

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Saturday rain. Moderate temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 54
Lowest this morning 32
Precipitation .02
To 5 p. m. yesterday .02
To 5 a. m. today .00

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Today
By Arthur Brisbane
Money and Guns.
A Rockefeller Million.
To Boycott Italy.
Pushing a Beer Bill.

58 PERISH IN BELGIAN DEATH FOG

Mysterious Poison Mixed With Mist in Country About Liege — Farmers House Stock in Homes to Escape Death Outside.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Forty-eight men have died in Liege, apparently poisoned by a mysterious gas mixed with a fog which swept over the region last night and today.

Cattle have also been affected by this strange malady of the mist and many of them have died. Today frightened and bewildered farmers drove as many as possible of their cows and horses into warm dry kitchens to shield them from the death outside.

One theory of the mysterious malady is that it has resulted from a leak of poison gas from some unknown source which mixed with the fog in the Meuse valley and drifted slowly down the air currents.

Members of the public health committee at Brussels, immediately upon hearing the report of the deaths, proceeded to Liege for an investigation.

Most of the deaths were at Engis, where 14 persons succumbed. In the Liege district itself, eight are dead at Flamalle Haute, four at Flamelle Grande, five at Yvoy-Tainot, ten at Othepe-Su-Meuse and seven at Othepe.

Pretty Portland Maidens Managed Moonshine Still

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—An elaborate liquor still which occupied the entire second floor of a house and which, police say, was tended by two pretty girls, was in the hands of federal authorities today. The girls said they were Ethel Miller, 23, and Myrtle Ayreson, 29. They were held in city jail without bail.

The plant consisted of two 120-gallon stills and other equipment and 300 five-gallon tins of processed and unprocessed alcohol.

"LAME DUCK" CONGRESS UNDER WAY



When Speaker Nicholas Longworth (shown above) rapped his gavel the "lame duck" session of congress was under way. It is the short session of the 71st congress.

POINCARÉ IN ANTI-SOVIET PLOT, CLAIM

French Statesman Held in Glove With Counter-Revolutionaries Is Charge at Trial of Engineers—Russ Ready to Fight.

MOSCOW, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The name of Raymond Poincaré, the French statesman, was shouted again today in the courtroom where eight men are on trial for plotting to overthrow the Soviet government.

Before the judges who have ruled out all mention of "friendly foreign powers," Krilenko, the prosecutor, shook his finger in the general direction of Paris and accused the former French premier of working hand in glove with counter-revolutionaries.

"If Poincaré wants to know all the details of this plot in which he played such an important part," Krilenko shouted, "I'll let him have those details. I'll let him know our people are ready for the worst. When the time comes to fight we will fight as one man. We will meet the crisis armed and prepared."

Demands Death.

The prosecutor renewed his demand the eight defendants be put to death, and rebared the condemnations drawn from Leonid Hanin, accused as the chief plotter in Russia, concerning acts of sabotage against Soviet industry.

Referring to testimony which involved officers of the French general staff whom the defendants implicated in the plot, Krilenko characterized the French denials as "pure fakes."

"We have sufficient proof of their connection with this plot through their agents in Moscow," he said. "The action of the men who plotted with them is sufficient to merit the most severe punishment under our criminal code."

General Wood, accompanied by a technical engineer will examine sites at Roseburg, St. Helens and Kainier in Oregon and at Vancouver, Camp Lewis and Walla Walla in Washington.

Eng. Dragged Over Rough Road By Wall Street

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The "wild horses" of Wall Street have dragged a poor man in England over a rocky road of finance, David Lloyd George, the liberal leader, today told a council of his party.

The "mischief" of Stanley Baldwin's American debt settlement continues to spread, he said. "We are harassed fast by American financiers," he cried. "We are only beginning to realize what that terrible debt settlement means."

SEE GLOOM FOR WHEAT UNTIL 1937

Farm Board Report to Congress Says Only Hope of Grower Lies in Production Adjustment and Co-Op Marketing System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee today unanimously approved the McNary resolution to authorize \$10,000,000 for loans to storm and drought stricken farmers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The farm board reported to congress today that agriculture, to achieve a par with industry, must adjust production to consumption and perfect a self-controlled economic system of distribution.

The first annual report of the board contained the views, along with a summary of the past year's studies, accomplishments and experiments.

