

Temperature

Forecast: Tonight and Saturday fair, but with fog in morning. Not much change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

The Weather

Highest yesterday 45
Lowest this morning 30
Forecast: Partly cloudy.
To 5 p.m. yesterday 40
To 5 a.m. this morning 40

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

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Adopt, Adapt, Improve.
Three Good New Year Words.
A Plan for Gandhi.
Lindberg Has An Estate.

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ADOPT, ADAPT, IMPROVE.

Those three words, recommended by the Prince of Wales to his fellow countrymen, might well be ADOPTED, ADAPTED and IMPROVED in this country.

The young prince, one of the most useful, hard working citizens of Great Britain, said to British industrialists:

"We British think we are very efficient, and we are at the head of the world in lots of things, but to keep in the van we must be conscious of that very valuable thing—the knowledge that we learn something new every day. To put it in three words: We must learn to adopt, to adapt and to improve."

We Americans think we are very efficient. In fact, we are absolutely sure of it. But we do not always "adopt, adapt, improve."

For instance, railroad managers of the United States stood looking, doing nothing, while automobile, omnibuses and trucks took away some of their most profitable business. They woke up late to that situation and they are not thoroughly awake yet.

And to nearby suburban points they drag gigantic heavy "local trains," stopping and starting at every station, wasting money, men, machinery, rails.

They could just as well send out in rapid succession light cars driven by gas engines, each one an express, each one going without stop to its own destination and no farther. A little ADOPTING, ADAPTING and IMPROVING would arrange that.

The late President Ripley of the Santa Fe, brilliant railroad man, chose for his motto three very important words: "ORGANIZE, DEPUTIZE, SUPERVISE."

Three good words. The Prince of Wales' three words are also needed, even in this super-efficient land.

A big silver pool in China

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Abe Malin



Lester Pine hasn't got so dear old college days to look back on, but he sold 81 vacuum sweepers direct to the consumer during the month of November. "An' just as I pulled up to shoot I happened to think that her ain't no yaks in this country, so I lowered my gun," said Mr. Soles, who came within an ace of shootin' a lifeline Democrat today.

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LOCAL COPS IN GUN DUEL WITH BANDIT

Two Men and Woman Lodged in Jail After Night of Crime—Junk Dealer Tortured By Flame in Effort to Locate Money—Rex Cafe Patron Robbed at Pistol Point.

As the result of a holdup, bodily assault on an elderly junk dealer and gun battle with police in Medford early this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donovan of this city and A. E. Johnson of Jacksonville are held in the county jail on open charges. Donovan is accused of holding up A. C. Lawrence in the Rex cafe shortly before 2 o'clock this morning and of taking part in a pistol duel on Central avenue between Main and Eighth streets with Police-man William Peck.

All three are implicated in assaulting Pat Bohan, junk dealer on Plum street, at midnight, when they are accused by officers of attempting to make Bohan tell the hiding place of money the trio desired. Bohan declared a blanket was thrown over his face, after he was struck behind the ear by a hard object, rendering him unconscious. His eye was also injured by a blow.

Torture Applied Because of a badly burned leg, sustained when his assailants held an open flame against it in an effort to make him talk, Bohan is in the Sacred Heart hospital today, recovering from the effects of the burns which practically cooled a portion of his foot, the skin being all burned away. Unsuccessful in their efforts, Bohan's assailants left, cutting the telephone wires before departing. He was unable to call the officers until this morning.

Lawrence had been in the Rex cafe for some time visiting Seth Blake, proprietor, when Donovan entered the establishment to order a cup of coffee. Before the order was taken, Donovan arose from the counter and approached Lawrence, holding a long barreled .32 caliber

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ALABAMA KLAN FLAYS FOES OF HEFLIN GROUP

Alleged Proclamation Says "Will Lick Enemies Until They Can't Stand Up"—Wizard Evans Denies Klan in Politics.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 27.—(AP) The Birmingham News today published what purported to be an official proclamation from high authorities of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama to Klan members which denounced recent action of the state Democratic executive committee in refusing to permit persons who held the party a year ago to become candidates in the forthcoming primary and which asserted "we intend to lick our enemies until they can't stand up."

The statement, as published by the News, declared "Senator Tom Hefflin and Hugh Locke (candidate) respectively for re-election as senator and governor, who were barred from the primary for supporting President Hoover) and hundreds of other of the noblest, cleanest, most patriotic and intelligent citizens of Alabama are discriminated against because they exercised their political freedom last year."

James Esdale, grand dragon of the Klan, declined to comment on authenticity of the statement but indicated he possibly would have a statement later.

ATLANTA, Dec. 27.—(AP) Dr. Hiram W. Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, said here today that the Klan as an organization is not in politics and would not take part in the Alabama campaign. He made this statement after the report from Birmingham that the Alabama Klan had denounced the Alabama Democratic executive committee for barring as candidates those who failed to support the Democratic national ticket last year had been read to him. Dr. Evans said the report from Birmingham was news to him.

