

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	54
Minimum today	45.5
Precipitation	.39

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	51
Minimum	42

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EUROPEAN COVENANT OF PEACE SIGNED

CONCLAVE IN LONDON IS A LOVE FEAST

Envoys of Germany, France and England Enter Hall Arm-in-Arm As Movie Cameras Grind Out Reel of Peace On Earth, Good Will to Man.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Germany and her principal antagonists in the world war signed the Locarno treaty and collateral pacts guaranteeing peace in Europe and submission to arbitration of any disputes that may arise between them regarding their frontiers. The contrast between the signing of this momentous pact and the peace treaty of Versailles six years ago was marked in two respects. Today there was none of the magnificence and glamour surrounding the Versailles signing. The ceremony, which lasted only an hour, was notable for its extreme simplicity.

And this time the Germans came of their own free will. They signed gladly with smiling faces, in striking contrast to that other occasion when the delegates of the reich appended their signatures under compulsion with white faces registering a mixture of fear and anger.

Today's ceremony was carried out in a spirit of optimism which was hailed as auguring well for an era of peace throughout Europe.

Enter Arm in Arm. To the click of motion picture cameras and a blaze of Klieg lights, Chancellor Luther of Germany, Premier Briand of France and Foreign Secretary Chamberlain entered the famous golden reception room of the foreign office arm in arm, conversing and smiling.

After them came the delegates of Italy, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia, followed by Premier Baldwin and all his cabinet. The latter ranged themselves along the back of the room to witness the crowning success of the efforts of their government.

Immediately the delegates had taken their places at the large table in the order in which they sat at Locarno, the British foreign secretary without rising began an address of welcome in French to the plenipotentiaries speaking in the name of the king. His words fell in an impressive silence.

In a very brief speech he told the foreign statesmen of the gratification felt over their presence at the ceremony and expressed the king's disappointment that his mother's death had made rearrangement of the program necessary.

Chancellor Luther, who followed, expressed his country's pleasure at the conclusion of the pact. After him came all the remaining delegates, voicing similar sentiments and speaking according to tradition in the alphabetical order in which the countries fall in the French language.

Sign Pact at 11:25. A few moments were taken up by the foreign office's legal adviser, Sir Cecil Hurst, in formalities and the signing began at 11:25.

The treaty was first handed to Chancellor Luther and then to Foreign Minister Stresemann, Foreign Minister Van Derveelde of Belgium, Premier Briand of France and Premier Baldwin of Great Britain. All of these used ordinary pens, but Foreign Secretary Chamberlain took up a gold quill to add his name.

Deaf Mute Swore at Wife on Fingers She Asks Divorce

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Her deaf mute husband swore at her on his fingers, charged Mrs. Alice Brittan, also a deaf mute, in her suit for separate maintenance. She also alleged that another woman, using finger sign language in lieu of words, caused her husband to desert her.

KAISER GIVEN HUGE FORTUNE BY GOVERNMENT

Former Emperor Gets Over \$7,000,000 in Cash From Prussia—Four Palaces and Large Tracts of Land in Settlement of Civil Suit.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Former Emperor William is to receive from the Prussian state a goodly amount of his holdings which were sequestered when the monarchy fell and William went into exile in Holland.

It has been decided by the Prussian ministry of finance that it will meet the claims of the ex-kaiser for restoration by giving him about \$7,500,000 in cash, 18,000 acres of forest and agricultural lands, three palaces in Berlin and one in Babelsburg, and in addition some house property in the capital.

The two "crown castles," with their historical furniture and gardens, the crown jewels and works of art; the Hohenzollern library, the former royal theaters and their endowments, lands and forests and house property in Berlin and Potsdam and the revenues from the crown estates will be retained by the Prussian state.

The Prussian ministry of finance estimates that the cash to be given William is equivalent to the value of the land and forests and house property now reverting to the state.

The proffer was made in order to stop litigation which has been going on for some time. The former emperor has won most of the actions brought by him for restoration of property and Prussia thought it wise to make an agreement on the present basis.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Stock prices gathered strength as trading progressed today's market. Early irregularity disappeared when pool operations were resumed in a number of rails and specialties.

