

The Weather
Forecast: Moderate temperature above freezing.
Highest yesterday 56
Lowest this morning 36

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 43
Minimum 32

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By Arthur Brisbane
Britain Also Speculates.
What Use Is Science?
Buying Whiskey No Crime
Preventing Influenza.

Speculation in the Ford British company, called "Ford, Ltd.," is almost as active in Britain as it is here. The stock, sold originally to the British by Ford at 20 shillings a share, now sells at 75 shillings premium, which means 95 shilling a share.

The British probably have heard how Senator Couzens, of Detroit, put about \$2000 in the original Ford company and took out \$30,000,000 in cash. Such things don't usually happen twice.

"What is the use of science?" is sometimes asked. A geologist answered a British coal mine owner, "You have wasted fortunes boring for coal where there was none. I could have told you to stop and save your money whenever you came to a certain formation in the earth. Never any coal below that formation. It came before the coal was formed."

A gathering of scientists in New York Wednesday was told by an expert of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that "more than 500,000 children in the United States had been saved from orphanages because science has extended the span of human life."

To keep alive fathers and mothers, until the children are grown, is certainly useful work. And science forgets superstition, the poison of the mind, as the actinic rays fight streptococci, in the blood stream.

Judge Kirkpatrick of the United States court says there is nothing illegal about BUYING bootleg whiskey. TO SELL it is an offense, and to have it transported is an offense. But merely to buy it is not illegal.

This protects customers of the bootleggers. They have no difficulty in protecting themselves, sometimes with sawedoff shotguns.

Mr. Durant paid \$25,000 for "A Way to Enforce Prohibition" that would NOT enforce prohibition. Make it a felony to buy whiskey, bootleggers will lose their customers, and that will help prohibition.

Simply showing lack of respect for the constitution does not worry respectability much. But committing a felony, with the prospect of going to jail, plus the danger of blackmailing by bootleggers, WOULD make respectability think hard.

The United States census bureau reports 70 deaths of influenza last week. There are 1,250,000 new cases in this country.

The death rate is low in proportion to the number of cases fortunately, but it is a dangerous and growing epidemic.

Probably one-half of the cases are caused by the habit of putting the hand to the mouth or nose, sometimes in moistening the fingers to turn the leaves of a book or newspaper. That plants the germs on the mucous membrane.

Children should be warned against that!

It was mentioned in this col. (Continued on Page Six)

TAX FREE WEALTH IS PROBLEM

Carkin Declares Intangibles, Other Assets Escape Share of Tax Burden—Income Measure Not Major Question Before Commission.

John H. Carkin, chairman of the state tax commission, in a statement issued today, sets forth that the crux of the Oregon tax problem is the taxing of intangibles and other forms of wealth, now free from taxation, and the equalization of taxes. He holds that these two principles are the foundation of tax relief.

The statement also contends that the benefits of the proposed income tax have been exaggerated and that press reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the income tax proposal was not the major deliberation of the tax commission in its last session. It is held "that the press reports left the public in rather a confused state."

The tax commission is unanimous that intangibles should be taxed, but differ on the method to be employed. It is also held by Mr. Carkin that Oregon should postpone the adoption of any income tax "for a couple of years, until all the coast states have adopted a similar personal income tax." The three states now have a uniform excise tax on banks and corporations.

Mr. Carkin plans to leave early next week to attend the final meetings of the tax commission, before the meeting of the legislature. His statement in full is as follows:—

Upon returning from the meeting of the property tax relief commission last week at which two years work was boiled down to eight or ten major recommendations, I find that the press reports of the meetings has left the public in rather a confused state of mind and might convey the impression, because of bitter discussion of the income tax, that the income tax was the major portion of the commission's program, or that the commission was divided on its other recommendations.

The truth is, remarkable as it may seem with a commission composed of thirty-five men from all walks of life, that the eight or ten recommendations have been agreed to unanimously by all factions. Not only this, but they have met with the approval of state officials and business and other groups generally, with which the commission has held conferences. At the meeting last week the following general principles were unanimously adopted:

Equalization. Equalizing the state by indirect taxes, so as to relieve real property of state tax.

Reduction of state tax burden on real property.

Abolishing useless boards and commissions.

Certain measures for reducing local property taxes.

Measures to control bond issues, improve judicial procedure and uniform accounting.

