

The Weather
Prediction: Rain tonight and Sunday.
Maximum yesterday 57
Minimum today 26

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 46
Minimum 28

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

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175 MINERS REPORTED KILLED IN UTAH

LITTLE HOPE FOR RESCUE IS HELD OUT

Castle Gate Experts Fear Entire Force Utah Fuel Mine Is Killed by Explosion or Fire—Rescue Teams Rushed From Salt Lake—Explosion Is a Terrific One.

CASTLE GATE, Utah, March 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Little hope for the safety of 175 men entombed today in coal mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel company here by an explosion was held out by mine officials this evening.

Rescue parties entering the man-way at the rear of the mine have been able to penetrate but a quarter of a mile and have found no trace of the men.

The man-way was badly damaged and littered with debris.

CASTLE GATE, Utah, March 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—One hundred and seventy-five men employed in the day shift of the Utah Fuel company mine No. 2 were entombed by an explosion at nine o'clock this morning.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of dust. Smoke and dust are pouring from the mouth of the mine here at the present time, but it has not been determined whether the interior of the mine is afire.

The explosion in the mine was followed by a series of smaller blasts, according to company officials. The force of the first explosion was so great that the entrance to the property which is a slope mine, was blocked by debris.

The rescue crews still are at work endeavoring to clear the entrance of the mine in order to attack the interior of it. It is the general opinion of residents of Castle Gate that the entombed men have been killed either by the explosion or the aftermath.

The force of the blast wrecked the fans used for pumping air into the mine but the rescue crews have succeeded in repairing one and that now is in working order. The majority of the men entombed in the mine are said by company officials to be foreigners.

According to word received at the offices of the Utah Coal company here, one rescue crew has entered the mine.

The mine is located about one mile and a half from the company's offices here and messengers are being employed to carry information to the company headquarters.

The mine was operating with a normal force of 175 men on the day shift, according to Mr. Carney, the shift having entered the mine at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Castle Gate is 116 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. Word of the disaster has been sent to Salt Lake and a call issued for all available doctors and nurses. A special train bearing the doctors and nurses has left that place for Castle Gate, according to word received at the company's offices here. The train is not expected to arrive until after noon.

A call also has been issued for a mine rescue car from the bureau of mines, according to the company officials.

The mine is said to be the largest individual coal mine in the state of Utah.

P. T. Barnum, late famous showman, issued passes to clergymen to illustrate to them the morality of his shows.

U. S. Senator, Victim Dry Agent's Bullet, Out of Bed at Last

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senator Greene of Vermont, who was shot in the head several weeks ago during an encounter between a prohibition enforcement party and suspected bootleggers, was able today to leave his bed for the first time. Paralysis which developed in his left side, it is said, has steadily subsided.

WALTER TOOZE PLEADS GUILTY LIQUOR CHARGE

Republican State Chairman Admits He Had Liquor in His Possession—Girl Case Is Pending—Will Not Be Candidate Again.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 8.—Shortly after being indicted by the grand jury here on a charge of possession of liquor, Walter L. Tooze, Jr., republican state chairman for Oregon, and J. W. Templin, a garage owner here, pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge Robert Tucker. Sentence will be passed Monday afternoon.

The indictment follows closely a previous indictment on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. When the two were arraigned for trial, however, the indictment was thrown out as faulty. The case grows out of an incident in which Tooze and Templin were charged with giving liquor to a minor girl.

Tooze's term as republican state chairman expires next month and he has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

NEWLYWEDS PLEAD NOT GUILTY CRIME

BRUNSWICK, Maine, March 8.—Kenneth R. McLean, Bowdoin college sophomore, and his wife, pleaded not guilty to manslaughter today in connection with the death of their one-year-old daughter, believed to have been smothered at a hotel here ten days ago after the arrival of the mother from Tacoma, Wash.

Hearing was waived, probable cause was found and they were ordered to furnish bail for their appearance at the May term of the superior court. They were taken back to Portland, Maine, where arrangements were to be made for bail, \$20,000 for McLean and \$10,000 for his wife.

McLean will not return to college.

