

The Weather

Prediction Cloudy
 Maximum yesterday 69
 Minimum today 37.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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NORMAL BILL DEPENDS ON STATE CASH

Governor Pierce Will Sign Measure if There Is Sufficient Money in Sight—Decision Expected Tomorrow—Many Bills Signed—Several More Vetoed.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 2.—Governor Pierce today signed house bill 428, which authorized the state engineering department to increase the salaries of water masters from \$1800 to \$2700 a year. The act is for special application to Deschutes county as one district and Jackson and Josephine counties as another, where, it is claimed, the work of the water masters is complicated that it is impossible to get anyone to serve for \$1800.

The governor signed house bill 427 relating to exemptions under the inheritance tax law.

The governor vetoed house bills 429 and 430. Both are curative measures, the first designed to cure defects in titles and real property and the other to cure defects in deeds and other instruments. Both were vetoed on advice from the attorney general pointing to an illegal manner in which they were drawn.

Among bills signed by Governor Pierce are:

S. B. 247, by game committee—providing for protection of bear in Crater Lake park.

H. B. 235, by game committee—relating to protection of game birds.

H. B. 405, by Petree—Fishing code.

S. B. 245, by Senators Upton and Burdick—Increasing salaries of Klamath county officials.

S. B. 246, by Eddy for the payment of a reward of \$1000 to captors of Dr. R. M. Brumfield.

Governor Pierce and Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the democratic state central committee, yesterday conferred regarding bills yet to be disposed of. Important among these bills is the one appropriating \$175,000 for the re-opening of the state normal school at Ashland.

If there is sufficient money in sight to meet the demands of the state the governor has indicated that he will sign the normal school bill. Decision is expected tomorrow.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 2.—Governor Pierce today vetoed senate bill 55, which attempted to amend an existing statute and provided for approval of the child welfare commission be required before the commission could val of four-fifths of the members of take any action.

"I think it unfair to require four to name an official or determine the policy of that commission," says the veto message.

The bill was introduced by Senator Corbett.

SENATE IN RIOT AS CLOSING DAY OF SESSION ENDS

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The pre-arrangement jam in congress has swung to its crest today as the session entered its last 48 hours.

As usual the principal crush was in the senate and as soon as that body convened members were on their feet all over the chamber seeking unanimous consent for consideration of pet measures. Objections were immediate and vociferous.

So much disorder resulted that Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, asked that the sergeant-at-arms "be brought into the chamber and kept there until Wednesday noon to maintain order." President Cummins stopped proceedings until semblance of decorum had been restored.

Riot at San Quentin Is Put Down When Guard Kills Convict

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The call received word that shortly before noon today a guard at San Quentin state prison, near here, fired into a group of rioting prisoners and killed one. Wendell Dollar, serving a term for burglary, was the slain man. The shot quelled the disturbance and 25 convicts were placed in dungeons.

THREE KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE GROWS

Eastern Tremblor Severe in Quebec—Congregation Has Narrow Escape When Catholic Church Collapses—Scores of Homes Damaged

QUEBEC, Mar. 2.—Three persons dead, scores of homes damaged by tremor and fire, one church collapsed and general consternation among residents of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay valleys are the known results of the earthquakes of last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

QUEBEC, Mar. 2.—Agent Harvey of the Dominion Express company at Murray Bay today reported that earth shocks were being felt in the Saguenay river district, the latest tremor occurring at eight o'clock this morning. Seismic experts considered this a proof that the Saguenay river was the center of the disturbance.

Tremors were felt all day Saturday and throughout yesterday and last night, continuing, Harvey reported. Several chimneys were shaken down in the Murray Bay district, Harvey said.

QUEBEC, Mar. 2.—The Roman Catholic church at St. Hilarion, sixty miles from here was demolished during the earthquake of Saturday night. It was reported here today by the agent of marine and fisheries at Cape Salmon.

Worshippers who had filled the church a few moments before, left just before the quake so that none was injured.

The edifice was only two years old and was considered one of the finest stone structures in Canada.

BODY OF GERMAN PRESIDENT LIES IN STATE AT HOME

BERLIN, March 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The body of Friedrich Ebert, Germany's first president, who died Saturday, lies in state in his study, which has been left just as it was when his sudden illness overtook him.

