

The Weather	
Prediction	Unsettled
Occasional rains	
Maximum yesterday	44.5
Minimum today	45.5
Precipitation	.40

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	54
Minimum	34

Daily—Nineteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-third Year.

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CIVIL WAR THREATENED CALIFORNIA

Conditions at Los Angeles Aqueduct Are Critical—Unless Troops Are Sent, Bloodshed Seems Certain—Dynamiting of Aqueduct Is Feared.

INDEPENDENCE, Inyo County, Cal., Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jeff Hession, district attorney of Inyo county, announced here today that he was leaving immediately for Sacramento to urge Governor Richardson to send state troops to the Alabama gates of the Los Angeles aqueduct, where ranchers are wasting the Los Angeles city water supply.

Friction between two types of passive resistance today threatened, according to Inyo county authorities to snap the tension of the situation created by the aqueduct by ranchers and to plunge this part of California into civil war.

Since the approximately 100 ranchers took over the Alabama gates of the aqueduct and diverted Los Angeles' chief source of water supply into Owens lake, they have remained at the spillway quietly, unarmed and waiting for armed force to be sent against them. But the city has refused to attempt forcible ejection of the raiders, and has contented itself with peaceful court action to recover its property.

Accordingly the ranchers are faced with the alternatives of either abandoning their attempt to force the city into a settlement of their long-standing water rights feud with it, or else continuing "on the job" at the spillway indefinitely—for engineers estimate that Los Angeles still has about three months supply of water on tap in its reservoirs.

Now, according to their spokesmen, the ranchers are not in any mood to give up their fight nor are they in any mood to remain on the aqueduct for three months. They demand immediate settlement of their dispute with the city and each day that this settlement is delayed increases the tenacity of the situation and the likelihood of a more serious flareup of the feud.

"I am thoroughly convinced," said District Attorney Hession yesterday, "that unless state troops intervene in the controversy between Inyo county residents and the city of Los Angeles there will be amazing loss of life and destruction of property."

Sheriff Collins said: "I am powerless. If I attempt to oust the ranchers it would mean possible loss of life and the dynamiting of miles of the aqueduct. The ranchers are not armed now, but I know that enough arms are available in the valley to supply 17 men and women with weapons inside of one hour. At least a score of women are holding themselves in readiness to hear arms and they are no novices; they can shoot straight."

Mrs. Gould Sued for Purchase of 66 Silk Stockings One Month

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Edith Kelly Gould's silk stockings got into court today with a suit by a merchant for 4000 francs which he has been trying to collect since 1918.

The merchant's bill covers the years 1917-18 and shows that Mrs. Gould bought sixty-six pairs of silken hosiery in October of the last year.

Frank J. Gould, her former husband, who was divorced in 1919 refused to pay the bill and the merchant now is suing Mr. Gould and the actual purchaser jointly.

EARLY ACTION FARM RELIEF IS ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Early action at the coming short session of congress on farm relief legislation appeared improbable today in view of the announcement by farm bloc leaders that agricultural depression has been somewhat relieved and the decision of the agricultural commission named by President Coolidge to investigate and recommend steps for stabilization of the industry, to recess after today's session for three or four weeks.

Representative Tiacher, republican, Kansas, spokesman for the house farm bloc, announced yesterday after a conference with Senator Curtis, republican, of the same state, that no effort would be made to press farm legislation at the impending session before the president's commission report. In the opinion of farm bloc members, he explained, agriculture, especially in a large section of the west, has been given sufficient stimulus to tide the farmer over for the time being.

Recognizing the immensity of their task, members of the administration agricultural commission have decided that any effort to formulate a program to provide lasting prosperity for the farmer will be time wasted until official statistics on all phases of the question could be prepared to guide them. Every agency of the government charged with administration of farm regulation, the gathering, producing and marketing statistics, and transportation, has been asked to compile the desired information for the commission and it will re-assemble as soon as the data is ready.

While the work of the commission is expected by Chairman Carey of Wyoming to carry its activities past March 4 when the present congress expires, emergency problems are to be disposed of as quickly as possible, to permit legislative action, in accordance with the wishes of President Coolidge, without undue delay. With this purpose in mind, the cattle industry, described by the commission as being in a "depressed condition," is to be given first consideration.

