

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight cloudy and Wednesday probably rain. No change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest this morning 28
Precipitation—
To 5 p. m. yesterday .00
To 5 a. m. today .00

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Today

By Arthur Briabane

Borah, Not Pacified. Strawberries by Airplane. Trouble for Republicans. The Python's Six Roosters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—In Washington, where this is written, Senator Borah has just demanded a special session of Congress after March 4, for "legitimate reasons."

He was not pacified by the shelving of the League Court. Apparently he does not share the opinion of big business that "the country is safer after Congress goes home."

Strawberries were delivered in New York yesterday, picked in Florida 11 hours earlier. Dudley Reed flew in with 432 pints.

Fruit picked ripe in Florida, California and on the Gulf Coast, will soon be distributed all over the United States through the air on the day it is picked. Refrigeration will not be necessary, the pilot going up high enough for refrigeration.

The fact that Robert H. Lucas, director of the Republican national committee, did all he could, which was not much, to prevent the re-election of Senator Norris, has started fireworks.

Some senators think that an important official of the Republican party should not spend money trying to defeat a Republican candidate.

Mr. Lucas says that Norris should have been kept out, and suggests that the Republican party should put him out, now that he is overwhelmingly elected.

Senator Norris, you must know, does his own thinking, and even suggests that the people whose taxes built the Muscle Shoals power plant, should own the plant instead of turning it over to private power companies.

Senator Nye finds that the Republican national committee guaranteed a bank loan made by Lucas to pay for a literary campaign against Senator Norris.

Respectable Republicanism will find it hard to explain that treacherous slush fund.

Senator Cutting of New Mexico, Republican, calls it "political thugbery."

Inhabitants of the New York and other zoological gardens will have a cheerful Christmas. The New York python: 23 feet.

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Abe Martin

While the fool killer hasn't complained, we all know his business hasn't what it should be. "Rembrandts are rare an' scarce, but they ain't got nothin' on this," said Tell Binkley, as he clipped a newspaper picture of a Democrat takin' office.

FURORE IN G.O.P. RANKS INCREASES

Chairman Wood Backs Lucas in Fight On Norris—Independent a Demagogue Is Assertion—Brookhart Takes Hand in Fracas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Senator Norris of Nebraska challenged the Republicanism of President Hoover today in fighting back at the efforts to drive him from the party.

"I was fighting for the Republican party when Mr. Hoover himself was a resident and voter of Great Britain," Norris said. "The Republican party belongs to the rank and file. Mr. Wood and Mr. Lucas, even though backed up by Mr. Hoover, do not constitute the Republican party."

"Mr. Hoover is liable to be a Democrat any day. When he came to this country from Great Britain he was a Democrat, accepting office as a Democrat. He remained a Democrat until the Republicans came in power and when he accepted office under the Republicans he automatically became a Republican."

"I have never found fault with that. I concede his right to change his political affiliation every time he changes office if he wants to but I haven't found it necessary myself. As long as I hold public position, I'm going to vote and work for things I believe to be in the best interest of my country and oppose those which are not, regardless of parties."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The republican controversy over whether the party should repudiate "men like Senator Norris" flamed anew today.

After talking about the situation to President Hoover, Chairman Wood of the republican congressional campaign committee denounced the independent Norris as "a consummate demagogue." He announced intention to back to the limit the stand taken against Norris by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the republican national committee.

Wood is the first of the administration regulars in congress to speak out. The issue now seems placed before President Hoover, but he has said nothing.

Brookhart Takes Hand. Meanwhile, the republican independent.

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18 AIRPLANES DESTROYED IN HANGAR BLAZE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A hangar and 18 airplanes were destroyed by fire at the Pal-Waukee airport northwest of Chicago today.

Three other hangars were not threatened by the flames spread quickly in the north hangar and practically nothing of value was left. Airport officials estimated the loss at \$200,000.

Three of the planes that burned belonged to the Pal-Waukee corporation, the others were privately owned. All were single-motored. The fire was believed to have started in a boiler room as the result of some accident to the heating system.

The Pal-Waukee field is at Wheeling, about 20 miles northwest of Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Charles K. Harris, who entranced the nation under the spell of "After the Ball," is dead.