Peak prices for a year or more were attained by Wheeling and Lake Erie common and preferred, Chesapeake and Ohio preferred, Atlantic Coast Line, New Haven and Western Pacific.

Nash motors soared 14 points. American can extended its gain to 7 1/2. Woolworth, McCrory Stores "D" and Sloss Sheffield Steel sold seven points higher and Federal Mining and Smelting preferred six. The closing was strong.

CHANGE IN IRRIGATION IS PROPOSED

W. Lair Thompson, Portland Attorney Tells Oregon Congress How to Solve Water Problems—Take Irrigation Out of Politics and Take Advantage of Bancroft Act.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—The irrigation problem is a financial, not a political one, W. Lair Thompson, attorney of Portland, told members of the Oregon Drainage association and of the Oregon irrigation congress in the drainage district meeting held here today, attended by irrigators and reclamationists from every part of the state.

"If the several men who will become candidates for governor would join in a pledge to appoint a non-partisan committee to study the district problem and suggest treatment and thus bar the matter from politics, they would be really serving their state," he declared.

He said that one prospective candidate for governor, not mentioning his name, "has a purported investigation under way conducted by an immature, inexperienced young man, without a single qualification for the important function," stating that this report is to be made the basis for a political attack upon irrigation development.

"I refer to this," stated Thompson, "as an illustration of how not to do it."

Thompson asserted in his address that no plan can be evolved to meet the irrigation situation in the state that contemplates lumping them together. "No plan should be considered," he said, "that rests upon any other basis than helping each district to work out its own salvation."

Bancroft Idea Favored. He suggested that in the Bancroft bonding act may be found the germ of a theory for helping irrigation districts by assessing land proportionate to the value received from the water. He then suggested that the state create a revolving fund to take up delinquent tax certificates.

"Then we will have this situation," he said, "first a Bancroft assessment making a fixed charge against each tract of land according to benefits; second, a fund at hand to take up delinquencies as they occur so that no land owner can shirk his share of the improvement debt; and add the burden to those who are paying their assessments."

"I would further remove the irrigation problem from the realm of politics and into the business world by creating a commission analogous to the state highway commission and invest it with broad powers.

"No district would be organized without passing this commission. It should have the power to reject inferior lands. Leading districts in this manner to show a per acre cost has been dead in the past. The commission should have complete charge of the proposed revolving fund. When any district defaults in payment of any obligation, or when tax delinquencies within the district are in greater proportion than tax delinquencies in the county outside the district, the commission should have authority to suspend the district board of directors and take complete charge of the business affairs of the district. Sound business management is the need of most irrigation districts. The directors are usually good men with small experience in large financial matters.

French Suffrage Union President Will Tour U. S. to Aid Cause



Mme. Brunshvieg, recently appointed president of the French Suffrage Union, is coming to the United States shortly in the interests of the cause in her country and study women's activities in this country.

TURKS PREPARE TO FIGHT JOHN BULL FOR MOSUL

Ottoman Republic Reported Ready to Seize Oil Lands Moment League of Nations Decides Against Her—Army Well Equipped for Fray.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—A report that the Turks are determined to invade Iraq and forcibly eject the British if the League of Nations does not give them an acceptable verdict in the Mosul boundary dispute is the crystallization of rumors long current, but its precise form gives it an alarming aspect.

While the report lacks official backing, Turkey's complete divergence with Great Britain regarding the Mosul boundary question was made so clear at Geneva and elsewhere that the danger of a rupture has long been recognized in London.

From time to time there have been reports of Turkish troops moving toward Mosul. Although these have not always been capable of substantiation, many persons believe there must be some fire where there is so much smoke and that the Ankara government has been a long time in making preparations for the worst eventually.

"MA" FERGUSON NEAR COLLAPSE LEAVES CAPITAL

Woman Governor, Worn Out By Worry, Leaves for Old Home—Highway Situation Grows Serious—Director Refuses to Resign.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson left Austin today on a northbound train, presumably going to her old home at Temple. Her husband, James E. Ferguson, said his wife's health was not so good and that she needed respite from the constant annoyance of newspapermen and others.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—The Texas highway situation again forced to the front today with the announcement that the highway department is unable to pay pressing bills, while other matters agitating the capital lagged for the moment.

