

The Weather
 Forecast—Fair, and no change in temperature.
 Highest yesterday 58
 Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 50
 Precipitation 24 hrs. to 5 a. m. 0

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Highest year ago today 56
 Lowest year ago today 41

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

The British System.
 A German Champion.
 The Five Day Week.
 Air Is Life.

The Cunard line, now fighting the American lines for winter travel to Cuba, carried 273,174 passengers last year, of whom 261,488 crossed the Atlantic. This surpasses all other lines.

Long years of intelligent, determined planning are back of that record. The British are supreme in ocean traffic, because they planned to be. It began 500 years ago, when Henry the Seventh wisely ordained "that wines and woods from the parts of Gascoign and Languedoc, should not be brought but in English bottoms."

Power of England and building her navy was more important than cheap freights and plebeian importations, to that wise king.

To be prosperous, permanently, protect home workers and industries. Those that sell embroidered handkerchiefs in America ask for a higher tariff because Chinese women, competing work for one-twentieth and even one-fiftieth of American wages.

No woman should make a living by toilsome embroidering. But, if women do such work, they are entitled to protection as much as the steel mills of Pittsburgh.

Max Schmelling, a young German, is on his way to prize-fight glory, upsetting the theory that Germans cannot fight with their fists. He beat Johnny Risko, "the Cleveland India rubber man," with ease, and a series of right hand blows "to the jaw."

No man, before, has stopped Risko. Schmelling knocked him down in the first, seventh, eighth and ninth rounds, and the referee stopped the fight to save the Cleveland wonder in the ninth.

German boys are not taught that fist fighting is manly. At Rauser school in Stuttgart, a youth, well brought up, would exclaim when struck:

"Nein. Das lass ich mir nicht gefallen." (No I do not permit that to please me). But Schmelling proves that German boys "puck a wallop" as Americans put it, and can use it, if you make it worth their while.

Young Max, who looks like Dempsey, is on his way to make a million. Twenty thousand men in Madison Square Garden were "frantic with joy when a right to the jaw sent Risko down in the first round."

The joy might have been less intense had it not been another person's jaw. To imagine yourself a "sport," and almost heroic, because you like to see others hit, while you sit chewing gum, proves imagination's power.

In New York employers of electricians agreed to a five-day week and increased the workers' pay to \$13 a day.

The building trades employers get an injunction to prevent carrying out this agreement. You are told \$200,000 worth of building would be held up by the agreement.

Hire more electricians and the work would be held up. A five-day week, giving men two days in which to spend what they earn and build up health and vigor, is a good thing for the country. The employers have two days of a week, the majority of them a month or two.

CRUISER BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

AUTHORIZE 15 CRUISERS PLANE SHIP

Senator Bruce Accuses Heflin of Having Obtained Inspiration From K. K. K.—Church Flag Causes Hot Debate—Taunts Fly As Ship Bill Is Argued.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The senate today passed the bill authorizing the construction of 15 cruisers and an airplane carrier.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Although President Coolidge does not approve of the cruiser construction bill with the time restriction clause included, he does not wish to be understood as expressing any opinion on the bill.

The senate today passed a vote on the cruiser construction bill after a debate by an overwhelming majority yesterday the request of President Coolidge to have eliminated the time clause in the measure restricting construction on the ships called for to begin before July 1, 1931.

The bill, carries the provision that the 15 cruisers shall be put under way during the fiscal year ending next June 30; five the following year and five during the next year, ending June 30, 1931. The \$19,000,000 aircraft carrier also shall be started during this period.

Senator Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, offered the amendment to strike out the time limitation provision and to give the president a free hand in putting under way the naval program any time prior to July 1, 1932. It was defeated on the first and only roll-call so far on the bill by a vote of 54 to 28. Twenty-six Republicans turned against the proposal and 28 Democrats and the former labor senator, Shipstead, of Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Senator Bruce, of Maryland, accused Senator Heflin, of Alabama, in the senate today of having obtained inspiration from the Ku Klux Klan for an amendment proposed to the cruiser bill which would prohibit the flying of the church's church flag at Sunday services over the American emblem.