Christmas Ties Taken By Thief Are Unmourned

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Somebody got into the home of Ernest F. Bergmann and stole all of the Christmas presents Mrs. Bergmann bought for her husband.

Later both of them told the police about it, with Mrs. Bergmann doing the talking.

"Let's see," she began as she started to list the stolen articles, "there was a leather bag, a set of golf clubs, a dozen handkerchiefs, some clothing, a dozen ties and..."

"Never mind the ties," interrupted Bergmann.

FLIER DELAYED HERE FOR WEEK TO REPAIR SHIP

Christmas in Medford Result of Crack-Up in Landing Yesterday On Tour of States.

A week's delay in Medford is the sentence, which will probably be given the Honorable Mrs. Victor Bruce, round the world flier, for landing her "honeymoon" model Blackburn Blackbird plane with the wheels pointing in the wrong direction at the Medford airport yesterday afternoon. It was announced today.

The delay of course is disgusting to one with other plans for Christmas day, but the Honorable Mrs. Bruce is still smiling, just as she was yesterday afternoon, when she climbed out of her wrecked craft.

Going to South America. Local aviators estimate that it will take a week or 10 days to get the plane in readiness to continue its tour of the United States.

After touring this country, Mrs. Bruce plans to continue to South America, later crossing the Atlantic by boat to Europe, where she will again set up her plane and continue her trip to England.

Captain S. S. Chadderton, aviation department head for the Standard Oil company of California, is arranging her United States itinerary and one of the company's fastest planes is escorting the aviatrix down the coast to San Francisco.

If Mrs. Bruce completes the journey she has planned, and one look at the gleam of determination in her blue-gray eyes is proof that she will if the fates are willing, she will be the first woman to have made a solo flight around the world. Her plane is one of the smallest built in Europe. Two persons can sit in it. If they sit very close, they fly it's called "honeymoon" model.

Flew Persian Gulf. She has flown the plane in solo flight from London to Tokyo, over the Persian gulf, where she landed in a manner similar to that witnessed by the group awaiting her arrival at the Medford airport yesterday. She has flown over the jungles and the Yellow sea and will fly again as soon as her plane is ready to go.

On arrival in Tokyo, she had flown in excess of 17,000 miles. Although she is the wife of the Honorable Victor Bruce of England and the grand daughter of Lady Katherine and the Honorable Arthur Peter, Mrs. Bruce isn't all English, her mother is of American descent, the daughter of Alonzo Williams, who played a prominent part in Civil war history.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Charles K. Harris, who entranced the nation under the spell of "After the Ball," is dead. The song publisher died at his home yesterday after an illness of three weeks. He was 45 years old. Surviving are the widow, the former Cora Lehrberg of Owensboro, Ky., and two daughters, Mrs. Richard Well of Chicago and Mrs. Richard Harris.

When She Was In Japan



Mrs. Victor Bruce, British aviatrix, who arrived in Medford yesterday from Portland and suffered an accident to her plane in landing on the local airport, is shown being greeted by Keigen Boku, Japan's leading aviatrix, when she arrived at Tokyo on her trip around the world.

CARKIN AGAIN IS APPOINTED ON TAX GROUP

Medford Expert Given Four-Year Term On State Commission By Board of Control.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—John H. Carkin of Medford was today appointed by the state board of control as a member of the state tax commission. The appointment is for four years, dating from January 1.

Carkin, as a member of the 1929 legislature, and chairman of an interim committee on taxation during the previous two years, was instrumental in the enactment of the state's new tax laws at the session two years ago. One of these acts was the creation of a full-time state tax commission, appointed by the board of control, and Carkin, Earl L. Fisher and Charles V. Galloway were selected as the members. Carkin's division of the work during the last two years has been his administration of the intangibles and excise acts. The former was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court a few months ago.

WOULD IDENTIFY FOREIGN LUMBER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP) The proposal to mark imported lumber so as to indicate the country of origin will be discussed at a meeting in the bureau of customs office in Washington, D. C., Jan. 13, the collector of customs here was advised today.

H. A. Hayward, assistant general counsel at Washington, wrote the customs office here to advise importers of lumber of the hearing.