The coffin of brown oak rests on a catafalque and over it candles shed their faint glow. The room is draped in black and with the exception of a wreath of white lilacs from the widow and one of mimosa from the children, floral decorations are limited to green plants.

The wreath from Frau Ebert bears a ribbon with the one word "Luise" and that from the children a black, red and gold ribbon with the inscription:

"For our unforgettable father."
 Four soldiers comprise a guard of honor.

20 States Join in Protest.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Twenty northern states joined today in sending a telegram of protest to the governors of western states in whose legislatures are pending bills proposing special taxes on butter substitutes.

MOSEOW, March 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The nobles and landlords are given notice in a decree issued by the council of the people's commissars that they must vacate all their land holdings by January 1, 1926. The edicts completely strip the remaining rights of the members of the old regime and places all property, entirely in the hands of the proletariat.

FLEET SAILS FOR DEFENSE WEST COAST

One of the Greatest Naval Maneuvers in American History Starts in Pacific Off California Coast—Nine Dreadnaughts Steam Out From San Pedro Harbor.

NAVAL BASE, San Pedro, Cal., March 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The United States battle fleet today weighed anchor and slipped out in the Pacific in the role of an enemy invader. Its identity now is the "black fleet." Decks are cleared for action, battle orders are in the hands of all units, radios are silenced and the ships and crews are ready for one of the greatest peace time maneuvers in American history.

The California flagship of Admiral Samuel S. Robison was in the van of the nine sleek dreadnaughts that moved majestically out of the harbor in alignment as perfect as if they were tied together by cables. The West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, Idaho, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma and Nevada followed.

Thirty destroyers under the leadership of their flagship, the cruiser Omaha, were under steam at San Diego to join the battleships at the mobilization point off Coronado Islands. The aircraft tenders Langley, Arconostook and Gannett, the former housing 14 airplanes for use in the maneuvers, likewise were under steam at the southern point.

The main force of the "black fleet" included the flagship Procyon, the repair ship Medusa, the oilers Cuyama and Kanawha, the hospital ship Relief and the mine sweepers Brant, Kingfisher, Partridge and Tern.

This force embarks upon a mission to attack the Pacific fleet at a point off lower California, which will be defended by the "blue fleet." It left the Panama canal several days ago. Its main line force is composed of eight new first line cruisers, the Richmond, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Trenton, Marblehead, Detroit, Raleigh and Concord, the latter being flagship of the destroyer squad.

There are 24 destroyers and a destroyer tender, the Dobbin. Twelve submarines of the "S" class are included with three submarine tenders, the Savannah, Camden and Bushnell. Then there is a mine squadron, three mine layers and four mine sweepers.

NAVAL BASE, SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Fifty-two vessels of the battle fleet today moved to a mobilization point off the Coronado islands from whence will start one of the greatest naval games of strategy ever staged in the Pacific ocean, as the first step in a series of spectacular fleet maneuvers.

More than a hundred fighting ships will participate.

During the ten day maneuver problem the great naval force based here as the strong arm of the United States in the Pacific moves offshore in the role of an enemy fleet. It has become the "black fleet" and its mission is to invade the Pacific coast and establish a base of operations as the first move in a war against the United States.

For the purpose of this problem the strategic base point which this mission seeks has been set in the Pacific ocean at a point off the coast of Lower California.

The "black fleet's" function is to convey a great train of supply ships in order to capture this point and establish therein a stronghold for operations against the United States.

The backbone of the navy's major power, nine great battleships, form the striking power of the "black fleet." These first line dreadnaughts are supported by 30 destroyers under the flag of a first line cruiser, the Omaha, three aircraft tenders and nine of the slow-moving train of supply ships.

This "black fleet" will move out into the Pacific ocean to the west, in order to assume the position of a fleet invading the Pacific coast. Then it will, in battle formation, strike eastward for the point designated in the problem as the objective base.

Meanwhile the defense forces of the Pacific, the scouting fleet which has come from its Atlantic station, is wheeling into position from the Panama canal with orders to seek out and destroy the "black fleet." It is known as the "blue fleet." There are some fifty-eight craft in this defense fleet with first line strength resting in high speed first line cruisers.

