

The Weather

Prediction Generally fair
Maximum yesterday 49
Minimum today 29.5

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 50
Minimum 33

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COOLIDGE IS SCORED BY RABID DRYS

Secretary Mellon Defends the President From Public Attack By Committee for Dry Enforcement—Declares That Charges Unfounded and Unjustified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—Although he conceded that "conditions are bad," Secretary Mellon today characterized as "unfounded and unjustified," the latest attacks by the drys on the administration's prohibition policies.

The secretary's observations were directed particularly at a letter sent to the White House by a group of reform organizations, describing present conditions as a "national scandal," and declaring the president never had "unreservedly" committed himself to enforcement of the eighteenth amendment as required by his oath of office.

Heretofore high administration officials had taken no public notice of the manifest disposition of the dry forces to fasten blame for non-enforcement upon the president himself.

The letter sent to the White House, Secretary Mellon said, lacked definiteness and aptness and was not entitled to serious consideration. It represented a class of maneuvers, he declared, which would afford treasury officials little assistance in enforcing the law.

Conditions Are Bad Mr. Mellon added that it was the business of the treasury department to curb the lawlessness under the prohibition law and he believed it was making progress in that direction, although, "of course," conditions are bad.

The letter of the reform organizations as drawn up here at a meeting under the auspices of the United Committee for Prohibition Enforcement, quoted the oath taken by Mr. Coolidge when he became president and remarked: "It is said that this man of deep conviction and unassuming piety added 'so help me, God.'" "Our appeal must be to him," continued the letter. "It must be made so loud it will be heard. Only the appointing and pardoning power is sufficient in this hour."

The results obtained in prohibition enforcement by the present administration were declared to have made the eighteenth amendment a "joke, and a hissing by-word among otherwise well disposed citizens."

In an expression of views mailed to the White House today by the United Committee for Prohibition Enforcement now in session here, Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, New York, chairman of the committee, which is composed of 26 national reform organizations, expressed the sentiments of the gathering and his speech was made public as containing the views of the committee.

Every effort of dry organizations to respond to the appeal of President Coolidge and prohibition officials for aid in enforcement, he said, had been defeated by "unfit and unfavorable appointments by those making the appeals."

President Scored "There sits a man in the White House of silent determination," he said. "The president has done some fine moralizing on the general enforcement of the law but he never yet has definitely committed his administration to the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment, as provided by his oath of office to support the constitution."

"He knows how to speak on the world court. He has spoken bold and ringing words on the question of world peace and in his address at Omaha to the American Legion he said 'this country has had all the war, all the taxation and all the militarism it wants.' But a national scandal, unequalled in its financial and political ramifications in the history of the United States, has brought this country nearer to the brink of destruction than it has been at any period since the Civil war."

Mr. Howard charged the law had

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Missouri Co-Eds to Be Snubbed if They Allow Liquor Visits

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 3.—Co-eds of the University of Missouri disapprove disorderly serenades and drinking among both men and women. The police will be called in to break up disorderly serenades and any co-ed who does not order out a male caller who has been drinking will lose social privileges.

PREMIER BRIAND WINS FIGHT FOR FINANCE CHANGE

In All Night Session New French Premier Gains Vote of Confidence By Majority of Six Votes—Eloquence Wins the Day.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—Premier Briand's new cabinet has won its first victory. After an all night and all forenoon fight in the chamber of deputies for his financial measures, the premier succeeded in forcing the adoption of new advances from the Bank of France to the government of six billion francs and a new paper money issue of 7,500,000,000.

The final vote on the bill as a whole was made a question of confidence and was carried 257 to 229, a majority of 28. It was the fifth vote of confidence during the lengthy session.

M. Briand made it plain during the debate that the government was staking its existence on the measure in its entirety and that if the financial program as outlined by Finance Minister Loucheur was rejected the ministry would step down immediately.

The bill now goes to the senate, the finance committee of which under Senator Doumer, is meeting this afternoon to examine it.

Briand Is Eloquent The inflation voted today is the fourth measure of the kind in a year to be passed by the chamber. Before the final vote this morning the premier in a speech in which he rose to heights of eloquence he has never surpassed, attacked those deputies who were unwilling in a national crisis to forget petty political considerations and think only of their country.

