

The Weather

Prediction—Rain. Maximum yesterday 59. Minimum today 42.

Daily—Twenty-third Year. Weekly—Fifty-sixth Year.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1928.

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 56. Minimum 33.

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Today

Poor Tired Finance Ford's Easy Answer Accessible Solitude The Spartans Tried It

By Arthur Brisbane

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Poor Wall Street brokers. Another 4,000,000-share day. Harassed financiers even plan a five-day week...

How finance would howl if men working in steel mills, subways, etc., demanded a five-day week.

The Senate will ask Henry Ford how he can pay coal miners more than experienced mine owners pay...

Lindbergh, seeking rest from everlasting praise and to be let alone, simply flies away. Science confers the blessing of solitude...

Only recently the "Osservatore Romano," mouthpiece of the Vatican, spoke hopefully of an understanding between Mussolini's ruling party and the pope.

A sudden change puzzles Europe. Mussolini, in rather plain words, threatens to suppress Catholic organizations for the education of youth...

The Spartans did that, taking children from their parents. Sparta did not last.

It is not the present pope's intentions evidently to accept Mussolini as a former pope accepted Reizi. A few years will show what chance one powerful man has against skillful Vatican diplomacy...

One hundred Congressmen endorse Mr. Hoover's candidacy. Fully half the 247 Republican representatives will join the Hoover committee of 1900.

Senators are less friendly. So are some "big men" that occasionally buy Senate seats for deserving individuals. Mr. Hoover probably realizes that those big men with influence in the Senate will have a good deal to say in the Republican convention...

Mr. Smith, iron manufacturer, of Milwaukee, is building 107,000 tons of electrically welded pipe to connect southern oil wells with northern markets.

President Kingsbury of Standard Oil of California, has two Pittsburgh plants turning out 15,000 tons of pipe. The oil business has grown since the day when its best customer was the kerosene oil lamp.

Henry Ford also cheers the steel business by placing heavy orders in Mahoning valley steel mills for strips and sheets. He is a heavy buyer also of bars and cold finished steel. Evidently his "production line" is gaining speed.

When you talk about humanity you are talking about money. When you talk about money you are talking about business.

F. L. Hoffman, Prudential Insurance company statistician, says an analysis of the death penalty, with quick trials and life imprisonment, would discourage murder, at present increasing all over the United States.

The boys of Yale, 144 to 114, de (Continued on Page Four)

DARK HINT IN DEATH OF WILLIS

Senator Heflin Suggests to Widow That Chemical Analysis Be Made—Sudden Ending for National Political Figure of Ohio—Was Known Locally.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—As a suggestion to Mrs. Frank B. Willis that she have the stomach of Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio examined by a competent chemist was made in a telegram sent her today by Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama.

Senator Heflin described the senator's death as "strange," since he was "so well and strong," and added:

"Pardon me for suggesting that you have a competent chemist in whom you have confidence to examine the contents of his stomach."

DELAWARE, Ohio, Mar. 31.—Friends of Senator Willis here placed little or no credence in the suggestion by Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama, that Senator Willis may have been poisoned.

Charles A. Jones, the senator's private secretary, said no action would be taken to have a chemical analysis made of the senator's vital organs to ascertain whether they contained poison.

Senator Heflin said it was generally known among senators that



Senator Willis

Senator Willis had told Mrs. Willis that if anything happened to him during his campaign fight his body should be held by her for one day. "The most beautiful tribute Ohio could pay to this champion of the cause of prohibition," Senator Heflin said in a statement, "would be to carry on the fight to elect his delegates and to cast one ballot for him in the republican national convention."

DELAWARE, Ohio, Mar. 31.—(AP) United States Senator Frank B. Willis, Ohio's favorite son candidate for the republican presidential nomination, was eliminated from the contest by death last night, while attending an old-fashioned home-coming demonstration.

He was stricken a few minutes before he was to deliver a campaign address to his fellow-townsmen at Ohio Wesleyan university and just as the Columbus republican club was singing "A Soldier's Farewell."

While the glee club was singing the senator left the stage, telling friends he "wanted to get a breath of fresh air." His death, which five physicians said was caused by cerebral hemorrhage, occurred within five minutes. He was 56 years old.

He had told his private secretary, Charles A. Jones, that he was "feeling very bad." Mrs. Willis was called from the stage where she had been sitting before he died.

