

The Weather

Forecast: Fair, but mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with fog. Not much change in temperature.

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

SIXTEEN PAGES

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1929.

No. 271.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, and Precipitation.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

56 Dead, 56 Unknown. At Least Russia Flies. Have You Seen Mr. Burke Five Deaths a Minute.

Copyright King Features Synd. Inc.

Fifty-seven men found dead in an Oklahoma coal mine. The world will never know their names, printed only in local papers.

However, the 57 deaths may cause sympathy for a moment, a feeling that men running such risks should be better paid and safety devices developed in spite of cost.

Just before the war, Northcliffe offered \$50,000 for a flight across the English Channel, less than 50 miles.

On Tuesday, Coste, French flier, set a new record by flying more than 5000 miles without stopping or taking on fuel.

Great progress in a few years, from 50 miles to 5000. Who doubts that 10 years hence flying across the Pacific, at any point, will be pilots' "child's play," and flying the Atlantic work for student fliers?

By that time this country will have to think seriously of hostile air visits from Europe or Japan. Even our greatest "statesmen" will get their minds off archaic battleships.

The Russian marriage system is convenient, for those uncertain as to their own minds. You get a divorce in Russia almost as easily as you get a box of matches in America.

Britain dislikes this, and a British court refuses to recognize a Russian marriage.

Our proud nation refuses to recognize anything that Russia does, except buying from us for cash. We detest revolution, although our own government and titles to American real estate are based on it.

This Anglo-American haughtiness may not be wise.

The Russians are going ahead industrially and in other ways. They will be the world's greatest cash customers one day.

Also "All the World's Aircraft" reports that of all the nations Russia, in 1929, spent the largest percentage of its public moneys on aviation.

A nation that simultaneously develops aviation and industry is not one to be snubbed safely. Various cities want Fred

(Continued on Page Four, Second Section)

Abe Martin



This is the season when we get more than our share of "excuses" for our money than anything else. "Farmers' good exercise" when that's said all," remarked Jake Bentley, today.

MEDFORD MADE COAST OIL CENTER

STANDARD OIL SELECTS CITY AS MAIN SALES AGENCY FOR S. OREGON

Second Floor of Liberty Building Leased for Offices—Work to Start January First—Medford to Be Distributing Point for Huge Area, Extending From Eugene to Sacramento District, Pacific Ocean to Reno, Nevada—New Families to Come to City and New Payrolls Established—Strategic Commercial Position of Medford Recognized—Further Development Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—The Standard Oil Company of California has decided to place its main sales agency for Southern Oregon and Northern California at Medford, Ore.

Heretofore Medford has only been a sub-station, most of the company's business in the state being administered from Portland. Because of the development of Southern Oregon and the growth of its business, the Standard Oil company decided that both Portland and Sacramento were too far distant to serve longer as main distribution points.

A survey of the entire region was then ordered, and selections a short time ago narrowed down to Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass. Medford, it is reported, won out easily and unanimously.

Medford will be the center of a vast region, extending from Eugene on the north to the Sacramento district on the south, the Pacific ocean on the west, to the Nevada state line. San Francisco officials of the company declare this action is "a recognition of the important strategic commercial location of Medford."

When the above dispatch was announced by the Mail Tribune today to the small group of Medford citizens informed of the situation, there was great rejoicing. Prominent business men here believe it is the biggest boost Medford has received from an industrial and commercial standpoint in recent history.

The east half of the second floor of the Liberty building has been leased from the owner, Mayor Pipes, by the Standard Oil company, and work will start January first on a complete remodeling. Mayor Pipes declares the appellations call for offices and equipment resembling those of a big city bank, with everything of a substantial and permanent character.

From 10 to 15 families will move to Medford, principally from California, as soon as the offices are ready for occupancy. Another side-light on the importance of the move may be gleaned from the fact that the assistant manager of the Standard Oil company in Los Angeles will be placed in charge at the outset. It is expected that later on from 30 to 40 families will be sent here. A large majority of the men will be technical experts and subordinate executives, many of long experience, and practically all receiving substantial salaries.