Five Acquitted in Torture Murder Trial



The Mountain View, Ark., court house where five men accused of torturing and slaying Connie Franklin, a former insane asylum inmate to forestall his marriage to a native girl of the hills, were found not guilty. The accused men were, left to right: Hubert Hester, Bill C. Young, Alex Parks, Joe White and Herman Greenway.

PANTAGES HAS FEAR OF DEATH IN COUNTY JAIL

Physicians Say Theater Magnate Genuinely Sick—Needs Rest and Better Diet—Worry Over Confinement Also Factor.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP) Alexander Pantages, multi-millionaire, convicted of a criminal attack on Eunice Pringle, co-ed dancer, today is confined to the county jail hospital while Superior Judge Charles Fricke hears additional testimony of physicians concerning the showman's physical condition, in his plea for release from jail on bond.

Two physicians yesterday testified Pantages has suffered "three dangerous heart attacks" and is "seriously sick." Dr. Charles Decker, one of the five physicians appointed by District Attorney Byron Fitts and Judge Fricke to examine Pantages, said the theater man "needs rest and a better diet than he can get in jail." Dr. Decker expressed the opinion that worry over his confinement, more than the actual confinement, is responsible for the patient's condition.

"Mr. Pantages is in constant fear that he will die in jail," the witness said.

Dr. Benjamin Blank, jail physician, characterized the three heart attacks Pantages has suffered in recent weeks as "dangerous." He said the showman might die if he is not released for continued medical attention. Four state and seven defense physicians remain to be heard.

POSSES SEARCH FOR KENTUCKY BAND ROBBERS

SMITHS GROVE, Ky., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Embattled southern Kentucky farmers and officers, incensed by the killing of a country bank president by three bank bandits, today guarded highways, bridges and miles of railway track, and peered into woods and caves for the slayers of J. Robert Kirby, 45.

Although it was believed that one or more of the men had been wounded and two stolen automobiles with the bandits used and a portion of the bank loot had been recovered, the posses, comprised of armed men who at one time numbered 800 or 1000 men, had been talked after a search of all-day and night.

Coolidge Demurs On Red Dress for Wife in Picture

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP) Howard Chandler Christy has a Coolidge story. The question 1928 as to what sort of a dress Mrs. Coolidge should wear when posing before him for a portrait. The artist suggested a red with a white dog beside the sitter for contrast. The president preferred a white dress. There was a little argument which ended when the president said: "Let it be a white dress; if you please." To allow for your contrast let us have the dog dyed red."

FARMER NEEDS MARKET POWER AT TERMINALS

McKelvie Says Next Objective for Agricultural Cooperatives Will Be Mastery of Terminals for Distribution.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Samuel R. McKelvie, of the Federal Farm board, told members of the State Bar association today that mastery of the terminal markets was the next point for the agricultural cooperatives to gain.

"There are over 12,000 farmers' cooperative societies in this country today, having a membership of 2,000,000 and handling annually by products of the value of over \$2,500,000,000," he said. "For the most part, these cooperatives are back in the country, and have not reached the terminal markets where the greatest influence is exercised in orderly distribution and price control."

Uncle Sam Will Refund Millions Through Errors in Tax Figures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Sometimes, even that master of arithmetical calculation, the United States treasury makes mistakes, but when it does, it admits them.

Today it made known an error of \$100,000,000 in the collection of last year's taxes and, in its annual announcement of tax refunds, set forth that restitution in amounts ranging upward to \$25,000,000 was being made to corporations and individuals, including John D. Rockefeller, the Carnegie Steel company and Mary Pickford.

YULE SHOPPING UNCHECKED BY SHARE SLUMP

President Told Trading Fully As Good As Last Year—Decline Feared—State Building Plans Announced for 1930.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The department of commerce has reported to President Hoover that Christmas shopping this year was fully up to that of last year, and he considers the condition very encouraging.

Special interest in the subject was taken by the administration, in view of its campaign in the interest of business stabilization, since there had been fears that the effect of the stock market crash last November would be seriously damaging to the retail trade.

Some of the advance calculations made to the president indicated that as much as ten percent decline in Christmas trade volume was anticipated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Governors of 26 states have reported public works programs totaling \$825,000,000 for next year to President Hoover.

OIL WORKERS DIE IN EXPLOSION AND FIRE

TART, Calif., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two oil workers were burned to death and two others suffered injuries which may prove fatal in an explosion and fire in an oil well in the Buena Vista hills near here today. The dead are E. W. Wadsworth and Arthur Nance, who were working on a rig at the Standard Oil company's well, 61-7D when it blew in spouting natural gas.

SCULPTRESS IS FOUND DEAD IN CHICAGO STUDIO

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP) Tennessee sculptress and divorced wife of Sherwood Anderson, the novelist, was found dead last night in her studio in the Artists' colony on the near North Side. She was 52 years old.

