

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Tuesday
Increasing cloudiness. Warmer
tonight.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 56
Lowest this morning 22

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1929.

No. 253.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
Mrs. Byrd, Congratulations.
400 Strange Minds.
MacDonald Knows
America.

SISKIYOU SCENE OF BIG BLAZE

Old Dollarhide Stage Station
Buildings Razed By Sun-
day Forest Fire—Dryness
Handicaps Control—Re-
port Three New Fires in
Crater Forest—Eighty
Fighters On Duty.

A forest fire, attributed to a
cast-off cigarette stub, yesterday
afternoon in the Siskiyou moun-
tains, resulted in the destruction
of the old Dollarhide toll station
buildings, including a log dwelling,
two barns filled with hay and a
blacksmith shop, and for a time
threatened the Southern Pacific
railroad buildings at Steinman on
the Pacific highway. The fire
burned fiercely and was put under
control at 4:30 p. m., following the
efforts of a small army of fire
fighters.

The forest land was extremely
dry and the flames spread rapidly
through a heavy stand of timber,
sweeping down on the historic Dol-
larhide buildings with such fury
that efforts to prevent their de-
struction were in vain.

In the neighborhood of a square
mile of timber was destroyed, from
the point where the fire started
along the highway near the Mc-
Elfresh ranch.

The Dollarhide toll station was
established over 70 years ago and
was the access to the only road
over the Siskiyou mountains. It
was popular as a stopping place
for stage coaches that plied their
way through southern Oregon be-
fore the coming of the railroad,
and also served as a community
center, well known in southern
Oregon history.

New Fires in Crater Forest.

In all, the extent of the National
forest has 80 fire fighters at work
on three new fires in the forest
and in watching controlled ones,
which are still burning, and there
are two other new fires on state
protected land in the Evans creek
section.

The largest new fire now burn-
ing in the Crater forest, as far
as could be learned this noon, is
one of approximately 1600 acres
along Mallard creek, an offshoot
of Elliott creek, in the Applegate
section, some of it burning in yellow
pine and other good timber.
Sixty men were working on this
fire this forenoon.

Two other new ones also started
Saturday along Elliott creek,
some distance above the Daffodil
mine, the extent of which is not
known here as fire fighting crews
were only sent to them this morn-
ing—having to pack a distance of
nine miles from the nearest road.

Of the two new fires on state
protected land which started Sat-
urday in the Evans creek section,
one covers 40 acres on the Ram-
sey creek divide, and the other also
covers 40 acres on the Bear branch
creek, Dwight Phillips, district
state fire warden, has crews of
men at work on them.

D. ROSENBERG ELECTED HEAD PEAR MEETING

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 2.—
(Special Wire to Mail Tribune)—
With the election of David Rosen-
berg of Medford, Oregon, perma-
nent chairman, the coast pear
growers' meeting adjourned until
tomorrow when it is planned to
start on a definite program with
a view to bettering the pear in-
dustry on the Pacific coast.

Dave Wood of Medford, tem-
porary chairman, stressed the need
of national advertising for pears,
and explained in detail the out-
standing success of the Medford
advertising of those pears in De-
troit, Michigan, this year. Great
interest was shown when he de-
clared the last five sales in De-
troit averaged as follows: \$4.12,
\$4.25, \$4.35, \$4.57 and \$4.18.

Mr. Wood concluded as follows:
"Through this effort an entirely
new market for these pears has
been developed. There are many
potential Bose markets still unde-
veloped and a consideration of
how we are to reach the millions
upon millions of people who do
not eat pears and educate them
to do so is one of the paramount
questions that should be answered
by this gathering.

"A great opportunity is here.
Probably no business is less under-
stood by the actual producers than
the pear industry on the Pacific
coast."

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Panic Averted in Movie Palace By Cool Spectator

ATLANTIC, Iowa, Dec. 2.—
(AP)—Fire which broke out in
the Atlantic theater during a
performance last night, caus-
ing damage estimated at be-
tween \$50,000 and \$65,000,
destroyed the building but
did not gain headway until its
patrons, numbering around a
thousand, had quietly left the
building.

