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| Prediction | Unsettled |
| Probable Rain | |
| Maximum yesterday | 54 |
| Minimum today | 41 |
| Precipitation | .16 |

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

| Weather Year Ago | |
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| Maximum | 60 |
| Minimum | 30 |

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-fourth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1925

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JUDGE TOLD WIDOW TO ALTER FACTS

Mrs. Lansdowne Tells Her Story of Coercion By Capt. Foley, Former Judge Advocate of Inquiry Into Shenandoah Disaster—Her Lawyer Is Ejected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(A. P.) Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne told the Shenandoah court today that she had not used the expression "false testimony," in describing in a newspaper interview the efforts she said were made to guide her testimony before the court.

After once refusing to testify because her attorney had been excluded from the court room by a marine guard, she reversed her decision and said that what she had charged was that Captain Paul Foley, formerly the court's judge advocate, sought to have her "twist the facts."

Her lawyer, Joseph Davies, had been ejected after the court had ruled his plea that even though she occupied no status in the court except that of a witness, the widow of the commander of the Shenandoah was entitled to counsel.

As soon as she took the stand, Judge Advocate Leonard objected to Mrs. Lansdowne reading a memorandum.

"I respectfully decline to testify," she replied.

"And now, I advise the witness that she should not testify," said Davies.

A marine, under orders then led the attorney from the room.

The judge advocate declined to excuse the witness, however, and went on with his questioning.

Statement Explained

"Did you make the statement attributed to you in the article?" he asked, presenting a story distributed by the Universal Service, quoting her as saying that Captain Foley had sought to have her give false testimony.

"I did not make all of the statement," Mrs. Lansdowne replied. "I did not use the expression 'false testimony.' What I said was an attempt had been made to make me twist the facts."

Mrs. Lansdowne pointed out several things in the story which she said were not strictly accurate. Previously the author of the article, Charles B. Farmer, had testified that Mrs. Lansdowne had made "all the statements he attributed to her, and in that language."

Describing Captain Foley's visit to her before she appeared in court the first time, Mrs. Lansdowne said that those present included Mrs. Foley and Dr. and Mrs. William B. Mason, an uncle and aunt.

"The first half hour was taken up with social conversation," she said. "I got very bored and finally said: 'Well, Captain Foley, what's the court going to do with me?' He replied, 'What are you going to do to the court?'"

Wanted a Rehearsal

"I told Captain Foley I preferred to tell the court what I had to say. He said, 'yes, but let's rehearse it now. What's on your mind? What's the object of your appearance?'"

"I answered the object was to lay emphasis on the fact that the court had evaded what I regarded as an important matter; that the official correspondence sustained my statement immediately after the accident and this had been stated over."

Captain Foley told her, she said, that the court was not to question her; that she merely was to make a statement.

"My uncle said: 'Captain Foley, I think that is fair enough,'" she continued. Then she said, her uncle excused himself and went into the hall, hobbled to her to follow him and said to her: "Don't tell him a damned thing. He is not here for your good."

Mrs. Lansdowne said Captain Foley argued with her against her saying

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American Reds Form Schools to Make Bolsheviks

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—The Minneapolis Journal says today a school in communism, which every communist is required to attend, will open here tomorrow "to combat the effect of American education week," being observed in the public schools of this country.

The plans for the school, according to the newspaper, include advanced courses in public speaking, English and mathematics to aid foreign speaking members to develop into more useful workers.

The paper declares schools are being set up in other parts of the country.

8 U. S. SAILERS DROWNED WHEN BOAT CAPSIZES

Tragedy Overtakes Crew of U. S. Coast Guard Cutter En Route From Detroit to Boston, Mass.—Sole Survivor Tells Story.

SHELburne, N. S., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—The bodies of all the eight American coast guardsmen attached to the cutter Morrill, who were drowned in the storm-tossed waters of Shelburne Harbor last night were recovered along the shore today.

SHELburne, N. S., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Eight men—possibly nine—of the crew of the United States coast guard cutter, Morrill, were drowned in the harbor here early last night when a sailboat in which they were returning to the cutter after leave on shore, capsized during a heavy blow and in turbulent water. Only one man, in the boat was saved. He is C. Taylor, engineer, second class, who swam ashore through the icy waters after the boat had drifted close to the rocks.

Those known to have perished are: Warrant Paymaster Kingsbury, Warrant Boatswain Lungen, Coxswain I. J. Brackett, Chief Yeoman H. M. McMurdo, Chief Boatswain's Mate J. R. Shea, Cabin Steward H. K. Wilson, Seaman Saultsick, Seaman Diver.

