

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Tuesday unsettled with rain. Moderate temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 55
Lowest this morning 37
Precipitation—
To 5 p. m. yesterday Trace
To 5 a. m. today .08

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His Birthday in Heaven.
Trouble in Europe.
Fighting in Asia.
New Car Psychology.

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Marshal Joffre, dead Saturday, is 79 years old today. It must be pleasant to spend your 79th birthday in heaven, knowing that your troubles are ended, forever.

When they ask Joffre, "Who are you?" he will answer: "I won the battle of the Marne." That battle prevented what might have been a quick defeat for the allies.

Joffre will be welcome among those that have served their country well.

His death reminds you that the greatest of all wars was a war of old men—Joffre, Foch, Clemenceau, Lloyd George, the great Hindenburg. The young men fought and died; the old men won the victories with their brains.

Foreign countries send news of trouble. Welsh miners ask the labor government to solve their problem, a difficult one. At former wages the mine owners could make no money, and therefore do not care whether mines are open or shut.

All that the worker can get is part of the profit on his work. San, perhaps, but true. It is his business to see that there is a profit left after he is paid.

Fighting, as always, in Asia. This time Burmese are fighting Chinese in Rangoon, known to most of us through Kipling's poem. The fighters are using stones and iron bars. It would be a different story if they had modern killing machinery.

It takes the highest civilization to show how to kill scientifically, at wholesale.

If another big "white" war comes, you will see real killing, with civilians murdered in hundreds of thousands, by poison gas and bombs from airplanes striking at economic centers.

Good news comes with the start of the automobile show season in New York. Ford reopens full blast.

The industry, as a whole, plans an output of 4,500,000 cars in 1931, compared with 3,500,000 in 1930.

Chevrolet will contribute 1,000,000 units to the output, compared with 900,000 in 1930.

Our depression is accurately described as "largely a matter of psychology."

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Abe Martin



Guess what big city has arrested Felix Cetracchi, Gene di Santo and Levio Paoletti. Tell me, they are tired waiting for the Wickersham report and has rented his corner room for a tire shop.

UNION MEN ASK VOICE IN COUNCIL

Petition to Mayor Wilson Elect Asks Appointment of Councilman From Labor Ranks in First Ward—Meeting on Radio.

It became known today that the proceedings of the city council meeting tomorrow night, when Mayor A. W. Pipes and the old council go out of office, and Mayor-Elect E. M. Wilson and the new council take over the reins of city government, will be broadcast over KMEM, especially the inauguration address and appointment of the new mayor, and the setting address of Mayor Pipes. The council meets at 8 p. m., and the broadcast will be from 9 to 10.

It also became known today that Mayor-Elect Wilson, who it is said had practically completed his council committee, had just received information that the Central Labor Union of the city was circulating a petition to have the new mayor appoint a candidate from that body to succeed Mr. Wilson as councilman of the first ward.

Allen Humored
If this is true this belated announcement may prove embarrassing to Mr. Wilson, whose councilman seat becomes vacant when he takes over the office of mayor, as some weeks ago he declared he would appoint as his councilman successor the man whom the majority of the citizens of the first ward should select. It is understood that last week the mayor-elect was informed that this consensus favored appointment of W. W. Allen.

The story further goes that Mr. Wilson thereupon accepted this as final and went ahead completing the personnel of his committee as he felt certain that his appointment of Mr. Allen when announced at Tuesday night's council meeting would be confirmed unanimously by the new council.

Should another appointment in place of Mr. Allen possibly be made, he would have to back up again and remake his council committee slate.

Remoted Appointments
It is understood that the new mayor, who has quite a number of appointments to make will reappoint Police Chief McCredie and Fire Chief Elliott. Among the new appointments will be two to the city water commission, caused by the recent resignation of Earl C. Gaddis, and the fact that A. L. Hill no longer cares to serve. He will also make several appointments to the city planning commission, due to vacancies, terms expiring and the fact that George Porter and W. W. Allen, new councilmen-elect, will automatically cease their membership in the planning commission, on becoming councilmen.

Oregon Convict Asks Return As Lean Days Pinch

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A convict on parole from the Oregon penitentiary writes Superintendent Meyers that due to economic conditions, unemployment and a hard winter he is a burden on his relatives, and he wants his parole revoked so he can go back to prison. Meyers produced the letter at the meeting of the state board of control today and suggested that it be referred to Governor Norblad.

NORBLAD TO ORDER QUIZ ON DAHACK

Will Soon Appoint Special Prosecutor to Handle Case is Word—Petitions Bring Pressure—Committee Works on Case.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Governor Norblad told newspapermen here today he will soon appoint a special prosecutor to handle the Dahack shooting case in Jackson county.

Everett Dahack was shot to death. His body was found after a raid on a still in which shots were fired.

Petitions signed by southern Oregon people have declared shooting by the raiding officers was unwarranted. An investigating committee appointed by the governor is working on the case.

Norblad said he has been told Dahack was not criminally implicated in the operation of the still which figured in the raid.