The veteran orator impressed all and convinced some, as was evidenced when on the first vote of confidence, a motion to proceed to the discussion of the bill, most of the principal opposition groups abstained from voting and he was upheld 298 to 113.

The temper of the house was uncertain, the deputies seemingly being torn between realization of the gravity of the situation and fear of the effect the heavy increase in taxes involved in the bill would have on their constituents.

While admitting some minor changes and additions, the government stuck to the bill about as drafted. Article V, authorizing the issue of 7,500,000,000 francs in new paper, bringing the total circulation to 58,500,000,000, was voted by a show of hands.

Wins By Six Votes The climax of the session came when the provision for a further advance of six billion francs from the Bank of France to the government was carried by the narrow margin of six votes—245 to 239.

After the first article of the bill had been adopted with minor additions, Deputy Missotte, democratic-republican, proposed an additional amendment establishing a super tax of 20 per cent on all real estate operations carried out on behalf of foreigners.

Finance Minister Loucheur asked the house to reflect on the consequences of such an article and Minister of Justice Renoult remarked that a bill dealing with the question was before the senate. Nevertheless the article was passed by a vote of 420 to 85.

INJECT KLAN INTO CLOSE OF HEARING

Rhineland's Attorney Says Jones Family Ignored Warning From Ku Klux When Secret Order Demanded Colored Wife Leave Husband.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—George Jones, mulatto father of Alice Beatrice Jones, from whom Leonard Kip Rhineland is seeking an annulment of their marriage, today created a disturbance in the courtroom when Isaac N. Mills, counsel for Rhineland, called Jones a "taxicab driver" during his summation before the jury.

Leaping to his feet and trembling with anger, Jones shouted at Mills: "I'm no taxicab driver. I never was a taxicab driver."

When Lee Parsons Davis, counsel for Mrs. Rhineland, attempted to quiet Jones, the latter protested: "Don't let him say those things about me."

He finally was prevailed upon to sit down and court was recessed for 15 minutes.

Mills today began his second day of summation for the plaintiff by relating how the Jones family had ignored a warning that the Ku Klux Klan might act against him.

Mills said that Leon R. Jacobson, attorney employed by Rhineland's father, had warned Mrs. Rhineland that unless she and her wealthy young husband separated the Klan might take action against her family.

This warning was given, Mills said, after a window in the Jones home had been broken by a stone thrown by an unknown person.

Mills defended the action of Jacobson, which defense counsel, Lee Parsons Davis, had bitterly attacked in his summation for the defense, saying that Jacobs had "merely lost his head." Mills also continued his criticism made yesterday against Philip Rhineland, Leonard's father, for neglecting the son, which the lawyer stated was largely responsible for the mistakes made by the young man.

Mr. Mills is expected to speak most of today. The case is expected to reach the jury some time tomorrow.

Mills portrayed Alice as he said she pictured herself bearing the name of Mrs. Rhineland "with piles and piles of new \$10 bills" in her hands. He said that she realized the ever-present danger that Kip might want her more for his mistress and she feared that if Kip continued to see her father and her sisters with their negro husbands he might awake to a realization of her color. She feared that some person in New Rochelle might get hold of Rhineland and tell him of her color. The lawyer asserted she realized her power over Rhineland had a limit. She knew she must marry him while this power held.

He said that Alice had consistently pursued a "diabolical plan and campaign."

"She had brains," he said, "and at the end of a year of her campaign she owned the boy body and soul."

Mr. Mills completed his summation shortly after 3 o'clock and court was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when Justice Morschauer will charge the jury.

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—Search was pressed today for James H. O'Neill, Jr., 15, son of the general manager of the Great Northern railway who disappeared Tuesday from his home in this city.

"I had just had a heart-to-heart talk with him about his flunking out of school," said his mother.

Champion Fiddler to Play for Ford



A. Mollie Dunham, above, 72, and champion fiddler of Maine, had to halt in his busiest season to consider Henry Ford's request that he journey to Dearborn, Mich., from his home at Norway, Me., to play the fiddle for the auto magnate. Dunham is known throughout the Maine regions for his ability to make "good ridin'" snow.