Taylor was exhausted and nearly crazed by his experience and the loss of his shipmates. He gave the names of the men who, one by one, he had seen lose their hold on the upturned craft and drop to their deaths into the cold water amid the darkness of night. The last man to take his death plunge slipped off the 20-foot craft just as Taylor started his swim from the hull to the shore.

The Morrill, which is bound from Detroit for Boston where she is to take up a post in the prohibition enforcement fleet, was at anchor off Sandy Point, five miles distant from Shelburne. After a day ashore, the sailors went aboard the sailboat.

All went well until about two and one-half miles had been covered. Then a squall sent the boat on her beam end. Later she tipped over sideways. The men worked strenuously to cut the rigging and right the boat but the craft capsized. It was 6:30 o'clock when the accident occurred and it was nine o'clock when the drifting craft had reached a point fifty yards off-shore from which Taylor made his swim to safety.

After attracting aid and receiving medical attention, he revealed the disaster.

When the men had been thrown into the water, five reached the slippery keel on the upturned craft and clung to it. Others held on to the edges of the boat. Waves constantly swept the boat. One by one, Taylor's mates lost their holds and disappeared in the darkness. No bodies had been recovered today.

MITCHELL CONTINUES VICTORIOUS

Court Martial Again Decides in Favor of U. S. Air Critic and Defense Testimony Is Allowed to Proceed—Reed Expects to Close Case Next Week.

Loses Divorce Appeal.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Colonel William Mitchell, being tried by a court martial in connection with his criticism of the nation's air service, must pay \$2000 a year more toward the support of his three children.

The Wisconsin supreme court ruled today. The court affirmed without opinion an order granted by his former wife, Caroline S. Mitchell, increasing the allowance from \$4800 to \$6800 a year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Resuming its sessions today after a three-day recess, the court martial trying Colonel William Mitchell, heard new witnesses summoned by the defense to support the charges the air crusader made against war and navy administration of aeronautics.

At the request of Colonel Sherman Moreland, trial judge advocate, Major Francis E. Moody, of the staff, and Major Allen Gullion, of the judge advocate general's office, were detailed by assistant trial judge advocates to assist in the cross-examination.

At the outset of today's session Colonel Blanton Winship, law member of the court, informed defense and prosecution counsel that he had been instructed by the court to ask for a determination whether the line of evidence being pursued by the defense was admissible.

"It ought to be decided," Colonel Winship said, "whether this evidence is for the purpose of a complete defense or only of extenuation or mitigation."

Representative Frank R. Reid, counsel for Mitchell, said he expected the defense would "close the bulk of its case by the middle of next week," and the question should be passed over until that time. Colonel Moreland responded that the prosecution was willing either to wait for a decision or argue the question at once.

The court retired for private consultations and when it returned Major General Robert L. Howze, its president, made this cryptic announcement: "The case will proceed."

Thus the question, which several times before had been on the verge of a decision, went unanswered.

MAY CALL PONZI FROM FLORIDA TO SERVE TERM

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Charles Ponzi, financial "wizard," who is now in Florida with the announced intention of recouping in real estate a fortune lost when his international postal reply coupon bubble burst, may be summarily ordered back to Boston to begin a sentence of from seven to nine years in state prison as a common thief.

A hearing will be held tomorrow in the county court here on a motion of Assistant District Attorney Caro, which asks that a stay of sentence granted Ponzi after his trial here last June, pending filing of his exceptions to the supreme court, be vacated and the sentence become operative forthwith.

Ponzi is now at liberty on bail of \$10,000 and has announced that with the first \$2,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 he hopes to realize in Florida real estate deals, he will repay his Massachusetts creditors. He has served a federal sentence for using the mails to defraud.