A short time ago G. W. Perky, of the company sales committee; J. H. Thompson, assistant chief engineer; and J. H. McEachern, also of the sales committee of Standard Oil, spent some time in Medford looking over the ground and laying out plans for the transfer and installation.

Needless to say the company's mechanical and storage equipment here will be greatly enlarged, and it is expected that not only will other oil companies follow the Standard's lead, but many large manufacturing concerns will establish distributing centers in Medford for the same reason that Standard Oil chose this city as its main sales depot between Portland and Sacramento.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 20.—(AP)—F. C. Chichester, a wealthy New Zealander, climbed into the cockpit of a tiny moth aeroplane at Croydon today and told his friends: "Cheerio! I'm off to Australia."

He got his plane into the air and took the direction of the continent. Officials believed he hoped to beat Bert Hinkler's record of 15 days between England, Australia, established in February, 1928.

DRYS SEEK REPORT ON PROHIBITION

No More Money for President's Enforcement Commission Until Result of Hearings Submitted—Glass Charges Original Purpose Lost to Sight—Open Hearings Sought.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Senate drys began a drive today to force an early report or open hearings by President Hoover's law enforcement commission.

Two Democratic drys—Senators Harris of Georgia and Glass of Virginia—gave notice in the senate that "not another dollar" will be appropriated to the commission unless it submits some sort of report on its first eight months of work.

Senator Glass, the author of the \$250,000 fund for the commission, charged that the commission had "shunted aside the original purpose—investigation of prohibition."

Senator Harris said that "every enemy of the prohibition bill wants to keep the commission there" without any report. He said he would propose an amendment to the next bill appropriating money for the commission requiring it to have open hearings.

However, it was another dry—Senator Jones, Republican of Washington—who blocked action today on the resolution of Senator Harris requesting President Hoover to have the commission submit a preliminary report to the senate to be used in connection with dry law enforcement appropriations.

"This commission was appointed principally, if not solely, for the purpose of inquiring into prohibition," said Senator Glass, "but until last week not a member of the commission had even read the provision in the appropriation bill authorizing its constitution."

It is the most extraordinary exhibition of indifference to the expressed will of congress that I ever have known," he added.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Santa Claus is spending well over \$100,000,000 for toys alone this year. The national toy bill was that in 1927, the last year for which production figures are available, and the consumption is much larger this year.

Rescuers Hunt Entombed Oklahoma Miners



Associated Press telephoto of rescue crowds and relatives of 62 imprisoned miners at the mouth of Old Town Coal Company mine at North McAlester. Many of the men were killed in the blast.

NINE SYSTEMS FOR WEST IN RAIL GROUPING

I. C. C. Plan for Consolidation Cites Nineteen Major Systems—Burlington Is Seen As Nucleus of Separate Lineup.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Dow, Jones & Co., in a copyrighted dispatch from its Washington bureau today, states that the Interstate Commerce Commission's railroad consolidation plan has been completed, allocating the country's railway properties into 19 major systems, comprising five systems in the east, based upon the present four trunk line systems, and an additional system, the nucleus of which would be the Wabash. Official publication of the plan is expected within a few days.

In addition to the five systems in the east, two are planned for New England, three for the south, and nine for the west. These are exclusive of the Canadian controlled Soo Line, Grand Trunk Western and Vermont Central.

In the west, the outstanding provision is the exclusion of the Burlington from the Northern group and its use as the basis of a separate system. The various systems would be based on the Burlington, the St. Paul, the Atchafalaya, the Rock Island, the Southern Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Chicago and Northwestern, and the Great Northern and Northern Pacific taken as one. The Erie would go to the Rock Island, while the two U. S. Steel roads, the Duluth & Iron Range and Duluth, Mesabie & Northern, would go to the St. Paul.

The Noted Dead

MIAMI, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Kenneth Morris, magazine writer, died here today of a heart attack. He came to Miami a week ago from his home in Chicago to recuperate from illness.