Many of Senator Willis' old friends, both men and women, cried. Women became almost hysterical.

National Guard troops that had participated in the parade and demonstration, took charge and dispersed the crowd, which became excited but was orderly.

With the senator when he and came, besides Mrs. Willis, were his brother, Russell W. Willis, his father-in-law, John Dustin of Galena, three brothers-in-law, his private secretary and a few personal friends.

Telegrams expressing sorrow and sympathy continued to pour in today to Mrs. Willis and relatives of (Continued on Page Four)

JOKER IN \$3 AUTO FEE PLAN

License Bill, That Threw Fear Into Highway Board, Would Increase Instead of Lowering—Stages Escape in Bungled Measure.

SALEM, Ore., March 31.—(AP) It became known in official circles here today that the proposed \$3 automobile license bill, which has thrown all highway enthusiasts in Oregon into a state of alarm, would not reduce motor vehicle licenses to the flat \$2, but, on the other hand, would add \$3 to the present license schedule.

This, it is pointed out, is because the bill does not repeal the present schedule, but re-enacts it along with the \$3 provision.

In other words, the \$15 license fee on cars of the lightest weight, would be increased to \$18. Cars that now pay \$34 would have to pay \$37; cars that now pay \$40 would pay \$43, and so on, with the other nine classifications of pleasure vehicles.

But this is not the worst feature of the bill, it is pointed out. More startling is the fact that it would levy no license at all on buses, based on the lightweight of the vehicle. This is a license tax that now runs up to \$97 for the heaviest vehicles. This would come about for the reason that the \$3 provision specifically exempts the truck and buses, while the re-enactment of the present schedule adds buses to motor trucks in the exemption clause.

Automatically the measure would repeal the act levying an additional fee on anywhere-for-hire vehicles in the amount of 50 per cent of the regular lightweight fee.

The measure would leave the tire width fee schedule on trucks, trailers and semi-trailers as it is, also the \$1 per passenger charge on buses.

The Stallard bill is now to the fore with petitions in circulation. First a measure was filed by Stallard and George Bylander. They had a disagreement and Bylander withdrew his name from the bill and filed one of his own. Stallard followed with his bill. The measures are practically identical. The state highway commission has feared the \$3 bill because such a fee would reduce the state highway fund to an unworkable figure.

JACKSON COUNTY SHARE OF MOTOR FEES IS \$48,604

SALEM, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Multnomah county's share in the apportionment of receipts from motor vehicle registrations for the period from September 16 last to March 15, 1928, was \$22,233.03. Next came Marion county with \$93,862.74, and Lane county's share was \$74,257.50.

Among the receipts of other counties were Baker, \$15,328.01; Douglas, \$29,155.80; Jackson, \$48,604.81; Klamath, \$38,043.26; Umatilla, \$26,887.19; Union, \$19,879.63; Josephine, \$15,169.34.

The apportionment is under the law whereby 75 per cent of the net receipts from motor vehicle registration is given every six months to the state highway fund and 25 per cent to the counties. The total received by the highway fund on the March 15 apportionment was \$4,911,000, and from the counties, \$1,137,000.

Total gross receipts were \$5,71,855.32, and from this, before the apportionment was made, an administrative expense of \$222,555.32 was deducted.

The apportionment is shown in a statement by Secretary of State Koser.

FORDS LEAVE ON EUROPEAN TRIP

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—(AP) Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford left for Europe today aboard the liner Majestic.

The Majestic's destination is Southampton, England and Mr. Ford said his visit would be confined to England, Scotland and Ireland, and he didn't think there would be any business connected with it.

LINDBERGH GIVES MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AN AIR LIFT



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is shown with one of the groups of senators and representatives taken aloft by him in Washington as a courtesy to congress, which voted him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Left to right: Representatives Ackerman, Kelly, Williamson, Shreve, Claver; Senators Hale, of Maine, and Bingham of Connecticut; and Representative Black—Lindy being in the center.

63 INJURED AS TRAINS CRASH IN OHIO STORM

Fast Limiteds Collide When Sleet Stills Wires—Broadway Awaiting Orders—When Accident Occurs—Score Severely Hurt.