FIRPO KNOCKS OUT ITALIAN CHAMPION

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 8.—Luis Angel Firpo, "Wild Bull of the Pampas," turned back the invasion from Italy by knocking out Erminio Spalla in the fourteenth round of his fifteen round go here. Thirty thousand persons saw the fight.

JUDGE HOLDS HUSBAND'S SWEARING IS AMPLE CAUSE FOR A DIVORCE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 8.—Is plain ordinary "cussing" valid ground for a divorce? "No," said Judge Erwin M. Owen of Los Angeles, in refusing a divorce last Wednesday.

"Yes," said Judge T. G. Chambers of Oklahoma City, in granting a divorce to Mrs. Cora Beckett from A. J. Beckett in district court here.

CURTIS TALE DENIED BY PAPER MAN

Editor Bennett Recalled to the Stand Refutes Senator's Story—Claims G. O. P. Whip Asked How Paper Would Stand on Oil Probe—More Telegrams Are Explained.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senator Curtis of Kansas, assistant republican leader in the senate, came voluntarily today before the oil committee to refute the testimony of Ira E. Bennett, that he was the person referred to in the "principal" telegram.

This telegram, sent by Bennett on January 23, to his employer, Edward H. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, and a central figure in the oil disclosures, said that Bennett had seen the "principal," and added there would be "no rocking of the boat and no resignations," but that a reaction was expected from unwarranted political attacks.

The Kansas senator, the first member of the senate to take the witness stand was sworn and immediately began an oral statement to the committee similar to that he submitted yesterday in the senate in denial of several features of Bennett's testimony.

So far as he could recall, Senator Curtis did not see Bennett until the day Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, made a speech mentioning a member of McLean's family. That was on January 30, the day after the "principal" telegram was sent.

Wanted Daugherty to Resign. Later Bennett testified that Senator Curtis had advised President Coolidge immediately after he came into office to ask Attorney General Daugherty to resign.

Francis T. Homer of Baltimore, took the stand and denied the statement in one of the McLean telegrams that he had suggested a direct wire between Washington and the McLean cottage at Palm Beach to give "quick and easy access to the White House."

On the day of the Norris address, Bennett came to Curtis with reference to having Senator Norris withdraw his remarks.

Before that Senator Curtis testified he already had suggested to Senator Norris that the remarks be expunged from the record. Later he saw Bennett in the lobby and told him the statements would be withdrawn.

Senator Curtis flatly denied that Bennett had delivered any message to him from McLean.

He added that he had not talked with Bennett about political aspects of the oil inquiry.

Curtis Claim Denied. Bennett then was recalled and asked if he cared to make any further statement.

"Certainly," was his answer. "Senator Curtis," he went on, "apparently has forgotten one and probably two additional conversations I had with him."

Bennett said he did not want to relate the conversations as they were somewhat personal.

Pressed as to the conversations he said he would not answer unless compelled to, as he did not want to spread "scandal."

"I hope we won't have any mystery about it," Senator Walsh said, "so on tell us about it."

Bennett again refused unless compelled to do so and the committee voted unanimously that he should answer.

16 Year Old Olcott Zarn, Youngest Winner of American Dog Derby, with Speedy Team Leader



Young Zarn won the annual dog derby at Boise, Idaho, in 2 hours, 22 minutes, 40 seconds. His victory was somewhat of a surprise as he was competing against veterans. "Smoky" Gaston last year's victor, finished third. Zarn is the youngest driver who ever tried for honors in this event.

JOHNSON SAYS HE'S THE MAN TO MAKE CLEAN-UP

FREEMONT, Ill., March 8.—What is happening in Washington "is merely a part of the government system I am going to smash," Senator Hiram Johnson of California, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, declared in an address here.

"There are men in Washington who believe it's their right to exploit the government. They have allied themselves with the men who control government. To fire an individual from the cabinet or other part of the government here and there does not break the alliance. The American must smash it."

"There is presented to the republican party today an issue of greater import than any other of recent days," Senator Johnson asserted. "It is an issue of public service—efficient, reliable, public service. It is in its other aspect an issue of just common honesty and the republican party must sweep its house and sweep it clean."

