

The Weather	
Prediction	Fair
Maximum yesterday	52
Minimum today	25.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	46
Minimum	29

Daily—Nineteenth Year.
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G.O.P. READS OUT "BOB" AND AIDES

Four Senators Divorced From Future Favors—LaFollette, Ladd, Brookhart and Frazier Named—Kansas Senator to Succeed Lodge As Republican Leader.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin and three of his principal supporters in the senate practically were read out of the republican party today at a conference of senate republicans.

Charles Curtis, senator from Kansas, was elected successor to the late Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts as the republican leader in the senate.

Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, was elected vice chairman and party "whip," a post which has been held by Senator Curtis since the republicans gained control of congress in 1918.

The conference adopted a resolution by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania under which Mr. LaFollette, Senators Ladd and Frazier of North Dakota and Brookhart of Iowa will no longer be given republican places on senate committees or invited to attend future party conferences.

Thirty-two of the 51 republicans of the senate attended the conference. Senator Ladd of North Dakota was the only one of the insurgent group present.

Senators Lane of Illinois; Brookhart of Iowa; Frazier of North Dakota and Norris of Nebraska were absent.

Two of the three new senators were present. They were William Butler of Massachusetts, appointed by Governor Cox to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Senator Lodge and Jesse H. Metcalf of Rhode Island, elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Colt.

The resolution was:

"Resolved that it be the sense of the conference that Senators LaFollette, Ladd, Brookhart and Frazier be not invited to future conferences and be not named to fill any republican vacancies on senate committees.

Senator Ladd was the only one of the four senators named in the resolution present at the conference.

Senator LaFollette who was an independent candidate for the presidency, remained at his home.

The resolution will not disturb present committee assignments, republican leaders said, but will serve as an expression of the view of the conference to be considered by the committee on committees, when the question of filling vacancies comes up.

Separate vice votes were taken in each section of the resolution and the majority was overwhelming in each case, with only two or three voices raised in opposition. There were no speeches in opposition, but Senator Harrell, Oklahoma, suggested certain modifications which were disapproved.

Plan to Make St. Patrick's Day 'As Dry' As Can Be

BELFAST, Nov. 28.—The Irish free state may amend the liquor bill so as to make St. Patrick's day "entirely dry," like "Good Friday" and Christmas, according to a Dublin dispatch.

PRESIDENT WILL READ MESSAGE ON WED. DEC. 3

Supply Bills to Come First at Session of Congress—No Extra Session Feared—Labor Board Bill Also Slated for Legislative Fight.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President Coolidge's message to congress will be read Wednesday. It was agreed that the president and republican house leaders, today at a conference between the president and republican house leaders. The plan was made on the understanding that the senate would adjourn Monday until Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Concentration of appropriation bills was agreed upon as the basis of the legislative program for the house at this session of congress at a conference today between President Coolidge and house leaders.

Speaker Gillett, Representative Longworth of Ohio, the republican floor leader and Chairman Snell of the rules committee agreed with the president that attention should be centered first on the supply measures to prevent the necessity for an extension after next March for this reason alone.

Other measures which the house delegation told Mr. Coolidge would come up at this session include the rivers and harbors bill, the public buildings program, the McFadden bill to amend the banking laws, the Lehlbach bill affecting government employees and the constitutional amendment providing for changes in the time of meetings of congress recently passed by the senate.

The house leaders also expect the fight for the Howell Barkley bill providing for abolishment of the railroad labor board to be renewed.

Representative Longworth expressed the belief the house would dispose of three of the eleven appropriation bills before the Christmas recess, making it fairly certain that all of the supply bills would be passed before March 4.

RED REVOLT IN FRANCE FEARED

PARIS, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—France is threatened with a communist revolution, according to a declaration by Cardinal Dubois to be published tomorrow in the Semaine Religieuse, an official Catholic organ.