LIMA, Ohio, Mar. 31.—(AP) Sixty-three persons were injured last night in the wreck of the Broadway and Liberty limited, fast Pennsylvania railroad passenger train, which crashed east of here, road officials announced today.

Of those hurt, 44 were passengers and 19 were railroad employees. Twenty persons were in hospitals today, suffering from severe injuries, while others were nursing cuts and bruises.

The forty-four injured passengers were riding on the Liberty and Broadway limited trains, both of them eastbound and running about 30 minutes apart.

Shortly after 6 o'clock the Broadway limited, which was behind schedule, pulled up along side a signal tower to await orders. A general sleet storm over northern Ohio had struck Lima, playing havoc with telephone wires and leveling telegraph wires until messengers of communication had been lost.

Running 20 minutes behind the Broadway limited, the Liberty was speeding along at 40 miles an hour trying to make up time it had lost because of the storm. Apparently the train crew was unaware that the Broadway had stopped for orders.

The Liberty crashed into the rear end of the first train, telescoping a club car, a mail car and a parlor car and derailing some of its own coaches.

The Broadway left Chicago at 12:40 p. m. yesterday.

BREMEN HOP NOW SET FOR MONDAY

DUBLIN, Mar. 31.—(AP)—The German plane Bremen was in its hangar at Baldonnel airbase today because of adverse weather. The three fliers regarded a hop on their flight to New York before Monday as unlikely.

Free State troops guarding the plane prepared for a long siege against the weather. They dug themselves into trenches, with a shelter overhead, as a protection against the prevailing wind, rain and cold.

Baron Ehrenfried Günther Von Huenfeld, leader of the flight, said: "We do not intend to make experiments, but will wait in all calmness the development of weather conditions until a favorable period comes to us."

AUSTRIAN PRINCE ENDS OWN LIFE

CANNES, France, Mar. 31.—(AP) Mystery today cloaked the suicide of Prince George Christian Lobkowitz, 25-year-old son of one of the great illustrious of the semi-royal families of old Austria. He threw himself in front of a train and no motive could be learned for the act.

BIBLE SOLACE TO WILLOS AS NOOSE NEARS

Kelley Delights in Sunday Papers—Doomed Pair Study Comforts—One Has Genius for Drawing.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Reading and drawing mainly occupy the attention of James Willos and Ellsworth Kelly, as they wait in their cells at the state penitentiary for Friday, April 13, when they are to pay penalty on the gallows for their part in the prison break of August 12, 1925. The reading taste of the two condemned men differ widely.

Kelley asks for the newspapers. Particularly is he interested in the Sunday newspapers from the cities, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He reads them thoroughly whenever they are brought to his cell. Once Kelly put in a requisition for drawing paper.

James Willos has become interested in Christian Science. His time is given almost entirely to a study of the bible and Christian Science literature, and plainly, in his last days, he gets a great deal of comfort from his studies.

Willos, ever since his imprisonment, has attracted attention by his ability with crayon. During his trial he made pictures of the jurors and colored pictures, his own hand-drawn, adorn his cell. But mainly now he reads the bible.

REPORT LEADING PLANETS THROWN OFF THEIR ORBITS

CHICAGO, March 31.—(AP)—Reported deviations of several large planets from their natural orbits and belief of some astronomers that a mysterious celestial stranger was responsible, are being investigated by the University of Chicago's Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis.

Photographs of the universe in the region of the planet Neptune, behind which the new heavenly body is believed to exist, have been taken for further study.

The newcomer has not been observed yet but astronomers said some unidentified result has quilled the planets Uranus, Neptune and Saturn from their usual orbits.

Professor William H. Pickering, former Yale astronomer, advanced the theory that the supposed stranger was responsible.

Professor Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory, and Professor Frank E. Bass, are making a study of conditions believed caused by the unseen planet.

HAWLEY ASSIGNED POWERFUL POST

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—The house today elected Representative Hawley of Oregon to the post as chairman of the powerful ways and means committee vacated by resignation of Green of Iowa.

MRS. NORRIS OF TALENT CHOSEN D. A. R. REGENT

State Officers Elected—Mrs. Fielding of Ashland Oldest Member Present at Conference—Mrs. Apperson Named President.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Mrs. E. Clyde Apperson of McMinnville, Ore., was elected state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the closing session of the fifteenth annual state conference today. Her only opponent was Mrs. R. E. Wattenberg of Klamath Falls, who later withdrew.