He declared himself in favor of adjusted compensation for "the men who fought the war," saying adjusted compensation had been applied to the railroads, firms and companies filling war contracts, and even to civilian employees during the war and afterward.

The farmer, he said, "is entitled to the same generosity the government extends to manufacturers and railroads."

If governmental action can bring him relative prices between commodities he produces and those he purchases, he should have it.

The McNary-Haugen bill, pending in congress, he said, "approximates this and strikes at the root of the agricultural troubles."

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

NEW YORK, March 8.—Samuel Gluckman, a tailor, was hacked to death today with an axe by his wife, Edith, in his sleep.

"I loved him and I couldn't bear to have him go around with other women," the police quoted her as saying.

"Suicide Boy" Returns to Portland After Phone From Mother

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—Logan F. Roe, 19-year-old bank messenger, who disappeared several days ago after writing suicide notes to his parents, returned home last night, according to his mother. The boy was traced to Roseburg and then to Marshfield, where his mother got into telegraphic communication with him and he agreed to return home. The boy ran away after his parents had made him return a newly purchased auto.

VANDALS WRECK SANTA FE TRAIN ENGINEER KILLED

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 8.—A posse of Indian trailers and deputy sheriffs, headed by Sheriff W. P. Mahoney of Mohave county today began an organized hunt for vandals who last night derailed Santa Fe passenger train No. 42, northbound, in the desert 72 miles north of here, causing the death of one trainman and serious injury to another.

Railroad officials reported earlier in the day that an investigation had revealed that spikes were pulled from the railroad right of way. The locomotive, baggage car and a passenger car hurtled over the embankment.

The injured trainmen, James Tarney, engineer, and Charles Taylor, foreman, were removed to the hospital in Phoenix early today. Tarney died later. No passengers were hurt in the wreck.

The wrecking of the train was reported to local authorities by Sheriff W. P. Mahoney of Mohave county, who was a passenger on the train.

BOB HAIR GIRLS DECLARE WAR ON WHISKERED MEN

SPOKANE, Wash., March 8.—Formal organization of the "Bobette club" with a membership of 117 bob haired women pledged to wear their hair cut for at least three years, was announced here today by Miss Margaret Bremer, the vice president. The pledge taken by members, she said, includes a promise "not to dance, flirt nor go to a show with any man, old or young, who wears whiskers, believing that whiskers on a man's face are as unsanitary as long hair on a woman's head."

Members promise to pay up to \$1 a year for the purpose of helping support any girl who may lose her employment because she has had her hair bobbed, and agree to use their influence in combatting antagonism to bobbed hair.

"This club is not a joke," Miss Florence Hurd, the secretary, declared. "We even hope to be able to take into court some of the managers of business houses who are making life miserable for their bobbed haired employees."

E. VENZELOS TO QUIT GREECE, CABINET FALLS

ATHENS, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) The cabinet of Premier Karamanlis has resigned.

ATHENS, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Eleutherios Venizelos, former Greek premier has decided to leave Greece next week, where it is expected a republican government will be formed to make return of King George impossible.

30,950 Acres, Lake County, Oregon, Are Opened to Settlers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Opening to homestead entry of 323,000 acres in five western states—the largest area to be set aside for that purpose in a year—was announced today by the interior department. Dates for filings will be announced later.

The areas include 110,700 acres in Carbon and Phillips counties, Montana; 69,000 acres in Lander and Pershing counties, Nevada; 56,500 acres in Otero county, New Mexico; 55,000 acres in San Juan county, Utah; 30,950 acres in Lake county, Oregon; and 27,950 acres in Plute county, Utah.

MEDFORD 'FIVE' WINS TITLE OF SOUTHERN ORE.

With Roseburg Leading at End of First Half 7 to 2 Local Tossers in Great Rally Sweep Opponents Off Their Feet by Score of 14 to 10.

The Medford high school basketball team is champion of the southern Oregon high school basketball conference, with the right to play in the state tourney at Salem, by virtue of her thrilling defeat of the Roseburg high school five at Roseburg, Friday night by the score of 14 to 10.