Out of its own experience with wheat and cotton the board was able to tell the legislators that stabilization operations, without the backing of adjusted production, have a limited field.

Particularly, they said, did the failure of cotton producers to curtail acreage substantially in 1930 lead to the defeat of stabilization measures.

As for wheat, the board said it had concluded the world outlook would remain gloomy through 1937 with the general price trend downward.

Plans Hopeless

"The board could see no hope," it said, "for arresting such a movement of production to serious consequences to American wheat farmers, by co-operative marketing as such, by stabilization measures of the type already employed, or through adopting any of the proposed measures designed to dispose of the surplus abroad at prices below domestic levels."

"The obvious economic remedy is curtailment of production so that the tariff might become effective on American prices."

Another recommendation emphasized by the board was reforestation, taking up marginal lands of little present value to preserve them for future use.

The board said its major activities had been devoted to building up farmer-owned and controlled marketing systems, done on a regional or national scale for nearly a score of commodities.

Two things are powerful in this country, money and sawed-off shotguns and other paraphernalia of the gangster.

Mr. Thaw escaped easily from the Matteawan Hospital for the Criminal Insane some time ago. He had money.

Yesterday from the same hospital escaped six supposed maniacs, some of them convicted murderers. Three gunmen released them, defying the state, and overpowering the guards.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., each give \$500,000 to help the unemployment problem, in New York, where they live.

A generous gift, it is nothing to the hundreds of millions that the Rockefellers give to fight disease, and encourage education and science all over the world.

Including the Rockefeller \$4,000,000, rich New York has raised in all a little over \$4,000,000.

If there are, as Mr. Green of the American Federation of Labor says, 4,800,000 out of work, then \$4,000,000 won't go far. This country gave ten thousand millions to foreign nations, fighting.

War is exciting. Poverty and misery are not exciting or interesting.

No wonder the communist perched on his soapbox says: "I can attract more attention by throwing a stone through a fifth avenue window than you could by starving to death."

It is suggested that Mussolini may be compelled to take the advice of the big three concerning Italy's navy, etc., by cutting off her credit. The big three, as you know, are France, Great Britain and the United States.

If they arrange, as suggested, to refuse all loans to Italy, Mussolini might find it difficult to survive.

On the other hand, something might happen that would hurt the feelings of the big three considerably more than Mussolini's Italy has ever hurt them.

With Mussolini down, chaos, followed by anarchy and disagreeable consequences, might develop.

The big three should know

WITNESSES HIT SUICIDE ALLEGATION

Mrs. Bowles in Happy-Mood On Morning of Death in Rival's Apartment Shown By State at Coroner's Inquest—View Body.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Three women and three men today sought to determine whether Mrs. Bowles, 23, stabbed herself to death or met death at the hands of her husband, Nelson C. Bowles, or his former secretary, Irma Loucks Paris, 23. Both are charged with murder.

The coroner's inquest was concluded abruptly in its third day when District Attorney Stanley Myers made the surprise announcement that he would not call Mrs. H. W. Howard, his key witness, who, he said, is physically unable to appear at this time.

The state endeavored throughout the inquest to shatter the argument of suicide set up by defense counsel for Bowles and Mrs. Paris. Witness after witness took the stand to testify to Mrs. Bowles' relatively happy frame of mind up to the time she died.

Chin Suicide

A knife wound in her heart caused her death in the apartment of Mrs. Paris, who, with Bowles, was present when the woman died. They declare she stabbed herself when she learned of their intimate relationship.

The coroner's jury of six asked to view the body of the young society matron again before retiring for its deliberations. The spokesman for the jury said its members were particularly interested in small bruises on Mrs. Bowles' forehead.

During a short recess Stanley Myers, district attorney, hurried to the home of Mrs. Howard, planning to bring her to the courtroom that she might give her testimony. Mrs. Howard was attacked Tuesday night by two unidentified men who, police say, threatened her with death if she testified. Myers said Mrs. Howard's condition was such she could not appear today. He said her testimony was of "extreme importance."

Preliminary hearing on the murder charges, set for today, was postponed until Dec. 9.

EUROPE TAKING ROSEBURG SITE MORE APPLES FOR VET HOME AT GOOD PRICE WILL BE EYED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Journal today says continental markets of Europe are this year absorbing a greater volume of American apples than ever before and are paying fairly good price. Bulk of the movement abroad is from the Pacific northwest. Rotterdam reports that while roseburg apples are heavy, the trade there and throughout the continent was absorbing offerings and maintaining prices to a remarkable degree.

