

The Weather

Forecast—Fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperatures

Highest yesterday 88
Lowest this morning 47

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
The Fight Is Off.
Friends With England.
Japan's New Plan.
Hoover Would Save.

Russian and Chinese officials are conferring and hoping that "war" is probably off.
President Hoover, Wednesday, with Calvin Coolidge sitting beside him, officially proclaimed the Kellogg peace pact in full force, four South American nations, Switzerland and powerful Japan adhering to the pact just in time.

That this pact could have prevented war between China and Russia, without violent outside interference, is not clear.

At least it gives nations that happen not to want war an excuse for rebuking the quarrelsome. That should help.

Britain's labor government emphasizes the statement that "preparation for war with the United States has never been and never will be a basis of our policy in any case."

This country certainly does not want war with Britain, never intends to have it, or with anybody else, if it can be avoided.

Picking flaws is unpleasant. But the British do maintain, in the West Indies, warlike preparations that can be aimed only at the United States.

We have no such arrangements on the long border separating us from Canada. And Canada has none.

R. J. Cronie, able owner of the Vancouver Sun, attaches importance to the downfall of the recent government of Japan. The new government will seek to trade with China by good will, not at the point of the bayonet.

Mr. Cronie warns Americans and Canadians that they must work to hold and increase trade with China against Japan, possessing the advantage of geographical proximity, racial likeness, political affiliations.

The first step would be to cut the cost of communication between this continent and Asia. "A 25-word night letter from London to New York or Montreal costs 4 cents a word. The same message from the Pacific coast to Japan or China costs 40 cents to a dollar a word. India can cable Germany or

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Abe Martin



"I never dreamed the marriage would be so good. He's a good enough fellow but he doesn't know a thing in the world about cooking," said Mrs. Joe Rice Friday, speaking of the sharp separation. Those who return to private life these days hardly recognize the place.

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PRESIDENT HAS POWER HALT NAVY

May Hold Up Construction Until June 30, 1931 Is View—Opposition Macdonald Announcement in England Is Lessened By Hoover's Action—Japan Considers.

PORTLAND, Me., July 26.—(AP)—President Hoover is "entirely in error" in his interpretation of a proviso in the 15-cruiser law that he is empowered to suspend construction of any of the vessels authorized in that measure, until June 30, 1931, Frederick Hale of this city, chairman of the senate naval affairs committee, stated today.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Under President Hoover's interpretation of the 15-cruiser law, he is empowered to hold up the construction of any of the vessels authorized by that measure until June 30, 1931.

This was announced today at the White House. A section of the bill was pointed out as Mr. Hoover's authority for this stand. After stipulating that five cruisers each shall be laid down in the fiscal years of 1929, 1930 and 1931, the measure makes the following proviso:

"Provided, that if the construction of any vessel herein authorized is to be undertaken in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, or 1930, or 1931, such construction may be undertaken in the next succeeding fiscal year."

During the two years' construction act in congress, one of the chief points at issue was over the "time clause" or that section of the act which provided for the period in which the war craft should be built.

The controversy over this section frequently was referred to as the contest between those dealing with what was described as a "paper navy" and those seeking "steel ships."

These two classifications resulted from the efforts of some members of congress to give the president discretionary powers to suspend part or all of the proposed construction if he deemed the prospect of an international agreement warranted such action.

LONDON, Eng., July 26.—(AP)—Less opposition was manifest today to naval building suspension announced Wednesday by Premier MacDonald, President Hoover's similar announcements affirming the almost general satisfaction the move aroused.

The Post, conservative, and known as the mouthpiece of the big navy advocates, which yesterday was bitter against MacDonald, today said: "If the premier had been able to tell the commonsense suspension he proposed was to be balanced by a similar suspension across the Atlantic he would have mitigated a natural perturbation."

The Post declared it was reassuring the premier did not make "any precipitate surrender of relative strength," remarking that the ultimate arrangements depended upon unknown factors. It added: "Desirable as a naval agreement would be, it would be bought too dear if it involved a navy built not according to the needs of the British empire, but according to international specifications."

TOKYO, Japan, July 26.—(AP)—Official circles intimated today the government was considering the possibility of voluntary curtailment of naval building as a gesture supporting building suspensions announced by President Hoover and Premier MacDonald.

Other authoritative sources doubted the cruiser program would be altered, since the last of the eight cruisers of 10,000 tons was laid down in December, 1928. It is believed possible some of the lesser craft might be postponed.

The leading newspapers of Tokyo have praised warmly the announcements of the president and Mr. MacDonald.

