

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 37.5
Minimum today 34

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum 45
Minimum 29

Daily—Nineteenth Year.
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UNDERWOOD MEASURE IS PASS'D 48-37

General Splitting of Party Lines in Senate Over Leasing of Muscle Shoals—Stanfield for It, McNary Not There—Up to House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The senate today voted to substitute the Underwood bill, providing private operation at Muscle Shoals, for the Norris government operation bill, but left the measure pending subject to amendment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The senate today passed the Underwood bill for the leasing of Muscle Shoals. The vote was 48 to 37.

There was a general splitting of party lines, thirty republican and eighteen democrats voting for the Underwood measure and sixteen republicans, twenty democrats and one farmer-labor voting against it.

The Underwood bill, providing for private leasing of the property then formally was substituted for the measure passed by the house leasing the property to Henry Ford, by a viva voce vote.

Mr. Ford has withdrawn his offer for the property since the house acted. That body must now act again on the subject.

The roll call follows: For the Underwood bill: Republicans—Ball, Bursum, Butler, Cameron, Curtis, Dale, Edge, Fernald, Fess, Hale, Jones, of Washington; Keyes, Ladd, McCormick, McLean, Means, Metcalf, Oddie, Peeler, Phipps, Reed of Pennsylvania; Shortridge, Smoot, Stanfield, Sterling, Wadsworth, Warren, Watson, Weller and Willis—37.

Democrats—Bayard, Broussard, Bruce, Caraway, Dial, Edwards, Fletcher, George, Gorry, Harrison, Heflin, King, Owen, Pittman, Robinson, Shields, Stanley and Underwood—18.

Against the Underwood bill: Republicans—Borah, Brookhart, Capper, Couzens, Cummins, Ernst, Frazier, Gooding, Harrell, Howell, Johnson of California, LaFollette, McKinley, McNary, Norbeck and Norris—16.

The vote was 48 to 37 and many of those who voted believed they were disposing of the problem so far as the senate was concerned. After a long parliamentary wrangle President Cummins ruled the action was merely on substitution for the Norris bill.

Pairs were announced as follows: Spencer, Republican, Missouri, for, with Ralston, Democrat, Indiana, against; Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, for, with Wheeler, Democrat, Mississippi, for, with Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota, against; Senators absent and unpaired were: Elkins, West Virginia, Leuroop, Wisconsin and Greene, Vermont, Republicans, and Reed, Missouri, Democrat.

Democrats—Ashurst, Copeland, Dill, Ferris, Glass, Harris, Jones of New Mexico, Kendrick, McKellar, Mayfield, Neely, Overman, Ramsdell, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Swanson, Trammel Wash of Massachusetts and Walsh of Montana—29.

Farmer-labor, Shipstead—One. Total 37.

Following the vote the senate tied itself into a knot over the question of whether it was merely on substitution for the Norris measure or amounted in fact to adoption. It was pointed out that Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, has pending a substitute for both the Underwood and Norris bills.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 8.—Nelle Wright of Des Moines, Ia., will go on trial before a jury in criminal court probably Monday on a charge of receiving the bank loot of her husband, William Wright, slain robber. It was announced today by District Attorney Robert Marr, who said reports that the case against her would be dismissed were erroneous.

One of the alienists who examined the girl yesterday reported her sane and the district attorney said he would reduce her bond from \$15,000 to \$5000 if anyone offered to provide that.

OLDST SUBSCRIBER QUILTS PAPER BECAUSE CROSS WORD PUZZLES HARD

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 8.—The cross word puzzle craze has cost a local daily newspaper one of its oldest subscribers. A victim of the puzzle fad, he wrote from his home near Garretts, S. D., and declared: "I have taken your paper for 24 years and hitherto have found no fault with it. When you began running cross word puzzles they were very good and possible to work, but lately they have been harder and

harder, and now are almost impossible to solve. Having written you about this matter and received no satisfaction I am compelled to abandon your good newspaper and take another which prints puzzles which can be worked without staying up all night. Inasmuch as I can take only one daily paper and not other crossword puzzles than those I get in newspapers are available I am compelled to find a paper which is satisfactory in this department."