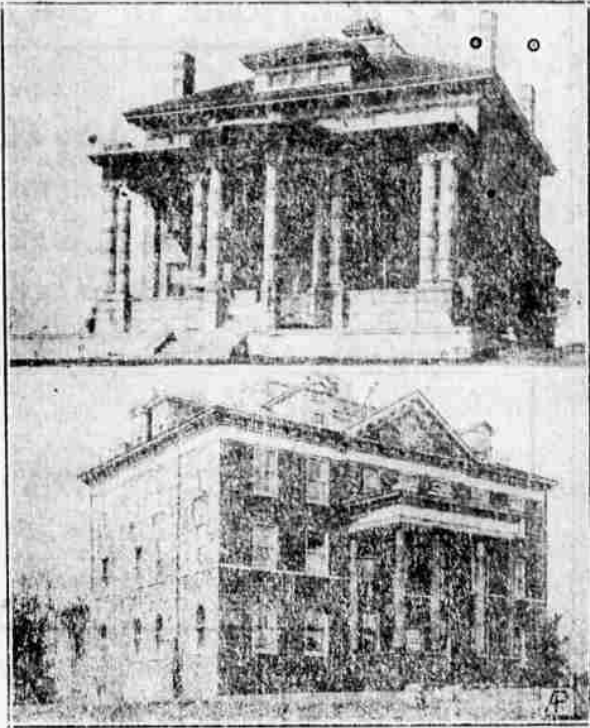
And finally believing that too much property was escaping taxation in Oregon the recommendation is not for new taxes but to tax property which is now escaping as follows:

Excise tax on banks and corporations to replace the tax on banks and corporations. Taxation on stocks, bonds and other intangibles and certain other types of personal property, salaries, etc., which are now almost altogether escaping.

These recommendations are being worked into the report this week and the final meeting of the commission will be held in about a month to approve the detailed recommendations after which public hearings on the bills will be held for ten days, beginning the first of January.

Tax Intangibles. The commission is unanimous that intangibles and other wealth which is now escaping should be taxed. The only difference of opinion being as to whether these should be taxed by a flat rate intangible tax or by some sort of income tax legislation, some of the commission contending that inasmuch as the coast states, Oregon, Washington and California have agreed on the same excise tax on banks and corporations, the three states should wait a couple of years or so, and have all of the coast states adopt a similar personal income tax. Others of the commission believe that a personal income tax should be recommended now. Some favor one with a property offset and others without, with a result that the commission voted to have the sub-committee work out a property offset bill and report it back to the commission

PROPOSED WEEK END WHITE HOUSE



President Coolidge in proposing a country place for the President near Washington suggested the government owned reservation at Mt. Weather near Bluemont, Va. Above is the administration building which could be used as the week end White House. Below, the laboratory building which could be fitted up as an executive office.

PROHIBITION WORKER BLUE LEDGE TO BE SOLD SOON IN CALIFORNIA AND OPERATED

Abel Frias Found With Bullet Holes in Head—Bootlegger's Girl Drives Car While Gun Used—Pair Deny Complicity.

SAN JOSE Cal., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Abel Frias, 22, undercover dry law agent, was "taken for a ride" last night and his body with two bullet holes in the head, dumped on the highway near Dos Palos, Merced county, Frias, still living, was found early today by a rancher, who took him to the Los Banos hospital.

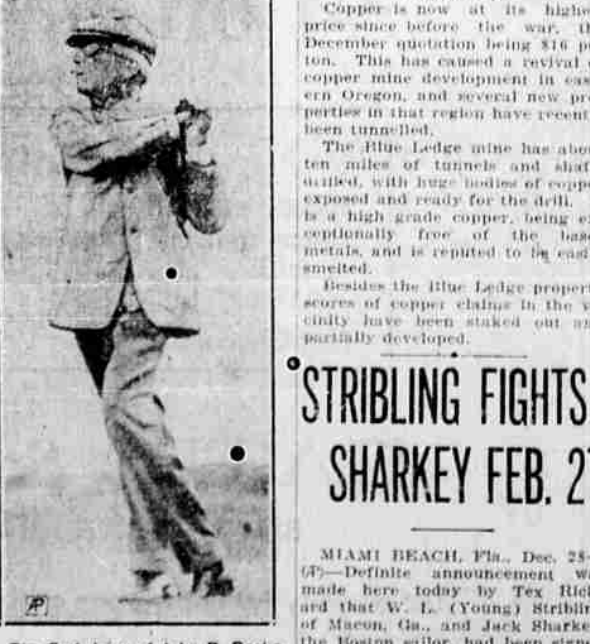
On Frias' accusation San Jose police arrested Salvador Cardinelli, convicted bootlegger, and Viola Post, 27, Cardinelli was to be tried this afternoon on a charge of possessing liquor and Frias was to have been the chief witness for the prosecution.

Frias said he was picked up in San Jose last night by the young woman who was driving Cardinelli's automobile. They drove around the city he said, and met Cardinelli who joined them in the machine. Frias said he believed Cardinelli would not recognize him as a dry agent because they had met only once before.

Cardinelli suddenly shot him twice in the head, the agent continued, and he was hurled out of the automobile near Dos Palos, approximately 50 miles from San Jose.

