

The Weather
 Prediction Generally fair
 Cooler tonight
 Maximum yesterday 47.5
 Minimum today 36

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 50
 Minimum 26

Daily—Twenty-four hours.
 Weekly—Fifty-four hours.

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R. R. BANDIT IS PARDONED BY COOLIDGE

Sentence of Gerald Chapman for Mail Robbery Commuted By Executive Order—Action Clears Way for Execution of Notorious Slayer—Defense Plans New Move.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Gerald Chapman, mail robber and murderer, will be relieved from death sentence set for December 3, until March 3, 1926, by Governor Trumbull, probably tonight, by agreement reached between State's Attorney Alcorn and Joseph Freeman of counsel for Chapman.

The date was agreed upon at a conference this afternoon and the necessary papers to be offered the governor prepared. Meaning legal points to be raised in new angles in the Chapman case based upon the writ of habeas corpus and the refusal of Chapman to accept a commutation of sentence as a mail robber will be taken to the United States supreme court.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Gerald Chapman has informed his counsel that he will not accept presidential commutation of his sentence.

It is understood, in absence of an official statement, that the commutation of Chapman's federal prison sentence will be the state's answer to the writ of habeas corpus served on Warden Scott late yesterday, ordering him to produce Chapman before Federal Judge Thomas in court at the state prison next Monday.

Following action at the state prison State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn admitted the order of commutation had been signed by President Coolidge Monday evening after a formal request for such action had been made by him. The request was in the nature of a communication from the state's attorney to the president in which the desires of the state of Connecticut were set forth and the executive order was immediately signed.

The request of Mr. Alcorn had the approval of Attorney General Sargent, who had given the case his personal attention.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Department of justice officials here expect Gerald Chapman's attorneys to fight through the courts the question of whether he is compelled to accept the commutation of federal sentence signed by President Coolidge.

The department holds that there is no law to oblige the government to keep custody of a person whose sentence has been commuted, but nevertheless it was said today that courts would have to pass upon it at the instance of the Chapman defense.

No comment was made either at the White House or the attorney general's office on the action of commutation itself.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—The federal sentence of Gerald Chapman has been commuted by President Coolidge. The executive order terminating the sentence of twenty-five years imposed in federal court at New York for the robbery of a mail truck was signed by the president at six o'clock Monday evening and was made public today when the document was delivered to Warden H. K. W. Scott, for service on Chapman.

College Man Breaks Knee Bone Trying To Do Charleston

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—The intricacies of the Charleston, latest fad dance, will probably be mastered better by Melvin Eustere of Des Moines, when his knee is released from the splints in a few weeks than they were yesterday when Eustere, graduate of Northwestern university and a former Illinois student attempted the dance at a house party here. He broke a knee bone executing one of the more difficult steps of the dance.

RHINELANDER KNEW GIRL WAS NEGRO

Gilded Youth's Chauffeur Testifies He Told Him Girl Was Colored—Plaintiff Wins the Right to Amend Complaint and Long Drawn Out Case Is Expected.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Three years before his marriage to Alice Beatrice Jones, negro maid servant, Leonard Kip Rhineland was informed that her father was part negro but answered that he didn't care. Ross Chitlicker, former chauffeur for the Rhinelanders testified.

Chitlicker said it was he that drove Alice and Leonard to the Hotel Marie Antoinette where they stayed a week as man and wife in December 1921. He said that he had visited Rhineland in Stamford that same month and was shown a clock which Leonard said he was going to present to Alice for Christmas.

"Do you mean to tell me you are going to give her a Christmas present?" Chitlicker testified he asked.

"Yes," responded Rhineland, the witness said.

"Then I asked: 'Don't you know her father is colored?'"

"And he answered: 'I don't care if he is.'"

Justice Morschauer this afternoon granted the plaintiff's request to amend the original complaint, over the objections of defense counsel. The amended complaint now charges Alice with defrauding young Rhineland negatively, in not telling him that she was of negro blood.

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FRANCE FAILS TO GET CABINET HERRIOT CALLED

PARIS, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—France was still without a cabinet tonight to succeed the Painleve ministry which resigned Sunday following an adverse vote by the chamber of deputies on the government's finance bill.

Refusal of the various groups in the chamber of deputies to promise support for his financial plans caused Senator Paul Doumer today to decline the task of forming a new ministry, as it did M. Briand yesterday.

Former Premier Edouard Herriot, radical leader and president of the chamber of deputies, was summoned this afternoon by President Doumergue but failure of his projected "concentration" cabinet of the left is considered likely in well informed circles.

POWELL GIVEN A BLACK EYE BY OREG. KLUXERS

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Sharply criticizing the Canadian Ku Klux Klan and its organizers, Attorney General A. M. Manson, speaking before the legislature here yesterday read letters which he said were received from "responsible people" in Oregon regarding Major Luther I. Powell of Portland, a Klan organizer. Powell was barred from Canada, and then admitted for thirty days.