SAVE TIMBER AND GROW IT SAYS PRES'T

President Coolidge Declares U. S. A. Using Timber Faster Than It Grows—Urges Tree Planting and Prevention of Waste—National Resources Are a Trust

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—President Coolidge today asked for a specific program of timber saving in opening the national conference on utilization of forest products.

The nation faces timber exhaustion, the president warned, and the situation must be met, he insisted, by diminishing waste and increasing the supply.

The resources of the nation are a trust, Mr. Coolidge declared, subject to use by the present generation, administered free of middlemen and from "those who will unwisely permit them to be dissipated, but there must be restoration as well as use."

About 745,000,000,000 cubic feet of timber is left in this country, he pointed out and against this supply there is an annual drain of 25,000,000,000 cubic feet while the annual timber growth is only 6,000,000,000 feet. In the face of this situation, he declared, the nation must turn to the problem of growing wood from the soil like any other crop.

Death was due to angina pectoris. He became ill on a trip to San Diego, was taken from a train at Delmar Monday night and brought to his home here last night. The attack was sudden, he having been active in the midst of his motion picture work up to the time he was stricken.

Ince was one of the pioneers and leaders in the motion picture industry, having started by taking small parts in 1911, after a stage career, and soon afterward was appointed director and then became producer, building some of the best known studios in recent years. He was 42 years of age. Ince, at the time of his death was supervising director of the Ince Studio at Culver City, engaged in the production of big feature pictures. He is survived by a widow and three sons.

Best Seamstress in Paris



It is no empty honor to win the title of "best seamstress in Paris," fashion capital of the world. One of the incidental benefits is a salary guarantee. The winner this year is Mlle. Marcelle Guillon.

THOMAS H. INCE OF MOVIE FAME DIES SUDDENLY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 19.—Thomas H. Ince, nationally known picture producer, died at 5:30 this morning at his home in the Hollywood foothills of heart trouble, it was announced this morning at his Culver City studio.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP NEWSPAPER

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 19.—An attempt to blow up the editorial offices of the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune was made here today. A stranger placed a suitcase containing a powerful explosive in the rooms of the newspaper and departed. Police and firemen were called and disconnected the workings of the infernal machine.

KAY ANNOUNCES HIS ASSISTANT

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 19.—State treasurer-elect Thomas B. Kay announced that he would appoint George Griffith, state commander of the American Legion, as deputy state treasurer. Griffith is president of the Marion Automobile company of Salem and of the Jefferson State bank at Jefferson. He has not yet announced his acceptance.

The Daily Bank Robbery

PONTIAC, Mich., Nov. 19.—Six men held up and robbed the Farmington State bank near here today and escaped with \$30,000. Howard Warner, president, was knocked unconscious by a club by one of the men. Patrons and bystanders fired at the robbers as they fled.

PASTOR CHANGES HIS EVIDENCE IN COLUMBUS CASE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Lutheran church of Bexley, a suburb, whose wife's cremated body was taken from a heating furnace in the family home late Monday, today changed his testimony of yesterday and told Prosecutor King that he believed his wife had taken her own life. Yesterday he had refused to accept a suicide verdict.

APPARENT CANCER CURES DISPLAYED

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—Apparent cancer cures said to have been effected in cases of cancer were demonstrated to the Eastern Homeopathic association yesterday. The results were described by Frank C. Benson, Jr., as the "most marvelous he had ever seen but he cautioned physicians that no final opinion would be reached until after experiments lasting five years or more. The basis of the treatment which recently was discovered by physicians at the Talmann hospital, consists of a radium emanation.

AMERICAN IS KILLED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Paul Meer, an American citizen in the employ of the Penoles Mining company, was shot and killed on the night of November 16 at Guanaco, state of Durango, Mexico. American Consul McEnolly, reporting the killing today, said the assassin had not been captured.

Mrs. Harding Sinks Into Coma; Death Is Believed Near

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding, who has been critically ill for two weeks, has become worse and is showing signs of sinking into a state of coma, according to a bulletin issued by her physician at 2:30 p. m. today.