The demand from Europe this season has kept roseburg prices on account of the practical failure of their home crop of fruit. Market exports abroad claim that practically everything shipped from the United States this season has met with a good sale.

Best call is for Pacific northwest supplies of offerings of these, while heavy, are readily absorbed into consumption.

ROSEBURG MAN AND CRIME PAL DIE BY NOOSE

Davis and Boss Hanged in Folsom for Murder of Grocery Clerk—Pair Calm As End Comes.

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., Dec. 5.—(AP)—George Davis, formerly of Roseburg, Ore., and Alfred Boss, convicted of the murder of Clifford Carey, Sacramento grocery clerk, during a holdup Nov. 18, 1929, were hanged here today. Boss was the first to go. The trap was sprung at 9:05 a. m. and he was pronounced dead at 9:17. The trap was sprung for Davis at 9:33 and he was dead at 9:44.

Both men went to the gallows calmly. Boss was accompanied by a Catholic priest, a Christian Science practitioner went with Davis. Warden Court Smith said the men passed a fairly good night. Davis wrote several letters, but Boss wrote to no one.

During the death walk to the execution chamber, Davis said to Warden Smith:

No Ill Feeling

"Warden, I wish you a long and prosperous life. I hold no ill feelings against anyone. I'm sorry I can't raise my arm to shake hands with you." His hands had been strapped to his sides before he left his cell.

Approaching the door of the death room and seeing the crowd of about 70 witnesses, Davis said: "Good bye, men. Good luck to all of you."

Boss smoked a cigarette on the way from his cell in the "back alley" to the gallows.

Beside the murder of Carey, police implicated Boss and Davis in several service station holdups in northern California counties. Both had served prior terms in prison.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 5.—(AP)—George Ryley, 21, was hanged here today for the murder of George (Dad) Jones, Livermore taxicab driver, in a robbery that netted only \$23.29.

The trap was sprung at 10:03 a. m. and Ryley was pronounced dead at 10:15 a. m.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A meeting of the Douglas county lamb growers has been called for December 6 at Roseburg to consider the formation of a marketing association. Two small pools are now being operated at Glide and Myrtle Creek, and it is planned to expand the system to cover the county.

CIDER SEEKERS CAUSE LOSS OF 7000 GALLONS

Rogue Cannery Gives Up Vinegar Making in Face of Annual Raids By Hard Cider Addicts.

Unknown vandals broke into the Rogue River Valley Canning company plant on South Railroad ave. late Tuesday night and by malicious carelessness caused the loss of 7,000 gallons of vinegar valued at \$1,500, by leaving the tap to the vat open, causing the vinegar to run off into a sewer.

The culprits were seeking apple cider and as the vinegar had not started to "mother," it was in prime condition.

Manager R. U. Boutelle of the canning company said that as a result of the vandalism—the same thing occurred last year—no further efforts would be made by the concern to make vinegar. He said this year he had placed safeguards around the vinegar vat to thwart the vandals, but they had come armed with monkey-wrenches and undid all his work, in a spirit of mischiefiveness.

Quaint Old Custom

It has been a quaint local custom for years to raid the vat and five years ago a youth nearly drowned when he fell from the roof into the vat, to be rescued by his pal after a good ducking.

There are no clues in the latest depredation, and the authorities are baffled. A watchman in the neighborhood heard some one at the plant early Wednesday morning but thought the sounds thought they were at work, and made no investigation.

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RAIL OFFICIALS IN K. F. NEXT WEEK

BEND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Officials of the Great Northern railroad are expected here early next week on their way to Klamath Falls where they will inspect the proposed route of the north line of the Klamath Falls-Main construction, under project, Ralph Budd, president of the line, is expected to lead the party.

Rumors prevalent here say announcement of new construction in Klamath county may be made at that time.

WOMAN FREED ON MURDER CHARGE

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Although she twice signed confessions she shot and killed her husband, G. L. Christensen, and John H. Braubach last August, Mrs. Julia Ann Christensen, 26, expectant mother, was free of first degree murder charges here today.