Police who arrested Cardinelli found his motor car still warm, they said. Questioned separately, Viola Post told arresting officers that she and Cardinelli drove to Livermore last night and did not see Frias. Cardinelli said he had not used his machine at all.

John D. In South



The first drive of John D. Rockefeller during his present visit at Ormond, Fla. was good for 150 yards.

Aged "Modern" of Bobbed Hair and Plane Ride Dead

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Catherine H. Benton, who on her 104th birthday last winter bobbed her hair, took an airplane ride and wrote a story about it for the Associated Press, died at her home here today of pneumonia.

Mrs. Benton, who formerly resided in Jamestown, N. Y., was a native of Scotland and came to this country more than 100 years ago. She was affectionately known in Florida as "Grandma," and at the annual festival here last year as queen of the Times Square Centenary Club of St. Petersburg. She won more applause than did any bathing beauty.

NO AWARD OF WILSON PEACE FUND

Annual Dinner of Memorial Foundation Tonight—F. D. Roosevelt Is Principal Speaker—Lack of Agreement On Recipient Halts Award of \$25,000 Prize.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The annual dinner of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial foundation will be held at the Hotel Astor tonight but no award for international peace and friendship will be made as has been customary. The dinner will mark the 72nd birthday anniversary of the late president.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York, who was assistant secretary of the navy under Wilson, will be the principal speaker. His subject will be "Wilson the Administrator."

Robert Underwood Johnson, former ambassador to Italy, will read "Towers of Remembrance," an original poem.

The award of \$25,000 for the most significant contribution to peace was omitted this year, a trustee explained, for lack of agreement on a recipient. It was said that among those considered was Frank B. Colburn, secretary of state, as a result of his efforts for adoption of anti-war treaties.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Viscount Cecil and Ethel Root have received the award.

Among those expected at tonight's dinner are Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, her stepdaughter, Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, and her husband; George W. Olney, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Davis, Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge and Bernard M. Baruch.

Dr. Edmund Devoil is to give a dinner at his Fifth avenue home in honor of Miss Margaret Wilson.

Governor Smith, at a luncheon given at the home of Colonel William Rice at Albany, praised Wilson as one of the greatest statesmen in the country's history. Mr. Rice is a former federal civil service commissioner.

Prof. Charles N. Waldron of Union college said President Wilson possessed qualities which made his career a "handbook in our history," but he lacked that friendly, earthy quality so attractive in our own governor and so characteristic of Mr. Lincoln.

Late yesterday Miss Julia A. Spomer, Portland, was elected president of the association; R. H. Turner, city superintendent of Dallas, vice president, and E. F. Carlton, secretary.

The three trustees elected are E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of Medford schools; Fred Peterson, county superintendent of Klamath county, and C. W. Iseltlicher, city superintendent of The Dalles schools.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER HAS CUSTOMARY PARTY FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Surrounded by about 30 friends and neighbors, John D. Rockefeller, 69, celebrated the Yule season at his winter home here last night.

The belated Christmas party, following a custom of long standing, was simple and much in the same order of many past Christmas celebrations.

The Christmas Carol, led by a quartet from the Links club, and joined in by the guests, were sung preceding the opening of presents which had been piled high about the Christmas tree. Santa Claus put in a belated appearance to distribute the gifts in both young and old.

Refreshments were served on a glassed in porch which had been decorated in the seasonal flowers and wreaths. Ten gallons of ice cream, cakes, cookies, coffee and sandwiches were served to the guests.

CIGAR STORES IN SALEM QUIT BANK BUSINESS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—So much of a nuisance has the custom of cashing checks become that Salem cigar store and pool room operators are organizing for the purpose of refusing to grant that favor in the future, unless persons offering the checks can show on the spot that the checks are bona fide good at the banks.

In accepting checks, frequently some get by that are intentionally fraudulent. Others come from persons who intend to be "on the square" but who are without sufficient funds in the banks to cover the checks.

The poolroom and cigar men declare that the practice doesn't pay. There is too much head-ache, they say, in trying to collect on many of the checks or waiting until some indefinite time in the future to cash them. The only remedy, they believe, is to stop the practice entirely.

The dealers have suffered particularly during the holiday season. Men whose checks ordinarily are good are now turned back by the banks. The reason, no doubt, is that the signers of the checks have inadvertently overdrawn their accounts, and it makes a lot of trouble for the dealers, who to be accommodating, have allowed themselves to be imposed on.

Horse Gets \$13 Wife 30 Cents Divorce Asked

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Simon Kosloff wants to know if there is any justice in her husband's spending \$13 a week to support his horse and only 30 cents a day to support Mrs. Kosloff.