Heflin, declared Heflin objected to the chaplain's flag because it looked like the emblem of the Catholic church.

"Well, if the senator wants me to go on record as to what I think," Heflin declared, "I will do so, but I don't want to take the senate's time. I contend that no flag should be flown over the American flag, no matter what it is."

Heflin then accused Heflin of having obtained his inspiration from the Klan, to which the Alabama senator belongs.

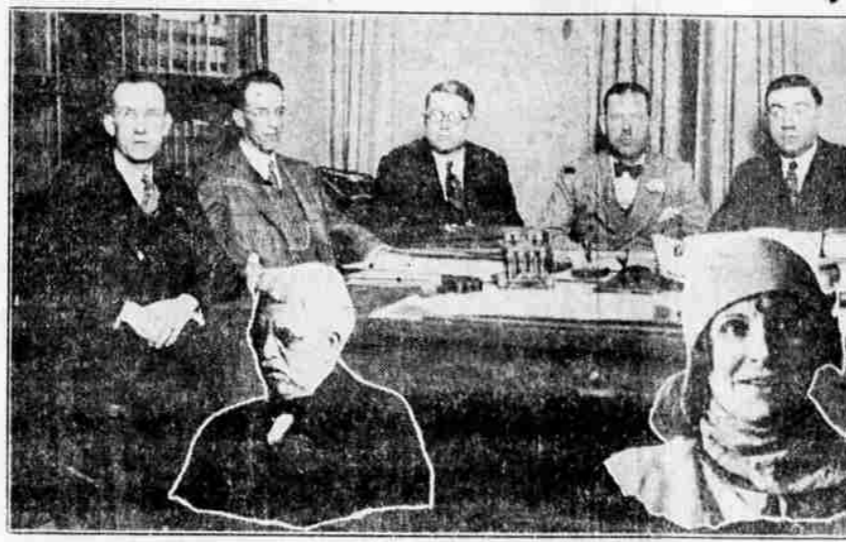
"Just because the senator gets his inspiration from the Knights of Columbus, he shouldn't think I get mine from the Klan."

Reports in the hands of Emir Abdullah say that the Wahabites have been gathering against Transjordan in addition to Iraq. The Emir, visiting the eastern frontier, has asked the Transjordan tribesmen to move to other places because of the threatened attack.

Numerous Wahabite agents accused of buying arms have been arrested by the Aman police.

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LEGISLATORS INVESTIGATE PAYMENT TO JUDGE



A special committee of the California legislature in session to determine if Superior Judge Carlos Hardy of Los Angeles is to be impeached for accepting a \$2,500 check from Aimee Semple McPherson while she was under investigation two years ago. Mrs. McPherson has appeared on the stand. Members of the committee are William Crowder, Santa Clara; Harry Sewell, Whittier; Chairman W. J. Little, Santa Monica; Clara Woolwine, Los Angeles, and William Hornblower, San Francisco. Insets of the judge and Mrs. McPherson are recent pictures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Resuming its hearing on flax, hemp and jute tariff rates, the house today called approximately 25 witnesses in an effort to clear the way for consideration tomorrow of wool rates.

As an aid to Oregon flax growers who have 200,000 acres under cultivation, W. D. Hartman, of Salem, Ore., asked duties of six cents a pound on flax tow, six cents on huckled flax, and 8 cents on buckled flax. Present rates are three-quarters of a cent and one and two cents respectively.

With the new rates, Hartman said, the Oregon growers would be enabled to turn out enough flax to meet practically all needs of this country. For the manufacturers, he added, the higher duties would add only one cent a pound in the making of a pair of boots and from one and one-quarter cents a yard on linen towels.

George A. Hartman, representing the Juneau Fiber company, of Juneau, Wisconsin, urged an increase to 3 cents a pound in the duty of one cent on hemp tow and to five cents a pound in the duty on huckled hemp.