MORE U. S. GOVERNMENT TIMBER IN STATE SOLD

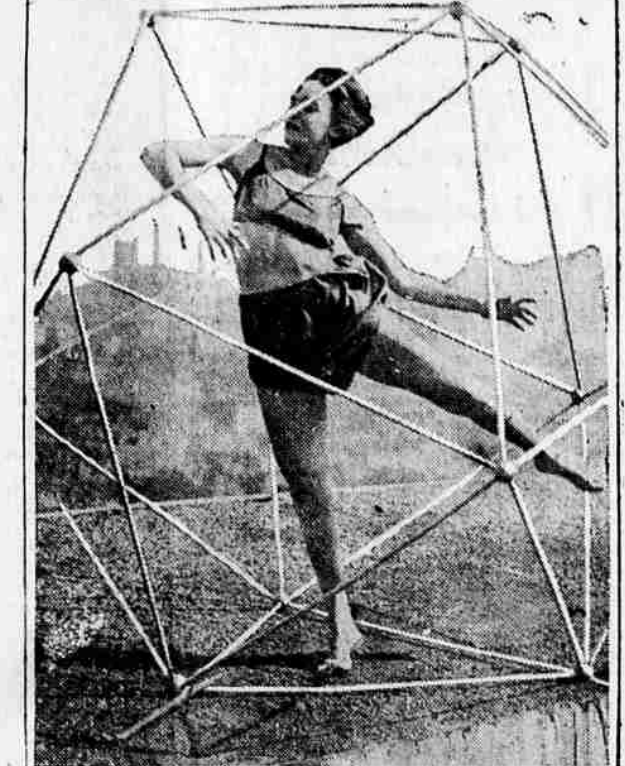
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—More than 11,000,000 feet of government timber was sold to the highest bidder yesterday at the United States land office here, for a total of \$12,472,322. The buyers, locations of the timber and amounts paid follow: J. E. Keith, Marion county, \$4,358,790; E. J. Sherman, Washington county, \$3,344,776; J. H. Volz, Multnomah county, \$2,796,584, and L. Adams, Clackamas county, \$1,673,344.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Stock prices displayed a complete reversal of form today, opening heavy and running off one to six points during the morning as selling pressure was renewed against the entire list and then rallying strong in the early afternoon. Early selling, which originated largely with bear traders and was particularly heavy among the motes was inspired by the raising of the Cleveland federal reserve rediscount and a higher renewal rate for call money. The subsequent rally was led by the VanSweringen railroad issues in apparent anticipation of an early and favorable decision on the "Nickle Plate" merger. "Nickle plate" common jumped six points and the certificates soared 17. Commercial "A's" moved up nearly nine points and United States Rubber common, Fiske Rubber, first preferred, and American Ice sold four points above last night's closing quotations. The closing was strong. Chrysler rebounded almost ten points and gains of four to six points embraced Foundation company, General Electric, Mack Truck, Hudson Motors and American Brake Shoe and Foundry. Sales approximated 2,100,000 shares.

NEW YORK, (A. P.)—The grant of aid to civilization in East Africa is a vehicle made in Detroit, in the opinion of the Rev. H. A. R. Phillip, a returning missionary.

Machine Teaches Dancing



Miss Inna Ote, noted Viennese dancer, in U. S. for tour, is inventor of new apparatus for training girls to dance gracefully and rhythmically. Arms of the device can be adjusted so that a particular dance can be taught. She is seen demonstrating it.

"AL" JOLSON IS EXONERATED AS NEGRESS SHIEK

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Al Jolson, blackfaced comedian, took the witness stand today at the trial of Leonard Kip Rhineclander's annulment suit against his wife, Alice Beatrice Rhineclander, part negress, and denied that he had ever seen her at a summer resort in 1922, as she had represented in a letter to Rhineclander.

Jolson took the stand in the midst of the cross-examination of young Rhineclander at the request of Isaac N. Mills, the plaintiff's attorney. Jolson denied that he had been in Paul Smith's, New York, in the Adirondack mountains, at the time that Alice wrote Leonard she had met him and found him "some flirt with the girls."

"I never in my life even saw either the defendant or the plaintiff," said Jolson. "I was in Atlantic City at the time she wrote she saw me. I've had enough trouble about this already. My wife doesn't talk to me. Now maybe I'll be able to eat breakfast at home tomorrow."

The crowded court room burst into laughter. Lee Parsons Davis, Mrs. Rhineclander's attorney, explained that a letter's reference to Jolson was really to another man who had been "nicknamed Al Jolson," because of his wit.

Jolson then left the stand to permit resumption of young Rhineclander's cross-examination.

"Every time I walk from my dressing room," he said, with a smile, "the orchestra plays, 'Alice Where Art Thou?'"

Viscount Cecil Gives Prize Money for a L. of N. Golf Course

GENEVA, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Employees of the league of nations at Geneva are going to have golf links and tennis courts. For this purpose Viscount Cecil has given one-fifth of a \$25,000 prize he received from the Woodrow Wilson foundation.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Theft of \$100,000 in Liberty bonds and \$800 in currency was reported to Pasadena police today by John H. Osborne, wealthy Los Angeles businessman, who is a guest at the Hotel Maryland here.