Mrs. Miles Poindexter Dies After Operation at Orange, California

ORANGE, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of the former senator from Washington and ex-ambassador to Peru, died here suddenly at 2:48 p. m. following a delicate surgical operation. She was 62 years old.

At her bedside was her son, Lieutenant Commander Gale Poindexter, U. S. navy, Coronado, Cal. Her husband, who was summoned yesterday when it became apparent that she was sinking, is en route here from Washington, D. C.

Robins Gambol In Portland As Mid West Chills

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Come to Oregon! While the midwest and east struggled with old King Cole in zero and sub-zero temperatures, 50 robin redbreasts swarmed in a Portland city park. George J. Wolff said the robins swarmed into his back yard and fought guily over worms.

FLAY LOBBYIST FOR ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A scathing arraignment of the activities of J. A. Arnold, manager of the Southern Tariff association, was made today in a report to the senate by its lobby committee, while questioning of witnesses continued in the committee room and the war department promised an inquiry into testimony that General Enoch Crowder, retired, had given interests working for a lower sugar tariff information on war plans of the army general staff.

Arnold, in the report presented by Chairman Caraway of the committee was described as being without veracity and as apparently having no sense of "self respect." Arnold, who is also manager of the American Taxpayers league, was said by the report to have collected a million dollars during the past few years and it was asserted that he used most of this money for the benefit of himself and a small group connected with him in the organization.

The question of the general's remarks was raised by the insertion in the lobby committee record of a letter written by H. C. Lakin, president of the Cuba company, quoting Crowder as having said in the event of war the army would not undertake to maintain a line of communication with the Philippines.

PANIC FOLLOWS SHORT CIRCUIT IN N. Y. TUNNEL

Men and Women Trampled When Terror Grips Travelers On East River Tube Train—Smoke Sends Many to Hospital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Caught in a subway train during the rush hour, in a tunnel under the east river, while great clouds of smoke caused by a short-circuited third rail rolled up around them, several hundred men and women today trampled each other in their excitement and smashed the windows with their fists.

Police estimated that 80 were injured, many of them cut and bruised, and all suffering from smoke inhalation. Thirty-five were taken to St. John's hospital in Long Island City, where it was said that they all had acute bronchitis from the smoke.

Many of them, heedless of the danger of stepping on the third rail, had stumbled through the smoke and darkness half a mile to Queens Plaza station, Long Island City.

While the guards shouted, "keep cool" and tried vainly to quiet them, the passengers began to shove and push and trampled each other. Then they began to break the windows, letting in the smoke. The guards opened the doors and managed to lead some of the passengers to the Welfare Island emergency exit. Others were placed aboard another train headed toward Long Island City.

ARKANSAS JURY FREES FARMERS

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A jury's verdict has wiped away charges of murder against four mountaineer farmers, whose chief witness testified he was the Connie Franklin they were accused of slaying.

The acquittal after a trial which added \$3000 to Stone county's already heavy debt, offered an expensive answer to the question of the identity of the 22-year-old farm hand upon whom the defense based its case.

BYRD WILL BE GIVEN REAR ADMIRAL RANK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A bill advancing Commander Richard E. Byrd to the rank of rear admiral on the retired list of the navy for his South Pole explorations was passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

President Lights Tree for Capitol On Tuesday Night

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Hoover will light candles for the capital's community Christmas tree next Tuesday. Accompanied by Mrs. Hoover, the president will preside over the exercises which have been a community event in Washington for the last six years.

A mixed choir from the Junior high schools and the United States Marine band will join in a program of carols.

TWO SCORE DEATHS IN EAST CHILL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Oregon stepped itself in sunshine today, and signs of the two-week rain, which swelled rivers and sent the Willamette over its banks endangering Eugene, Ore., disappeared swiftly.

Between Eugene and Junction City, Ore., children paddled about in boats, while traffic over the Pacific highway was re-routed southward. Springfield, Ore., probably the worst hit, reported the damage would amount to thousands.

By the Associated Press. America was knee-deep in winter today, save only California and the sun-warmed shores of the Pacific and the gulf, which were knee-deep in June.