Kid McCoy Sentenced From One to 10 Years New Trial Denied

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—Kid McCoy, ex-prize fighter, convicted of manslaughter here last week for the murder last August of Mrs. Theresa W. Moss, was sentenced today to form one to ten years in San Quentin prison. Superior Judge Charles S. Crail, before passing sentence, denied the defense motion for a new trial which contained charges of 15 counts of error during the trial. The most prominent of the charges was directed at the "compromise verdict" of manslaughter. McCoy was indicted for first degree murder. Attorney H. L. Gelsler, who defended McCoy, announced that he would appeal to the higher courts.

RETRACTION OR LIBEL SUIT IS WORD TO FORD

Dearborn Weekly Charge of Jewish Conspiracy to Turn U. S. Bolsheviki May Bring Action for Million—Co-operative Marketing Bill Basis.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A formal demand for retraction of certain statements Henry Ford's publication, the Dearborns alleged to have been made in born independent, has been made by Aaron Sapiro, counsel for several farmers' co-operative organizations, preliminary to a projected libel suit for \$1,000,000 against Mr. Ford.

The retraction is not made within 30 days, the suit will be filed in Detroit, Mr. Sapiro declared.

In the notice of intention to bring suit the attorney named E. G. Liebold, vice-president and treasurer of the Dearborn Publication company; W. J. Cameron, editor, and the Ford Motor company.

Mr. Sapiro alleged that his name was linked in a series of articles with those of Julius Rosenwald, Otto Kahn, Bernard Baruch, Albert D. Lasker and E. Meyer, Jr., in charging him with participation in an alleged Jewish conspiracy to control American agriculture, "for organizing the farmers of the United States in the interests of communism."

Mr. Ford was accused by Mr. Sapiro of approving "an attempt to destroy my participation in the co-operative marketing movement."

The attorney has been counsel for numerous co-operative associations, notably in California. He was for a time counsel for the American Farm Bureau federation and is attorney for co-operative associations led by Walton Poteet, formerly of Texas, William Settle of Indiana and Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois.

LOVE NOTES CLUE CAMPUS KILLING

HIBBING, Minn., Jan. 8.—Police today had under examination more than a score of letters written in a feminine hand and found in a trunk belonging to Francis X. Bernard, who killed himself after wounding Miss Laura Palmer at Madison, Wis., yesterday.

The letters were signed with different names, police said, but all were in the same handwriting. They found them in Bernard's rooming house last night, but except to say they contained many affectionate phrases, refused to reveal their contents.

Recent letters had been mailed from Madison, Wis., while those of earlier dates included some mailed from Paris.

OFFICIALS URGED AS EXAMPLES

John D. Jr., Calls On President to Present Resolution for Law Enforcement—Act As They Talk Is Plea—Arouse Public Opinion to Aim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Law enforcement was discussed today around the White House breakfast table.

The president's guests were Judge Elbert H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other members of a special committee representing the national citizens committee of one thousand and one law enforcement, which yesterday in New York closed its annual meeting with the adoption of resolutions for presentation to the governors of the various states.

The resolutions required the president and the governors to urge all officials "of every rank and classification, appointive or elective, to join them by precept and personal example, and so far as they may, by active participation in all administration efforts in maintaining among the citizens of our republic the high determination to obey and enforce the law of the land." A second resolution "commends to the people of the United States and particularly to their official representatives the attitude of the president in his obedience to the provisions of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution in the hope that the example of the first citizen of our country may induce those who are now wilfully violating the prohibitory statute to accept his leadership in conduct and endorse in practice the integrity of his fidelity here to the supremacy of law."

Members of the committee in addition to Judge Gary and Mr. Rockefeller, were Robert Fulton Cutting, S. S. Kresge, V. Everit Macy, George A. Plinton, William F. Cochran, Frederick A. Wall, Clifford Barnes, Patrick Henry Callahan and Fred B. Smith, chairman of the national committee.

The resolutions were presented by Judge Gary, who declared enforcement of the prohibitory laws had become a problem largely of arousing public opinion to the obligation of obeying the laws. To meet this need the national citizens committee was organized, he said, adding that the committee was not sending out detectors and was not seeking to halt offenders into court.