MOTHER KILLED FOR SCOLDING 9 YEAR OLD BOY

Colored Boy in Portland Confesses He Murdered His Mother Because She Scolded Him for Not Watching Beans On Cook Stove.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—A nine year old boy killed his foster mother last night because some beans happened to burn, he confessed to deputy sheriffs today.

The boy is Frank Thomas, negro, adopted son of Oliver F. Thomas, negro proprietor of a tavern in the outskirts of Portland. The body of the slain woman, Mrs. Louise Thomas, negro, was found by her husband last night. A loaded .38 caliber revolver with one cartridge fired lay nearby under a bed.

The boy, who was missing last night was found early today in a sleeping tent near the house. Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, who questioned the lad said he confessed the killing.

According to the boy's story Mrs. Thomas asked him to go to the kitchen to see if beans, which were being cooked, were all right. The boy replied that they were. Later Mrs. Thomas smelled the beans burning and reproaching him saying: "What did you lie to me for?"

The boy replied that he did not lie to her, and declared he thought the beans were all right.

Angered because he had been called a liar, the boy said in his reported confession, he obtained the revolver, concealed it beneath a newspaper in his hand and waited until he got an opportunity to fire at the woman. He fled from the house, Mrs. Thomas, mortally wounded, reached the telephone, but collapsed before she could give an alarm.

Report Chairman of Reserve Bank Quits

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—The San Francisco Chronicle says today that John Perrin, chairman of the federal reserve bank for the twelfth district has resigned. Mr. Perrin refused to affirm or deny the report.

Mr. Perrin has been an executive of the bank since its establishment in 1914.

He said that any formal announcement of the resignation would have to come from Washington.

MA FERGUSON IS BACK AT CAPITAL; TROUBLE BEGINS

Cattle Owners Join Legislature in Demand for Special Session—\$600,000 School Book Contract Added to Controversies.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson was back on the job today after a two day visit to her home town of Temple, to find a new appeal for a special session of the legislature, and a \$600,000 school book contract threatening to widen the breach between her and Attorney General Dana Moody.

South Texas stock raisers and dairymen, in an appeal from Galveston yesterday, asked for a special session to appropriate funds to reimburse them for stock killed by federal aid state authorities combating the recent foot and mouth plague.

Some of the smaller stock owners were left in "desperate circumstances." It was represented, "by failure of the state to pay for cattle killed." It was charged that "some owners gave up their cattle through force of presence of Texas rangers."

The stock owners' plea was added to the demands of fifty legislators who presented a petition to the governor threatening to have the speaker of the house call a special session if she did not issue a call by December 14.

The governor's chairmanship of a sub-committee of the state text book commission that made a contract with the American Book company's opposition is seen as a possible ground for further divergence between the two. The sub-committee disregarded an adverse opinion from the attorney general and made the contract in the absence of a multi-trust affidavit.

The company rectified the affidavit matter after receiving the contract, but that disposition failed to meet the attorney general's approval and a canvass is now being made to determine whether the textbook commission approved its committee's action.

S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, dissented on the committee's vote to award the contract.

An opinion from the attorney general to determine the legality of the return of a \$2500 deposit to the American Book company which it made while bidding is now pending.

An entertainment for folks which will be well worth coming out to enjoy is scheduled for tonight's lodge meeting.

League of Nations Decides Greece to Blame; Fine Assessed

GENEVA, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—The League of Nations commission which inquired in the recent Greco-Bulgarian frontier incident finds that Greece should pay Bulgaria 20,000,000 levas damages (about \$146,000). The commission decided to recommend that Greece should pay Bulgaria an additional six million levas for loss of lives (about \$73,000).

For the wounded, for the loss of working days and moral suffering of the population and for the cost of military measures by Bulgaria, an additional 10,000,000 levas.

SQUABBLE AGAIN STOPS TRIAL OF STORMY PETROL

Mitchell's Attorney Tells Member of Court Things Get to His Ears, But Never Reach His Brain—Houze Issues Another Warning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—Another warning that "altercations and bickerings" in the Mitchell court martial must cease, was delivered today by Major General Robert I. Howe, president of the court, after a heated clash between opposing counsel.