The local team won the hard fought, rough and tumble contest in the last quarter, by a display of the unconquerable fighting spirit that has carried them to victory all thru the season. Coupled with this quality was the mental ability to grasp every advantageous opportunity, and perfect physical condition.

Fifteen hundred people saw the game, and twice that many, including scores of long-faced fans from this city, were unable to get into the small gymnasium, and had to be content with enjoying the battle via the telephatic system—judging the tide of battle by the sounds from the rosters.

Both teams played a brilliant game, marked by flashes of roughness, and unchecked by highly technical rulings from the referee—Hagar, coach of O. A. C. basketball teams.

When the final gun was fired, and Medford had been declared the victor, 300 joyous supporters of the local squad paraded the streets of the Douglas county metropolis, cheering, singing, tooting auto horns, and exploding firecrackers, while the team went to bed.

At the end of the first half, the score was seven to two in favor of Roseburg. Both squads were nervous at the start, and Chastain failed to cage four chances for points. Neither team could throw fouls with any accuracy.

With the slim margin of five points, the Roseburg team started passing the ball in the center of the floor, to the great glee of their adherents. When the stalling was at its height, Roseburg players made faces at their rivals. When they did shoot for a basket it was from out of the danger zone, the five man defense of Medford keeping them from their own territory.

Medford Starts In. In the second half, Medford started, and Reichstein hurtled a basket on a rebound from the backboard. That started a series of dazzling passes that brought the score to 10 to 9 in favor of Roseburg. Then Williams threw a foul that tied the score.

Knips, forward for Medford threw three long baskets in succession, all

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S. P. BRIDGE ACROSS COOS BAY IS WRECKED BY LUMBER CO. STEAMER

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 8.—After carrying away a span of the Southern Pacific bridge across Coos Bay, the lumber steamer Martha Buehner this morning is stranded in the wreckage of the steel structure about half a mile from the shore of North Bend.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight as the vessel was coming into the bay. It was reported that the draw of the bridge had been opened to let the steamer through and that the

CLAIM ATTY. GEN. IN PLOT WITH DOHENY

Senator Wheeler Expects to Prove that Dept. of Justice Sent Men to Aid in Smuggling Guns to Rebels in Mexico—Sinclair and Fall Also in Conspiracy.

Leonard Wood, Jr., Subpoenaed. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The special senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty today issued a subpoena for Leonard Wood, Jr., to question him regarding the story of a deal involving a cabinet appointment proposed by oil interests at the republican convention in Chicago.

Other prospective witnesses before the Daugherty committee included several Ohioans, political and other associates of Mr. Daugherty of Columbus and other cities. Their names are withheld.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Witnesses subpoenaed from the southwest by the senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty will be asked about the alleged activities of American oil interests in promoting the present Mexican revolution.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, said today he expected to prove that former Secretary Fall and the Doheny and Sinclair oil interests participated in a conspiracy to further the revolution.

"We expect to prove," said Senator Wheeler, "that the violations of neutrality in the furnishing of arms and ammunition to the revolutionists was done in pursuance of an agreement between some of the revolutionary leaders and the oil interests in the United States."

The witnesses will be asked, Senator Wheeler said, whether these interests participated in violations of American neutrality by the shipment of arms and ammunition across the border.

He declared former department of justice agents would testify that they were ordered from Washington to stop the work of breaking up gun running across the border.

A leak in Texas on the names of witnesses subpoenaed is being investigated by the committee. Senator Wheeler said that undoubtedly the committee's hand had been tipped through disclosure of information regarding subpoenas which went through the office of United States Marshal D. A. Walker at San Antonio.

A subpoena will probably be issued today for Gaston B. Means, former department of justice operative, indicted in New York yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to bribe the attorney general and others.

Walsh Resents Criticism. WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, today replied to the appeal of Governor Cox to repudiate baseless and reprehensible democratic attacks on President Coolidge by issuing a statement in which he denounced the governor's action as extreme partisanship.

There are 52,000 recorded cases of blindness in the United States.