Mr. Rockefeller elaborated somewhat on Judge Gary's statement, and short addresses also were made by Mr. Wallis and Mr. Barnes.

The president welcomed receipt of the resolutions and declared his sympathy with the purposes of the national citizens' committee.

HEIR TO FORTUNE STAYS ON JOB

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 8.—Inheritance of a fortune of \$157,000 makes no difference in the life of William Tracey, a young deckhand on a Wilson line steamer plying between this city and Philadelphia, who received a letter yesterday stating a check to his order for \$11,000 had been sent and the balance of the estate remained at his disposal.

The letter, notified Tracey that his father, James J. Tracey, 97 years old, a California fruit grower, had died and left him an estate valued at \$157,000. The young man is the only survivor of the fruit grower, sons having been killed in France during the war. He also was a member of the American expeditionary forces.

Tracey is unmarried and said today that he planned to continue working as a deckhand as long as he could hold his job. The position, he said, pays him \$120 a month, and he is contented and satisfied.

MUSSOLINI POWER IN ITALY WANES

ROME, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—At a plenary meeting of the deputies of the Aventine opposition today it was decided to continue to abstain from parliamentary work as a sign of protest against the fascist government of Premier Mussolini.

The meeting, attended by eighty deputies, also sent out a message to the country violently denouncing the fascist regime and setting forth the reasons of the opposition why the coming elections should not be conducted by the present government.

Fritz Haarman, Hanover Slayer of 30 Youths, and Accomplice, Both Sentenced To Die by Axe



After a trial that aroused all Germany because of the revolting nature of the crimes, Haarman, known as the arch-murderer of Hanover, was sentenced to die by the axe, as was Grantz, his accomplice in various of the murders. Haarman, who calmly told of the brutal manner in which he killed his victims, is shown above at the right, and Grantz at the left.

NO REVISION OF AUTO AND GAS TAXES LIKELY

Interest On Highway Bonds Held First Obligation—High License Explained at State C. of C. Meet—'Brass Tacks' Delegates' Slogan.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Any revision of auto license fees or the state gasoline tax must be made with due consideration of the requirements of the state highway bonded indebtedness, said Secretary of State Koser in his address before the state chamber of commerce. He indicated that the demands in 1925 in meeting this indebtedness will exhaust the income from license and gasoline tax, leaving practically nothing for additional extension or maintenance.

Answering criticism that the Oregon license fees are higher than those of Washington and California, he said that the private property tax in those states equalizes the outlay by owners.

Franklin T. Griffith expressed a belief that Oregon is now on the threshold of the most tremendous industrial development she has ever experienced, but intimated that hydro electric power development will not be the magic key to cheap power that some have predicted, pointing out that the bulk of the cost of power is not in production but in transmission and distribution.

This fact, he held, makes it probable that steam generated power will for a long time compare favorably in cost with hydro-electric power.

President Irving T. Vining appointed a resolutions committee which is to report this afternoon. Automobile legislation, and state funds to aid State Chamber of Commerce work are among subjects to be treated in resolutions.

Each delegate was given a badge bearing the inscription: "It is time to get down to brass tacks."

MEXICO WILL PAY INTEREST ON DEBT

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—The Mexican government is to devote \$42,000,000 this year to payment of interest on its foreign debt, it is shown in the budget of expenditures which have been approved by President Calles after long study.

The approved expenditures for 1925 amount to \$300,000,000 in addition to the \$42,000,000 for payment of interest, representing an economy of \$19,000,000 as compared with expenditures in 1924.

Oregon News in Brief

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Election of officers and adoption of resolutions will close the convention of the Northwest Cannery association here this afternoon, following which the delegates will be entertained at a banquet.

Speakers on the program this afternoon include Preston McKinney, vice president and secretary of the Cannery League of California; Dr. F. F. Fitzgerald of Chicago, and Dr. K. F. Meyer of San Francisco. Discussion of vegetable canning occupied the convention this morning.

