

**The Weather**  
 Forecast—Occasional rain tonight and Thursday; moderate.  
 Highest yesterday 69  
 Lowest this morning to 3 a. m. 42

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Highest year ago today 67  
 Lowest year ago today 47

**Today**  
 By Arthur Brisbane  
 See Seattle.  
 When Col. Ewing Starts.  
 4 Billions of Diamonds.  
 Tom Slick's \$30,000,000

The Great Northern railway announces a cut of five hours, beginning next summer, in the running time between Chicago and Seattle. Other lines, doubtless, will follow suit. The run will be made in 63 hours, bringing Seattle as near to New York, Chicago and other eastern and mid-western cities as Los Angeles and San Francisco are now.

Fortunately for the Pacific coast and the 200,000,000 inhabitants that will live one day between San Diego and the Canadian line, "the coast" is a winter resort and a summer resort. No part of the coast is more marvelous in summer climate and scenery than Seattle and the whole state of Washington. Go there this summer, from the Atlantic, and you will spend the ten hours saved on the round trip telling your friends that you really have seen America.

Spoon-fed newspaper publishers and others who say the race of fighting editors has vanished should see recent numbers of Colonel Ewing's newspaper, the New Orleans States, with Colonel Ewing's fight against the governor of Louisiana.

Charles A. Dana, in his most energetic days, telling what he thought of President Hayes, could not surpass Colonel Ewing. The colonel of brachycephalic type, responds to things he doesn't like as a stick of dynamite does to a sledge hammer blow.

This country owns four thousand million dollars worth of diamonds. At 6 per cent, which is a low rate, it costs the owners \$240,000,000 a year to look beautiful and shiny, not far from a million dollars a day. But it is worth it if it makes the owners happy.

A small part of the four billions represents diamonds doing useful work, cutting glass, etc. The most useful diamonds are little black stones, hardest of all, that Professor Michaelson, of Chicago university, employs for ruling with marvellously fine lines on spectroscopic plates. The black diamonds, attached to an automatic machine in a cellar far below ground where the temperature doesn't vary, move back and forth hour after hour, no man watching them.

When Professor Michaelson takes you down where his black diamonds are working, you may stay only a minute, and are asked to breathe as little as possible, that the heat of your body and breath may not change the temperature of the small room. That is exactitude.

## 'TAPS' FOR FOCH, WAR TIME IDOL

Marshal of France and Foremost Strategist of World, Ends Last Campaign After Long Illness—Led Allied Hosts to Victory.

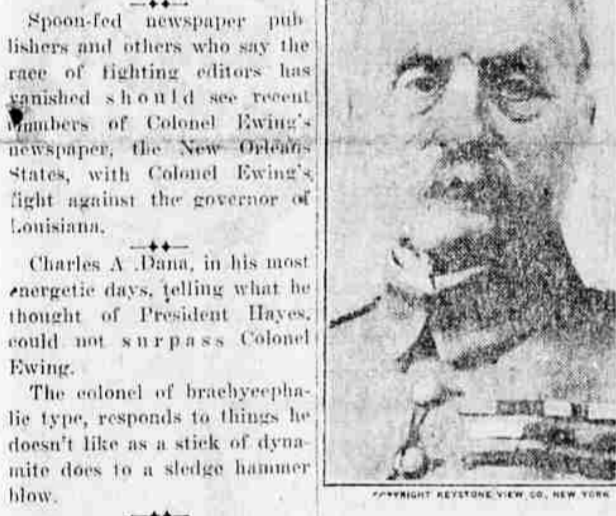
PARIS, March 29.—(AP)—Marshal Foch will receive a national funeral, highest tribute of the French nation to its illustrious dead.

PARIS, March 29.—(AP)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, famous generalissimo, who led the allied armies to victory in the World War, died at his home today after a lengthy illness. He was 77 years old.

He died at 5:50 p. m. (12:50 p. m. eastern standard time.)

Although it had long been apparent that the great general was fighting his "last campaign," his warrior heart would not give in and day after day he fought off the inevitable end with grim courage. But a coalition of heart

General Foch



trouble, disease and a lung infection were too great at his age.