"The department has received numerous complaints," the letter said, "from American lumber manufacturers today that King Carol and his discarded wife, Queen Helen, have reached a crisis in their domestic affairs and reports are circulating that King Alexander of Jugoslavia had postponed his intended visit to his royal brother-in-law on a hint from the dowager, Queen Marie."

Marie, the report runs, fears that her son might be driven to despair by any further interference in his affairs from outside.

CAROL AND HELEN ARE NEAR BREAK

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—(AP) Word came across the Rumanian frontier today that King Carol and his discarded wife, Queen Helen, have reached a crisis in their domestic affairs and reports are circulating that King Alexander of Jugoslavia had postponed his intended visit to his royal brother-in-law on a hint from the dowager, Queen Marie.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP) All records were broken in the Chicago postoffice yesterday when 15,000,000 pieces of first class mail were received. Postmaster Arthur C. Lester said today.

ROAD FUND AVAILABLE TO OREGON

State's Portion Emergency Eighty Million From Government Will Be \$1,320,287—Over Half Going Directly to Labor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Hoover said today the total expenditure by the federal government during the calendar year 1931 for public works would total \$724,000,000.

The president has informed the various executive departments that the policy of the federal government is that wages on contracts let by the government shall be held to the standard existing in the districts where the work is done.

The president said that when depression had first struck he had been instrumental in securing an agreement between industry and labor that guaranteed as far as possible no reduction in wages. In view of this, he said, the federal government has necessarily required contractors to maintain wage scales at their pre-depression levels.

There have been some difficulties with minor contractors he said, but these have been adjusted. The estimated total for federal aid to highways for the calendar year 1931 was set by Mr. Hoover at \$219,922,500; public buildings, \$174,889; rivers and harbors, \$159,857,000; ship construction, \$129,920,000; aircraft and air navigation, \$30,882,000; miscellaneous, \$97,507,000.

This statement said the \$742,058,000 compares "with the rate of about \$275,000,000 per annum prior to the depression."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—State highway departments were notified today that their respective portions of the \$30,000,000 emergency highway construction appropriation are available immediately.

The federal aid money is to be officially apportioned today by Secretary Hyde.

The action will make all of the \$30,000,000 available to the states for use in matching their regular federal aid appropriations, including those for the fiscal year 1932.

Capt. C. D. Curtis, chief of the control of the bureau of public roads, pointed out that to the extent that states have plans ready for work, the appropriation would mean nearly double that amount, or \$160,000,000 of the new highway construction.

He estimated more than half of the money would go directly to labor and that a large portion would go to labor indirectly.

The government, under the plan contemplated in the legislation, will carry the full amount of the construction bills of the states on work done to September 1, within the limits of the appropriation.

Captain Curtis said an informal survey indicated the states have enough work projected to absorb all of the emergency appropriation together with a like amount of the regular federal aid appropriations.

The apportionments to the states include the following: California, \$3,108,237; Idaho, \$1,095,025; Illinois, \$4,409,116; Montana, \$1,671,930; Nevada, \$1,049,638; New York, \$4,050,566; Oregon, \$1,320,287; Pennsylvania, \$3,512,943; Washington, \$1,270,933.

Discontinue Travel. The Crater national park management has done everything possible to discourage travel by auto, or otherwise, into the park because of the danger, and for some time past has had warnings posted along the Crater Lake highway from Medford and on the other side of Fort Klamath and other points. Still this did not deter a number of Medford and other cars from trying to make the trip into the park Sunday.

Radio Singing to Soften Heart of Film Actress

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Daily News today says Morton Downey is doing a John Alden over the radio in an effort to reconcile Constance Bennett and her former husband, Phillip Plant.

Downey's song "My Yesterday With You" was written by Plant, the news says, and passed on to the tenor with the hope Miss Bennett would interpret between the notes. Plant has postponed a hunting trip to Africa, says the paper, to await results.

Miss Bennett divorced the millionaire in Paris in 1929, in the husband of her sister, Barbara.