Other officers named included Mrs. E. Stinson Ganett, Eugene, first vice regent; Mrs. M. J. Norris, Talent, second vice regent; Mrs. Frances Cornell, Salem, chaplain; Mrs. C. K. McLaughlin, Deschutes, recording secretary; Mrs. W. G. Wiscowever, Yamhill, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harry Northrup, Portland, treasurer; Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds, La. Lewis, Portland, historian; Mrs. U. G. Smith, Portland, librarian.

A resolution was adopted sponsoring the erection of a building in Clatsop Park as a memorial to the founders of the state. Mrs. Harriet C. Fielding, regent of the Mount Ashland chapter at Ashland, was the oldest member present. She is 82, but took an active part in the session, presenting a motion concerning the placing of the American flag in relation to other flags on buildings.

HEENEY SELECTED TO FIGHT TUNNEY; PLACE UNDECIDED

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Tom Heeney will fight Gene Tunney for the world's heavyweight championship in July, Tex Rickard announced here today after a conference with Charles Harvey, the New Zealand manager.

Selection of the big New Zealand conformer to the boxing commission's edict that Tunney must accept the challenge of either Heeney, Johnny Risko or Jack Sharkey by next Tuesday or he is ruled ineligible in that state.

Tunney had agreed with Rickard to meet the opponent the promoter picked as the most likely candidate for the heavyweight crown. The match probably will be held in London, Rickard indicated.

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—(AP)—The world's championship bout between Tunney and Tom Heeney, announced in Miami Beach today by Tex Rickard, probably will take place in one of the two New York major league ball parks around July 4.

Chairman James J. Parley of the New York state athletic commission told the Associated Press when informed of the match that he could see no bar to staging the bout here.

"While I'd rather not discuss the matter until the commission meets on Tuesday, personally I see no objection to the match. Heeney is one of the three accredited challengers in New York state and apparently all the provisions of the board would be complied with if Rickard made this match."

Oregon Weather Rain tonight and Sunday. Continued mild. Fresh to strong southerly winds.

NEW QUILZ OIL DEALS PROPOSED

Revelations Expected to Put Teapot Dome Scandal to Shame—Probe All Acts of Fall Is Plan—Sinclair Lease in Wyoming Extended.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—A proposal for an investigation of all oil leases on the public domain and in Indian lands during the administration of Albert B. Fall, as interior secretary, is under consideration by a group of senators.

This was disclosed today by Chairman Nye of the Teapot Dome committee, who said he would not be surprised if a resolution to this end was introduced in the senate within a short time.

"It is possible that such an inquiry would develop a situation that would put the Teapot Dome to shame," the North Dakota senator said.

"Such an inquiry would involve a considerable amount of ground work at the start with an expectation of scores, if not hundreds, of leases on public lands and on Indian lands, especially those in Oklahoma."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Work wrote Chairman Nye of the senate oil committee today that on February 29, the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company obtained a five-year extension of its contract for purchasing government royalty oil from the Salt Creek fields in Wyoming.

The secretary wrote in response to a letter from Nye. He said that the original contract was entered into by Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, for five years, with an option to the company to renew its contract for an additional five-year period, due notice given in writing.

That notice was given, Secretary Work's letter said, and after extended consideration and dismissal of certain protests, the contract was renewed pursuant to the expected stipulation in the original contract February 29, 1925.

Secretary Fall advertised for bids on the sale of royalty oils from lands adjacent to Teapot Dome naval reserves and the original contract was entered into January 1, 1923. The Salt Creek field adjoins Teapot Dome.

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 31.—(AP)—If there are any oil leases not already investigated by some senate committee they by all means should make their record 100 per cent and investigate them, was the terse comment from Albert B. Fall's home when the family was told of the announcement by Senator Nye that a resolution to investigate all oil leases on government and Indian lands during Fall's administration might be introduced in the senate.

Members of the family laughed at the announcement but declined to say more.

2 MORE TUMBLES FOR HIS HIGHNESS

BROMSGROVE, Worcestershire, England, Mar. 31.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales rode in two steeplechases today and was thrown three times. He gave up the first race when he tumbled twice, but finished the second race despite a fall.