Despite the appearance of blood stains on the pillows of the bed on which Mrs. Anderson's body was found, death was believed to have been from natural causes. The death certificate had not been signed early today, but the coroner's office indicated there would be no inquest. Death, according to coroner's physicians, was caused by a hemorrhage.

NEW TRAIL OPENED IN GANG CRIME

New York and Chicago Sleuths Renew Efforts to Solve Slaying of Frankie Yale and Frank Marlow—Bronx Racketeer Signed Murder Contract Is Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Trails leading through the underworld of Chicago and New York City today were being followed by police in a renewed effort to solve the slayings of Frankie Yale, Brooklyn gangster, and Frank Marlow, Broadway racketeer.

The murders, that of Yale 18 months old, accused buried in the dust of police records until the statement of Police Inspector Joseph J. Donovan that the two New York gangsters were killed by a Chicago gunman under the terms of a \$20,000 contract signed by Ciro Terranova, known to police as a Bronx racketeer.

Police Commissioner Grover A. Whalen was on his way to Chicago today to make a study of traffic there and it was reported he also would personally investigate the Chicago angles of the killings.

Link Killings. Inspector Donovan's statement, linking the two killings was given yesterday at the police trial of Detective Arthur Johnson for dereliction of duty, where he testified that the holdup of a testimonial dinner given for Magistrate Albert Vitale was staged at Terranova's orders to recover the contract.

Johnson, who was a guest at the dinner December 7, is on trial for losing his service pistol to the hold-up men and failing to report the crime promptly.

Donovan said that members of the police secret service bureau had learned that Terranova had paid only \$5000 of the \$20,000 stipulated in the contract for the slayings of Yale and Marlow and that the Chicago gunman had threatened to turn the document over to police if the rest was not forthcoming.

Holdup Faked. The witness said Terranova invited the gunman to the dinner instructing him to bring the contract, then arranged for the hold-up, which was put on by seven men. They searched the guests, took the contract from the gunman's pocket and took jewelry and money from the other guests to make the robbery appear genuine.

The jewelry, money and Johnson's gun later were returned through undisclosed sources.

Frankie Yale was shot to death in his automobile in Brooklyn July 1, 1928. The name of Al Capone, Chicago gang leader, was linked with the killing when police found a gun which they said was similar to one purchased for Capone.

Frank Marlow was met by two men as he left a mid-town restaurant on the night of June 24, last. He entered an automobile with them. His body was found by the roadside near a cemetery in Queens a few hours later.

PORTLAND PAYING HIGH POWER RATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Kenneth Harlan, rate expert, retained by the city of Portland, today told the public service commission investigating rates of the Portland Electric Power company that since 1916 the public had paid the power company \$7,386,954, or almost 100 per cent, on the vested water rights, overhead on land above the original cost, and other intangible items. These items the city contends, should not be included in the operating property of the utility.

TUNNEY GIVEN NOD IN FOGARTY SUIT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Judgment in favor of James J. (Gene) Tunney, former heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, was given in superior court today in the \$500,000 breach of promise suit filed against him by Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty.

Mou Shut in Prank

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Rewards for information leading to arrest of the person who sewed in the mouth of a small dog and released the animal to starve to death had mounted to more than \$1000 last night, the humane society announced.

ONE ROOM SCHOOL IS NOW PASSE

Little Red Schoolhouse Served Admirably in Pioneer Times, But Consolidation Is Modern Need, Says Educator—Tax Reforms Needed to Aid Oregon Schools.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The one-room school house, last survivor of the pioneer days in American education, furnished a pivotal point for two speakers at today's session of the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting here.

The little red school house is all right as long as it doesn't pack too many grades within its walls, said Dr. J. Chas. Morrison, assistant commissioner of elementary education of New York. Over-consolidation, especially in rural districts, has proven unpopular in New York, he said.

The one-room school fitted the stringent pioneer times admirably but now it is as antiquated as the covered wagon, Dr. George Willard Frazier, president of the Colorado State Teachers' college, said. He declared the modern reformers of the curriculum are as much pioneers as any of Oregon's first settlers.

Consolidation of rural districts, with intelligent supervision, was urged.

Need of better system of school financing for Oregon was expressed by many prominent educators today. A personal income tax was recommended as the only way of reaching all branches of taxable income. A half-serious proposal to tax tobacco for the benefit of education received thunderous applause, although the speaker immediately qualified it by declaring his doubts whether the teacher "could sell a piece of legislation like this."

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HISTORIC ROOM USED BY HOOVER CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The president's cabinet met today in an atmosphere replete with the early history of the American republic.

Because the executive offices of the president were destroyed by fire on Christmas eve members of the cabinet gathered in the study where Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation and sat around the table used by President Adams and his cabinet in the early days of the White House.

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