

The Weather

Prediction... Probably cloudy
Maximum yesterday... 64
Minimum today... 30

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum... 62
Minimum... 27

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CITY WATER SUPPLY IS TURNED OUT

Mob of Ranchers Raid Los Angeles Water Supply and Turn Reservoir Into River—Troops Requested—Action Result of Long Controversy Over Irrigation Rights.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—How to restore without bloodshed the flow of water through Los Angeles' 250-mile aqueduct, diverted into Owens river yesterday by a party of raiders who swooped down on the waste gates near Lone Pine, 200 miles north of here, and opened them wide despite protests by city employees and Inyo county officials, was the problem that faced Los Angeles authorities today.

No attempt at forcible ejection of the raiders will be made by the city pending Governor Richardson's reply to an appeal from Inyo county for state troops, Los Angeles authorities said.

Except for two, all of the Inyo complaints filed by Los Angeles officials are directed against John Doe. The two men named as alleged raiders are Mark Q. Watterson, a banker of Bishop, and W. R. McCarthy, irrigation engineer. The complaints were filed at Independence, county seat of Inyo county, some time today.

As to the raiders' ultimatum, William Mulholland, builder of the aqueduct and chief engineer of the city water department, declared it would be ignored.

"It was evident," he said, "from Sheriff Collins' telegram to the governor, that troops are needed in Inyo county to settle the state of disorder and anarchy which now exists."

"We shall send no committee to negotiate with the raiders for we believe these 75 or 100 men who have done this thing do not represent the people of Owens valley."

"At the proper time I am sure our legal department will file suit for damages for all water lost by the opening of the gates."

Enough water is escaping through the waste gates, engineers estimated, to cause the city a loss of \$10,000 daily, but sufficient storage is still on hand in reservoirs between here and the raided spillway to supply all ordinary demands for 30 days.

No attempt is being made to conceal the identity of the raiders, according to E. A. Lamy of the electrical construction department of the city power and light bureau, who telephoned from the trouble zone last night that he was personally acquainted with every member of the party. None of the men were masked, he said, or wore any pretense of a disguise.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—The Alabama waste gates north of the old town of Lone Pine, a station on the old overland stage route to California on the Mormon trail, are located in the Alabama hills, about ten miles above the north end of Owens lake and were named after the hills. These hills are declared by geologists to be the oldest natural formation in the valley. Small, reddish hills, dwarfed to mounds by the gigantic granite mountains back of them, in which rises Mount Whitney, highest peak in the United States.

Around the hills are the old craters of many extinct volcanoes. The Alabama hills are the old craters of many extinct volcanoes. The Alabama hills are the old craters of many extinct volcanoes.

N. Y. Cold Weather Record Broken; Two Are Frozen to Death

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Cold weather records for this date of many years' standing were shattered in parts of New York and New England last night and early today, the mercury in some places dropping to zero or below. In northern New York there was a considerable snowfall.

WAR GUILT IS DENIED BY EX-FRENCH LEADER

PARIS, Nov. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Former Premier Poincare today answered accusations that he was partly responsible for the world war, by publishing letters in which Jules Cambon, Stephen Pichon and Emile Daeschner repudiate entirely the late Georges Louis' purported conversations as recorded in his diary, extracts of which were published by L'Ouvre yesterday.

M. Poincare also casts doubts on the authenticity of the diary and says he may some day supplement official revelations of the pre-war period with "private letters written by Paul Cambon, Gerard (former American minister to Germany, and many other authoritative persons and by Georges Louis himself."

Jules Cambon who was ambassador to Germany when the war began, speaking for himself and his recently deceased brother, Paul Cambon, said in his letter that Louis' alleged diary notes were manifestly erroneous and added:

"I have no recollection of having met Georges Louis during the war. However, if I saw him his memory gave to our conversation a character it did not have."

Emile Daeschner, recently appointed French ambassador to the United States who was chief of cabinet for the foreign ministry in 1912, says in his letter that he had the clearest recollection as to the use of the secret funds which he handled in his post under Foreign Minister Poincare.

"I can therefore emphatically deny the allegations of the documents you submitted to me regarding the use of those funds in your relations with the press," M. Daeschner wrote. "I do not hesitate to affirm that you gave no subsidy or allocation in any form to any member of the press."

Stephen Pichon, French foreign minister in 1913, said:

U.S.A. FACES DEFEAT IN DRUG PARLEY

Great Britain and Japan Clash Over American Effort to Cut Off Opium Traffic—First Day's Conference a Fizzle—American Reform Effort Is Bitterly Resented.

GENEVA, Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press.) In the presence of the official American delegation headed by Representative Stephen G. Porter of Pennsylvania the fourth international conference for the international control of the traffic in habit-forming narcotic drugs opened today in the League of Nations palace. The conference was presided over by Herluf Zahle, Danish minister to Berlin, and leading Danish delegate to the League of Nations assembly.