He was told, he said, that while the raiders declared they fired but two shots, a fusillade of many shots were heard during the raid.

Members of the raiding party declared the shots they fired could not have reached the point where Dahack's body was found.

PACKERS CONSENT DECREE MODIFIED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The packers consent decree was modified today in an opinion handed down by Justice Jennings Bailey in the District of Columbia supreme court.

San Francisco is slightly jarred
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A slight earthquake was felt here and at points as far as 1:43 a. m. today. No damage was reported.

SEXTON MT. PIONEER DIES ON HOME FARM
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for Charles B. Sexton, 51, who died on the farm where he was born.

BIG FIVE IN RAIL MERGER PLANS



Menials of labor once, giants of the rails now, they are the big five in the proposed consolidation of eastern roads into four systems—William Wallace Atterbury (upper left) of the Pennsylvania, Daniel Willard (upper right) of the Baltimore and Ohio, Patrick Edward Crowley (center) of the New York Central, and O. P. (lower left) and M. J. Van Sweringen of the Nickel Plate.

BRITONS MOURN THREE VICTIMS "SHY" PRINCESS AUTO MISHAPS SISTER OF KING PORTLAND AREA

Louise, Princess Royal, Passes in Sleep—Noted As Most Democratic and Unassuming.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—All Britain today mourned one of the most democratic of its royal family, princess royal, nicknamed "her royal shyness," who died in her sleep yesterday of heart disease.

King George at Sandringham was notified of her death, the lord chamberlain immediately ordering a period of four weeks full mourning for the British court and two additional weeks of half mourning.

The princess royal, who was the eldest sister of the king, was 63 years old, a year and eight months younger than her imperial brother.

Although shy and resentful of the ostentation which accompanies the royal family she knew both commerce and adventure during her life. The romance came at the age of 22 when she married the Earl of Fife, a Briton of excellent lineage but not of royal birth, against the wishes of her grandmother Queen Victoria.

Her father, later to become Edward VII, and her mother approved, and Queen Victoria, who had favored the German princesses as husbands for British princesses, eventually was won over by Louise's tearful pleadings. Shortly after their marriage in 1889 her husband was made Duke of Fife.

DECLINE TO PASS ON RADIO COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The supreme court today declined to pass on the validity of the law under which the radio commission operates.

Chicago Wife Applauds Moving Picture Gunplay As Gang Kills Husband
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Harry Silverstein sat in a moving picture theater last night, applauding the gunplay depicted in a talking picture, while outside, in the rear of the building, real bullets were being used to kill her 22-year-old husband.

As he threw open the door he saw Silverstein stagger a few feet and then collapse. John Jersey told police he saw an automobile speed away after the shots had been fired.

Mr. and Mrs. Silverstein left the home of his parents earlier during the night to go to the theater. When they approached the playhouse, however, Silverstein pleaded that he had some work to do, so his wife went in alone.

CALL STATE OFFICERS IN FUND PROBE

Kay, Hoss and Auditor Believed by Grand Jury in Marion County to Testify—Luper Laxity Leads to Action, Hint.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Unconfirmed rumors that the Marion county grand jury has launched and is prosecuting a searching inquiry into alleged lax methods in the handling of state funds were given some color here today by the appearance before the grand jurors of T. B. Kay, state treasurer; Hal Hoss, secretary of state, and Otto Kuban, auditor in the office of the secretary of state, who is credited with having uncovered shortages in the funds of the office of the state engineer which last fall resulted in the resignation of Rhea Luper.

Luper's resignation was accepted by the state reclamation commission after he had, it was announced, made restitution of something over \$4300, declared to have been the amount of interest earned on trust funds in the custody of the engineer and placed in private savings accounts in banks.

No steps had been taken to go behind the action of the reclamation commission in accepting restitution of the money and Luper's resignation until last Friday when Circuit Judge L. H. McManhan gave oral instructions to the grand jury to investigate the whole matter and report its findings to him.

BEATRICE WALTON MEIER SECRETARY
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Julius L. Meier, governor-elect, today announced Miss Beatrice Walton has been appointed his private secretary. Miss Walton was private secretary to the late Gov. L. L. Patterson.

Miss Walton became secretary to Governor Patterson after Hal E. Hoss resigned the post to take up the duties of secretary of state.

Prior to that time Miss Walton was secretary of the state department of education, which she held for three years, until she entered the governor's office as assistant secretary, in which capacity she served until Hoss' resignation.

30 KILLED WHEN TYPHOON STRIKES
MANILA, P. I., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Reports tonight indicated at least 32 persons were killed and 200 were injured as a result of a recent typhoon in the central Philippine islands.

Many fishing boats were sunk. It was feared death tolls would be considerably increased.

Property damage on Leyte island was more than \$500,000 and about \$250,000 on Oahu island.