Preston McKinney, E. E. Chase of the National Cannery association, and E. H. Sensesch of Portland are to speak at the banquet tonight.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 8.—An unidentified man was killed by a north-bound Southern Pacific train about a quarter of a mile south of Walker at 10:15 o'clock this morning, according to word from Walker today. Details of the accident were lacking.

Coroner W. W. Bramstetter has left for the scene.

NO DECISION YET IN THE DR. ROSS FISH HULLABALOO

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—R. E. Clanton, former state master fish warden and superintendent of hatcheries in here today perusing testimony that was submitted at the hearing given Dr. Thomas Ross some time ago following the attempt by Governor Pierce to oust Ross as a member of the fish commission.

Ross, in his testimony, assailed Clanton, declaring that waste of funds which he formerly had attributed to Carl D. Shoemaker, he had discovered after becoming a member of the commission were due to Clanton's management of the hatcheries.

Clanton said today that he expects to issue a state ment refuting Ross' testimony.

"I was with the commission for fifteen years," said Clanton, "under some of the best commissioners the state has ever had, and I am going to protect my reputation."

The governor has not yet announced his decision as to whether he will remove Ross. When first notified by the governor that he had been removed, Ross refused to quit without a hearing and at the conclusion of the hearing the governor took the case under advisement.

RAIL HEADS STILL PONDER EASTERN OREGON PROJECTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Officials of the Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern railroads are in conference here today to formulate an answer to the report of Examiner Kephart of the interstate commerce commission containing proposed plans for the extension of railroad facilities in central Oregon.

According to Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern and conferee for that system, the reply must be in Washington by January 17 and its contents will not be divulged before the commission has had a chance to examine it.

The report of the examiner suggested certain changes in which his line is not particularly interested," Mr. Budd, so I do not know his details. I understand that it called particularly for a road across the state from the east to the west."

Other conferees are William Spruille, president of the Southern Pacific company; A. C. Spencer, attorney for the Union Pacific and Judge C. H. Carey, representing the Northern Pacific.

Wall Street Report

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Mike Yokel, veteran light heavyweight wrestler of Salt Lake, won two out of three falls from Tom Grant, Spokane, in their match here last night. Yokel won the first and third falls and the second went to Grant.

MILITIA OUSTED BY COURT ORDER

DENVER, Jan. 8.—Judges Charles C. Butler today granted William V. Roberts an injunction to restrain Henry A. Hicks from interfering with him in his discharge of duties as president of the state civil service commission from which office he was forcibly ejected by National Guard officers December 31 following his refusal to vacate in favor of Hicks, an appointee of Governor Sweet.

The injunction gives Roberts possession of the office until further hearing to determine the legality of Sweet's appointment of Hicks.

Hiccoughs for 12 Days; Then Calls Doctor, and Stops

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 8.—For twelve days and nights, S. G. Taylor of Douglas, hiccoughed as regularly as a clock ticks. Last night a few minutes after physicians said he would not live, Taylor stopped hiccoughing as suddenly as he began. He will recover.

CAMPAIGN BOSS NOW ADMITS HE CHANGED VOTES

Therefore Democrat Lost Race—Another Contest Filed in Senate Against Iowa Radical and G. O. P. Deserter Takes Seat—Bursum Files Contest in New Mexico.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—George Reppent, a campaign manager for Representative Nathan Perlman, republican who was re-elected to congress from the fourteenth New York district last November today told District Attorney Banton that he had been hired to change the returns in Perlman's district so as to count out William L. Sirovich, democratic candidate and re-elect Mr. Perlman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A contest of the election of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican, Iowa was filed in the senate today on behalf of Dan F. Steek, his democratic opponent.

The petition was filed by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader. It will go to the senate privileges and elections committee.

Action cannot be taken until the new congress convenes, since under the law each congress is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members. Luther A. Brewer, republican, also has given notice that he would contest Senator Brookhart's election.

Errors and irregularities in counting the ballots in each of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa are charged by Steek.

Notice of another contest came into the senate when a declaration sent by Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico to Senator-elect Samuel Bratton, democrat, was presented by President Cummins. It was ordered filed with the secretary.