Resignations of Frank V. Lanham and Jas. Burkett from the commission following disclosures by the attorney general's suit against the American Road company, left the commission with only one member, John H. Beckett, Sr., of San Antonio. The commission therefore cannot function.

Ezra Meeker, Only 95, Goes to Washington To Lobby for Trail

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Ezra Meeker, 95, Oregon trail pioneer, is here to ask congress to authorize fifty cent pieces commemorating the 75th anniversary of the march of pioneers over this route.

FLORIDA FLOODS FORCE BUSINESS MEN TO DISROBE

Miami Nearly Drowned Out By Cloudburst—Men Transact Business in Bathing Suits and Women Swim to the Beauty Shops.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Miami today was drenched itself out after one of the most thorough wettings it has ever known.

Business appointments were kept by staid businessmen in bathing suits, who plunged their way through four feet of water to meet the latest seeker after opportunities from the hinterland.

RAISE 5 MILLION TO MARKET CORN

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—A five million dollar agricultural credit for Iowa to aid in marketing their record breaking corn crop was subscribed today at a meeting of Iowa and Illinois bankers, businessmen and finance leaders with Secretary Jardine of the department of agriculture. Two intermediate credit banks to be located at Des Moines and Fort Dodge with a capital stock of \$250,000 each, were organized at the conference and the stock subscribed for.

19 YR. OLD BOY CONFESSES MURDER AS RESULT OF CHILDS BOOZE PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—The slaying of George Nye, 19, was the climax of a "children's booze party," District Attorney McGeehan said today, in announcing that Nye's chum, Gordon Pirie, had confessed the killing.

5 KILLED IN FLORIDA BY HIGH WINDS

Many Lives Lost and Property Damage of Nearly \$3,000,000 Suffered Along Florida Coast—Tampa Hardest Hit—Fires Add to Reign of Terror.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Five lives lost, property damage estimated at almost \$3,000,000 and one of the worst typhoons in wire communication ever known in Florida was caused by high winds and driving rains in the last 24 hours.

The wind at times reached hurricane proportions and the rain was so heavy at some places, as in Miami, that the streets were standing in water and people donned bathing suits.

Four persons were killed near Tampa where a house on Davis Island collapsed and the total damage in Tampa itself was estimated at almost \$1,000,000. Eighteen persons were injured in the collapse of a house on Davis Island.

Public utilities were stranded and all wire communication except that of the railroad was lost south of Tampa. A negro workman was killed by flying debris.

Fanned by a high wind, fire broke out in the Latin section of Tampa and the large plant of the West Coast Fertilizer company was destroyed. Fifteen freight cars near the plant were burned.

The storm swept both the east and west coast, but inland points reported no damage.

The center of the storm is south, southeast of Tampa.

Trains, shrubbery, electric light and telephone wires were down in the residential section of Tampa, while downtown, signs, smokestacks and wooden awnings were blown down. The utilities companies here issued warnings that the streets are not safe, due to fallen power lines.

Railroads are without fire officials report, and trains to this city are delayed.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WIN STRIKE AT FOREST GROVE OVER FOOTBALL RULING

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 1.—One hundred students of the Forest Grove high school were back at their studies this morning following a walk-out yesterday morning in protest against the suspension of 27 students who were said to have attended the Forest Grove-Independence football game after being ordered to remain away.

The return to school followed interviews with the members of the school board in which board members promised that the twenty-seven suspended students could return to school without loss of credits, and that the incident would "be forgotten."

The Noted Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Phillip K. Gordon, formerly general agent of the Sunset route of the Southern Pacific company, is dead at his home at Carmel. He is survived by his father, General David Stewart Gordon, U. S. A., retired, Washington, D. C., by his widow, two sons and a daughter. One of Gordon's sisters, Mrs. Shelby M. Tuttle of Medford, Ore., and John Stewart Gordon of Tacoma is a son.

(Captain and Mrs. Tuttle of Table Rock, have left for Carmel where they will attend the funeral.)

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