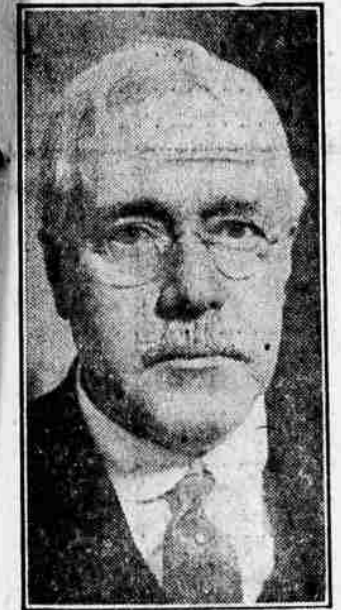
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—No evidence to implicate President Harding in the oil scandal was developed today when the senate oil committee began its inquiry into rumors regarding the sale of Mr. Harding's Marion Star, just before his death.

The committee heard detailed testimony in refutation of the Star story, but none in support of it.

Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York banker, who recently said in a public speech that sale of the paper should be investigated, testified that he was repeating only a rumor that had become widely current.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Louis H. Brush, one of the men who bought the Marion Star from President Harding testified about details of the sale today before the oil committee.

The Marion publisher testified that he and Roy D. Moore had been the



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sole purchasers of the Star and that the funds were their own except such as they borrowed from Ohio banks.

Against these "ordinary loans," he added, stock of the Star has been hypothecated as collateral for the loan.

"The Associated Press account of Mr. Vanderlip's speech which was sent to its members throughout the country and the world was verified as correct by Mr. Vanderlip," Brush said in beginning his testimony.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Frank A. Vanderlip told the senate oil committee today that he had no facts what ever to go on when he recently brought the name of President Harding into the oil scandal.

His opening speech, asking for an inquiry into circumstances surrounding the sale of Mr. Harding's Marion Star, he said, was made because he thought it a "public duty" to call attention to current rumors so as to stop them.

"I don't even know the price the paper sold at," Vanderlip said. "The current story was \$550,000."

He regarded the rumors, he said, as akin to the "whispering campaign" that marked the last months of the Harding campaign in 1920.

"I had full basis for what I said," he continued, "that these were current rumors."

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JUDGE THROWS \$15,700 JURY VERDICT FOR WHITE SOX PLAYER OUT OF COURT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 15.—Joe Jackson former outfielder for the Chicago club of the American league, emerged victor in his salary suit and \$18,500 bonus claim, when a jury in circuit court here today brought in a verdict awarding him \$15,700.40.

The jury found in favor of Jackson

Net Material Value Average Human Being Found to Be 98 Cents

CANADIAN, Texas, Feb. 15.—The net material value of an average human being is 98 cents, according to analytical research made by Dr. C. A. Pierle, head of the department of chemistry at the West Texas Teachers' college here.

Dr. Pierle has found that the body of a man weighing 150 pounds, if divided into its component chemical elements would be found to contain enough

water to wash a pair of blankets, enough iron to make a ten-penny nail, lime sufficient to whitewash a small chicken coop and rough sulphur to kill the fleas on a good sized dog. All these elements, he estimated, could be purchased at a drugstore for 98 cents.

CO. JAIL ESCAPE IS CAPTURED IN RAILROAD YARD

Burglar Who Escaped From Deputy Sheriff Forncrook Is Captured in California By Police—Forncrook Returns to Medford.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 15.—A Zangley, 19, elusive convicted burglar, was captured here last night in the Southern Pacific railroad yards by a special police officer.

The policeman saw Zangley loitering about the yards and was about to arrest him when the suspect started to run. The policeman fired five shots over his head and Zangley halted.

Zangley was arrested in Pomona, Cal., after escaping from the Jacksonville, Ore., jail. While being returned north he jumped from a Southern Pacific train near Hollister, Cal.

Deputy Sheriff Forncrook returned this morning from California, and says that Zangley escaped from him after locking himself in the toilet of the coach, and leaping from the window while the train was going 50 miles an hour. How the youth escaped instant death is a miracle.