GETS LIFE SENTENCE.
 PORTLAND, Ore., March 2.—John R. Mooney, convicted last week of second degree murder of his former wife, Mrs. Martha K. French, was sentenced to life in the penitentiary today by Circuit Judge Tucker. Mooney wounded himself after Mrs. French was shot to death November 18, and he was for some time close to death.

Milk Delivered to Home of Heirs to \$4,000,000 Hotaling Estate Alleged To Have Been Poisoned



Above are shown Frederick C. Hotaling and his mother, Mrs. Lavinia J. Hotaling, heirs to the \$4,000,000 estate left by the late A. P. Hotaling. The photograph was made in San Francisco.

LA GRANDE MAN BUYS LEASE ON HOTEL HOLLAND

The lease, equipment and good will of the Hotel Holland has been sold by Mrs. H. C. Smith to Ben Declous of La Grande.

Mr. Declous has been in the hotel and catering business for over 12 years and recently sold the New Sommers hotel in La Grande and also owns the Savoy Hotel, La Grande. He is known as a very successful hotel operator and caterer and is a member of the Oregon State Hotel association. He is well liked among the commercial men as well as by the traveling public and enjoys a very good following and acquaintance, which no doubt should prove a valuable asset in the operation of the Holland Hotel at Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Declous have been in Medford about a week and are very much impressed with the future possibilities of Medford.

The sale of the Hotel Holland has been consummated with the assistance of J. H. Schmidt, hotel broker and manager of the brokerage department of the Pacific Northwest Hotel News of Portland and officer of the Oregon State Hotel association, thru which Mr. Declous disposed of the New Sommers hotel February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Declous are accompanied by their 3 1/2 year old daughter Virginia May. They are planning a short visit to California and then return to La Grande where they have various other real estate holdings as well as the Savoy Hotel which they expect to leave in charge of a competent manager.

April 1st is the date when the Holland Hotel will change hands and Mr. and Mrs. Declous take active charge and make their permanent home in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith have operated the hotel for four years and Mrs. Smith has had active charge of the past year owing to the illness and death recently of Mr. Smith. She has not decided what she will do but will probably remain in Medford.

The Holland Grill was not included in the deal.

The Westerlund estate still retains the ownership of the hotel building and the adjoining building in which the grill is located.

The Hotel Holland was built in 1912, has four stories and a basement, is a modern concrete structure which has 60 rooms.

Offers to Sacrifice Himself to a Test Of Airplane Bombs

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The house aircraft committee today received an offer from Dr. D. M. Ferguson of San Diego, Cal., to stay on board a ship to observe the effect of aerial bombing, should a new series of tests be arranged as suggested by General Mitchell.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The house aircraft committee today received a report of which it is said no ordnance, Mr. Ferguson wrote, "I have no relatives."

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds Dry Search Without a Warrant

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Prohibition enforcement agents can lawfully stop and search an automobile without a warrant, the supreme court decided today in a case from Michigan.

The decision, which upheld the ruling of the lower courts, was on an appeal brought by George Carroll and John Kiro.

HUGHES' VISIONS PAN AMERICAN PEACE BY LAW

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Secretary Hughes, appearing today for the last time as chairman of the governing board of the Pan-American union, presented to it 31 projects, drawn up by the American Institute of International Law for the codification of international law as affecting this hemisphere. The projects will be transmitted by the members of the board to their respective governments and will form the basis of discussions at the forthcoming convention of jurists in Rio Janeiro.

Secretary Hughes asserting the projects mark a definite step toward the formulation of an "American international law," declared that "thanks to American initiative, we are on the threshold of accomplishment in the most important endeavor of the human race to lift itself out of the savagery of strife and into the domain of law, breathing the spirit of amity and justice."

The 31 projects were detailed by the secretary as embracing a declaration of the rights of nations, statements of the fundamental basis of international law and the fundamental rights of the American republics and the formulation of rules with respect to jurisdiction, international rights and duties and the pacific settlement of international disputes.

"It is significant that the executive committee of the American Institute of International Law has stated that their projects relate to the law of peace. Their members were a unit in declaring that the law of war should find no place in the relations of the American republics. We have dedicated ourselves to the law of peace. Fortunately, we have no grievances which could furnish any just grounds for war."

"If we respect each others' rights, as we intend to do, if we co-operate in friendly efforts to promote our common prosperity as it will be our privilege to do, there will be no such grievances in the future."

