

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Sunday; increasing southerly winds; not much change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 a.m. this morning, To 5 p.m. yesterday.

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WARNER TO LEASE NEW PLAYHOUSE

Ten-Year Contract On Niedermeyer Theater Goes to Big Film Concern—Fehl Denies Friction With City in Construction Work—Will Cost \$100,000.

The new Niedermeyer theatre now under construction at the corner of Sixth and North Holly, has been leased for 10 years, according to a statement made today by Earl Fehl, who is associated with C. F. Niedermeyer in the establishing of the new movie playhouse, and in charge of its construction.

"We have a signed and bonded lease," said Mr. Fehl today, "and Warner Brothers and First National pictures will be shown. Incidentally it is not true as stated in The Mail Tribune that I rushed to the city hall to file my plans and secure a building permit, the morning after the council meeting, where it was threatened to prohibit continuation of the construction work."

The plans, which Architect Frank Clark have just completed after working all week day and night, were not filed by me at the city hall until today. My relations with the city officials having control of new building construction have been frank and open from the start.

"I have met every requirement as it arose, and they have co-operated with me in every way. It was perfectly understood that I was to go ahead with preliminary work so as to get ahead of the weather. For this theatre must be done by April, and to do this no time can be lost. The detailed plans are not completed yet, but the main points have been decided upon, and we are going ahead under full steam with preliminary drawings as a working basis."

Seat 1200. The plans filed show that the theatre will be of the modern stadium bowl type, with no balcony or gallery, but able to seat 1200 people comfortably. Of general concrete construction, the sixth street front will be of pressed brick, and the east wall of tile, to conform with the desires of the Home Telephone company with which the wall is built flush.

Senoritas Stage Boxing Match to Settle Dispute

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP) Senorita Concepcion Trejo Anaya is in a hospital, Senorita Esperanza Hernandez Lopez declined the idea of her father paying attention to Senorita Concepcion. Therefore she issued a challenge to a boxing match. They met in a corral outside the city. Senorita Esperanza hit Senorita Concepcion and Senorita Concepcion hit the corral.

DEATH RECALLS TROUBLED DAYS FRENCH LEADER

Former President Emile Loubet Passes at 91—Dreyfuss Case, Religious Bickering, Scandals and Strikes Beset Reign.

MONTEILMAR, France, Dec. 21.—(AP)—France today mourned Emile Loubet, former president, who died last night at the age of 91. He spent most of his latter days sitting at a stove in the village store here, smoking a pipe and discussing current events in a detached manner with peasants hereabout. His boyhood ambition was to become a farmer.

OREGON RESIDENTS ABLE TO PAY TAX

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Clyde C. Huntley, collector for internal revenue of the Oregon district, said today that the recent slump in the stock market did not prevent Oregon residents from paying their final installment on their 1928 income taxes during the first 20 days of December.

INVITE OREGON TO TRADE CONCLAVE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 21.—(SPL)—Because of the interest shown by the people of Oregon in exhibiting this year at the Western States exposition, held here in connection with the annual state fair, the people of the sister state to the north are to be asked to participate in the Pan-American Reciprocal Trade conference to be held in Sacramento from August 25 to 30, next year.

MARY REFUSES RIDE IN AUTO OF PRINCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP) Now that Prince Serge Mdivani has made up with Pola Negri, Mary McCormack wants nothing more to do with his auto. She says she has shipped it back to him in Paris. It is an expensive thing of English make. "I had only borrowed it, you see," she explained.

NAVAL DELEGATES CONFER IN WASHINGTON



Members of the naval delegation who will represent the United States in the London naval conference as they assembled for the first time in Washington to lay plans for the parley. Left to right: Charles Francis Adams, secretary of the navy, Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, who will head the delegation; Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas and Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico.

SUICIDE THEORY IN RAIL DEATH OF NEW YORKER

John Waterbury Found Dead Beside Pennsylvania Railroad Tracks—Train Compartment Locked On Inside—Family Life Happy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—There was some mystery today over the death of John C. Waterbury, 49, manufacturer and socially prominent New Yorker, whose body was found yesterday along the tracks in the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the Hudson river. He was returning aboard a Lehigh Valley railroad train from Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he had been earlier in the week on business.

GRAIN CO-OP PLAN BOOSTS PRICES AT HOME AND ABROAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Wheat prices responded buoyantly today to the intervention of the National Grain corporation in the market. The price of wheat advanced 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents a bushel above yesterday's finish. The big co-operative's bid of 14 cents above current cash prices after the market closed yesterday had an ameliorating effect on trading both here and abroad.