A panic was believed to
have been prevented when
Hilton Frost, Des Moines, the
first person to notice the
blaze, told the crowd the
theater was on fire but urged
them to walk quietly to the
exits. Clarence Lutz, machine
operator, continued showing
the picture until the screen
crumpled. He was partly
overcome by smoke.

EX-CONVICT IS HELD AS R. R. BANDIT

Tom Vernon Identified By
Passengers of Trains De-
railed Near Cheyenne and
Saugus—Has Had Long
Criminal Career—Five
Times Sentenced to Peni-
tentiaries.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 2.—(AP)
Extradition papers for the return
of Tom Vernon, alleged robber of
the Portland limited passenger
train near Cheyenne last Monday,
who was arrested last night in Paw-
nee, Okla., were issued today by
Governor Frank C. Emerson.

PAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 2.—(AP)—
Tom Vernon, 43-year-old erstwhile
cowboy, rodeo rider and fireman
and ex-convict arrested in jail here
today the outcome of efforts of
Wyoming and California to claim
him for interrogation about the
wrecking and robbing of two pas-
senger trains.

Officers from both states de-
clared the passengers of the Port-
land Limited of the Union Pacific,
derailed and robbed near Cheyenne,
Wyo., last Monday night, and of
the Pacific Coast Limited of the
Southern Pacific railroad, similar-
ly derailed and plundered near
Saugus, Cal., Nov. 19, had identi-
fied Vernon's photographs as those
of the man who, single handed,
lined them up, in accord with early
western traditions and took their
money.

Approximately \$400 was report-
edly taken in California and \$235
in Wyoming. The engineer of the
Pacific Coast Limited, bound from
Los Angeles to Portland, Ore., was
scalded so severely when his train
was wrecked that at first it was
feared he might die. He still is
confined to a hospital. No persons
were injured dangerously.

It was Thomas J. Higgins, deputy
sheriff of Los Angeles, who
picked up Vernon's train. Higgins
had known Vernon for nearly a
decade, during which Vernon was
in and out of the California peni-
tentiary at Folsom, Higgins said.
Vernon had been committed five
times to penitentiaries in Penn-
sylvania, Ohio and California, Hig-
gins said.

"I outlined his pictures to pas-
sengers of the train, who immedi-
ately recognized Vernon."

BOSCS SELLING WELL DESPITE EASTERN COLD

Despite the handicap of bitter
cold, and no chain store purchases,
the nineteenth car of Medford
Bose offered on the Detroit mar-
ket in the Winter Pear Committee
sold today for an average of \$3.95
per box, a price in excess of the
New York and Chicago markets.

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IN SEATTLE LIE DETECTOR CASE



Decasto Earl Mayer (right), charged with the murder of James E. Bassett, former naval officer, obtained an injunction restraining Seattle officers from using a "lie detector" while questioning him. He is shown with his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Smith.

PEAR PLANTING REALTY BOARD IN ROGUE AREA TO LURE FARM SETTLERS HERE

Thousand Acres to Be Added
When Condition Ground
Permits—Large Blocks
Planned By Big Orchard
Interests.

Close to 1000 acres of new pear
trees await planting in the Rogue
River valley orchard district with
the coming of the first drenching
rains. The ground is now too dry.
Two hundred acres of new trees
will be set out on orchard land
controlled by J. E. Edmiston and
Weldon Biddle of the Cande com-
pany. Of this total 90 acres will
be planted on the Three Oaks prop-
erty.

Henry Chedka of Marin county,
California, is preparing to set out
200 acres of new trees in the Phoe-
nix district.

New plantings are planned by
the Modoc orchards, the Redskin
orchard (E. W. Carleton), the Hill-
crest orchards and many others.

The varieties are Bose, Bartlett,
Winter Nells and Comice, and the
plantings will be more extensive
than at any time in 20 years.