Fog along the Atlantic coast, sleet-slashed communication lines in Ontario, sub-zero cold in the northwest, and snow robing entire tiers of middle western states—these represented the weather's vagaries. Even Dixie shivered and shook snow from her hair.

The worst blizzard middle America has experienced since 1928 had forged snow shackles which bound transportation and chained the forward march of Christmas trade. Even more snow moved into the middle west today, but nothing to compare with the mid-week storm which the Chicago weather bureau alluded to as "almost one in a life time."

A complete list of deaths for which the storm, snow, cold and ice were to blame, was not possible with many sections cut off from the world by drifts in highways and broken telephone and telegraph wires; but nearly two scores had been reported, more than half of them in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Ship Ice Bound The passenger ship Tourist was gripped in the Lake Erie ice, with her passengers safe ashore. So far south did the cold extend that one death from exposure was reported in Louisiana, a state to which snow and killing cold are infrequent visitors.

The storm, sweeping east, did heaviest damage in New England. Snow, rain and sleet played havoc with communication. Contrasting with the 17 below zero at Williston, N. D., last night was the plus 74 at Miami, which was only four degrees warmer than Los Angeles.

FIRE THREATENING EXCLUSIVE HOMES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fire sweeping before a 30-mile an hour wind through the tinder-like brush of the dry foothills in Griffith park city recreation preserve, today advanced on a mile front toward the Los Feliz fashionable residential section, threatening the homes and causing firemen to order the houses evacuated.

Three men were killed as an indirect result of the flames when a water department truck speeding to the scene overturned and pinned the driver and two department employees beneath it.

NOSE DIVE KILLS FIVE AT BOLLING

Representative Kaynor One of Victims When Big Ship Crashes at Take-Off—Was First Air Trip for Solon—Captain Dinger Rated Among Best Pilots at Controls.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Five persons, including a member of congress and his secretary, were hurled to death in the worst air crash in the history of Bolling Field.

Representative William Kaynor of Massachusetts, en route by air to his home in Springfield, along with Stanley B. Lowe, his office associate, were passengers in the plane.

Captain Harry A. Dinger, pilot of the plane, Arthur A. McGill, a civilian air employee, and Vladimir Kizma, an army private, were the others who lost their lives. The big plane had just taken off from the field and had reached a height of about 400 feet when it seemed to hesitate and then turned downward, striking the ground with a tremendous crash.

Love, who is also a resident of Springfield, and McGill, were requested by Representative Kaynor to accompany him on the flight to Massachusetts. Kaynor only recently had been placed on the house military committee and today's tragedy ended his first journey in an airplane.

Captain Dinger was considered one of the most expert aviators in the army. He personally piloted Chairman James of the military committee recently on a trip of 20,000 miles over the country for inspection purposes.

Serving First Term Representative Kaynor was serving his first term in congress, having been elected in November a year ago. He was born in Sanborn, Iowa, in 1884, was a graduate of Yale in 1912, and was manager of the football team there.

Prior to his election to congress he had served as postmaster at Springfield, Mass., for six years, and formerly was chairman of the Republican city committee. The death of Representative Kaynor marked the second of a member of congress in an airplane accident. A year or more ago Representative Thaddeus Sweet was in a fatal crash in New York state.

The crash occurred, some ground observers said, when Captain Dinger attempted to bank his plane with the wind. It seemed to come down as if such a maneuver was intended and then it failed to rise at the proper time.

The wrecked machine was a Fokker tri-motored plane known as the "C-5." These ships have unusual power. All of those aboard were killed.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 20.—There is only one form of employment in our country that I can think of, but has its bright spots, and that's coal mining.

There is generally an overproduction and they are out of work. If not that, it's a strike. Then when they do go to work the mine blows up. Then if none of these three things happen, they still have the worst job in the world.

Now it's Christmas everywhere but McAlester, Okla. There 60 families are receiving the father's mangled body from the earth on Christmas day. Now if you can find somebody more deserving than that to remember on Christmas I am wrong. The Red Cross handles it there. That means that your donation will be well spent.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.