The handcuffs had been taken from Zangley's hands, and Forncrook followed his prisoner down the coach aisle. When they reached the toilet door, Zangley stepped inside, and before the officer could take the usual precaution of putting his foot in it, the youth slammed and locked the door and made his thrilling leap for liberty. He escaped without a scratch and not even stunned by the fall. The train was stopped, and Deputy Forncrook walked back down the track three miles, expecting to find Zangley dead. Zangley will be brought back next week from San Jose, Calif., where he was arrested this morning.

M'ADOO TO ATTEND HIS OWN MEETING

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—William G. McAdoo plans to attend Monday's conference of friends and supporters of the McAdoo presidential candidacy. David L. Rockwell, national campaign manager, announced today.

Telegrams from democratic leaders in all sections of the country declaring their intention to attend have been received during the last two days, Rockwell said. William L. O'Connell, Illinois manager, expressed confidence today that "the unanimous opinion of those who attend the conference will be for Mr. McAdoo's nomination and election."

Judge Throws \$15,700 Jury Verdict For White Sox Player Out of Court

on every point in the series of ten questions which the court presented yesterday when it retired.

Judge John J. Gregory, however, set aside the verdict after severely scoring the jury for the verdict in the face of the evidence presented and dismissed the action.

SEC'T DENBY AND FALL IN COAL DEAL

President Coolidge Informed That Cabinet Members Had Planned to Lease Rich Alaska Coal Lands As They Did Teapot Dome—Deal Agreed On in 1921.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Former Secretary Fall and Secretary Denby were declared in a letter laid before President Coolidge today by John E. Ballaine, an Alaskan railroad constructor, to have entered into negotiations in July 1921, for transfer and lease of the rich Matanuska coal reserves of Alaska along the same lines as were later followed in the Teapot Dome oil lease.

The Alaskan coal lease was not executed but the letter said the navy department, largely through the efforts of Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson had assiduously refused ever since to permit use of Alaskan coal by the navy.

Mr. Ballaine, who constructed the Alaskan Central railroad, the forerunner of the present government line presented his letter to the president as a supplement to previous charges that powerful interests are at work to hinder the development of Alaska. He also has presented charges to several senators, including Chairman Lenroot of the senate oil investigating committee.

The official files show that Secretary Fall of the interior and Secretary Denby of the navy began negotiations as early as July, 1921, for the transfer of the naval coal reserves in the Matanuska field from the navy to the interior department and for the leasing of that reserve for a period of fifty years, said the letter.

"The negotiations and the terms agreed upon between the two secretaries in this coal reserve ran along lines exactly parallel with the negotiations and the terms of the lease of the Teapot Dome reserves."

"No lease of the Matanuska coal reserves was executed. But the net result was that naval mining operations in the Matanuska were transferred by Secretary Denby to the interior department and abruptly closed in May, 1922, at the time when the navy, as official reports show, had a mine developed and equipped ready to produce 250 tons a day, with 600,000 tons of coal blocked out in that mine and with 2,500,000 tons of the same quality in sight by diamond drilling in the Coal Creek district."

"During the negotiations over the Matanuska coal reserves, and for two years continuously up to the present time, misleading announcements contrary to the established official facts about quality of Matanuska coal have been given wide publicity by the bureau of engineering of the navy of which Admiral Robinson is head and by the bureau of mines of the interior department, of which Dr. Bain is the head."

KAHN INDIGNANT OVER ASSOCIATING NAME WITH FUND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Otto H. Kahn of New York, notified the senate oil committee today that he would come to Washington at any time the committee desired to question him regarding the story of a million dollar oil slush fund.

"Without having any details before me other than the newspaper reports," Mr. Kahn said, "I am not in a position at the present to do more than send an unqualified, absolute and comprehensive denial of any allegation connecting me directly or indirectly with any such fund or incident thereof whatever."

"I have never contributed directly or indirectly to any fund for distribution among men in high places or for influencing the actions of anyone in public life or otherwise, nor has my firm."