Most of the trees have been or-
dered from California and William
ette nurseries and delivery is de-
layed pending rains.

Some of the ground has been
prepared for planting by use of ir-
rigation water but in most cases
heavy precipitation is awaited.

Ohm Arnsperger of the Talent ir-
rigation district, said today that he
was making ready for turning the
creek water, following heavy rains
into the irrigation ditches for farm
and orchard use.

The storage waters at the Hyatt
Prairie dam are frozen over, accord-
ing to Arnsperger, and he predicts
skating will be possible if the
freeze continues.

WASHINGTON SOLON IN FALL ON CAPITAL PAVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—
Representative Hill of Washing-
ton, was taken to a hospital today
after he had been fatally in-
jured by a fall on the ice-covered
pavement as he left his home to
attend the initial session of con-
gress.

Women of Congress Return With Legislative Objectives

By Marguerite Young
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—
Eight women stood ready today to
write into their records as mem-
bers of the seventy-first congress
an assortment of undertakings
varying from legislation setting up
a permanent disaster relief fund
of about \$25,000,000, to a federal
campaign for popularizing "self-
extinguishing" matches.

Returning to the capital by air-
plane and train, the feminine rep-
resentatives expressed one salient
desire in common: that their chap-
ter in the world's history of women
legislators should have—what
over else—an abundance of sub-
tles.

Florida's Ruth Bryan Owen,
who will sponsor the disaster bill,
said that it would have the sup-
port of the Red Cross. She will in-
troduce it as soon as possible, and
its purpose will be to set up a
revolving fund for rehabilitation
of stricken areas—beyond the
present capability of the Red
Cross.

Representative Edith Nourse
Rogers, of Massachusetts, will
sponsor what she calls a safety
match campaign.

TRAGEDY AT WEDDING OF G. P. COUPLE

Drunken Youth Shoots
Bridegroom at Nuptial
Party—Wife Gulps Poison
in Suicide Attempt In-
duced By Grief—Slayer,
Held in Jail, Denies Any
Knowledge of Crime.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 2.—
(AP)—While Anthony Vargo, 17,
Grants Pass youth, continued to
deny all knowledge of the shooting
to death of Robert Ingalls, 31,
bridegroom of a few days, and the
bride recovered slowly from the
effects of an alleged suicide at-
tempt, Josephine county authori-
ties today prepared to conduct an
inquest.

Ingalls, alleged to have been
slain by Vargo during a delayed
wedding celebration in a rural dis-
trict near here Saturday night, died
in his bride's arms while a dozen
guests looked on. The shooting
occurred when Ingalls is said to
have ordered Vargo from the house,
when the youth is said to have ap-
peared at the celebration intoxica-
ted.

Sheriff E. H. Lister, to whom
Vargo surrendered a few hours
after the shooting, said Vargo left
the house and returned a few mo-
ments later and asked for Ingalls.
The shooting followed and Vargo
fled from the room and fled to
Grants Pass.

Mrs. Ingalls, according to Sher-
iff Lister, endeavored to end her
life by gulping poison when she
was overcome by grief at the death
of her husband. Relatives at
guard over her hospital bed to pre-
vent further attempts at suicide.

Lodged in the Josephine county
jail, Vargo told Sheriff Lister he
remembered nothing of the shoot-
ing, but admitted he had been
drinking prior to his appearance
at the wedding celebration. Auth-
orities said evidence would be suf-
ficient on which to lodge a charge
of murder against him.

The Medford Realty Board, after
making a survey of the growth and
general business conditions in the
Rogue River valley, finds Medford
has been growing faster than the
total population, which is viewed as
an unhealthy state from a business
standpoint. It is given as a well
known fact that the prosperity of
agricultural community depends on
the number of people and produc-
tion in its trade territory.

Rogue River valley lands can
support many times their present
population and to that end the
Realty Board has launched a drive
to secure funds for advertising to
the outside world the many advan-
tages and opportunities offered
here to home seekers and land set-
tlers by diversified land, good cli-
mate and water supply.