PANIC FOLLOWS BOMB BLAST IN 'CHI' STORE

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Chicago's latest bombing—that of a Milwaukee avenue store last night—caused a panic among passers-by in a crowded street car. The car windows were shattered and occupants of the apartments above the store were routed from bed.

CROSS STATE LINE WILL BE OPPOSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Definite announcement that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company would test in court the interstate commerce commission's order to build the cross-state railroad was made today by Arthur C. Spencer, general counsel for the line. The O. W. R. & N. subsidiary of the Union Pacific system, was ordered to construct the line from Crane, Ore., to Crescent Lake, Ore.

JOHNNY GOLDEN FOUR UNDER PAR

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Johnny Golden, Patterson, N. J., pro, shot a 67 today, four under par and six under his score yesterday for a 140 to lead the early finishers in the second round of the Pasadena \$4000 open golf tournament.

SOLDIER SHOTS GIRL IN PORTLAND HOTEL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Noel F. Womack, 28, former Vancouver barracks soldier, shot and seriously wounded Miss Gay Westfall, 24, and then turned the gun upon himself after an alleged quarrel today in a downtown hotel. Miss Westfall died and physicians said Miss Westfall probably would die.

LIGHT KEEPER AT MERCY OF GALE-LASHED WATERS

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 21.—(AP)—For 20 hours, Joseph Stodola, 46, assistant keeper of the Waukegan lighthouse, was imprisoned by the sweeping gale. Waves smashed in the lower windows of the lighthouse and extinguished the heating plant; Stodola was forced to climb to the light room.

Alma Rubens Believed Cured Will Seek Return to Screen

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—Alma Rubens, formerly prominent on the stage and motion picture screen, today is free from the state asylum for the insane at Patton, Cal., 60 miles from here, where she has been under treatment since last June for narcotic addiction, but her exact whereabouts have not been divulged by her family.

HEFLIN FORCES SEEK COALITION INDEPENDENTS

Action of Alabama Democrats in Barring Republican Supporters From Fold Will Be Tested in Court for Primary.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Hugh A. Locke, independent candidate for governor, said today that Senator J. Thomas Heflin, who also has announced for re-election as an independent, would attend a statewide meeting here January 3, to plan Locke's campaign.

Meanwhile, steps were being taken to obtain opinions from the courts and the attorney-general on the decision of the state Democratic executive committee, which barred Locke and Heflin, among others, from competing in the next primary. The committee excluded as candidates from the 1936 Democratic primary all persons who supported the Republican presidential ticket or who openly opposed the Democratic nominees.

CUTTER DEPARTS TO SEARCH FOR EIELSON

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Cheilan, with three Fairchild planes and six Canadian airmen, left here shortly after 1 o'clock today for Seward, Alaska, on the first step of the search for Carl Ben Eielson and the East Borland, Alaska, airman, lost between Teller, Alaska, and North Cape, Siberia, since November 9.

FABRICK HEADS SEAL PURCHASE IN COUNTY

The largest purchaser of Tuberculosis Sealers in the county was announced yesterday by the Jackson County Health association as being Glen Fabrick of the Medford Domestic Laundry. He made two big purchases to use on correspondence and is one of the heartiest supporters of the movement in the county.

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LOCAL MAN WITNESS IN IDAHO CASE

Richard Cooper, Former Under-Cover Agent Here Threatened With Death By 'Chicago Mug' Signal During Testimony in Mullan Rum Ring Trial—Here in October.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—(AP) Richard Cooper, federal undercover agent, formerly of Medford, Ore., testified today in the "Mullan rum ring conspiracy trial" that he was threatened with death while he was on the witness stand.

The prohibition officer said that a man "Chicago mugged" him just before he left the stand. He stated the "mug signal" is a death threat used by Chicago gangsters to intimidate witnesses. The significance of covering the mouth with one hand and staring fixedly at the witness was said to be "keep your mouth shut or die."

The fellow gave me the sign and immediately left the room," Cooper affirmed. Court officials told him to identify the man if he could but this was not done.

Cooper testified today that Sheriff R. E. Weniger, one of the 29 charged with liquor conspiracy had issued warnings that Cooper was an "under cover" man, thus nullifying his efforts to get liquor evidence.

Court records disclosed today that Ray Sheridan, representative of a press association had been subpoenaed as a witness for asserting that he had "an exclusive interview" with Weniger. The Shoshone sheriff denied giving out an interview. Federal Agent Hoyt Ray said that Sheridan's statement was true, and that he could recall the "interview" from the witness stand.

Ray charges that the defendants fostered a scheme of the Mullan city council to license liquor joints and other vicious establishments.