The object of the conference is not only to obtain an agreement for limitation of the exportation and importation of narcotics to medical and scientific needs, but also to restrict the growth of the plants from which they are manufactured to these same humane requirements.

The delegates assembled today animatedly discussing what was generally regarded as the complete failure of the preceding conference which ended last night and which was confined to considering the Far Eastern aspects of the opium evil.

The probable attitude of the United States at the conference was a subject of eager discussion following the sensational collapse of the preliminary meeting. The first conference closed yesterday without achieving either of the objects for which it was convoked.

It failed to report any estimate of the amount of opium required for smoking purposes or of the date when importation of the drug for this purpose could be terminated and took no measures to curb illicit production in China.

Japan is opposed to the American effort to restrict opium importation to medical and scientific needs. The Japanese government declared that until she was assured freedom of opium importation her country would not sign the convention which had been drawn up in rough form. Portugal was dissatisfied over the treatment of the situation in Macao, and China was averse to acting until the European powers agreed to institute a system of rationing and registering opium smokers in their Far Eastern colonies.

Stephen G. Porter and his four colleagues of the American delegation are believed to be entering in the form of a draft convention and it is understood that among their recommendations is the prohibition within a definite period of years of all importation of raw opium into Far Eastern countries for smoking purposes.

M. Ziegfeld's Old Wail Heard Again As Movies Grab Another Beauty



M. Ziegfeld of the "Follies" feels that he has just cause for complaint. As rapidly as he discovers, trains, polishes and makes beauties famous they are grabbed by the movies. His latest loss is Helen Lee Worthing (above). She plays with Alvin Karpis in "The Swan."

LOWELL SHERMAN AND GEORGE BAXTER STAGE FIST FIGHT OVER CHORUS GIRL

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Lowell Sherman one of New York's best known matinee idols and George Baxter, also an actor, used their fists at the Actors' Equity association ball which ended at the Hotel Astor early yesterday with several fights and one affray with a razor. It was learned today.

The quarrel between Sherman and Baxter was caused by Sherman's refusal to introduce Baxter to Miss Lillian Foster, appearing in a current Broadway show, according to Baxter. The fight started in Sherman's box, which he occupied with his mother and Nora Bayes. Ethel Barrymore occupied an adjoining box. Both Sherman and Baxter bore marks of the conflict. There was no report to the police.

MEDFORD GIRL WALKING HOME IS SANDBAGGED

The local police gave out the information today that a 16 year old Medford girl while on her way home between 9 and 10 o'clock last Saturday night was knocked down by an unknown man, thought to be a tramp on South Holly street, two blocks from Main street.

The police, while not giving out the girl's name in order to save her from undue notoriety, want the occurrence published as a warning to girls and women to exercise careful watchfulness and diligence when walking alone nights on dark streets off the main thoroughfare.

The young lady in question, as she proceeded along Holly street noticed that a man apparently was following her and increasing his pace the faster she walked. She tried not to be unduly alarmed and to keep her eyes straight ahead, but suddenly overcame a sense of fear that she was being struck at, intuitively ducked her head and screamed.

This move was a fortunate one for her, as the man was striking out with a blunt bludgeon of some kind, thought by the police to be a "sand bag," and because of her head dodging the weapon just glanced off her head, but the impact was sufficient to knock her down, where she lay helpless for some seconds.

OREGON SCHOOL BOOKS TO COST MORE HEREAFTER

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17.—An increase of 25 per cent in the cost of text books in the grade and high schools of Oregon that are adopted by the state textbook commission which is meeting here today, is said by J. A. Churchill, state school superintendent, to be unavoidable.

The state textbook commission, since its inception, has met only every six months and the first meeting in six years is in progress here today.

By a change in the law made by the legislature of 1923, however, the commission will hereafter meet every two years. Under the old system of meeting every six years all books in the public schools were changed or re-adopted every six years but under the new plan changes will be made in one-third of them every two years, or the books in use may be redopted.

It is said that because of the increase in the cost of paper, labor, etc., since books were last contracted for in Oregon six years ago, publishers have been selling the books at a loss in Oregon. For this reason it is certain that no contracts will be extended and an increase in the cost of the books to the school patrons of the state will result.

PRESIDENT IS ASKED TO NAME KERR

Sen. McNary Requests President Coolidge to Put President Kerr of O. A. C. On Farm Commission—First Session in Washington Addressed By President.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 17.—The name of W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, has been proposed to President Coolidge with recommendation that he be appointed to a place on the president's commission for the study of nation-wide agricultural conditions. Dr. Kerr of Oregon presented the name of Sen. McNary presented the name of Dr. Kerr to the president, according to a telegram from the senator received here today.