The recess of the court for three minutes was ordered after Representative Frank R. Reid of Illinois, defense counsel and Major Allen Gullion, assistant trial judge advocate, had engaged in a sharp dispute over the examination of Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, senior surviving officer of the Shenandoah.

Major Gullion objected to a question Mr. Reid had asked the witness. Turning to Major Gullion, Mr. Reid said: "Things get into your ears but they never reach your brains."

This led to the recess and the renewed warning by Major General Howe. Commander Rosendahl then was excused.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—The Mitchell court martial followed the trial of the Shenandoah court of inquiry today covering in many particulars the same field previously explored by the navy court.

While the naval inquiry sought to fix responsibility for the Shenandoah wreck, however, the army court had as its objective the rebuttal of Colonel Mitchell's charges that the Shenandoah accident was the result of general incompetency and criminal negligence in conducting the national defense.

Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, senior surviving officer of the Shenandoah and navigation officer of the ship during its fatal mid-west flight, related to the court martial today many details of the wreck. He was called as a prosecution witness.

Much of Commander Rosendahl's testimony today repeated his statements before the Shenandoah court. He read to the court martial his official report on the disaster, already a part of the record of the naval tribunal.

Reduction in the number of automatic gas valves in the Shenandoah, he witness testified, was made in "save weight" and not "to conserve fuel."

He expressed the opinion that "gas pressure had nothing to do with the disaster."

"Do you know whether Commander Lansdowne undertook the mid-western flight under protest?" the witness was asked.

"He did not undertake the flight under protest," he replied.

He flatly contradicted many of Colonel Mitchell's charges regarding the Shenandoah.

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KIPLING IS KEPT ALIVE BY OXYGEN

Physicians Find It Necessary to Administer Oxygen After Which Author Improves—Patient Seriously, But Not Critically Ill, Bulletin Declares—Daughter Also Ill.

BURWASH, Sussex, England, Dec. 3.—(A.P.)—Rudyard Kipling, noted author, who is suffering from double pneumonia at his home in this village, showed slight improvement this afternoon.

Both Lord Dawson, physician to the king, and Dr. Curteis, Kipling's physician, remained at the bedside most of the day.

Early this morning it was found necessary to administer oxygen to the patient. His only daughter, Mrs. George Bambridge, who lives in Belgium, has herself been ill and consequently has not yet been informed of her father's condition.



Rudyard Kipling.

When the announcement was made that Mr. Kipling was ill, it was said his condition was not serious. His friends, however, were somewhat alarmed, knowing well his disposition to be in the public eye and his love for almost hermit privacy.

It was Sunday evening when Mr. Kipling first complained of pains in the chest, but it was not until Monday evening that a physician was called to the bedside. A local practitioner, Dr. Curteis, found that the disease had developed to a point where he thought it wise to summon Lord Dawson.

Mr. Kipling is thought to have caught the cold which developed into bronchitis and then turned into pneumonia while in his shirt sleeves in the bitter weather walking about.

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OIL STRUCK NEAR RICKREAL OREGON, STREAM BURNS, PEOPLE ARE EXCITED

RICKREAL, Ore., Dec. 3.—Oil, seeping out of a file drainage pipe on the George Watt farm about a mile south of here, was discovered this morning by Mr. Watt, R. H. Hogg and other men who were clearing out a drainage ditch, causing considerable local excitement.

When first discovered, it was thought that the oil might be seepage from the highway or railroad rights of way, but investigation

revealed that the flow had its source in a direction opposite to either the railroad or highway. Soon after the discovery a ditch was touched to the oil and it has been burning steadily now for several hours.

Considerable prospecting for oil has been done in this vicinity and several wells have been sunk in past years. Illuminating gas has been frequently discovered in some cases of sufficient volume for use in lighting farm houses.

PENITENTIARY ARSENAL MOVED TO NEW BRICK TOWER AT FRONT OF PRISON

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Perfect Girl Milks Cows, Rides Horses, Plays Basketball

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—About the most perfect girl and the most perfect boy selected at the International Livestock exposition, Alice Burkhardt, 15, of Iowa, milks cows, rides horseback, swims, plays tennis and basketball. Up at six and to bed at 9:30; George Cuskaden, 14, of St. Paul, Ind., plays on his high school basketball team, baseball team and track squad and helps dad run a 200-acre farm.