On Feb. 26 the Associated Press was authoritatively informed that the marshal's death seemed only a matter of days—a week, perhaps, or ten days, but the marshal with admirable will held off death even longer than his doctors thought possible.

The end came peacefully with the marshal's wife and his two daughters in the room after he had received the last sacraments of the church. The two daughters had barely reached the house as their father was breathing his last. Dues with the same commander-in-chief who led the allied armies to victory in the World War. Throughout it all, from January 11, when he first became gravely ill, until the end, he showed courage, unflinching calmness and even stoic fortitude.

The end came just as his doctors reached the marshal's house this evening. He had been conscious the entire afternoon and had been found in a somewhat improved condition at 4 o'clock this morning when the first visit of the day was made.

Although the marshal had many good days during his illness, he was not permitted to see visitors. Among those who called upon him was General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces. General Pershing paid his respects to Madame Foch, but in accordance with the strict rule of the doctors, was not permitted to see his former comrade in arms.

Biography

"The foremost strategist of the great war," was John Foch's characterization of Foch as a Foch, marshal of France.

Crowned with an immortal glory as the "savior of civilization," the conqueror of the Germans will go down in history as the military leader who, with more than 10,000,000 soldiers under his command, directed five battles at once and brought peace to a world desolated by four years of inde-

terminable bloodshed.

He was born at La Fere, France, on Feb. 24, 1851. He was educated at the military school of St. Germain, France, and at the Polytechnic school in Paris. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1870, and to that of captain in 1873. He was promoted to the rank of major in 1876, and to that of lieutenant colonel in 1879. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1882, and to that of major general in 1885. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general in 1888, and to that of general in 1891. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant field marshal in 1894, and to that of field marshal in 1897.

He was a member of the Academie des Sciences, and of the Academie des Litteratures. He was a member of the Academie de la Guerre, and of the Academie de la Marine. He was a member of the Academie de la Science, and of the Academie de la Lettres.

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## MASTER FORGER FAKES WAY OUT OF BIG PRISON

Falsified Court Writs Bilk Leavenworth Officers After 'Pardon' 8 Years Ago—Wink at Prisoner Fatal in First Try.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—(AP)—Astounded by the revelation that a man forged his way and that of another out of the largest federal prison in the country, United States officials today planned to return Harry Van Gorder, recaptured master pen artist, to his cell at Leavenworth, Kans., and continue a search for C. Von Esch, his companion.

The escape of Van Gorder and Von Esch, accomplished March 2 through forged court orders, was revealed yesterday when Van Gorder, arrested in Milan, Mo., for forging money orders, was recognized by postal inspectors here. He had been brought to Kansas City for arraignment in federal court.

The inspectors who knew Van Gorder was supposed to be in the Leavenworth prison, learned that he and Von Esch had been released on a writ of habeas corpus and three documents purporting to be orders from the United States district court at Topeka, Kans. Prison authorities received the fake documents through the mail.

Van Gorder obtained the documents from the clerk of the district court at Topeka last month when he applied for a certified copy of a writ of habeas corpus which he was to be taken to Cape Girardeau, Mo., for trial on charges of postal theft, according to Alton H. Skinner, assistant United States district attorney for Kansas.

Apparently the documents were mailed to Topeka officials by an outside accomplice or slipped into the mail by a convict employed to sort and open letters.

It was revealed by government officials that Van Gorder attempted a similar forgery to escape eight years ago. At that time he forged the United States attorney's name to a pardon, his friend mailed the "pardon" from Washington in a franked envelope that had been stolen from the office of the attorney general.

Van Gorder had been "dressed out" and was being escorted from the penitentiary when he winked at a prisoner. The guard became suspicious and he was held while prison officials investigated. They learned the pardon was a forgery and returned him to his cell.

Van Gorder, 53 years old, claims to be a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a former school teacher in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

NEWARK, N. J., March 29.—(AP)—Two women today were claiming to be the wife of Pilot Lou Foote, sole survivor of the plane crash Sunday in which 14 were killed.

A telegram from Turlock, Cal., inquiring about the condition of Foote, who was severely injured in the crash, identified the sender as the wife of the pilot.

The woman known here as Mrs. Foote, said at her hotel that Foote had a divorced wife and seven-year-old daughter in Turlock, Calif., and that her own marriage to Foote took place in that state.