AUTO SKID INJURES WOMEN NEAR SALEM

SALEM, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—An automobile driven by Gust Peterson of San Francisco, vice-president of the Ambassador Central railway, skidded off the paved highway a few miles south of here Thursday afternoon, with the result that Mrs. Maggie Erek of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. Doris Peterson of Portland are in a local hospital. Mrs. Erek has a broken shoulder and Mrs. Peterson lacerations and bruises. Peterson was little injured.

CHAMPION ENDURERS LIKE LIFE

Report From St. Louis Robin Says 317 Hours in Air 'Not Bad at All'—Decide Set Real Mark—Started Where Others Left Off, Is Boast—Good Weather Continues.

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—(AP)—The "St. Louis Robin" has clipped off its 317th hour of sustained flight at 12:15 p. m. (C. S. T.) today at the latest word from the pilots, Dale (Red) Jackson and Forest O'Brien, was that "it isn't bad at all." At that hour they had exceeded the endurance record of the "Angelino" by 79 hours.

Indicating the continued high spirits of the fliers, O'Brien said in a note to his wife, dropped from the plane, that they had decided to set a record that would stand longer than any of the others.

"We just started where the rest left off," he wrote, and added "when we get through the rest won't care to start."

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—(AP)—With "good flying" weather forecast for several days ahead, the St. Louis Robin continued soaring on a record sustained flight today with the mark set by Dale "Red" Jackson, who with Forest O'Brien, are maneuvering the craft above Lambert-St. Louis field, to friends here as he ascended on Saturday, July 13, nearly two weeks ago.

At 8:38 p. m. (C. S. T.) last night the Robin has flown to a time double that made by the army plane, Question Mark, last January, and continued. From the tone of the notes dropped by the airmen it was still a question of how long the engine would "run" and not a question of human endurance.

Jackson and O'Brien were concerned with the Houston end of the plane, the Billion Dollar City, especially after the exchange of messages yesterday. The Robin had a 600 hour lead on the Texas plane, but "Red" and "Olie" expressed the idea of staying up until the Billion Dollar City faltered and descended.

There was \$1500 in the jackpot being received by the chamber of commerce last night for the fliers, in addition to the \$2573 they are earning for each 24-hour period aloft.

Get Poison Terms

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—Prison terms of twenty years were meted out to Lee Benfro and Robert Dusing in circuit court today when they pleaded guilty to indictments charging assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Mrs. Betty Armstrong, the third member in the holdup of a drug store here, was plead later in the day.

Speed If Please, But Watch Step, Is British Plan

LONDON, July 26.—(AP)—Removal of speed limit for private motor cars through-out Great Britain with substitution of drastic penalties for "dangerous driving" was recommended today in the report of the royal commission dealing with traffic control.

The report maintained it would be best to put matters of speed up to the driver and fine him a maximum of £50 (about \$250) for a first offense and double that for a second, with imprisonment as an alternative in either case.

The present speed limit is 20 miles an hour with special regulations. It is ten miles an hour in many urban localities.

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Missouri Fliers Spending Summer Vacation in Clouds



Dale Jackson (left) and Forest O'Brien, St. Louis aviators, left the ground July 18 in search of a new endurance record. They are flying a Curtiss ship, The Robin.

POLE LINES ON HEAD WINDS ON HIGHWAYS WILL ROUTE HOLDING BE MINIMIZED PACIFIC FLIGHT

Commission Takes Action to Discourage Adverse Effect On Scenery By New Pole Projects—Open New Bridge Bids August 6.

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—A special meeting of the state highway commission will be held here August 6 for the opening bids on completing of the Springfield bridge over the Willamette river near Eugene. Work on this bridge has been in dispute for some time.

The commission decided at its afternoon meeting late yesterday to require reports from the state engineer's office on the possible adverse effect upon scenery of telephone, telegraph and power poles along Oregon's highways whenever applications for erection of such lines is made. This is in line with the action of the commission in requiring all such lines on the Roosevelt highway to be placed on the east side of the highway, thus insuring that views of the ocean be not hindered by such poles.

To H. E. Cornell of Boise, Idaho was awarded the contract for grading seven miles of the Popo-Crest-Barnhouse ranch section of the Ochoco highway in Wheeler county. Cornell's bid was for \$117,645.

C. A. Catching of Roseburg won the contract for construction of bridges over Jack creek and Harp-scrabble creek on the Red Hedges-Dyn section of the Umpqua highway. His bid was for \$11,142.50.