The members of the Realty Board
have set as their goal a \$10,000
fund for this purpose and are sol-
iciting from the business firms
and citizens a monthly sum cover-
ing a period of six months. All
firms which have been approached
are giving the plan their hearty co-
operation and all agree that now is
the time to increase trade popu-
lation and thereby stimulate future
business.

CAR CONFISCATION FOR LIQUOR TO BE SETTLED

WHITTIER, Cal., Dec. 2.—(AP)—
The stay of a wild ride with
death today, will be told to a cor-
oner's jury at an inquest over the
bodies of six young persons who
early yesterday were killed at a
grade crossing near here when their
small automobile was struck by
a Santa Fe passenger train and
hurled, a mass of twisted wreckage
against the concrete base of a
wig-wag signal.

Sheriffs' deputies investigating
the fatal crash said the party was
returning to Los Angeles from a
Saturday night dance at the J. S.
Baker ranch in Santa Fe Springs,
and apparently an attempt had
been made to beat the train to the
crossing. All but one occupant of
the small coupe was killed instan-
tly.

The dead:
William H. Deford, 21, former
Los Angeles high school football
player, died en route to hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCann,
Covina, Wash. State, his wife,
Edwin C. Bibe, 21, Miss Arlene
Heier, 19, and Mrs. Audra Day,
23, all of Los Angeles.

Investigators said Deford evi-
dently was driving the car and
had "opened it up" on the mile
and a half straightaway leading
to the crossing, intent on beating
the train.

The wrecked car apparently had
been struck in the rear, indicating
that it lacked but a few inches of
safely crossing ahead of the train.
McCann and his bride, married
just a few days, were in Los An-
geles for the double purpose of
spending a honeymoon and attend-
ing Saturday's University of Calif-
ornia-Washington State football
game.

McCann formerly was a member
of the University of Washington
football team. Mrs. McCann, for-
merly Louise Field of Seattle, also
was a university of Washington
student.

Promises Tax Cut



A revenue cut of \$160,000,000 before Christmas was the promise made by Representative W. C. Hawley, chairman of the house ways and means committee.

MANY SHIPS MENACED IN BIG STORM

New Foundland Coast and
Lake Vessels Grope in
Snow and High Seas—
Freighter in Lake Super-
ior Hits Shore—One Sea-
man Dead, Five Missing
—Ontario Ship Hits.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—(AP)—
The steamer Saraband, Canadian
registry, was aground on Main
Duck Island, 26 miles from here in
Lake Ontario, with heavy seas
sweeping her today. The freighter,
loaded with 2100 tons of grain and
carrying a crew of about 18 men,
went ashore in a northwest gale
yesterday.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 2.—(AP)—
The fate of three freighters and
a dozen schooners was shrouded
in a snowstorm that blanketed the
New Foundland coast today.

A pilot boat which put out to
reach the 700-ton Norwegian
freighter Hertha, drifting with her
fuel exhausted off Cape Spear,
failed to return. Two tugs which
went out to search, returned with-
out finding any trace of the Hertha
which apparently drifted out to sea.

A tug left Sydney Friday night
to take in tow the Norwegian
freighter Grey County, disabled 140
miles east of Cape Race with a
broken rudder. The Norwegian
freighter LaBelle County was in
trouble 400 miles southeast of St.
Johns with her smokestack and
bridge deck carried away.

The crew of the schooner George
Kay and Catherine II, were landed
here by the steamer Jofflein, which
took them off the foundering ves-
sels 45 miles from port.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec.
2.—(AP)—The freighter Kiowa's
hull, with the treacherous seas
of Lake Superior had ended today
on an isolated shore of the lake
with five of her crew missing, one
dead and 15 rescued after severe
exposure.

Groping through the storm and
trying to hug the south shore line,
the Kiowa went aground Saturday
night 10 miles west of the village
of Grand Marais, Mich.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 2.—(AP)—A
heavy gale was raging over south-
ern England today, forcing chan-
nel ships to take shelter in Dover
and causing flood conditions on
many rivers including the Thames.