The cardinal's manifesto, which is circulated throughout France by the Agence Havas, deals with the red demonstration at a ceremony attending the transference to the Pantheon of the ashes of Jean Jaures, the martyred socialist leader.

It continues: "Is victorious France, six years after the war, to be a victim of revolution? One may well fear it if immediately all good citizens do not rise for the honor and safety of the country."

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ORIGIN OF MILL FIRE UNKNOWN, LOSS \$25,000

Rogue Valley Milling Plant Is Gutted By Flames Early Thursday Morning—Estimated Insurance \$19,000—Structure Old Landmark.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the three-story plant of the Rogue Valley Milling company, corner of South Front and East Ninth streets shortly after midnight Wednesday night, causing much excitement and an estimated loss of \$25,000.

E. N. Vilim, who is proprietor and operator of the Rogue Valley Milling company, having some time ago bought out the interests of his brother, and who is being deluged with sympathy by his many friends and business men in general, besides estimating his loss as \$25,000, estimates that he carried insurance of \$19,000.

Of this insurance he states that \$10,000 was on the stock, and \$9,000 on the building and machinery. Of his future plans Mr. Vilim says that at present he has none.

He knew nothing about the fire which had wiped him out of business, temporarily, until Thanksgiving morning, about 7 o'clock, no one having thought to notify him while the building was burning, and later, until that hour.

The fire had gained much headway and the interior of the large building was all in flames when it was first discovered about 12:15 a. m. Thursday, and then promptly reported to the fire department, which was quickly on the job. When the firemen arrived the structure was all ablaze and the roof about ready to fall in.

While they could do nothing in the way of saving the building, yet they played several streams of water on it and at the same time played streams on the nearby dwellings, which for a time were also threatened with destruction—so much so that the families either moved to the fire department, or had prepared to do so.

What made the fire in the mill building so hard to extinguish was its large quantity of stock of finished and unfinished flour, rye of the mill, grain and brand stock. The firemen played streams on it for over five hours.

The building is thoroughly gutted, and its walls are rendered useless. It is regarded as a complete loss. Of the stock it is thought only a small quantity of flour stacked in one corner, and on which the firemen played streams continuously, was saved.

Fortunately an American-France fire pumper, which with its operator, had arrived here Wednesday night for a demonstration to be made today, was available and put into use with its demountable at the fire, and was of very valuable assistance to the firemen, as it enabled them to have heavy pressure all the time.

The destruction of this mill building removes a landmark of many years. It was originally built about 40 years ago as the A. A. Davis mill, it is said. Then it passed into the hands of H. O. Nordwick, who operated it for a time, and then disposed of it to the Vilim Bros. Rogue Valley Milling company. Some time ago E. N. Vilim bought out the interests of his brothers. From time to time since it was built as a substantial structure, the building had undergone alterations and improvements.

OREGON AND O. A. C. TEAMS BOTH LOSE GAMES THURSDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 28.—Multnomah Amateur Athletic club defeated the University of Oregon in their annual Thanksgiving day football game by a score of 6 to 0. Coach Maddock of Oregon started his second team, but after Multnomah scored their touchdown he rushed his regulars into the game.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 28.—Scoring two touchdowns in the final quarter yesterday afternoon, the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers defeated the Oregon Aggies before a large crowd at the Memorial stadium here, 14 to 0.

The Aggies outplayed the Cornhuskers throughout the first half, the Nebraska team failing to make a first down and Tebb's lengthy punts keeping the ball constantly in Nebraska territory.

In the closing half Nebraska's backfield led off 12 first downs. Halfback Locke raced through broken fields for 43 and 34 yards and Bloodgood contributed some brilliant open field running.

Schulmerich, Oregon Aggie back, attempted two place kicks, but both fell short of the mark. Schulmerich and Snyder headed the Oregon attack, while Dickerson, tackle, looked good in the line.