Osborne, president of the Osborne and Fitzpatrick (trust) company who recently was convicted of embezzlement in connection with the promotion of Valhalla Memorial park, a cemetery project, said that he arrived in Pasadena from New York yesterday, accompanied by Jack Gordon, also known as Fred Whitaker, as a companion and valet.

He told the police that upon returning to his room from the bathroom he discovered the loss of his money and bonds, which he had carried in a coat pocket. Gordon, or Whitaker, has not been seen since.

NEUNER ANNOUNCES BYNON'S SUCCESSOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Joseph Helgeson, now in his second elective term as prosecuting attorney for Polk county, has been appointed assistant federal prosecutor to succeed Allan Bynon, who will resign January 1 to enter private practice. United States District Attorney George Neuner today announced Helgeson's acceptance of the appointment.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Maria Campbell Smith, first white child to be born in Salem, died yesterday at the home of her brother-in-law, F. W. Latham, aged 84. She had been ill two weeks.

Her parents, Mrs. Hamilton W. Bidle, came from New York to Oregon by sailing around Cap Horn in 1839-40. They settled in Salem with the colony of missionaries founded by the Rev. Jason Lee. Mrs. Smith was born in 1841.

Enrique Gets a Job

NEW YORK, (A. P.)—The home of Mrs. Helen Gould Sheppard is guarded nightly by a special policeman who has been recognized by other Russian refugees as Colonel Martynoff, once one of the czar's army and chief of police of Moscow.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 17.—J. A. Bumble, 84, Wallawa county pioneer and veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Joseph, Ore., early today. He was born in Washington county, Iowa, in 1842, and came to Joseph in 1886. He was appointed United States commissioner in 1895. He served on a commission which separated Wallawa county from Union county. He also served as postmaster at Joseph and as a councilman. During the Civil war he was a member of the Fourth Iowa cavalry, Company D. He enlisted in 1861.

A New Dollar a Year Plan

GENOA.—Merchants are campaigning for dollar a year contributions from citizens to help Italy pay its war debt to the United States.

Russian Princess Burned to Death When Gloves Ignite

GROSSWARDEIN, Hungary, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Princess Ghika, wife of an adjutant of former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, was burned to death today while cleaning a pair of gloves. Using benzine, she stood close to a fire and the gloves ignited. With her hands and face and beautiful long hair aflame she ran, a living torch, to her husband's room, where a blanket was thrown over her. Aid was too late, however, and she died in a few minutes after intense suffering.

She was formerly the Russian Princess Rowowa and was 23 years old.

TROOPS CALLED OUT TO QUELL KENTUCKY WAR

Republican Victory in Hill Town of Kentucky Leads to Murder of Sheriff—Slayer Barricades Himself in Bank As Friends Arm.

HAZARD, Ky., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Leaving here at six a. m. with 24 men Captain James W. Wooten, 148th Infantry, Kentucky National Guard, is expected to arrive late today at Hyden, seat of Leslie county, in the mountain hinterland of Kentucky to which no roads lead, to disperse a mob reported to be seeking the slayer of Sheriff Joe Morgan, killed Saturday.

Dave Steel, accused of the slaying, is reported to be barricaded in the Citizen's bank at Hyden while friends of the dead man march up and down the streets, equally well armed uttering threats of vengeance if they capture Steel. The slayer would surrender, it is declared, if he felt he would be given protection, but if not he would fall into the hands of the mob.

The slaying is said to have been the outcome of an election for the successor of the man later slain, Morgan's wife having been defeated by two votes.

"Look me square in the eye," Morgan is said to have greeted Steel Saturday, the shooting following immediately. They had come to talk over differences in regard to the election. Almost as the sheriff fell, his feudist faction began arming. Steel partisans immediately following suit.

A wild ride by County Judge Jason Coomb to this place to inform Governor William J. Fields of the disorder, were immediate consequences. No further communication has come to this place from the scene of the trouble, where, it is declared, hundreds of armed men are preparing for a pitched battle.

Steel, accused of the slaying is an influential lumberman of eastern Kentucky.

Morgan's wife attempted to succeed him but was defeated by her republican opponent C. W. Reeves by two votes and Steel was one of the election officers who refused to count votes for Mrs. Morgan on the ground that the ballot was "spoiled," and was charged by the candidate's husband with illegally bringing about her defeat. He was preparing to contest the election when he met Steel and was killed.

Former Sheriff J. F. Haggard resigned when a band of armed men rode into Hyden and shot up the courthouse. So far as has been learned there was no bloodshed since Morgan's death.