The recommendation of Dr. Kerr for appointment also has been endorsed by Representative Elton Watkins of Portland, by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and by other organizations and individuals of influence. It is based on the showing that all other general regions of the country are now represented on the president's commission except the Pacific northwest, and that the farmers of this region desire and deserve representation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President Coolidge today put up to the commission of representative farm leaders he has appointed the problem of mapping out a program for the permanent stabilization of agriculture.

Briefly welcoming the commission, which met in the cabinet room at the White House for its first session, Mr. Coolidge told the members of his purpose in naming the organization and placed entirely in their hands the formulation of a workable plan for relief.

No statement was forthcoming from the White House after the meeting. Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, chairman of the commission, said the investigating body would meet this afternoon at the department of agriculture to organize and discuss a plan of procedure.

Eight of the nine commissioners were presented to the president. Charles S. Barrett, chairman of the national board of farm organizations of Union City, Ga., only absent, expected to reach Washington for the organization meeting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—New York state's privilege or franchise tax upon corporations organized outside of but doing business in that state, was declared constitutional and valid today by the supreme court.

Mrs. Harding Still Alive But Hope of Recovery Is Slight

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 17.—Although Mrs. Florence Kling Harding was resting quietly today, her kidney and liver complications were more marked today, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer said in a bulletin issued at 9:30 a. m. from her bedside. The bulletin follows:

"Mrs. Harding rested quietly last night. This morning she is very weak and exhausted. The kidney and liver complications are more marked. She is able to take scarcely any nourishment."

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS POWER OF VET. BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Compensation ratings made by the United States veterans bureau are not reviewable by the courts, the supreme court held today, except when it is shown that they are wholly unsupported by the facts and are "arbitrary," or "capricious," or "arbitrary."

In all other cases the court held the compensation ratings fixed by the director of the veterans bureau are final.

The decision was handed down in the case of Sam Silberstein, who had sought unsuccessfully to have the federal court for the eastern district of Michigan set aside a ruling by the director.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Judgments can be liquidated out of property in the hands of the alien property custodian, under a supreme court decision handed down today.

The trading with the enemy act, it was held, makes unliquidated claims for damages a "debt" collectible out of the property of alien enemies in the hands of the property custodian.

The court held to be valid a contract of the German firm of Beer, Sondheimer and company for the purchase of crude zinc ore from F. Y. Robertson of New York.

HELL MARIA DAWES OPERATED UPON, NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE HIS PIPE

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—General Charles G. Dawes, vice-president elect was virtually himself again today except that he was confined to his bed after a minor operation at the Evanston hospital yesterday. He passed a comfortable night and read his newspaper at breakfast, his secretary said.

PROMINENT MAN IN UNION SLAIN

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 17.—William Wigglesworth, a prominent resident of Union, Ore., was shot to death last night about ten o'clock at his home, according to advices received here today. Officers arrested Newton Gamble, a neighbor, and are holding him as a suspect.

510 Killed in Quake

BATAVIA, Java Nov. 17.—(By the Associated Press.) The number of persons killed in last Wednesday's earthquake now is officially estimated at 510. A dozen villages were destroyed. The earth is still trembling.

Snow Falls in Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 17.—Eleven of the twenty collieries of the Hudson coal company were idle today because of a strike of 14,000 mine workers who charge the company has failed to adjust long-pending grievances.

CLAIMS INCOME TAX UNDER LIMITATION

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17.—In a revolutionary opinion from the point of view of state taxation, Attorney General Van Winkle holds today that the six per cent tax limitation amendment applies to the state income tax that has been collected this year. The six per cent limitation has never been interpreted as applying to any tax except a direct levy.

MASTER BARBERS BOYCOTT RUDOLPH VALENTINO UNTIL HE SHAVES BEARD

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The Associated Master Barbers of America, in convention here today, resolved to condemn Rudolph Valentino, motion picture actor, for permitting his beard to grow. They expressed fear lest the hirsute vogue return.

A VISIT TO PEN BRINGS ARREST

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17.—When George Evans, ex-convict of the Oregon penitentiary, paid a visit to the prison yesterday with his 14-year-old sister Laura, whom he wished to show the interior of this place, he made a mistake, for before he left the prison he was again under arrest on advices from Caldwell, Idaho, where he is wanted on a charge of kidnaping his sister from her home at Nampa.

Evans was released from the prison last August after serving a term for larceny committed in Union county. Warden Dalrymple recently was in Coos county and recalled seeing a circular posted in a sheriff's office there saying that Evans was wanted in Idaho on the kidnaping charge, and a similar circular was posted in the office of the Marion county sheriff.

"Whereas, . . . the male population of America is very likely to be extirpated by the said Valentino to the extent of making whiskers fashionable again, and