One letter said Powell had been Klan organizer in Oregon four years ago.

"Major Powell," it read, "figured in many sensational episodes in Oregon and Washington and helped to promote the Portland Skyline corporation and other notorious schemes where thousands lost more than \$100,000. Powell finally quarreled with Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford and was banished from the order several months ago."

Col Mitchell Rests Case; Not Allowed To Visit His Baby

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Colonel William Mitchell, who rested his case today, was denied permission today to visit with his baby daughter during the Thanksgiving recess of his court martial. His request to the war department was returned marked "disapproved."

The colonel has been ordered to remain in Washington throughout the duration of his trial.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Stock prices made impressive recovery from recent weakness in today's market. Operators on the long side started to bid up prices from the opening, beginning with the rails and gradually extending their operations to motors, steels, equipments, tobaccos, mercantiles and chemicals. Pittsburgh and West Virginia, control of which is being sought by at least two of the larger systems, was bid up nearly fifteen points to a new record high at 120 1/2. Nearly two scores had secured extreme gains of three to ten points before the end of the third hour.

NEW VICE-PRES'T. FOR COPCO CO.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—H. S. Jones has been elected vice president of the Western States Gas and Electric company and the California Oregon Power company with headquarters in Stockton, Cal. The Byllesby Engineering and Management corporation announced late yesterday.

SCORES DROWNED IN GREECE FLOOD

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—More than 100 persons are believed to have perished in the floods in Athens, following a torrential rain of an hour and twenty minutes Tuesday, says a dispatch to the Daily Express.

MAN KILLED IN CURRY COUNTY EXPLOSION

BANDON, Ore., Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—One man was instantly killed and two others seriously injured on the Sixes river in Curry county yesterday when a boiler exploded in the Oscar Mather Mill. Louis Farrar, 19, was instantly killed. George Mather suffered a badly crushed leg and James Smith was badly injured.

CATE RESIGNS POSITION AS COUNTY AGENT

Jackson County Loses Valued Pathologist After Ten Years' Service—Effort to Change Decision Futile—Record Is An Envious One.

It is with much regret that the public will receive the news that Claude C. Cate, county agent, has resigned, the resignation being officially announced today, although close friends have been aware that it took place over a week ago and that Mr. and Mrs. Cate and children will remove to Glendale, Cal., a day or so after Christmas, where he will engage in business. Mr. Cate is the best known county agent and the oldest in point of service in Oregon, and has long borne the reputation of being one of the ablest of the state's county agents.

His resignation as county pathologist, county agent and local United States weather observer, was presented to the extension service department of the Oregon Agricultural college some time ago and has been accepted with regret.

Efforts made by the leading fruit men and agriculturists of the valley on leaving of the tendered resignation, to prevail upon Mr. Cate to reconsider, were fruitless. While he is loath to leave Medford and the county, he does so for the reason he wants a more remunerative vocation, in justice to himself and family. It is rumored he will engage in business with his brother at Glendale, who has long conducted a thriving automobile business in that city.

It is generally felt that his place will be hard to fill, as his influence and advice to the fruit growers, general agriculturists and livestock raisers has had much to do with this community's prosperity.

Mr. Cate has been the county agent here for the past ten years, and for two years prior to that time served as county agent of Union county.

A compliment to Mr. Cate's ability and the general public satisfaction during his ten years of duty here is paid when it is stated that the average stay of any county agent in Oregon counties is two years. No successor has yet been announced.

AGGIES WILL BE FIT FOR TROJANS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 25.—Coach Schessler called his Oregon Aggie football squad together last night for the first time since the Idaho game and gave it a light workout in preparation for heavy training for the Southern California game December 5. Practice consisted mainly of running back a half dozen kick-offs and was important only in revealing that the formidable list of cripples was rapidly being reduced. With the exception of one or two, the men have recuperated sufficiently to be out in suits and by the end of the week the entire squad is expected to be back in fighting form.

EUGENE MAYOR RESIGNS UNDER FIRE, MISHANDLING OF FUNDS CHARGED

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 25.—Mayor E. B. Parks of Eugene, at a special meeting of the city council late yesterday afternoon, tendered his resignation which was accepted. Lawrence E. Simmons, president of the council, was automatically elevated to the position of mayor.

More than \$12,000 in city warrants, which were obtained by George W. Read, contractor, before they were due him, and which has been assigned to the United States National bank, Read has since disappeared.

Mayor Parks has invited investigation of the affair. He has been mayor for two and one-half years and prior to that time was a councilman for more than eight years.

All Japan Awaiting Birth of Royal Heir To Princess Nagako

TOKYO, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—The announcement of Princess Nagako is awaited soon and all Japan is awaiting the event with joyful expectation. The royal nurses and imperial physicians are in attendance day and night.