Mill Gutted by Fire



ROGUE RIVER VALLEY MILLING CO. PLANT

HINT MYSTERY POTION CAUSED BANKER'S END

Suicide Theory Advanced in Alhambra, Calif., Tragedy—No Arrests Made—Strand of Woman's Hair Is Clue—No New Evidence Unearthed.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 28.—How William R. Fee, Alhambra and San Gabriel bank president, met his death in the mountains back here remained today as much of a mystery as when his body was found near the Lytle creek canyon, a mile of Miss Mary Watkins, his friend, by a party of searchers last Tuesday.

Fee disappeared Saturday after leaving his own cabin, not far from Miss Watkins' place, on what seemed then a casual errand. Between the time of his disappearance and the hour his body was found, Miss Watkins and three friends held a week-end party at her cabin, two of them, Miss Watkins and Joseph Walker, returning afterward to the cabin the night before Fee was found slain.

None of these four has admitted, however, having seen the banker since Saturday, nor has anyone else been found who saw Fee after he left his own cabin that afternoon.

Though Sheriff W. A. Shay and detectives spent all of yesterday searching the canyon for some clue to the identity of Fee's slayer or slayers, the sheriff announced last night that no new evidence of importance was in his hands and what he possessed was not sufficient to warrant the arrest of anyone so far questioned.

W. H. Hahey, San Gabriel chief of police, who was with the searching party which found Fee's body, went so far as to say that the evidence uncovered to date indicated to him that the banker might, after all, have committed suicide.

"I have never thought that Fee's body was moved after death," Hahey said, referring to the theory that the banker's slayers may have carried his body to the spot where it was found. "It has always seemed possible to me that it was overlooked by the first searching parties. If that is the case, it is possible Fee committed suicide."

"The small skull fracture which led the coroner's jury Wednesday to bring in a verdict of homicide, might have been caused when he fell to the ground after taking some poison, the traces of which have not yet been noted by autopsy surgeons."

Fee, Hahey pointed out, "was a pharmacist long before he was a banker," and may have used an unusual poison, one extremely difficult of detection, to end his life.

At Alhambra today the opening of a safe deposit box at one of the dead man's banks was thought likely to furnish detectives with a new lead in their search for the motive which prompted Fee's slayers, if he was actually slain and did not meet his death by accident or suicide.

Funeral services for the banker will be held at Alhambra tomorrow.

Authorities today were continuing investigations in an effort to determine what significance, if any, could be attached to the finding by investigators of a pair of rubber gloves in the yard of Miss Watkins' cabin. The gloves were well worn and were buried in the yard with garbage. A fern covered the spot.

Sheriff Shay also awaited receipt of a sample of Fee's hair, which will be compared with three of the hairs found in the blood on the handkerchief which was picked up near the spot where Fee's body was found. A fourth strand of hair found clinging to the bloody article is believed to be that of a woman.

GOVERNOR IRKED BY KUBLI PLAN FOR STATE BONDS

Deficiency Appropriation to Pay Interest On Irrigation Bonds Ordered—Mr. Pierce Fears Farmers Will Lose Their Homes.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 28.—The state emergency board today authorized a deficiency appropriation of \$18,516.89 at the request of State Treasurer Myers to meet state obligations on interest guarantees for bond issues of irrigation districts. The deficiency is caused by delinquent taxes in the districts.

The board authorized \$4500 to be applied on salaries for the state hospital for the insane. This was necessitated by an error of the ways and means committee of the 1923 legislature in segregation of amounts appropriated for the hospital. While the hospital will have a surplus of funds amounting to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to turn back to the general fund, this will be from the item of subsistence and general expenses. Heretofore salaries have been included under this head, and had it been done in that way by the ways and means committee there would be no deficiency in the salary item, according to explanations made at the meeting today.