OKLAHOMA OIL FIRE PUT UNDER CONTROL
OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Fire in the oil field at the south edge of Oklahoma city was believed under control this afternoon after lighting derrick floors of three oil wells, and spreading to one of a battery of oil filled tanks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The U. S. circuit court of appeals today held the 18th amendment was constitutionally adopted. It made its ruling in a decision unanimously affirming the conviction of Louis E. Tibbault of Windsor, Vt., accused of possessing and selling two pints of whiskey.

Decorated King



The work of Mrs. Minn Kaufmann Raud, Pittsburgh, Pa., in development of Swedish and Norwegian singers was recognized by award of a gold medal from the King of Norway.

AUTO DRIVERS TEST FAVORED IN MEIER NOTE

Governor-elect to Ask Legislation Requiring Physical and Mental Exam for License.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Governor-elect Julius L. Meier will take cognizance of the driver's license issue in his address to the state legislature, he said yesterday.

Enactment of a driver's license law requiring both physical and mental tests and designed to reduce the number of accidents and promote traffic safety will be recommended by him.

In his statement Meier outlined his views and pointed to the "astounding record of injuries and fatalities" as a reason for immediate action. States where similar laws have been in effect over a period of years show favorable accident records to those without such examinations, he said, demonstrating the efficiency of the tests in removing from the highways those mentally or physically unfit to operate motor vehicles.

Plan Endorsed
"Expert testimony, national and local, strongly endorse this plan," Meier said. "There are today hundreds of persons operating motor vehicles in this state who are mentally or physically unfit or otherwise deficient in ability to operate a motor vehicle properly. The toll of lives taken by auto accidents is increasing and this problem must be vigorously dealt with and at once. It will be my recommendation to the legislature that such a law be enacted with a minimum of delay."

Governor-elect Meier will deliver his address before a joint session of the house and senate immediately after the legislature is organized, next Monday.

MOVIE COWBOY TAKES POISON IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Art Acord, who for years was a foremost movie actor in cowboy roles, has gone to break his bones in the great beyond.

A dispatch to Excelsior from Chihuahua City said that Acord, succumbing finally to melancholy swallowed poison in his hotel there yesterday morning and died shortly afterward in a hospital.

He told the physicians who attended him what he had done and that he wanted to die. Efforts of the hospital attendants to resuscitate him were unavailing.

WIND WHIPS HEAVY RAIN OVER STATE

Gale Increasing Violence in Willamette and Columbia Valleys—Wires Prostrated—Ships Buck Heavy Seas Off Coast.

Wind blew at a rate of 42 miles per hour in Medford last evening at the height of a wind-storm that had begun in the afternoon. The gale caused some damage and blew down several trees in Medford, some falling against electric wires which caused a cessation of electrical service for 20 minutes or so in Medford's business section.

Street lights suffered mainly from the storm, but the trouble was speedily repaired. J. C. Thompson, division superintendent for the California Oregon Power company, said this afternoon.

Rain was falling in Medford this afternoon and some snow fell in Ashland, with a heavy snow reported in the Skikyou and Greenwring mountains.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A high wind brought death threats to at least six persons here today. Five persons narrowly escaped electrocution when nine poles carrying a 57,000 volt line and a 11,000 volt, were carried down by the storm at East Stark street.

D. C. Thorsen, driving down the street with his sister, stopped his car between two poles as they fell. One pole grazed his machine. The 57,000 volt line fell across the top of the car and grounded two feet in front of it. After waiting for the wires to cease motion the Thorsens climbed out of their precarious position.

Also Rosenbloom, Carl Porco and Charles Vicore were standing at a filling station when the nine poles blew down around them. They escaped injury.

Mrs. Anna Scruton of Westport was pinned under a temporary wooden wall, ten feet high, which collapsed under the wind in the downtown district. Pedestrians and police had difficulty in lifting the 25-foot section. Her left leg was injured.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A pronounced storm, the center of which was about 200 miles off the Columbia river mouth, was reported by the weather bureau today to be moving slowly toward shore. Flowing through heavy seas off the Oregon coast, the steamer Emma Alexander contended with a 60-mile wind, while off the Washington coast the Dorothy Alexander reported a 34-mile blow.

Winds were increasing rapidly in the Willamette valley and down the Columbia.

Rain was general along the Oregon coast.

Power Wires Down
Many Oregon City business houses and homes were without power or light for several hours today when the 57,000 volt line from Estacada was carried down by the wind. The Oregon Electric was moving its trains with difficulty as line after line went down under the high winds raging down the Willamette valley.

In Portland the telephone at Central Police station was registering about one trouble call a minute.

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WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5.—The other day I said that Tom Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. had issued one of those "cockeyed predictions." Just got a wire from him collect (showing that even the rich read) saying that it wasn't him that "predicted." It was two other Lamonts. He said that he wouldn't predict good times even for Morgan; that the way it looked Rockefeller and Ford would be on the "dole" before July 4th.

Talk about Notre Dame and Alabama, but the greatest football player of all time passed away Saturday. "Papa" Joffre, stopped his opponents on the one-yard line and threw 'em for a 40-yard loss.

Mail Rogers