LINK ARSON TO BEND MURDER

BEND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Lying in a pool of blood, head cut and crushed, an unidentified man was this morning found dead in his cabin here by firemen in answer to a call. Unofficial identification gives the man a name as Alex Thelin, or Roujeck, Russian, 25 years old, employed as a mill hand at the Shagin-Hixon mill.

The dead man was found just inside the door of his cabin. Lying face downward, the back of his head crushed in, cuts over the left eye and on the left side of the head, with the right ear cut off, lead police to the theory of murder. Police hope for identification today.

Firemen believe the man was assaulted as he entered his house and the establishment then set on fire. His leather clothing was burned. No papers were found on his body.

Resigns, Is Senator

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 8.—Governor Hiram Bingham resigned today less than 24 hours after his inauguration yesterday and was sworn in as United States senator.

NAVY CHIEF SAYS ECONOMY POLICY OF PRESIDENT CHECKS 5-5-3 PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Although he declared the navy department wanted a navy that would be in accord with the 5-5-3 ratio in all down the line, Secretary Wilbur told the house naval committee today that because of the administration's economy policy he could not recommend a gun elevation program nor endorse a pending \$70,000,000 bill for new construction.

Mr. Wilbur declined to make any statement as to whether the American navy, all factors considered, is equal to that of Great Britain, but naval experts had made exhaustive studies which he would be glad to furnish the committee in strict confidence.

Discussing the speed question he declared that after all the mobility of a fleet is determined by its slow vessels and that Great Britain had several capital ships unable to move at high speed.

Pressed for a further statement on gun elevation, the secretary said the navy department had neither the disposition nor the right to ask for an appropriation in violation of the president's financial program. He agreed, however, that elevation of guns would be "a distinct addition to the fighting power of the fleet."

REALTORS ANGRY AT PRESIDENT

War Time Rents to End in Capitol—Sly Tricks to Boost Values Charged—Fear General Rise in Living Costs—War Starts in Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge at the November election was given a four year extension of his lease on the White House, but nevertheless he is having plenty of trouble these days with Washington landlords.

By initiating steps to bring about permanent government regulation of residence rentals in the District of Columbia, Mr. Coolidge, whose own home in Northampton, Mass. is the rented hall of a double house, has brought down upon his head, the wrath of Washington real estate men. The result has been to fill the air here with statements and counter-statements regarding rents, the insertion of half page advertisements in newspapers by the real estate interests and by broadcasting by the realtors of urgent appeals for aid from their associates in other cities.

President Coolidge entered the White House about two weeks ago on the side of the tenants by requesting Richard Whaley, chairman of the District of Columbia rent commission, and a former member of the house from North Carolina to draw up a regulatory bill based on the police power of the federal government to maintain sanitary and moral conditions in the district.

The new legislation requested by the president would take the place of the existing Ball rent act, first passed in 1919 and since twice extended, setting up a commission to determine the rental on application either of the tenant or the owner.

This law enacted as a war emergency, expires next May and since last June has been inoperative by court decision affirming to the contention of the real estate men that the war emergency had ceased to exist.

The president previously had ordered the department of justice to investigate the rental situation in Washington, particularly regarding charges of pyramiding of mortgages and of inflated rentals for the purpose of raising values. In addition to making Chairman Whaley to draft new legislation, the president instructed the department of commerce to make a survey, through the city police of vacant houses and apartments.

When Mr. Whaley completed his bill, he presented it to congress without passing on its merits, but with the request that it be given serious consideration. The bill would create a permanent commission to regulate rents "because of the dangers to public health and burdens to public employees, and to clothes all buildings in the district with a public interest." It also requested a standard form of lease; that the commission promulgate rules governing maintenance and operation of properties and rentals charged in excess of those established by the commission would subject the owner to either both fine and imprisonment.

The position of the president is that the District of Columbia has unique characteristics in that it was set apart for the transaction of the business of the government and that those employed by the government must of necessity live there, and therefore, it is the duty of the government to guarantee that the government employes can live in comfortable circumstances at moderate cost.

The president also holds that the question is of more than local importance on the ground that increased rents would necessitate demand for increased salaries for government employes and this would lead to general wage increases and advances in the cost of living all over the country.