In a telegram to the committee from Palm Beach, Fla., Mr. Kahn said he was amazed and scandalized at my name being used in connection with any such rumor.

W. W. Sweet, a New York attorney, also was subpoenaed by the committee, but the subject about which he will be questioned was not disclosed.

Take Up Tax Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The house agreed today to take up on next Tuesday income tax bills of the revenue bill, a major point of controversy, with amendments in order.

Labor Leader Heads New Four-Ply Group Formed To Fight Volstead Act



JAMES DUNCAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW GROUP, IN PLATFORM ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON—The repeal of the Volstead act is the objective of a new four-sided campaign begun here by the united forces of the American Federation of Labor, the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the Constitutional Liberty League of Massachusetts and the Moderation League.

James Duncan, first vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, is chairman. The new group, claiming to represent 5,000,000 voters, has opened headquarters with the avowed intention of showing the "complete failure of the Volstead act."

OIL PROBE OVER UNTIL FEB'Y 25

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate oil committee adjourned its hearings today until February 25.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Benjamin F. Yoakum, retired railroad president, who was supposed to have brought the story of the million dollar oil slush fund to Washington informed the committee today he knew nothing concerning the matter.

OIL SPREADS TO U. S. WAR BUREAU PROBE

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Oil leads that may be uncovered in the grand jury investigation of alleged graft in the veterans' bureau will be followed out in evidence before the jury, according to H. W. Crim, special federal prosecutor.

Any connection of Charles R. Forbes whose administration of the bureau is under inquiry, with Columbia oil interests which are soon to be taken up in Washington will be thoroughly investigated, it was indicated.

Hopes Oregon Will Add 100,000 to Her Population in 1924

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15.—Hopes that Oregon will add 100,000 to her population during the next twelve months was expressed by Whitney L. Boise of Portland, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and land settlement committee, in an address before members of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

The Portland chamber is to spend \$300,000 advertising the state, the Hill lines are spending \$2,000,000, the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific some added thousands, and that a million tourists will visit Oregon as a direct result during 1924, is only a reasonable expectation, according to Boise.

Jap Loan Oversubscribed.

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Oregon News in Brief

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 15.—The body of Mrs. Oliver Hutchinson, found murdered at Kelso, Wash., was brought to Pendleton this morning by relatives. The funeral will be held in Pilot Rock tomorrow. Mrs. Hutchinson was raised near Pilot Rock.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Governor Pierce who became suddenly ill with an attack of acute indigestion yesterday was reported from his residence today as very much improved. It is not improbable that the governor will return to his office before Monday.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Announcement was made today of the resignation of D. S. Parr as cashier in the state treasurer's office. He will be succeeded by Alexander Hamilton of Portland, who is now with the accounting department of the Standard Oil company. Parr will become affiliated with the Blythe-Witter company, bond dealers of Portland, and will have offices in Salem. He has been with the state treasurer for two years. The resignation will be effective in a few days.

OREGON EDITORS IN EUGENE CONFERENCE

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15.—Approximately 100 editors and publishers from different parts of Oregon met today for the sixth annual Oregon newspaper conference at the University of Oregon. A psychological study of the errors made in proof reading was presented by Dr. H. R. Croeland of the university psychology department as a result of two years' investigation of the subject. Dean Colin V. Dymond of the college of literature, science and art presented a short course in news writing, the main point of which was a plea for a wider diversity and generally higher tone of news writing.

This afternoon and tomorrow are to be devoted to discussions of problems pertaining to all branches of the journalistic field.

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When Germany Plays World War Song On Radio, Paris Butts In

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Whenever "Deutschland Uber Alles" is broadcast by radio in Germany "some one, somewhere butts in," according to German newspaper paragraphers.

The Germans play the martial air some two or three times a day over the radio, the paragraphers say.

But whenever the tune is started there is a great hubbaloob in the air over Europe, and there is a growing suspicion, the writers say, that the interfering waves "comes from somewhere in the direction of the Eiffel tower in Paris."