The commission ordered that bids be re-advertised for resurfacing 12 miles of the Riverton-Brandon-south section of the Roosevelt highway. The low bidder yesterday was Meyers & Co. for \$143,825.

FRANCE BLASTS AMERICAN HOPE FOR DAVIS CUP

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—France blasted America's tennis hopes today by sweeping both opening singles matches of the Davis cup challenge round. Henri Cochet, the French ace, crushed big Bill Tilden in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2, after Jean Cochet had vanquished Coe, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

The double setback came as a severe blow to the challengers, who now face the forlorn task of winning the remaining three matches to lift the cup. All France needs now to remain supreme for the third straight year is to win one more match, either in the doubles tomorrow or in the remaining 1931 singles contests Sunday.

VALETTA, Malta, July 26.—(AP)—Six marines were killed in an explosion in a gun turret aboard the British cruiser Devonshire in the eastern Mediterranean today. In addition 19 men were injured, some seriously.

The explosion, which is the second serious accident the British navy has suffered recently, was said to have been caused by the blowing out of one of the cruiser's new six-inch guns, the whole gun turret being blown away.

The dead were all royal marines and included a captain, two sergeants, an corporal and two privates. Three others were in a critical condition.

SEE WORLD CROP CUT BY DROUGHT

Reports Indicate Unfavorable Conditions Growing—Europe, England, Australia, China and Parts of States Suffering—Wheat Prices to New High Levels

By CECIL B. DICKSON Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Abnormal crop curtailing heat waves and drought conditions sweeping over many of the world's agricultural regions apparently are spreading into other sections which have been enjoying more favorable weather during the last few weeks.

Reports indicate drought conditions and excessively hot weather predominating in Europe, England, southern China, Australia, Argentina, western Canada, and in the northwestern spring wheat, central and New England states.

The outlook for the United States as weather officials see it, is for those abnormal conditions to cover other areas shortly with little relief through local thunder showers indicated.

The mean temperature in England for this week is described as "above normal in all districts; the rainfall decidedly subnormal."

The water famine situation at Hongkong has brought about a serious condition to a vast agricultural area near that south China seaport, while the grain crop in the Shanghai section is thought not to be up to normal.

Australia has received some much needed rain, while heavy precipitations in India have had damaging effects. Argentina is dry in the corn and wheat zones with the temperature averaging about 4 per cent above normal.

Canadian Soil Dry

Somewhat pessimistic reports from the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba say rain has been "far below normal and generally dry, with more than half of the wheat acreage varying from rather poor to only fair; remainder divided between very poor and quite good."

The weather bureau announced "was the driest of the season so far" in this country. States west of the Mississippi withstood new high maximum temperatures.

"Rain is needed," the bureau went on, "especially in the northern and more northwestern sections, where continued dryness and high temperatures were very unfavorable to crops. Moisture is needed in the interior of the Pacific northwest."

CHICAGO, Ill., July 26.—(AP)—Another sharp advance in grain prices today lifted wheat, corn and oats to the heat levels of the season. Wheat moved up nearly 5 cents a bushel under the stimulus of fresh indications of a crop disaster throughout the spring wheat belt of North America.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 26.—(AP)—Wheat prices soared into new territory at the opening of the local grain market this morning. An unprecedented heat wave in western Canada with temperatures higher than they have been all summer, gave buyers confidence that the crop will be further damaged before harvesting. July wheat opened as high as \$1.80. The previous high point was \$1.77 1/2. October at \$1.71, and December at \$1.65, both new highs.

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and scores for various games.

Recovering



William Fox, motion picture magnate, who was seriously injured in an automobile crash near Roslyn, L. I., is reported recovering.

CO-OP STARTS PLAN FOR POOL ROGUE TURKEYS

Survey Shows Birds in Best Condition Since 1920—New York House Would Buy All—Don't Feed Corn Now, Is Advice.

Initial steps for the formation of a turkey pool among the turkey raisers of Jackson county have been taken by the Farmers' Exchange Cooperative. A recent survey of the turkey industry in the county showed the turkeys to be healthier, heavier and more plentiful than at any time since 1920.

The New York commission house (that purchased the Jackson county turkey crop last fall, in a letter urges the growers "not to attempt to fatten turkeys by feeding corn until after October 1, as it produces a yellow fat, while the eastern market wants white skinned turkeys."

This information was mailed yesterday in a bulletin to all turkey raisers of the Rogue River valley. The highest price is received for turkeys that are plump, rather than fat, and a mixed ration is recommended with wheat, oats or barley as a base.