Hartman said western hemp millers could not compete with the imported hemp of the kind that is produced in Europe and China because of labor costs, and that under a higher tariff enough could be raised in this country to supply the 15,000 tons annual domestic consumption.

Portland News Chief Promoted by Scripps

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Amsvillo—New garage will be constructed here.

RECAPTURE SLAYER OF BRENNAN

Joseph Piolo, Two Years Fugitive From Sing Sing Is Again Behind Bars—Tells of 1927 Escape—Sentenced to 20 Years for Murder of Pugilist.

ELIZABETH, N. Y., Feb. 5.—(AP) The slayer of Bill Brennan, heavy-weight pugilist, was in jail today after being a fugitive from Sing Sing prison for two years.

Joseph Piolo, who disappeared mysteriously from prison on the night of March 2, 1927, was arrested here last night as a suspicious character. Detectives nabbed him after watching his movements for more than a week. Their suspicions had been aroused by his apparent prosperity with no visible means of support.

When approached in a cafe, he said he was James Joseph Keefe, a pugilist. Detectives said they found a pistol in his pocket. An automobile he had been driving was registered in Union county under a fictitious name. Police said his identity as the escaped convict was established through police records.

The prisoner gave a detailed account of the manner in which he escaped from Sing Sing.

He said that under cover of a heavy fog he slipped out of his cell, carrying his mattress with him. Making his way to the top of the wall with the mattress, he held it before him and leaped into the Hudson.

Swimming a distance of about three city blocks, he said, he climbed ashore and was away before the sheriff and police could warn him that a prisoner had escaped.

Sentenced in 1924.

Piolo and four others were indicted for shooting Brennan in his New York cabaret in July, 1924. Piolo pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree in October of the same year, and was sentenced to Sing Sing for 20 years.

In April, 1927, a man surrendered to police of San Diego, Cal., saying he was Piolo and asking to be looked up because he feared he would commit another crime. He was unable, however, to convince Sing Sing authorities he was the escaped convict and later changed his story, claiming to be Joseph Ferri. He was released.

Bill Brennan, Chicago pugilist, who was at one time a contender for the heavyweight championship, retired from the ring in 1922 after being knocked out by Luis Firpo. Jack Dempsey knocked him out twice, once in six rounds in 1915 and in 12 rounds in 1920.

After quitting the fight game, Brennan became proprietor of a cabaret known as The Juana. On the night of July 15, 1924, Brennan was in his establishment when five men entered and opened fire on him.

FINANCE MOVE FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICTS MADE

Southern Oregon Plan Would Gain Aid From Government—Co-operation Assured By Major Interests—Letter Outlines Project.

Already secured the cooperation of every irrigation district in Oregon, state officers, state associations and localities, the movement, which had its inception in southern Oregon a comparatively short time ago through the Talent and Medford irrigation districts, for the reforming of irrigation districts with the aid of the federal government, is rapidly gaining strength and is expected to have the wholehearted support of the western delegation of senators and representatives in congress.

In view of an era of farm effort work now at hand, it is believed by sponsors of the movement the opportunity time has arrived for asking for such government aid in refunding bond issues. The irrigation districts will not ask for a gift, but have plans of paying the funds back to the government over a long time period, perhaps ranging from 50 to 75 years, doing away with the necessity of one generation being through bankruptcy in order to pay for projects to be used by succeeding generations. This is not deemed justice and the government is expected to see the fairness in the request, which has indications of spreading over the 17 western states, meaning that complete re-financing of irrigation districts will entail an approximate total from \$9 to 700 millions of dollars.

Justice Seen.

A deep injustice is seen in the present system of literally penalizing one generation because it has the initiative of building irrigation projects and is contrasted to the government aid given to construction of Boulder dams at a cost of \$12,000,000. Mismanaged flood control at 250 million, the Columbia Basin government project at many millions of dollars. The government will realize no actual return in money from this work, but in re-financing the irrigation districts is assured of the return of its money over a long-time period.