In the first race, the prince came a cropper at the fourth fence, but remounted and continued. On the second time around he fell at the same fence and decided that he had had enough for that race anyway.

Undaunted by the condition of the course, which was sodden with water from heavy rains, the prince started in the second race in which he had entered, but he hoodoo was still with him and at the same old fourth fence he fell again. The prince caught his horse, remounted and finished the race amid wild cheers.

OREGON DEBATERS BEAT MISSOURI

COLUMBIA, Mo., Mar. 31.—(AP) Presenting the affirmative of the question "Resolved, that democracy is a failure," University of Oregon debaters defeated the University of Missouri team here last night by an audience vote of 112 to 86.

COOS BAY DISTRICT MENACED

Continued Heavy Rains Bring Flood Conditions From Marshfield to Gold Beach—Sailing Vessel Stranded Off Heceta Head As Waves Dash High.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Flood conditions in this city and as far south as Gold Beach became menacing today as a result of continued heavy rains.

Three forks of the Coquille river were running bank full from the mountains, inundating farm land of the Coquille, from Myrtle Point to Bandon. Back water was rapidly nearing the top of the railroad grade between Marshfield and Coquille. The road between Myrtle Point and Arago was closed by high water.

Many basements were flooded in Marshfield today. The Rogue river continued to rise and ferries at Gold Beach could operate only at high tide as the water rushes like a millrace when the tide is going out. The Sixes river was cutting a new channel near the Roosevelt highway bridge in northern Curry county.

Southern Pacific train service was delayed several hours by slides near Mapleton.

Rain during the 24 hours ending this morning totaled 1.41, making a total for the week of 6.37 inches.

Later reports from Myrtle Point today indicated all forks of the Coquille river were racing toward the sea. Scores of ranchers living in the lowlands prepared to move to higher ground if flood conditions grew worse. Hundreds of head of stock must be driven from the valley. The water early this afternoon was over the railroad tracks between Myrtle Point and Coquille.

FLORENCE, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP) Buffeted and tossed for two days and a night, the human cargo of the sailing schooner Helen B. Sterling of Seattle, stood off Heceta head today, to await abatement of a storm that seemed had no end.

Waves dashed 60 feet high, washing the stranded vessel and its crew. SOS distress signals could be seen from the beach where throngs of Lane county coast people gathered to watch the battle against the elements.

SEATTLE, Mar. 31.—(AP)—The Helen B. Sterling, a six-masted schooner, carries a crew of 12 men, commanded by Captain Gustav Nelson. Several days ago the ship's job was broken.

Officials of the Sterling Steamship corporation of Seattle, owners of the craft, said that the probable loss of her rudder would account for her position.

She should have been farther north and farther out to sea. She was sailing from San Pedro to Seattle under ballast.

In January, 1927, when returning from the Orient, the Helen B. Sterling was reorted lost off Vancouver island after a half dozen vessels covering her supposed route had been unable to find her. Two weeks after it was generally admitted the craft was lost, she turned up safely in Columbia river with her rigging badly damaged by the heavy seas.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Two sailing vessels in distress off the Oregon coast were riding rough waves in safety this morning.

The six-masted schooner, believed to be the Helen B. Sterling of Seattle, which sent distress calls yesterday, was still anchored off Heceta Head, between Coos Bay and Aquila Bay, and appeared to be in no danger. This was reported by the Stuslaw coast guard station near Florence, Ore. The weather there was moderating.

The four-masted schooner K. V. Kruse, which tried to get into the Columbia river yesterday after a voyage of 111 days from Adelaide, Australia, in which she ran out of provisions, was under sail this morning off Willapa harbor. The tug Arrow No. 3 tried to tow the schooner into the Columbia river but failed to make headway. The hawser broke about 11 o'clock last night and the K. V. Kruse threw out her anchor, but it dragged. She then set sail.

A hard southwest wind prevented her from going out to sea, but she was able to proceed northward along shore.

The Cape Disappointment coast guard station sent a call for the cutter Snohomish from Port Angeles and that vessel was expected to reach the K. V. Kruse about 1 p. m. to tow the vessel into Astoria.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—(AP)—Sixty thousand cases of eggs—a total of 21,600,000, with a value estimated at \$660,000, were loaded on steamers here. Fifty thousand cases were destined for Buenos Aires and 10,000 cases for New York.