

The Weather

Table with weather predictions: Prediction Rain, Maximum yesterday 42, Minimum today 32.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Table with weather statistics: Maximum 60, Minimum 38.5

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

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PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAMS DRAGGED IN

Committee Unearths Two Telegrams From Coolidge to McLean Which President Explains Are Official and Personal and Not Related to Oil in Any Way.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The January 12 telegram, Senator Lodge said, today referring to "Frecott" was "perfectly trivial," and "perfectly explicable."

"That's the whole story in the telegram," Senator Lodge declared. Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, asked whether Senator Lodge thought it at all strange that McLean should know the whereabouts of Slemp when the president himself did not.

"I think he knew McLean had been with Slemp," replied Senator Lodge. "Then the president knew when Slemp left for Florida that he would see McLean?" persisted the Mississippi senator.

"I think it is little short of an outrage," said Senator Lodge, "to bring the president's name in here in a place where he cannot speak for himself. I think that has been running here for several weeks, which has been based on gossamer of the gutter, on whisperings of the corridors, on newspaper reports—every sort of rumor and calumny and false story, many of which have been exposed as absolutely false."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Two telegrams sent by President Coolidge to Edward B. McLean in Florida were read today into the record of the committee. Immediately afterward the president issued a statement saying that the matters referred to in the messages related to questions of local government in the District of Columbia.

Immediately after the reading of President Coolidge's messages to McLean, the White House announced the president was preparing a statement. President Coolidge issued this statement: "The telegram related to the district commissioner, Samuel J. Prescott is the republican city chairman and the president desired to confer with him regarding district matters."

Forbes Pleads Not Guilty; Bail \$10,000; Trial Set Mar. 17th

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau, pleaded not guilty today before a United States commissioner to the charges of fraud, conspiracy and bribery, handed down by a Chicago grand jury.

HOUSE DEMANDS NAMES MEMBERS ACCUSED GRAFT

Dept. of Justice Called Upon to Name Congressmen Involved in Veteran Bureau Corruption—Exact Charges Also Requested.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A resolution calling upon the department of justice for the identity of two house members charged with bribery in a Chicago grand jury report was reported today by the house rules committee.

The department also is asked to give exact charges against the two members. The action of the committee was unanimous.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A movement gained ground in the house today to establish the identity of the two representatives charged in the report of a Chicago grand jury with being guilty of bribery.

The situation was discussed at a conference attended by Speaker Gillett, republican leader, Representative Longworth, chairman of the rules committee and Democratic Leader Garrett who has introduced a resolution of inquiry.

Afterward Mr. Snell announced that the rules committee, to which the Garrett resolution was referred, would meet later in the day. It was indicated the committee might take some action to obtain information from the department of justice.

FOR INCOME TAX CUT ON '23 PROFITS

Committee Favors Resolution to Apply 25 Per Cent Cut to Regular Income Tax Reported March 15th—Govt. Experts Declare New Tax Bill Costly One.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—The senate finance committee decided today to seek immediate enactment of a joint resolution providing for a 25 per cent reduction in personal income taxes payable this year so that it may apply on the installment due March 15.

Provision for such a reduction was proposed by the house in the revenue bill. Enactment of that measure, however, is not possible before March 15, and leaders hope by passage of a joint resolution to avoid the necessity of making refunds on first installments, which now would have to be paid in full.

Chairman Smoot was instructed to confer with Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee on the prospects for such action, and Mr. Green gave his approval.

The one-fourth reduction would apply to all personal income taxes of 1923 which are payable this year.

The revenue bill was formally presented to the committee today, Mr. Smoot calling on Joseph McCoy, government actuary, for estimates of the effect on government receipts of the measure as passed by the house. The estimates were that the measure would result in a loss of \$446,270,000 in 1925, compared with the returns under the present law.

Senator Smoot said this would make a shortage of \$100,000,000 in funds to carry on the ordinary operating expenses of the government, exclusive of a soldier bonus or other special appropriations.