In the turkey pool conducted last fall by the Farmers' Exchange Cooperative the highest price received for western turkeys was received locally. More than 85 per cent of the turkeys were received as No. 1 grade turkeys and were sold as No. 1 grade, according to Clay D. Parker.

The Farmers' Exchange Cooperative offers to cooperate with the growers in furnishing formulas and advice in the care and feeding of turkeys. From now until they meet their fate the turkeys put on here.

The New York commission house promises to purchase the entire Rogue river turkey output.

In regard to the detriments of yellow corn feeding, the letter says:

"The Roseburg raisers last year hurt their quality by the too heavy feeding of yellow corn last fall. According to Manager Parker, the formation of a turkey pool, recently in Josephine county will cut down slightly the available supply for this district, as a large commission for the first shipment east was purchased in Josephine county. This loss however, will be made up by the increase in the turkey population."

PRUNES BRING BEST PRICE IN TEN YEARS

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—The highest price to be submitted for prunes during the past ten years, was offered here last night for the third pool arranged by the Douglas County Prune Growers Cooperative association. Two bids were submitted, one by the California Packing corporation and the other by the H. S. Gile company. The California company's price was considered the better offer.

Cook Boy Drowns

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 26.—(AP) William Smith, 17, drowned late yesterday while swimming in the north inlet of Coos Bay. His body was recovered an hour later. The youth, considered a good swimmer, was apparently seized by cramps.

Cook Resigns

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 26.—(AP) Willis O. Cook, American minister to Venezuela for eight years, announced his resignation today. Cook, a former Sioux Falls newspaper publisher, is visiting here.

WORKERS IN RUSSIA ASK REPRISALS

War Sentiment Flames Anew in Leningrad—Atrocity Reports From Manchuria Bring Demands for Decisive Steps—Ensure Safety and Tame White Guards Is Plea.

MOSCOW, July 26.—(AP)—Relations between Russia and China today reassumed a menacing aspect in the Russian capital. Military and naval units and labor organizations throughout the country demanded that the government take immediate and specific action to protect life and liberty of Russian citizens stranded along the zone of the Chinese Eastern railway.

Reacting to reports of alleged atrocities in which Russian citizens in Manchuria were victims, thousands of soldiers, sailors and workmen adopted mass resolutions for speedy reprisals.

Thousands of workers in Leningrad resolved in mass meetings last night that "the Leningrad workers insist that the Soviet government make decisive steps against the haughty Chinese and White Guard bands. The workers declare that the Russian peace policy does not mean Russia is resigned to submitting to outrage."

"The moment has come when we must speak out in a different language and take special measures," they insisted on reading.

Red army and red fleet units from the Leningrad district and the Baltic fleet passed a resolution that "red soldiers and red sailors and the commanding staff demand most emphatically that the Russian government take decisive steps to ensure the safety of Soviet frontiers and to tame the white guard bands."

Similar resolutions for decisive action continued today to reach Moscow from most of the workers' centers of the Union, such as Khabarovsk, Odessa, Kiev, Piths, and Kazan.

Those supporting this view were described as the "paper navy" group by members seeking a definite limit upon the time in which a start should be made on all the ships.

Workers and red guards everywhere insisted on reprisals.

Commenting on the situation this morning, the official newspaper Pravda declared "the expectations of the Chinese revolution will pay dearly for all their crimes. The workers of the Soviet Union will not leave their misdeeds unpunished."

"The workers of the whole world will fully sustain the Soviet Union despite the hangman Chiang Kai-Shek and all his social-democratic allies."

FRENCH SOLONS FAVOR MELLON DEBT ACCORD

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—Premier Raymond Poincare late tonight handed his resignation to President Doumergue.

The ill health from which he has suffered for some time was the reason for his giving up the helm of the French government, which post he had held since July, 1928.

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—The French parliament has approved ratification of the Mellon-Herenger debt accord, the senate adopting the ratification resolution by 242 against 29, with 46 abstentions today. The house of deputies had adopted the resolution.

The agreement with London was adopted by a show of hands.

The senate's approval was the final legislative act necessary for acceptance of the debt accord, only a formal decree by President Gaston Doumergue is now necessary to make the settlements part of the law of France.

The senate adopted a separate resolution of reserve to the ratification almost unanimously. There was only one contrary vote. The resolution was similar to that passed in the chamber requesting the government to take care that Germany's reparations payments under the Young plan be always available for foreign debt payments.

DENVER, July 26.—(AP)—All traffic on the Denver and Salt Lake railroad (Moffat) route, thru the six-mile Moffat tunnel through the continental divide has been suspended as the result of several minor cave-ins in the bore, the railroad officials today announced.