If government aid is secured, it will mean that present irrigation district costs will decrease by at least six dollars. Outlook for aid is encouraging, inasmuch that President-elect Herbert Hoover is practically a western man and

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MEDFORD WILL MAKE BID FOR BLIMP DEPOT

Establishment of a dirigible base in the Rogue River valley adjacent to this city is among the possibilities of the immediate future, and a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce has been called this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of selecting a representative or representatives to attend a meeting Friday in Portland of delegates of various Oregon communities.

Congress recently appropriated \$5,000,000 for the establishment of a dirigible base on the Pacific coast. The communities interested in the state of Washington, recently united upon Camp Lewis, near Tacoma, Wash., as their choice. Medford representatives will endeavor to have the Portland meeting units upon this city as the choice of this state.

This valley is admirably located, climatically and geographically for a dirigible. It has a minimum of wind velocity, is situated midway of the Pacific Coast states, and is a sufficient distance from the sea, to insure avoidance of seaboard weather, yet within easy reach. It is understood that the government is seeking a site, in the interior, and climate is one of the main requisites.

It is also understood that local aviation workers have an option on a site, and that their cause has considerable official and private backing, due to the arduousness of the city, in the past.

A dirigible base employs from 300 to 500 men, with a vast amount of equipment and quarters and hangars.

PHONE QUIZ MEMORIAL IS PASSED

Dunne Investigation Request Passes Senate Unanimously—Oregon Commission Unable Get Data Is Claim—House Passes Forestation Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Notwithstanding an attack by Senator Klopfer on the Dunne telephone investigating memorial, in which he branded it as farcical and declared that the governor has power to make the investigation through the public service commission, the senate voted for the memorial and it was adopted by the senate unanimously today.

The memorial calls upon congress to adopt the Johnson investigating resolution for a nationwide probe and to appoint an Oregon senator on the committee.

Dunne, in his opening speech, read a telegram from Senator Hiram Johnson, stating that the congressional resolution probably would be tabled until after March 4, but that with the support of the western states he believed it would be adopted. A similar message was read from Senator Steiwer.

Data Needed.

Dunne declared that the Oregon public service commission is unable to get enough data on the telephone situation for rate making, and cited a statement of ex-Commissioner Fred G. Bachtel at the recent hearing on his resolution in support of the statement.

Referring to the popularity of his memorial, Dunne said that it is now a political vehicle that everyone wants to ride on, though two years ago it was a much feared vehicle.

Referring to proposed local investigation in Portland, Dunne said that "most of us believed we would fare just as well with the public service commission."

"It is not my purpose," Dunne continued, "to be a hatter of the telephone company. My purpose is to get all the cards on the table. Then if the telephone company is in the clear it can be relieved from the charges that are being made against it. If it develops that it has too many employees, we will then know that a lot of them are political employees."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Passage of house bill 200, by Robison, providing for the forestation and reforestation of logged off lands in Oregon through reduced tax assessment valuations on lands in the process of reforestation, after a debate lasting through almost the entire afternoon rounded off a busy day for the lower house of the legislature Monday.

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Yours,
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The Noted Dead

DETROIT, Jan. 5.—(AP)—William Herbert Murphy, Detroit capitalist and patron of music, died suddenly at his home early today. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Murphy was founder and president of the Detroit symphony society and was one of Henry Ford's original backers. He also was one of the founders of the Cadillac Motor company. The Murphy interests, of which he was head, built the new Penobscot building, Detroit's highest building.

Death was caused by a heart attack.

IRRIGATION BOND INTEREST BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—The house Monday afternoon passed without debate house bill 229 authorizing the state reclamation to release irrigation districts from repayment to the state of indebtedness incurred by the state in guaranteeing interest on irrigation bonds when an agreement has been reached between the district and its creditors reducing the annual payments required from the district for the payment of its outstanding indebtedness to an amount within the ability of the district to pay.

New bridge under construction over Skippahou on Roosevelt highway between Astoria and Seaside will have 24-foot horizontal clearance between piers.

Newport—Neighbors of Woodcraft lease Cooper building.

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