Because of the dire condition in which Oregon irrigation projects have been precipitated, K. K. Kubli today advanced the argument that the state should take over their bonded obligations to save them "from being robbed by grafters." This argument brought down the wrath of Governor Pierce, who declared that such a plan was beyond reason. He declared it would take the homes away from the farmers who are fortunate enough to own homes.

"Go ahead and put it over," said the governor. "You have the power and all you have to do is to get the newspapers behind the scheme. Denton Burdick will be in the saddle this winter and it will be a problem for him to work it out."

NAVY DESERTIONS SHOW INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Naval courts-martial on charges of desertion increased more than 350 per cent in the fiscal year 1924. Rear Admiral J. L. Latimer, the judge advocate general announced today in his annual report. Against a total of 351 cases of desertion listed in 1923, the report showed 1207 in the year ending last June 30.

Admiral Latimer did not comment upon the increase, but it is known that Secretary Wilbur recently ordered an inquiry to determine the underlying causes.

FREEDOM DENIED ACQUITTED SLAYER

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—Petition of Ruth Garrison, 23, acquitted slayer of Mrs. Douglas Storrs, to be brought to Seattle from the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla pending a jury trial to determine her sanity was denied today in superior court by Judge Gilliam for the second time. Attorneys for Miss Garrison said they would appeal to the supreme court.

Masked Bandits Rob Safe in Dempsey's Los Angeles Hotel

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28.—Three masked men early today held up the Hotel Barbara, owned by Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey here, taking \$1629 in cash and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars that had been deposited with the clerk for safekeeping through the night.

Three employees were backed against the wall while the masked men rifled the safe and escaped with the jewels and holiday receipts.

CHILDREN ARE LEFT BULK BY HARDING WILL

Grandchildren Bequeathed a Trust Fund Until 28 Years Old—Old Friends Remembered—Estate Appraised at Half Million.

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 28.—Jeanne and George Neely DeWolf, respectively 15 and 12 years of age, grand children of the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding, were left the bulk of her estate estimated to be in excess of \$500,000, under the terms of her will, filed for probate here today.

They are children of Mrs. Harding's only son, Marshall E. DeWolf, who died 13 years ago in Colorado and from whose father Mrs. Harding obtained a divorce in 1884 before marrying the late president.

The estate after special bequests totalling \$50,000 have been taken, is to be placed in trust for the children until they are 28 years of age; until that time, under the will, they will draw interest from the property. Harry J. Merchant, Marion banker was named trustee.

The children's mother has remarried since the death of their father. Her name now is Mrs. Roscoe D. Mezger, and she lives here with the two children and her husband. Under the will Mrs. Mezger is given \$2000.

Marion friends and retainers of the Harding regime in the White House were substantially remembered. Mrs. Malcolm Jennings of Columbus, a great friend of Mrs. Harding, was given \$5000; Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, at whose sanitarium Mrs. Harding died was left \$10,000. Stenographers at the White House while the Hardings were there, Mrs. Harding's secretary and others were given bequests of from \$500 to \$2000.

Mrs. Harding's will was drawn up on October 14, 1924. In it she elects to accept the appraisement of her husband's estate, which was tentatively placed at \$500,000. No final appraisement has been made public of Mr. Harding's estate.

STOCK PRICES ON ANOTHER RISE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Stock prices surged upward today in a movement which ignored the high call money rate and developed increased velocity as trading progressed. Representative industrial issues led the advance, with United States Steel gaining two points, more than recovering the dividend of \$1.75 a share which was deducted today. More than 50 issues established new maximum prices with numerous gains of three points or more recorded. Sales approximated 2,400,000 shares.

BRASS FOR GOLD IN VETERAN'S TEETH; TRAINED FOR SWORD SWALLOWING ACT

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—(By Associated Press)—The history of veterans hospital projects at Chillicothe, Ohio, American Lake, Wash., and Livermore, Cal., were reviewed by counsel for Charles R. Forbes in completing his address to the federal court jury which will try Forbes and J. W. Thompson on charges of defrauding the United States government on these hospital contracts.