OCCASIONAL RAINS OR SNOW LATE NEXT WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning December 22, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook is for occasional rains or snow in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and probably northern California and Nevada in the latter half of the week. Generally fair weather elsewhere.

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Has Heart Attack



LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Alexander Pantages, multi-millionaire theater man in the county jail pending appeal from a sentence of 1 to 50 years for attacking Eunice Pringle, 17-year-old co-ed dancer, suffered a heart attack during the night and was taken to the jail hospital, it was learned today. This morning he was taken back to his cell still suffering.

Jail turnkeys discovered the theater man's plight during their rounds when they heard him gasping.

TRAGIC DEATH OF GREINER IS MOURNED HERE

Bernard Greiner Victim of Holdup Man in Detroit, While En Route to Visit Betrothed—Mother, Sister in Medford.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Bernard Greiner, 23, of Medford, Ore., laundry contractor, son of Mrs. Paul Greiner of Portland, Ore., was slain last night while on his way to the home of his fiancée to assist in preparing a list of guests for his wedding, to have been held January 15. Police believe he was shot while attempting to resist holdup.

Greiner's body was found in the lower hall of a building shortly after he had delivered a package of laundry to a second floor apartment. Occupants of the apartment told police they heard shots.

Police found \$11.91 in Greiner's pockets. They believe he was robbed at the end of his route and should have had about \$40.

After the call he was to have gone to the home of his fiancée, Miss Jane Carthy, 20, where he planned to inspect wedding invitations and draw up a list of guests.

Greiner had lived here since the summer of 1937. He formerly lived in Condon and Portland, Ore., where relatives reside.

This tragic news first came to Medford last night in a long distance telephone call to Attorney E. E. Kelly, father-in-law of Mrs. Edward Kelly (nee Mary Greiner), only sister of the slain youth, and with whom Mrs. Paul Greiner has been staying several weeks. The connection was poor and only the bare facts could be learned.

A wire to the same effect was later received, but not until the above Associated Press dispatch was sent, were the details of the tragedy known.

Bernard Greiner was born in Condon, Ore., in November, 1909, and after leaving school went to work for the Gleason Foundry company of Portland. He was advanced rapidly and as a salesman for the company put in the sawdust burner at the Hotel Medford. He made many friends here but never made Medford his home.

Later he moved to Detroit where he operated a financial success which he made a financial success and had been visited there by his mother and his sister during the past two years.

LINK KEYS IN TAYLOR DEATH CASE

Former Gov. Richardson Blames Asa Keyes for Non-Solution of Murder—Prisoner in Folsom Knew Actress Responsible for Crime, Is Charge—Keyes Blocked Quiz.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The San Francisco Call-Bulletin today quoted former Governor Friend W. Richardson as saying that he had proof that a motion picture actress murdered William Desmond Taylor, one of Hollywood's most famous directors, mysteriously shot in 1922.

After going into the history of his differences and sharp exchanges of statements as governor with Asa Keyes, then district attorney of Los Angeles county, Richardson said that "about that time I heard that a prisoner in Folsom knew much about the murder of the motion picture director."

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"I asked them whether the facts should be presented to the grand jury and if so if there was any chance of an indictment," the Call-Bulletin quotes Richardson as saying. To this the answer was "no," Richardson adding that "they explained that either Keyes or one of his deputies would be in the grand jury room and that before any person could be brought to trial for the murder, important witnesses would be split apart, hauled or murdered."

Richardson said that he returned to Sacramento, called in the prison board and explained the situation.

"I told them," the Call-Bulletin quotes him, "that already the word was around that I had the solution of the murder and that unless he took quick action the convict in Folsom prison would be murdered."

The convict was paroled, and Richardson is quoted as saying that "the last I heard of him he was in Vera Cruz, Mexico."

The slaying occurred in January, 1922. After four years of investigation Keyes announced that the investigation was closed. It was generally believed Taylor was killed by narcotic peddlers or one of the actresses with whom he was friendly, or by some admirer of his actress-friends.

Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21.—I always felt there was only one thing that could possibly defeat Mr. Hoover's capable management of our affairs, and that was when he run out of practical men to put on commissions, and sure enough he is getting short handed.

Yesterday's commission did not have a practical man on it, every one was a college professor. It's to find out "what has brought the social changes in our lives here lately." Knowing college professors he gave them three years to agree on an answer. I could have told him before sundown what's changed our lives: buying on credit, waiting for relief, Ford cars, too many Republicans, Notre Dame coaching methods, and two-thirds of America both old and young, thinking they possessed "It" Yours,

WILL ROGERS.

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