Service to the Orkney Islands
was interrupted, while Plymouth
had a deluge of rain, making the
fall there for this period of the
year the heaviest in 60 years.

BRITISH DELEGATES NAMED FOR CONFAB

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Prime
Minister Macdonald announced in
the House of Commons today that
the British government delegates
to the navy conference in January
would be himself, Foreign Secre-
tary Henderson, A. V. Alexander,
first lord of the admiralty, and
Wedgwood Benn, secretary of
state for India.

The prime minister said that the
date for the opening of the naval
conference had been definitely
fixed for January 21, despite possi-
ble conflict with the January
session of the League of Nations
council.

HAWLEY TO FORE WITH TAX SLASH

New Congress Session Given
Resolution Carrying Out
Treasury Plan—Senate
Adjourns After Nine Min-
utes in Respect to Sena-
tor Warren—House Mem-
bers Visit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—
A new session of congress began
at noon today facing the task of
passing on President Hoover's first
full legislative program which will
be placed before it tomorrow in a
12,000 word message dealing with
almost every national and interna-
tional activity of the federal gov-
ernment.

Although it was a new session,
it was not a new congress, for its
members had been engaged in
work of the special session thro-
ugh the hot months of a Washington
summer. In going to the capitol
today the members had to travel
over sleet covered, slippery pave-
ment to reach their seats.

Although the work consisted
largely of formalities and a pre-
paration for the days ahead,
Chairman Hawley of the house
ways and means committee found
opportunity to place in the little
bill basket on the desk of Speaker
Longworth a resolution to carry
out the treasury plan for a one
percent reduction in the tax rate
on individual and corporation in-
comes—estimated to offset a total
tax cut of \$1,600,000,000.

Tariff Is Legally
Another of the bills to be
faced, that of the tariff was al-
ready before the new session, a
legacy from the special session
which argued over it for months.

Both houses convened at noon.
Vice President Curtis pounding for
order in the senate and Speaker
Longworth wedding the gavel in
the house. Despite the weather the
usual opening day crowd was in
the galleries of both chambers. In
the senate gallery, Mrs. Dolly Cur-
tis Gann, sister and official hostess
of the vice president, and several
friends were among the visitors as
was Mrs. Jean Lorge, sister of Mrs.
Hoover. She also was accompanied
by friends.

Nearly a full membership of
both houses also were in their
seats before the opening prayers by
the chaplains.

The senate session lasted only
nine minutes.

Before and after the meeting the
members, still none too treated
from the months of tariff debate,
conversed in groups on the floor.
There were many handshakings as
many members, away recently,
again returned to their seats.

Among this latter class was Sen-
ator Watson of Indiana, the Rep-
ublican leader, who returned to
the chamber after an absence of
three weeks in quest of rest.

Roll Called
The Rev. W. B. Phillips, chap-
lain of the senate, offered prayer
and then Vice-President Curtis or-
dered the secretary to call the roll.
The senate roll call showed
sixty-four members present.

Watson offered a resolution to
notify the house that the senate
was in session and to authorize ap-
proving the resolution.

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Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.,
Dec. 2.—Instead of talking
about congress, Grundy,
snar, Knute Rokne federal
reserve, South Pole and more
conferences, did you know
that right from Clare-
more and Rogers coun-
ty, Okla., the young boys
from their school won
champion livestock judging
at the big International
Stock Show at Chicago last
week. That's from the whole
world.

These Four H clubs to en-
courage boys to raise live-
stock beats all the fraternity
pins you can collect in a
washtub. Raise livestock in-
stead of margins, get the
farmer some fair prices and
these kids will "inspire more
confidence" than a band of
financiers. Yours,
WILL ROGERS.

ABC Maltin
BEER TO SAVE
TODAY
FOR A BANG UP
CHRISTMAS
BLOOM CENTER
BANK

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