U. S. A. PLAN TO COMBAT OPIUM IS ANNOUNCED

GENEVA, Nov. 19.—(By Associated Press.) A series of proposals striking at the very roots of the evil caused by the misuse of narcotic drugs was presented to the international opium conference here today by the American delegation, headed by Representative Stephen G. Porter.

Only by the most drastic restriction at the point of production, the Americans held, could the quantity of illicit drugs reaching the people of the world be shut off or curtailed. Consequently, they proposed prevention of a surplus production of raw opium and also of the coca leaf from which cocaine is extracted. Furthermore they would absolutely prohibit the distribution of heroin, a derivative, as unnecessary in medical or scientific practice.

Besides the prohibitions on the production of narcotic raw material, various proposals were advanced for its handling by farmers where necessary. Provision was made for the production for exportation, or the actual exportation of raw opium for the purpose of taking prepared opium into those territories where its use is now permitted, but the contracting parties were asked to limit the number of towns and ports thru which such raw opium and cocoa leaves were exported.

An extensive and strict system of licenses for importation and exportation was suggested. It was recommended that imports of raw opium for the purpose of making prepared opium which is generally used for smoking, be curtailed in those countries where such use now is permitted, the amount imported being reduced ten per cent each year until all importations ceased.

It was also suggested that the contracting parties take up the gradual suppression of the manufacture of, internal trade in, and the use of prepared opium.

Under the program as outlined, the manufacture and use of morphine, cocaine and their respective salts or derivatives, will be effectively limited and regulated exclusively to medical and scientific purposes, and the members requested co-operation among the nations to that end.

A system of license also was suggested for this trade, with the keeping of books and records to assure proper checks. It was proposed that the contracting parties enact laws making it a penal offense to be in legal possession of any of the substances to which the convention applied.

PORTLAND WATCHMAN SLAIN IN DUEL

Marion P. Martin Dead and W. J. McDonald Dying As Result of Revolver Duel at Closset and Devers Coffee Company in Early Morning Hours.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—Marion P. Martin, 55, night watchman at the Closset and Devers company, a coffee and spice concern, was shot and killed early this morning, supposedly by a prowler he surprised in the building. A man giving his name as W. J. McDonald, 23, is in a hospital under police guard, a bullet wound in his back and in a serious condition. Police charge him with the shooting.

McDonald was found four blocks from the scene of the killing by Jasper Ward, another night watchman, police reported. "I'm shot, please call the ambulance," McDonald gasped when he saw Ward.

Officers suspected something was wrong at the Closset and Devers office when Martin failed to check in over a night watchman's box at 3 a. m.

An officer was sent to investigate. He found Martin dead, with two gunshot wounds. His revolver was lying near with all five shells exploded.

Police suspected McDonald of connection with the shooting of Martin after they checked up on a story told by McDonald, who said he had been shot by a watchman in a railroad yard after crawling out of a box car. Two men at the scene denied there had been any shooting there and no box car was found where McDonald said the car had been.

Martin was a veteran of the Spanish-American and World Wars.

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PORTLAND HUSBAND KILLS DIVORCED WIFE AND THEN SHOTS HIMSELF

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—John B. Mooney, 53, was at a hospital here this morning in critical condition from pistol wounds inflicted upon himself last night after he shot and killed his divorced wife, Mrs. Martha Mooney, 48. His recovery was not expected.

ROSEBURG'S TURKEY MKT. DEMORALIZED

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 19.—The Thanksgiving turkey market which opens tomorrow is in the most disorganized state experienced in many years. Local buyers are making no advance prices, but are promising 27 to 28 cents on prime dressed stock, five cents off on old toms, and six cents off on number two birds. Culls bring only 13 1/2 cents. Live prime turkeys are bringing 20 cents.

Bend to Play Seaside

BEND, Ore., Nov. 19.—A Thanksgiving football game with Seaside has been definitely scheduled, according to Superintendent G. W. Ager. The game will be played in Bend.

World Fliers Reach Dayton. DAYTON, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The world fliers arrived at McCook field here at 2:30 p. m. today.

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