STAYTON BANK IS THREATENED WITH DYNAMITE

Alleged Demented Wood Cutter Demands \$500 From Institution in Letter—Placed in Jail.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Threats by mail to blow up the Bank of Stayton unless \$500 was delivered to him through the post office at Sublimity, and an attempt to cash a check for \$20 have led to the arrest of J. W. Stanford, a woodcutter of about 55 and believed by officers to be demented.

Stanford was arrested when he appeared in the bank and sought to cash a check on the First National bank of Buffalo, Wyoming, bearing his own signature and the notation that the check was written in payment for a horse.

The threat letter was received by the bank on December 18, accompanied by a note from Stanford saying that he had found the letter and was forwarding it.

The letter said: "Send me fifteen hundred dollar or I will blow it of the earth. Don't think I won't for I will or I will do worse."

"You can send it to Slim by mail at Sublimity by 18 of this month or we com and get it."

The threat was signed "Mr. Slim, Sublimity, Ore.," and the note transmitting it was signed in the same handwriting with the name of Stanford.

FIENDISH DEATH FOR MISSIONARY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22.—(AP) Details of the death of Catholic missionary, Father Marcus, at the hands of Chinese communist bands in mountainous southeast Hupeh province have been received here.

Communists seized him at the mission station, and stripped and beat him unmercifully. They then blinded him with lime and led him a short distance from the station with a rope tied around his neck with which they slowly strangled him. He was buried without a coffin.

Santa Claus An Unknown In His Own Home Town Is Revelation From Turkey

By Priscilla Ring (Associated Press Staff Writer) SMYRNA, Turkey, Dec. 22.—(AP) Santa Claus is virtually unknown in his own home town.

It was here Santa, or St. Nicholas, whose name is different in nearly every Christian country though his spirit is the same in all, probably was born, and it is certain he was bishop here.

SAY DANCE IS ORDERLY AT J'VILLE

Commercial Club Answers Charge of Sheriff That Saturday Affairs Shameful—Bars Not Down for 'Whoopee' Is Warning.

ANSWERING charges voiced yesterday by Sheriff Ralph Jennings in connection with the Saturday night dances at Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Commercial club submitted to the Mail Tribune today a reply in which it is pointed out that conditions are not as bad as they were painted.

The letter is as follows: Several of the old mines near Jacksonville have been reopened. The hills are full of prospectors. They're diggin' gold ag'in! Everybody's got a touch of the fever.

And now comes Sheriff Jennings, as quoted in Monday's Mail Tribune, characterizing the Jacksonville dances as "shameful," "disgraceful," "drunken," etc., ah, ha, and a home-grown reformer chimes in with the picturesque terms, "hell hole" and "burly-gundy."

Whoopee! Can it be that the days of old, the days of gold, the days of '49' are coming back again?

It seems to be too good to be true. And it isn't true, according to the Jacksonville Commercial club and the city daps and the dancers themselves.

As one expressed it, "There's perhaps plenty of gold set in the hills near town, but as to these wild, woolly dance orgies, that's just pure bunk. Somebody's broadcasting on the wrong wave length."

Councilman Dunnington, who started the teapot-tempest by requesting the use of the old county jail for Jacksonville prisoners, just chuckles and admits that he felt properly squashed when the sheriff told him "the city councilmen

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WATER POWER AIDES OUSTED BY CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Solicitor Charles A. Russell and Chief Accountant Frank V. King of the federal power commission today were removed from office in the first executive order of Chairman Smith.

The action was taken under the terms of the water power act providing for reorganization of the commission, which granted the incoming commissioners power to appoint or reappoint officials of the commission.

The notification followed a recent opinion of the attorney-general that the new commission could refuse to reappoint officials.

Shortly before the chairman acted, Frank E. Donner, executive secretary of the commission and a storm center for some months, resigned.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 22.—A right brand new senator from North Carolina, named Cam Morrison, jumped up before he had been in the place long enough to talk over prices and deliveries for his Christmas stuff with other senators. They have an unwritten law there that a new member is not allowed to say anything when he first gets in, and another written law that whatever he says afterwards is not to amount to anything. Another senator was denouncing a great friend of Morrison's, from his own state, and Morrison defended him. He didn't know denouncing was a senator's sole life work; he took it seriously.