She was acquitted by a jury of four women and eight men after only two hours deliberation. The shootings occurred near Portland in a rooming house at the Christmas home. The two men were partners in an alleged illicit liquor business.

ASK SALEM GIRL ABOUT SHOOTING

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Miss Doris Bacon, Salem young woman, is to be the main witness for the state in the trial of Don Naecker, charged with first degree murder, which opens at Klamath Falls next Monday, was questioned by Klamath county authorities here yesterday. Miss Bacon was with Fred Dunbar of Klamath Falls when Dunbar was shot and killed at Crescent Lake several months ago and was the only eye-witness of the crime. She is employed here in a photographic studio.

BLOW AIMED AT DRY LAW FAILS ON HOUSE VOTE

Amendment to Prohibit Poisoning of Federal Funds for Poisoning Alcohol Is Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The house today rejected an amendment to the treasury supply bill prohibiting the use of government funds for poisoning industrial alcohol.

The vote was 194 to 24.

The amendment was introduced by Representative Lathrop, democrat, Maryland, chairman of the wet bloc.

A \$10,000 appropriation for education.

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MEIER AMONG THIRTY DISTINGUISHED JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The names of Governor-elect Julius L. Meier of Oregon and Arthur Seligman of New Mexico were among those of 30 American Jews announced by the American Hebrew as having distinguished themselves outstandingly in public or cultural life and through benefactions in 1930.

COLD SPRING HARBOR, N. Y., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Restoration of a man from death's door to apparently perfect health in 48 hours, was revealed today at the biological laboratory.

The man saved a patient at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., had Addison's disease.

At the clinic a purified hormone was injected directly into the veins of a farmer 35 years old by Dr. Leonard G. Towntree and by Carl H. Greife.

Abe Martin

No matter what a store hasn't got or ever will have, the clerk always says, "We've got some clem in 'er." Some painless, humane manner of a gittin' husband's out o' the way is one of the urgent needs of the hour.

Watch Dog Watches as Thieves Loot Residence

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—(AP)—When neighbors expressed anxiety over the way their community had been overrun by robbers lately, Patrolman Herman Selinger just laughed and said he'd be dogged if anybody would rob his house. He announced he'd bought a police dog.

For days it was a common sight to see the garbage collectors dashing madly out of the Selinger back yard to see the ice man strag-

CONFESSOR RULED OUT IN TRIAL FOR MURDER

DENVER, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The defense in the trial of Pearl O'Loughlin for murder scored a major legal victory today when Judge Henry A. Calvert ruled that no admissions or confessions Mrs. O'Loughlin might have made to police officers would be admitted as evidence.

POSTPONE GRAIN RATE REVISION WEST AREA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The effective date of revised rates on grain and grain products within the western district and for export were formally postponed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until April 1, 1931, after the carriers had contended an earlier date would be impossible.

MARRIAGE IN CHURCH SPOILS A COMMUNIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Belief that any man "who would get married in church" would be of no value to communism was expressed today by William Z. Foster, before the house communist committee.

Mash Notes of G. B. S. and Actress Ellen Terry Soon Available to Public Gaze

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Endearing letters of George Bernard Shaw and the late Ellen Terry, which met but once in 20 years of correspondence, are to be published.

Ethelred L. Adams, of the Fountain Press, has permitted a representative of the New York Times to view the correspondence, comprising 100 epistles from Shaw and many more from Miss Terry, but declined to permit quotations from those of the dramatist.

Shaw "frankly adored" Miss Terry, says the Times, and the letters "contain Shaw's philosophy of love, sometimes tender and sometimes ardent, as he eloquently expressed it again and again to the woman he loved."

Shaw has written a preface to the correspondence in which he warns the letters must not be interpreted as some might interpret letters, similarly intimate in phrase, between a man and a woman of suburban viewpoint. The endorsements, he says, are an expression of the more outspoken and perhaps more fundamentally decent atmosphere of the theatre.

Their acquaintance began in 1890, when Miss Terry wrote Shaw, then musical critic on the World in London, and continued to

WILL ROGERS says:

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The president delivered a message to congress but none of the papers on the east had room for it on account of it being at the same time the Notre Dame team was arriving out here. Talk about business depression. The stadium where they play in southern California was built just for Iowa prizes and seats about an eighth of a million. Talk about getting in, why I paid ten dollars a ticket just for space to heat over the radio.

Will Rogers