At the hospital Foote was said to have a chance for recovery.

TURLOCK, Cal., March 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Lou Foote of Turlock, estranged wife of the pilot, who was seriously injured in a plane crash at Newark, N. J., Sunday in which 14 lost their lives, will take their five-year-old daughter to his side if he requests it, but will not go along she said yesterday.

"On only one condition would I go back to the bedside of Mr. Foote," she said in denying statements previously attributed to her that she was going east immediately.

"That condition is that if his dying wish were to see his baby girl, I would go back then as it would be the only decent thing to do, but I would not go back alone."

"I am not weeping or crying around for him."

Mrs. Foote, who obtained an involuntary decree of divorce from Foote on charges that he ran away with a Medford woman, branded the "Mrs. Foote" with the ill-fated flyer as "a fake."

Mrs. Foote obtained her first decree last July, but has not yet received her final decree.

"I'm standing on my own feet," she said.

SALEM, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Frank J. Miller of Albany, member of the board of regents of normal schools, said today that he would not suggest to Governor Patterson that a friendly suit be started in the courts to determine the question of the validity of the Bell-Schubertich bill creating a state board of higher education to supersede the present three boards of regents of the state university, the state college and the normal schools.

Miller said he had in mind such a suggestion to the governor, but understands now that the governor thinks the action unnecessary. He added that State Treasurer Kay thinks court action should be taken. He said he would call on the governor today and that the Bell-Schubertich act, probably would be discussed.

SALEM, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Registered Jersey calf belonging to J. M. Jones of Turner may have some trouble taking prizes at livestock shows as a result of its attempt to associate in a friendly way with a brood sow. The sow was busy making a bed. Annoyed at the intrusion of the calf, the sow bit the tail off the young registered Jersey.

BELOEA, Ky., Mar. 29.—(AP)—Doctors, nurses and volunteers have united to wage a battle against an epidemic of scarlet fever numbering 250 cases among 3,000 students at Berea college here. Dr. Gladys Dick of Chicago, who with her husband discovered the anti-toxin for scarlet fever, arrived here today to assume charge of the situation.

## HOMES UNDER FLOOD WATERS



Numerous refugees from South Georgia floods are under the care of the Red Cross at Savannah, Ga. This picture shows several buildings in Townsend, Ga., submerged by the rising flood waters.

QUINCY, Ill., March 29.—(AP)—The Mississippi river was approaching the top of its levees today, still rising after reaching the highest stage in 12 years.

The river was expected to reach its crest here some time today, just short of the flood stage of 22 feet.

There was danger nevertheless, that the levees, weakened by the continual pressure of the last few days, might give way, especially in case of hard rain or hard winds.

Seepage had already caused some damage and cracks were being stopped with sand bags. Firemen were called out to pump out overflow in manufacturing plants along the river here.

Engineers had predicted last night the levees would withstand a stage of 19.6 feet and soon after the ward it was reported that the river had reached this height and was still rising.

The recent rise had extended as far north as Keokuk, Iowa, and down into Marion county, Missouri. The line lake drainage district in Illinois, which was flooded last fall, was endangered again today, as well as the Quincy and Indian Grove districts north of here. The river was also unusually high at Gregory landing and Mark in Missouri.

Water covered railroad tracks between here and Keokuk, Iowa, and trains were being routed over other roads. The area which would be inundated if the river rises much more, or if the levees give way, includes thousands of acres of farm land.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 29.—(AP)—While Mabel Normand, often described as the "hard luck girl" of the cinema firmament, lay in her palatial home here today, waging her desperate battle against the insidious ravages of the "white horror" tuberculosis, her physician, Dr. B. C. Fishbaugh, was calling a consultation to decide whether she should be removed to a sanatorium near Los Angeles.

Unaware that her husband, Lew Cody, well known in movies, and on the stage is back from New York, and is fighting his battle for recovery. Her condition is complete nervous prostration, she struggles on.

It was feared the knowledge of her husband's illness might weaken the slender thread which holds life in the body of the actress, who her friends say, "never turned a hungry man or woman away."