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M'LEAN'S WIRE TO M'ADOO JR. IS MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, March 6.—One of the messages read at the open hearing today was sent from Palm Beach by Mr. McLean, December 28 to Francis McAdoo, care Miller, Otis and company, New York City. It said: "Mitchell Palmer is going to give out a statement for me today. I will have it read to you from Washington. If you approve of it tell them to make it public. Be very careful, as Palmer is representing Fall and Sinclair and I do not want to have myself used for their benefit. Wire me results."

A telegram sent to McLean at Palm Beach, January 26, signed J. V. Fitzgerald (a McLean employee) was read by Mr. Walsh with the explanation that the committee had decided it on the advice of another telegram from Fitzgerald for McLean to "omit every other word." Omitting every other word, the telegram read: "Understand Montana man has stories printed yesterday, one tell your illness and the other you had been Diego's partner when he broke course record Friday. If you want plan to straighten out what may be embarrassing tangle advise me Harrington hotel and I'll put it on wire."

Passing of the Early Pioneer

PENDLETON, Ore., March 6.—Mrs. Mary C. Mossie, aged 78, a resident of this country for 38 years and widow of the late Henry Mossie, pioneer stockman of Ukiah, died last evening at 7:40 o'clock at her home, 717 Calvin street, death coming after an illness of the past several years. Mrs. Mossie was born November 9, 1844, in Monroe, Mich. On April 3, 1864, occurred her marriage to Henry Mossie, who was a soldier in the civil war, being a member of the Fifteenth Michigan volunteers. At the close of the war he returned home safely, although he had suffered several minor wounds. In the fall of 1866 Mr. and Mrs. Mossie came to this country and settled near Ukiah.

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 6.—J. L. Clough, aged 79 years, one of the pioneer stage drivers who drove for many years between Canyonville and the California line over the Oregon-California trail, died this morning after a month's illness. When the railroad eliminated the old-time stage line Mr. Clough took up a farm near Canyonville, where he resided until death occurred today. In the old convention days he was a political leader in the democratic party, but during recent years was not active. He was a native of Maine and came to Oregon when 18 years of age. A widow, a son-Huron, and daughter, Bees, survive him.

Burton May Succeed Denby WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Theodore E. Burton, present member of the house and former senator from Ohio, is one of those now being considered by President Coolidge for appointment as secretary of the navy.

'HELLO' GIRL ON STAND TELLS OF 'LISTENING IN'

WASHINGTON, March 6.—W. O. Duckstein announced today that W. J. Burns permitted him to use the department of justice code to decipher messages from McLean.

Another "Mary" message in code was presented. Like the other it was addressed to W. O. Duckstein, a McLean employee at Palm Beach.

"I repeated the conversation Duckstein had with his wife in an off-hand way," she said, "not expecting them to be printed in every paper in the land. I plugged in and out on the wire. I heard him say: 'I'm going down to Palm Beach tonight. I've got them all howing to me now.'"

Death Toll of the Automobile

ASTORIA, Ore., March 6.—Mrs. Peter Berg, 79, died in a hospital here last night from injuries received 24 hours before when she was struck by an automobile.

Bowling Record Smashed CHICAGO, Mar. 6.—Krank Kair of Chicago broke the American bowling congress record in the singles today with a score of 732. The previous record of 729 was established by Walter Lundberg of Chicago in the A. B. C. tournament at Toledo two years ago. Kair rolled games of 246, 275 and 211.

Grants Pass Farmer Killed By Boar, in Spite of Wife's Aid

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 6.—Robert C. Shipman, a farmer living two miles south of Grants Pass, was knocked down and killed yesterday by a ferocious boar while he was feeding his hogs. The boar bit Shipman on the leg, severing the femoral artery, which caused him to bleed profusely. Mrs. Shipman heard her husband's cries, but was unable to summon help in time to save him from the attack of the hogs.

HOOF DISEASE SPREADS; CALIF. BOY INFECTED

Foot and Mouth Disease Jumps 12 Mile Gap in Alameda County—Nearly 10,000 Animals Infected—Child in San Pablo Victim.

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 6.—The foot and mouth epidemic in central California has leaped a twelve mile gap in lower Alameda county and has attacked a herd of 366 cattle on the Thompson and Alders ranch. It was reported today by the experts in charge. Two cattle in the herd were found to be infected, and were isolated for slaughter later. This was the first instance of the epidemic breaking over the original infection area.