Colonel James S. Easby-Smith, chief counsel for Forbes, referred to many of the alleged overt acts in the government indictment as entirely natural, especially his conference with contractors. Advance notice of plans and specifications for these hospitals to any favored contractor was physically impossible, Colonel Easby-Smith declared, because of the nature of the work in preparing these drawings.

"We expect to show that this entire case is based upon a clearly constructed fabrication by Elias H. Mortimer," Colonel Easby-Smith said. "Mortimer and grew as Mortimer obtained more information from government files and that Mortimer declared 'Forbes could have made me a rich man by giving me contracts, but he wouldn't do it.'"

"Mortimer has already testified before the senate committee that Forbes interfered in his domestic life and alienated the affections of his wife."

Forbes discovered such frauds when he took over the veterans' bureau, his counsel said, as the filling of veterans' teeth with brass instead of gold by grafting dentists and the vocational training school to teach ex-servicemen how to become sword swallowers.

4 EGYPTIAN LEADERS IN DEATH PLOT

Politicians Arrested in Plots to Kill British Officials—Troops at Khartum Meeting—L. of N. Gets Protest On Demands, But No Action Is Taken.

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Twelve more persons were taken into custody this morning, and the police expected to detain 35 in all as a precautionary measure.

Four prominent members of the Egyptian nationalist party, with which former premier Zagloul Pasha is identified, were arrested by the British authorities in Cairo yesterday and later turned over to the Egyptian government. Official quarters in London last night were quoted as declaring that the men arrested, two of whom were members of the Zagloul ministry, were leaders in a conspiracy against British interests.

Following the recent assassination of the sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, it was said, a network of plots has been discovered involving the lives of British officials of all ranks in Egypt.

A Masonic memorial service for the assassinated sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, was held this afternoon. All the recognized lodges here, including the Egyptians, attended without distinction.

Lord Allenby, the British high commissioner, has excused himself from attending the St. Andrews dinner tonight, on account of illness.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The mutiny of the Egyptian troops at Khartum cannot spread sufficiently to endanger the British position in the Sudan, nor is it likely to have any influence against the British there, it was stated by an official this afternoon.

It was pointed out that the battalion at Khartum, constituted the only force of Egyptian troops now left in the Sudan, and that the British military there was strong enough to keep the situation in hand. The battalion in question was to have left Khartum in the wake of the first battalion which moved out of the Sudan yesterday.

The Sudanese troops and people, particularly in the southern part of the territory, have appeared satisfied with the conditions there. It was stated and there has never been any indication of trouble from that quarter.

GENEVA, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The League of Nations today received a protest from the Egyptian senate, condemning Great Britain's recent action in Egypt. The document is couched in terms similar from the Egyptian chamber of deputies, characterizing the British demands for satisfaction for the assassination of Sir Lee Stack, the sirdar, as excessive and iniquitous.

The league also received a letter from M. Hymans, president of the league's council, notifying the secretary-general, Sir Eric Drummond, that Hymans had already received direct from the president of the Egyptian chamber, a copy of the protest distributed by that body to all the world parliaments and to the league.

M. Hymans received the correct text of the message whereas that delivered to the league had a line dropped out at Marseilles, where it was repeated during the telegraphic transmission from Cairo to Geneva.

The corrected text shows that by an extraordinary coincidence, the error effected one of the most important points in the message, namely, an appeal for league intervention, or—

CLUES EXPLODED IN FURNACE TRAGEDY

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 28.—Dr. H. K. Brundage, pathologist, reported to Prosecuting Attorney King today that stains found on a pair of trousers in the home of Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, Wesley suburb, were "not stains of human blood, but of rabbits and that liquid found in an inverted jar lid was not blood."

Dr. Brundage's examinations were made to determine whether the stains were blood from Mrs. Sheatsley, whose body was found partly cremated in the furnace of her home 12 days ago.

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