TINNEY TAKEN BACK BY WIFE ON 50-50 BASIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Frank Tinney, whose uncontested suit for divorce is pending, has a new boarder named Frank Tinney. At least, that's the way the comedian described himself when he went to his wife's Long Island home after his return Monday from London.

As for that divorce—"What divorce?" demands Frank Tinney blandly, every time he is asked about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinney went shopping yesterday accompanied by seven year old Frank Tinney, Jr., but Mrs. Tinney did most of the buying. Frank says he is broke. Afterward Mrs. Tinney drove home and the comedian hid himself to the Elks' club where he borrowed a dollar from the doorman to pay his taxi fare.

As for anybody named Imogene Wilson, the Tinneys don't mention her. Imogene, or "Bubbles," as Frank used to call her, was the cause of Mrs. Frank's suit.

Imogene, a chorus girl, is now abroad.

Mrs. Myron Elias, Mrs. Tinney's daughter, explained the present relationship of her mother and stepfather, as not quite a reconciliation.

"They have agreed to begin all over again on a fifty-fifty basis," she said. "Mother wants to see him established on Broadway again."

Mrs. Tinney confirmed this by saying she wanted to give him a chance on a fifty-fifty basis, but as for dropping the divorce suit, "things have not gone that far yet."

Mrs. Tinney's name is expected to blossom in electric lights over a Broadway vaudeville house next week. Frank is ready to startle Broadway with his horn-rimmed glasses and blue raincoat from London.

SYRIAN WAR IS ON AGAIN, U. S. UNEASY

American Citizens Escape to Beirut With Tales of Druse Atrocities—U. S. Military Attache Arrives in War Zone to Investigate—British Woman Captured.

BEIRUT, Syria, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—Fourteen naturalized American citizens who reached Beirut today with about 2000 refugees from Rashshya, west of Damascus, where fierce Druse attacks were ended yesterday by the relief of the French garrison, say that in the hand-to-hand fighting between the Druses and Christian volunteers the rebel tribesmen killed many women and children.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Damascus and Hauran as the result of numerous recent acts of brigandage. The authorities explained that the step was not taken because of any recrudescence in the activities of the rebels, but merely to permit the government to restore order more rapidly.

The French reinforcements yesterday fought through the valley of El Bika, near Mount Lebanon, and reached Rashshya from the north after suffering comparatively small losses. The Druses used machine guns against the French in the fighting but are reported to have lost heavily.

Further spirited Druse outbreaks in south Lebanon are reported today. Colonel Robert C. Foy, American military attache in Constantinople, has arrived at the scene of the fighting and is preparing a report for the war department in Washington on the military situation.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(A. P.)—The only white woman in the area of the present trouble in Syria, south Lebanon, Miss Lillian Cave, a member of the British Syrian mission, is held prisoner by the Druses at Rashshya, their headquarters, according to advices received by the mission's headquarters in London.

Miss Cave is reported to be well treated and allowed to walk about the town freely. She has been a missionary in this region for 25 years and always has been treated with affection and respect by the Druses. She has done wonderful work with the natives and especially with their children.

LINCOLN SCHOOL GIRLS WIN TITLE IN BASEBALL GO

When the Lincoln school girls' baseball team won the baseball game with the Washington school Monday evening by a score of 21 to 5, they also became champions of the grade school tournament, which had lasted over a period of three weeks.

The winning team was presented with a new ball and bat after the game by Miss Miles, who encouraged their aim toward good sportsmanship in all activities. The winning team was coached by Miss Annette Gray, while the Washington 16 was coached by Miss Merle Clacey.

The heavy hitters for the champions are given as Elnora White and Fay Harbaugh, they having knocked a number of home runs through the season. They also received the credit for winning the deciding game.

CHRISTMAS SEALS TO GO ON SALE FRIDAY

The sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, sponsored annually by the Jackson County Health association as a branch of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will open immediately after Thanksgiving to continue for a week or 10 days following, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Alice Holloway, chairman of the committee in charge. A meeting was held last Friday to outline plans for conducting the sale.

Announcing the 18th annual sale, Christmas seal posters are making their appearance in display windows of local stores, they having been distributed by the committee, assisted by the Boy Scouts. The posters are regarded as being brighter and more colorful than ever before.

EAGLE POINT WILL HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE FOR INTEREST EXTENSION

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 25.—The Eagle Point irrigation district of Jackson county will have to wait a little longer before the state irrigation securities commission promises to extend the guarantee of interest on its \$400,000 bond. The commission told representatives of the district yesterday that it would do so if the cooperation of the people of Jackson county can be obtained. An extension of one and one-half years in the guarantee, is

asked, increasing the present guarantee to five years.