"There are no differences now and there should be none which do not lend themselves readily to the amicable adjustment of nations bent on maintaining friendship."

"I believe that this day, with the submission of concrete proposals which take the question of the development of international law out of mere amiable aspiration, marks a definite step in the progress of civilization and the promotion of peace, and for that reason, will long be remembered."

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The state of Washington cannot refuse to grant licenses for the operation of interstate motor transportation over that part of the Pacific highway within its borders, the supreme court held today in a case brought by A. J. Buck against the director of public works in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—States cannot refuse to permit motor vehicles for hire as common carriers in interstate commerce to use its highways, it was held today by the supreme court.

The decision was a defeat for Maryland in a case brought by George W. Bush and Sons company, who as common carriers had been refused the permit to operate motor vehicles for hire over the state roads in interstate commerce.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The supreme court held today that the state of New Jersey already had given its consent to construction of a Jersey Central railroad bridge over Newark bay. The opinion was in a proceeding by which New Jersey and the cities of Newark and Jersey City sought to prevent construction of the bridge.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—A supreme court review was denied today in the Gary conspiracy case.

FISK DENIES BATTLESHIP IS OBSOLETE

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The house aircraft committee today voted to close its aircraft investigation immediately.

Holding that the field of the investigation had been covered the committee decided to use the time remaining before the adjournment of congress in going over its record.

U. S. Admiral Takes Issue With Sims, But Admits He Would Prefer 1000 Airplanes to One Battleship—Claims No One Knows What Value Airplane Will Be.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—(By Associated Press)—Admiral Fiske told the naval investigating committee today he could not agree with the recent testimony by Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, that the battleship had become obsolete.

"The battleship is not obsolete," Admiral Fiske said. "It is not even obsolete."

The admiral admitted that he agreed with the navy general board on practically every position it has taken. Aircraft fits in, he added, with other elements of naval warfare, such as the submarine. He opposed unification of the air services.

"I think air power of great importance," he continued, "and I do not think we can spend too much money in developing it. Air power has great possibilities. It is a new field, but how far it will go no one knows."

Asked whether he thought the navy air service was functioning properly, he replied:

"No, but because it hasn't enough money. It has done pretty well under the conditions it has had to face. I personally think we are weaker in aeronautics than in anything else."

Admiral Fiske conceded that the airplane had tended to keep battleship activities further off shore but added the submarine had done the same.

"Which would you take," asked Representative Reid, republican Illinois, "one battleship costing \$45,000,000, or a thousand airplanes for defense?"

"The airplanes," replied Fiske.

COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT FEASIBLE, COST \$193,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A conclusion that the proposed immense Columbia basin project in Washington and Oregon physically is feasible and that attention should be focused upon the factors which will determine its financial feasibility, was contained in a report of a special board of engineers made public yesterday by the interior department.

The total cost of the favored plan is estimated at \$193,359,535, and the initial expenditure to irrigate the first lands at \$54,000,000.

Listing five basic irrigation schemes under consideration the engineers declared the most desirable one involved 1,224,000 acres, 80 per cent of which is class A land, and utilizing both the Spokane river and the Pend O'Reille river for the water supply.

The engineers' findings are being studied by the Columbia basin project commission composed of Elwood Meads and Francis M. Goodwin. The latter's final report will be submitted to Secretary Work who will forward it to congress if it meets with his approval.

Congress Wants Shoals Probe

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—By an overwhelming vote the house today adopted a resolution declaring its "sense" that President Coolidge should appoint a commission to study the Muscle Shoals problem.

ARTIST J. M. FLAGG GETS HONORABLE MENTION FOR BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

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MRS. PIERCE BETTER, BUT CAN'T RECOVER

SALEM, Ore., March 2.—The condition of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of Governor Pierce, was somewhat improved this morning and she was able to take light nourishment. Physicians, however, have given up hope for her recovery.

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The Noted Dead

NEW YORK, March 2.—Mrs. Anne Allen, sister of the late James Lane Allen, novelist, died today at her home in Manhattan. She was the last surviving member of the immediate family of the novelist who died two weeks ago. She was 81 years of age and had been ill for six months. She was never told of the death of her brother, because her friends feared the announcement would be fatal to her. One of her last requests was that her brother be not told how she had suffered during the last weeks of her illness.

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