And Cody, grimly fighting his battle against shattered nerves, following an attack of influenza, in a health resort near San Bernardino, doesn't know that Mabel is nearing the valley of the shadows. He contracted influenza in New York while arranging for a vaudeville tour of Europe. His physicians feared the effect on his already weakened nerves if he learns the sad truth.

X-ray examinations have shown that both of Miss Normand's lungs are badly infected. For days a fever, which kept her temperature at 102 degrees, sapped her strength. Her condition is grave, and her physician was to decide today whether her removal to a sanatorium will aid her struggle to live.

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Some Morrow will be a June bride, but she and Col. Lindbergh have not yet decided whether the marriage shall be solemnized in Mexico City or in the United States. The Colonel is expected to fly back to Mexico City at least once and maybe twice to visit his fiancée before June.

OKLAHOMA CHIEF IS IMPEACHED

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 29.—(AP)—Governor Henry S. Johnston was convicted on the first impeachment charge voted upon by the senate court late today.

The article voted on was that charging general incompetency.

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EX-EXAMINER SUED IN BANK FAILURE

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AMER. IOWA, March 29.—(AP)—Regmond Conner, noted distance runner, today received his master of science degree in zoology from Iowa State college.

## MIGHTY FATHER RATE HEARING OF WATER AT CONVENES HERE TOP OF LEVEES NEXT FRIDAY

Mississippi at Quincy, Ill., Western Oregon Traffic Association to Present Testimony Before I. C. C.—Southern Oregon Freight Tariff Held Discriminatory to Portland.

PORTLAND, March 29.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission hearing on rail freight rates on the Pacific coast was expected to adjourn here today and to convene in Medford Friday for further testimony. Today's session consisted simply of a "clean-up" of testimony, reviewing that of previous days. The Western Oregon Traffic association will present its case at the Medford hearing, with testimony advanced to show how the rates as proposed, would affect towns in the Willamette valley and in southern Oregon.

W. A. Curtin, secretary of the Portland Traffic and Transportation association, declared the proposed rates are discriminatory and unfair in that rates on rail shipments from Seattle to southern Oregon points would, in some instances, be less than would be the rates from Portland to the same southern Oregon point on the same commodity.

In many other instances, Curtin declared, Portland and Seattle rates to southern Oregon would be equalized and Portland would lose the virtual advantage it now enjoys in being closer to point of delivery.

The hearing is being conducted by Examiner Flynn of the Interstate Commerce commission on petition of the Southern Pacific, which seeks to put into effect a new rate schedule from San Francisco to Portland and Puget Sound points in competition with water traffic.

JUG OF BOOZE KEY POINT IN INDIAN TRIAL

Accused Klamath, Charged With Murder, Unable to Explain Return for Hidden Whiskey During Rum Orgy—Case Goes to Jury Tomorrow.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Blurton Baker, Klamath Indian charged with second-degree murder in connection with the killing of David Riddle, another Indian, took the witness stand in his own defense in federal court today.

Questioned by his attorneys, Baker recounted the story of the wild rum orgy that preceded the fight which resulted in Riddle's death Nov. 28, last. He told how Riddle had attacked him with a knife, and how Marie Baker, the defendant's wife, had struck Riddle with a tire pump, knocking the victim down. Baker then declared he struck Riddle twice over the head with a machinist's ball hammer.

Baker testified that he did not know he had killed Riddle until he was arrested several days later. The battery of prosecutors, led by Francis Marsh, tried to shake the Indian's testimony but failed except upon one point. Baker, under cross-examination, was unable to explain why he returned to the scene of the slaying and recovered a nation jug of whiskey he had hidden in the neighborhood there.

Baker's testimony took up the entire morning session of court. The defense was expected to complete its testimony today and it was believed that the case might go to the jury tomorrow morning.

MEXICO REVOLT ON LAST LEGS AS REBELS RUN

General Escobar, However, Says Retreat Is Strategic, As Calles Pursues With Heavy Force—Leaders to Be Treated As Crooks.

EL PASO, Texas, March 29.—(AP)—Francisco Urias, rebel consular agent, announced today that General E. Elias Calles had left his camp in Guadalupe, for Irapuato, Guanajuato, on receipt of advice concerning federal reverses in Leon and Guanajuato. Irapuato is about 150 miles from Mexico City.