Cattle Embargo in Canada. OTTAWA, Ont., March 6.—Imports into Canada of livestock from any state of the United States was prohibited by the Canadian government today as a further protection against the foot and mouth disease.

POINCARÉ AGAIN THREATENS TO QUIT

PARIS, Mar. 6.—(By Associated Press.) Premier Poincaré will place the resignation of his cabinet in the hands of President Millerand unless the finance committee of the senate approves the fiscal measures for economy and increased taxation as voted by the chamber of deputies and signifies its readiness to discuss them by next Tuesday. This ultimatum was delivered by the premier to the finance committee this evening.

COMMITTEE CLAIMS BIG BUSINESS CONTROLS THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Anti-Saloon league was charged today with being a representative of big business instead of the Christian churches, in an open letter sent to members of congress by the joint legislative committee for modifying the Volstead act.

BRING SUIT TO CANCEL OIL LEASES

Government Counsel to File Bills of Equity Next Week Demanding Return of Oil Lands—Injunctions Against Further Oil Drilling to Be Asked.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Cancellation of the government oil leases to the Doheny and Sinclair interests will be sought in bills of equity to be filed by the government oil counsel next week. The bills will ask for return of the naval reserves to the government on the ground that "fraud and illegality were involved."

Injunctions also will be asked against further drilling and withdrawal of oil by Sinclair and Doheny companies and the court will be requested to name receivers to control the properties pending completion of the litigation. At the request of the special counsel, a special grand jury will be empaneled here about April 1 to consider the evidence so far brought out in the oil inquiry.

The bills for injunctions being prepared by Atlee Pomeroy and Owen J. Roberts will be filed in the federal district courts for Wyoming and southern California.

U. S. ARCHBISHOPS NAMED CARDINALS

ROME, March 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Archbishop Hayes of New York and Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago have been nominated as cardinals.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Agreement to report a soldier bonus bill was voted 16 to 4 today by the house ways and means committee. No action was taken on the form of the bill to be reported. Representative Bacharach, republican, New Jersey, presented his plan for limiting compensation to paid-up insurance and other plans were discussed, but the committee decided to go into all of those submitted tomorrow.

CONGRESSMAN DECLARES HENRY FORD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR JEW MASSACRES

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A bitter attack on Henry Ford was delivered in the house today by Representative LaGuardia, republican, New York, during debate on the bill providing for acceptance of the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals.

WOULD BE SUICIDE SEEN IN ROSEBURG

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 6.—Logan F. Roe, messenger for the Security Savings and Trust company who disappeared Monday after sending suicide notes to his mother and stepfather, spent Tuesday night in Roseburg, enroute to San Francisco, local police were informed today.

Deputy Sheriff Shambrook wired today that the clerk at the Douglas hotel there has positively identified the lad from photographs reproduced in Portland papers.

Oregon News in Brief

BEND, Ore., March 6.—The Dallas-Bend pony express race, held for the first time last June, will probably be run again this year, according to Len Nichols of Prineville, manager of the 1923 race. Nichols announced that he was receiving many inquiries about the possibilities of the race being held this year.

SALEM, Ore., March 6.—A. S. Roberts of The Dalles, today filed his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for state representative from Wasco county.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—Harry V. Reed, chief deputy United States marshal, was arrested early today charged with drunkenness after his automobile had been wrecked in a collision with steel girders of the Hawthorne bridge. Alex Davidson, another deputy marshal, who was in the car, was badly cut in the crash and was attended at the emergency hospital. Reed was released on his own recognizance this morning to appear in the municipal court this afternoon.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—The trial of Albert and Joel H. Coe, formerly proprietors of the St. Nicholas cafeteria, charged with burning the restaurant November 9, started today before Circuit Judge Rossman. It was alleged that the men burned the cafeteria for the purpose of collecting insurance.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 6.—Charles Thomas, 35, of Roseburg, Wash., has been missing since March 1, according to a report made by his wife to the local police. He came to Astoria last Saturday. Police report they have found that he made purchases here and cashed several checks, leading to the belief that he had a considerable amount of money with him.