Kosloff is a bread peddler earning \$35 a week, his wife said in answering his petition for a divorce. He spends \$13 a week on the horse, she said, while limiting her to \$2.10 a week for the support of her self and three children by a former marriage.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—This is a prosperous country without a doubt. Did you read where some fellow got \$25,000 as a prize just for saying, "Make liquor so high that the bootlegger can't sell it at a profit." Then the producer will sell direct to the consumer and it will only cut out the middle man. The same thing they have tried to do in every industry since the world began, and haven't succeeded. Besides, where is your economic problem of finding work for your unemployed bootleggers? Now if a man got \$25,000 for suggesting that, what ought some fellow get for suggesting one that would work? A California boy suggested education, but it's the education that's doing all the drinking.

Yours for bigger prizes and better suggestions.
WILL ROGERS.

LIGHT THROWN PORTLAND JOB OF APRIL 1927

Letters of Detroit Officer to Portland Cousin Give New Lead in Olds, Wortman and King Safe Robbery Last Year.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Letters exchanged by two police officers who are cousins—one a Portland detective, the other a Detroit lieutenant—have shed new light on the \$25,000 safe robbery of Olds Wortman & King Department store here in April, 1927.

The Portland Telegram today led off the correspondence which led officers to believe that two of the robbers were serving life sentences in Ohio for a robbery similar to the Portland job, and that two other persons suspected of being involved had been killed in an automobile accident near Los Angeles.

After Vincent Edwards was arrested in Detroit, he was convicted of robbing a department store in Findlay, Ohio, in which a watchman was killed, Lieut. Will Collins, Detroit, wrote to his cousin Detective Frank Collins, Portland, about the Ohio crime, and the Portland office inquired whether the watchman in the Findlay store was handcuffed and forced by one robber to punch clocks while the others cracked the safe.

The Detroit lieutenant answered "Yes," and the Portland detective told his cousin to ask Edwards about the Olds Wortman & King job.

ARMY VETERAN ROUTS BANDITS IN DRUG STORE

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—There aren't any more bullets in Joseph M. Adler's old army pistol today, but there is one less bandit alive.

Adler came out of the World war with a revolver and a wooden leg. Last night, when four men held up his drugstore, the war veteran, who was in his living quarters above the store, took the gun from a drawer and hobbled downstairs.

Through a peephole Adler saw his clerk being held off by robbers of the four robbers. Pushing open the door and bracing himself with his wooden leg, Adler opened fire. His first shot went through the heart of one of the bandits, later identified by fingerprints as Harry Cassel, 24. Another man was wounded and had to be dragged from the store by his companions, who returned Adler's fire without effect.

Persons who were in a South Clark street restaurant early last night when Onafis Dipolito was shot dead as he was eating dinner, said after viewing Cassel's body today, that Cassel was one of the three men who slew Dipolito.

There was still another slaying on the south side during the night. The body of Linus Nelson, a carpenter, was found in an alley near his home. He had been stabbed to death.

Shumaker Recommitted
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—(AP)—E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, was ordered recommitted to the state penal farm today by the supreme court to serve a 60-day sentence for contempt of court.

SCHELDT WATERS OVERFLOW LANDS

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Nearly 2000 acres of land and five villages near Termonde were under water today. Floods, pushed along by a violent gale and augmented by the waters of the tide rushing inland, swept over a section of the lowlands. Greater destruction than occurred four weeks ago was threatened.

Just a month ago the new floods came suddenly and without warning. High winds pushed inland the waters of the swollen Scheldt, which met an exceptionally high tide.

Much suffering and damage have resulted already and losses greater than those of a month ago are predicted.

INSURGENT LEADER IS CAPTURED

Would-Be Abductor of Dwight Morrow Under Arrest in Mexico—Four Companions Escape—Made Two Attempts On Ambassador.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Maximiliano Viguera, insurgent leader, who was captured yesterday and sent to Mexico City for trial, was executed by a firing squad today after a court martial.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Maximiliano Viguera, insurgent leader credited with two attempts to capture United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, was under arrest today. He was captured in the town of Chalco and sent to Mexico City for trial in compliance with the new ruling against summary executions of insurgents.

Deprivations laid to Viguera have so affected tourist travels that the national highways commission had offered a reward of 5000 pesos (\$2500) for his capture.

Viguera told newspapermen that upon learning that President Portes Gil had promised a fair trial for everyone, including insurgents, which he styles himself, he decided to surrender. One of his own relatives who is a lieutenant in the home guard troops at the town of Chalco, however, captured him but four companions succeeded in escaping.

Police announced that letters on the stationery of the League for Defense of Religious Liberty were found in Viguera's pockets and that these instructed him as to the manner in which he was to carry on his campaign against the government.

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STRIBLING FIGHTS SHARKEY FEB. 27

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Definite announcement was made here today by Tex Rickard, W. L. (Young) Stribling, the Boston sailor, had been signed for a heavyweight bout here on February 27. The winner probably will meet Jack Dempsey for the championship.