Insurgents captured both Leon and the town of Guanajuato, Urias reported he had been advised. All state authorities were reported to have fled to Irapuato.

The main body of the rebel army was a step nearer the American border today, having retired from Escalon 25 miles northward to Jimenez.

The government interpreted this movement by General Escobar, insurgent commander in chief, as another sign of rebel disintegration, declaring that the revolt was as good as over.

Insurgent quarters, however, asserted that Escobar's retirement was purely strategic and intended he would draw the federals further and further away from their base and finally meet them in a decisive battle in the difficult northern country.

General Calles continued his methodical preparations to crush the rebels. He has arrived at Torreon personally and today was preparing his army of 30,000 for a further northern advance.

The rebel forces, described as numbering about 25,000, continued concentrating at Jimenez.

Rebel troops also were reported continuing a southerly march along the west coast, drawing closer to the seaport of Mazatlan in Sinaloa.

The government charged the rebels with looting banks of millions of pesos with the intention of fleeing to the United States with the loot. In such event extradition may be asked, not on political leaders but as "ordinary criminals."

17 DEAD IN CRASH OF FAST TRAINS

TORONTO, Ont., Mar. 29.—(AP)—Seventeen persons are dead, including 12 passengers, and five seriously injured as the result of a head-on collision between two Canadian-National railway trains early today at Droccourt, near Parry Sound, Ontario, according to an official statement issued from the office of the general manager of the central division here this afternoon.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: NEW YORK, March 19.—It don't mean nothing to you all in the United States, but to us here in New York picking a Tammany Hall leader comes under the heading of new news. Some of Tammany is claiming that Smith when governor gave the jobs to republicans, Smith claims that makes it 50-50, that Tammany gave their votes in November to a republican, Jimmy Walker don't care much who they put in just so it will be somebody that will help him stay in, and Governor Roosevelt is so busy up in Albany with a pack of republicans on his hands in the legislature that he has no time to get mixed up in this, but the whole town is in an uproar, nobody don't know who to hand anything to.

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## CITY URGED TO RETAIN AIR PLACE

Fresno Cited As Example of City That Failed to Hold Prestige, By Air Mail Attendance Large.

"With the steady growth of civil aeronautics and the establishment of important airways across the United States, the necessity for suitable airports, becomes apparent. As air traffic increases the city without an airport will be in the same situation as a town without a railroad," said W. O. Willoughby, assistant superintendent in charge of air mail on the Pacific coast, at the Medford chamber of commerce forum today, as part of his speech, delivered before approximately 125 local citizens.

Mr. Willoughby, well versed in his subject matter, stressed the importance of present day aviation and delved into what the future holds in the aviation world.

"Gentlemen," continued the speaker, "whether you realize it or not, you are at the junction of the roads. At the election, April 2, you are to decide whether or not you intend to take your place among the cities that have the foresight to prepare for the future or to give up the advantage you already have by being located on an air mail route. The advertising value to your city on that account cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. The city of Oakland, Calif., has enjoyed wonderful advertising because of its airport.

"Not long ago the city of Fresno had an election for the purpose of float bonds for airport construction to build a port suitable for present day needs. The bond issue failed and the very next day three cities were seeking to be embraced in the air mail route. Instead of Fresno. The same can happen here. Cities must keep pace with other cities around them or be left behind."

In closing his speech, of which only a small part is herewith reproduced, Mr. Willoughby said: "How can I impress you with the importance of providing an adequate airport? Are you going to give up to your neighbors the thing you have already in your possession? Are you going to serve notice to the world that you are a back number—that you have failed in the future of aviation? That is what you will do if the bond issue for the airport fails of passage. I appeal most earnestly to the voters of this city to vote the bonds for the Medford airport.

William "Boiler" Baker, chamber airport committee was in charge of today's luncheon and introduced Mr. Willoughby, whose timely information was also broadcast over radio station KMED for the benefit of all radio listeners in Medford.

Interesting facts were also brought out in a few remarks made by S. S. Smith of the airport publicity committee. He read several letters from Pacific coast aviation interests favoring the construction of the new airport. One letter from an airplane corporation in Ohio was also read and indicated an aviation company was interested in

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