PROSECUTORS OF OIL CASES ARE FINALLY CHOSEN

Senate Oil Committee Approves of Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia—Fight On Pomerene to Be Continued, However.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate oil committee approved today that the nomination of Owen J. Roberts and Alton Pomerene to be special government counsel in the oil cases.

Approval was without a record vote. Those opposing Mr. Pomerene intend to carry their fight to the senate floor and Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, said he would insist on consideration of the nomination in open executive session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia was selected by President Coolidge today as republican member of the special counsel in the oil land prosecutions.

He succeeds Silas H. Strawn of Chicago, whose nomination was withdrawn from the senate by the president yesterday after it had been found unacceptable. The nomination of Mr. Roberts was sent to the senate today.

Mr. Roberts' selection was recommended to the president by Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania.

President Coolidge has declined to withdraw the nomination of Alton Pomerene of Ohio, the other attorney selected to act in the oil cases although his nomination also has been found unacceptable to the oil committee. A vote on it in the senate may be taken today, and should the nomination be rejected the president will be asked to appoint Sherman Whipple of Boston.

Mr. Roberts was called before the oil committee for questioning in executive session soon after his nomination reached the senate.

2 KILLED, 9 MISSING IN VERMONT FIRE

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 15.—Two persons were killed and nine are missing and are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Lawrence building on Main street early today. Several are seriously injured. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Police batons equipped with chambers containing tear gas bombs will be tried out shortly by Director of Public Safety Butler, who plans to arm the police with them for use in his war against vice and crime. A baton recently perfected under the direction of Brigadier General Amos Fries, chief of the army chemical warfare service, will be used in the experiment.

HALTS NAVY AIR FLIGHT TO N. POLE

President Orders Denby to Call Off Proposed Flight to North Pole Until Congress Can Act—Navy Men Are Already On Way for Start From Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Coolidge today ordered that preparations for the navy's polar flight be suspended.

The president directed that nothing further be done until congress has opportunity to express its views on the subject.

This formal statement was issued by Secretary Denby: "Orders to cease preparations for the polar expedition were issued today by the secretary of the navy. The president, having been informed that considerable opposition existed to the required expenditure of \$350,000, instructed the department not to proceed with the expedition at this time or until the naval bills have been considered and congress given an opportunity if it desired, to express its views upon the polar expedition."

An advance party of two officers and for men left Washington a few days ago for Nome, Alaska, which would have been the base for the flight in which the alrship Shenandoah was to have been used. The advance party was due to leave Bremerton navy yard, Washington, for Alaska today, but orders cancelling the trip were sent forward.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Arriving here today, Lieutenant B. H. Wyatt, head of a United States party going to Alaska to prepare the way to a trip of the dirigible Shenandoah to the north pole, said: "Nothing but an act of congress will prevent this arctic expedition." He added that the Shenandoah was due at Camp Lewis, near Tacoma, Wash., June 12.

ROOSEVELT'S STORY IS DENIED BY FOREMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate oil committee went into the story about the sale of President Harding's Marion Star today without finding any evidence to implicate Mr. Harding in the oil scandal.

Turning its attention to other matters, the investigators heard from Thomas Johnson, foreman of Albert B. Fall's New Mexico ranch, a denial that he had ever received any \$58,000 payment from the Sinclair Oil interests. Reports of such a payment had been brought to the committee recently by Archie Roosevelt.

Meantime President Coolidge sent to the senate the nomination of Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, as government counsel in the place of Silas H. Strawn of Chicago, whom the committee had found unacceptable.

Labor Premier Sick.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The indisposition from which MacDonald is suffering is neuritis, according to statements in the London newspapers today. This is accompanied in some degree by insomnia with the result that he is very tired. It is not suggested, however, that his condition is in any way serious.

Fail to Stop Strike.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Negotiations for a settlement of the dispute between the dock workers and their employers over wages collapsed this evening. The strike is scheduled to start tomorrow.

General Fries is well known in Medford being a graduate of the Medford high school and member of a well known Medford pioneer family. Mrs. William Grieve of Prospect is his sister.

USE TEAR GAS, POLICE CLUBS, INVENTED BY EX-MEDFORDITE, IN PHILADELPHIA