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CHRISTIANS ARMED FOR A HOLY WAR

Situation in Syria Becomes Serious Again—French Arm Christian Civilians and Launch Taxi Offensive—Americans Warned to Remain Indoors.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—A dispatch from Beirut to the Evening News says that all automobiles in the city have been commandeered for conveying several thousand French troops to South Lebanon, the region southwest of Damascus, where an important situation is developing.

BEIRUT, Syria, Nov. 17.—A definite revolutionary movement appears to be developing from the hitherto sporadic outbreaks against the French. The Druse leaders accuse the French authorities of trying to foment a religious war.

Europeans here condemn the alleged action of the French in arming Christian civilians along the Mediterranean coast and sending them inland to oppose the Druse advance, as tending to inflame old religious prejudices.

(The Druses as a religious sect are neither Christian nor Mohammedan, but acknowledge only the name Muhammad, or Unitarians. They are very warlike and have engaged in bloody conflicts with their Christian neighbors, the Maronites. There have been reports recently that they were being joined by the Moslems in their revolt against the French.)

Moslem leaders say they have given strict orders for their people not to molest Christians, but insist they are unable to guarantee such protection unless the French discontinue their practice of arming volunteers.

The Imams or Moslem priests, were hoisted in the mosques when they urged the worshippers to remain loyal to the French.

Messages from Sidon say that a high French official is touring the hinterland urging the Christians, who are mostly Maronites and of the Greek orthodox faith, to march against the Druses, whose strength is growing daily. This resistance, the messages say, is believed to be responsible for the raiding and burning of Christian villages.

The Druse method is said to permit towns or villages to remain neutral, provided they pay tribute in cash or rifles; if they resist, the torch is applied. This is said to have been the fate of Kawaba, Jeddeid, and Nebetlah.

The insurgents whose strength is estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000 have established headquarters at Husebaya, 26 miles west of Damascus.

The French have received only 1000 troops in reinforcements in the last fortnight and there is considerable nervousness in the foreign colonies, especially among the Italians, who are anxious to have their warships, now at Rhodes, come here.

People continue to arrive in Beirut from Damascus where another uprising is feared. The American consul has notified naturalized Americans that owing to the unsettled conditions in the interior, it would be best for them to leave for the coast towns.

Americans have been counselled to remain indoors in case of an uprising, until bluejackets can escort them to the American college.

Binger Hermann Operated On.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Binger Hermann, of Roseburg, Oregon pioneer and formerly prominent in state politics, is at St. Vincent's hospital here following a surgical operation. It was announced at the hospital that he was doing well today after a restful night.

GIRL COUSIN OF PRESIDENT HARDING RETURNS FROM MOVIE HIKE TO VIRGINIA

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Thoughts of navy sweethearts, a movie that invoked them and a \$20 bill carried Isabella Bennett, 15-year-old second cousin of the late President Harding, and her chum, Sarah Cohen, 16, into three days of romantic adventure on the highways—and Isabella penitently homeward again to New York.

Bare chance—in the person of Mrs. Harriet Stokes, a traveler's aid worker—frustrated the venture in the end after a nation-wide search had been made for the girls, but not until their last nickels had established telephone contact here with the objectives of the journey—Chief Petty Officer A. L. Regan and Seaman William E. Blackwell.

Miss Bennett, a little weary from two sleepless nights and the various modes of travel it took to get here, left for New York last night, eager for familiar scenes again, but her companion has disclosed a more serious purpose. She wired her parents last night for permission to marry Seaman Blackwell, whose enlistment expires Saturday, and is waiting for the answer. Because of her age, parental permission is required under the state laws.

JANITORS BOY OBJECTS TO BEING HERO OF GIRL PRODIGY'S LOVE POEM

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Red-haired, freckle-faced Roger Jackson, the janitor's boy of 12-year-old Nathalia Crane's internationally famous poem, protests that he isn't in love with Brooklyn's child poetess, but the fellows have been kidding him about it.

After doubts had been raised as to the true authorship of the poem a reunion was arranged between the two children, who haven't lived in the same apartment house for two years.

"You were the father of my dolls, my husband, I suppose," the poem sang of Roster, when he was nine and she was half-past eight.

"It said I was in love with her, didn't it?" asked Roger when asked about the poem. "Everybody was kidding me about it. Gosh, it used to get my goat."

He says he doesn't play with girls any more.

He doesn't agree with Edward Markham as to Nathalia's ability. "Gee!" he said after talking with her. "Natty's about a foot taller than she used to be. Prettier, too. We played together a lot. I didn't know she wrote poetry then, but I bet she could though. She's smart."