

Forecast: Cloudy with rain late tonight or Sunday. Moderate temperature.

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, and Precipitation.

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INDUSTRY IS INTERESTED IN MEDFORD

Chamber Commerce Group Secures Promise of Visit Soon By Seasoning Plant Official to View Local Conditions.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Jan. 17.—(Special)—In a week or 10 days a meeting with a representative of Robt. Z. Crake, president of the Standard Seasoning Society, will be held in Medford...

This was the net result of a meeting here Friday with George E. Johnson and W. M. McGibbon of the Cottage Grove plant and a committee from the Medford Chamber of Commerce...

Process Explained. Messrs. Johnson and McGibbon gave a very interesting explanation of the cold seasoning lumber process...

This process was invented by Mr. Drake, vice-president of the American Bridge company, who makes his headquarters in Omaha, Neb., and is a man who has made a large fortune out of his various operations...

At present the Cottage Grove plant is the only one of the kind in the world but it has developed so rapidly and made such a financial success that Mr. Drake has decided to establish another large plant in the northwest...

At present his representative, Mr. Johnson, has 14 prospective sites under consideration in Oregon and Washington, but he said that if this country is Medford with a committee of representative citizens about the 25th of this month.

Favorably Considered. Mr. Johnson stated to the Medford committee that Medford was being favorably considered for it has the necessary timber supply as well as the climatic conditions...

Such financing would mean, Mr. Johnson explained, the construction of a complete \$750,000 plant at once, a program Mr. Drake prefers, but he added that if this could not be done, the company might construct a first unit and let that unit pay for subsequent units, as was done in Cottage Grove.

Means Big Payroll. If Medford should get this plant, it would mean the cutting of about 30 million of feet a year—practically all fir—with employment for from 100 to 500 men in a score of small mills which would supply the company with raw material. About \$500,000 would be paid annually by the company for Jackson county fir—the company doing no timber cutting itself.

It was further brought out that this process saves an average of \$152 a car in freight to the coast due to the fact that cold seasoned lumber is lighter than green or kiln dried lumber, while it is

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Wife Grows Tired After Many Years of Daily Beatings

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. William McKenahnie of Gayton, told a magistrate that she had been whipped by her husband every day for the past 15 years and was growing tired of the procedure. Magistrate Campbell, doing a lightning calculation, figured she had been thrashed about 6,570 times and placed William on probation for 12 months, promising a jail sentence if he used his razor strap on his wife again.

RENEW APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO FEED STARVING

Jackson County Lags in Response to Red Cross Plea—\$1800 Quota far From Realization.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The senate today approved the \$25,000,000 appropriation for Red Cross relief work. There was no record vote.

Will Jackson county answer the call for relief of little children, mothers and fathers, who are facing starvation in 21 states of the Mississippi valley? Is the question facing local Red Cross workers today who find that only \$236 of the \$1800 quota for Jackson county has been raised.

"Yes," is the answer J. C. Thompson, chairman of the Jackson County Red Cross chapter gave when interviewed this afternoon.

"Jackson county has always responded to the call of suffering people. It is impossible to believe that people who will feed the Chinese, starving Europe, Armenians and hosts of other foreigners in distress, will not feed their own countrymen, who are facing starvation because of a 100 per cent crop failure in the Mississippi valley. Families are being herded into schoolhouses there, several families to a room. Hundreds of thousands have no other food than corn, which they pound into a flour and from this make bread.

"The situation has become so grave that the Red Cross was last August called upon to take charge of the situation. It has already expended in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000 in this relief work and given relief to 405,000 drought sufferers.

"When it became apparent that the Red Cross relief fund of \$4,500,000 would not be sufficient to take care of the demands, a fund will continue through May, 1931, at least, President Hoover issued a proclamation calling on the American people to subscribe, through the Red Cross, to a fund estimated by experienced Red Cross directors to equal a minimum of \$10,000,000.

"Jackson county's share was placed at \$1800. Mr. Thompson estimated that the amount only \$236 has been raised. Ashland has contributed \$23 and Medford \$212, of which latter amount \$200 was taken from the Community Chest \$500 emergency fund.

This means that the people of Medford have, so far, given in actual subscriptions only \$13 to this call for relief.

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FORD REDUCES PRICE OF CARS FROM 5 TO \$45

DETROIT, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, today announced reductions in prices of Ford cars and trucks of from \$5 to \$45 on 15 models, effective Monday.

"Reports we have received from our branches and dealers throughout the world lead us to believe that the automobile business will show a steady improvement," Mr. Ford said. "Since the automobile industry is in a basic way, any betterment in it cannot help but have a beneficial influence on business generally."

In the case of the coupe and sedan, representing the model of greatest output, the price reduction is respectively \$5 and \$10. Higher reductions are on the so-called de luxe models.

In announcing a reduction at the time Edsel Ford followed a practice initiated by Henry Ford on several previous occasions when the automobile industry was suffering from business depression.

DENY HINT MELLON TO QUIT POST

White Says No Foundation for Rumored Resignation of Treasury Secretary—Gossip On Dawes and Akerson Also Scotched.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—It was said at the White House today that there was no foundation for reports published today (in the Washington Herald) that Secretary Mellon had submitted his resignation.

Similarly, a denial was forthcoming to the published report that Ambassador Dawes would become Republican national chairman and that Secretary Adams would succeed him in London as ambassador.

The report as to Secretary Mellon was said at the White House to resemble similar reports that have been denied by the administration since March 4, 1923.

It was also denied that George Akerson, who has resigned as secretary to the president, would be succeeded by Ray Benjamin, California lawyer and financier.

The published reports were described as apparently a combination of all the rumors and gossip that could be gathered together in one sequence.

EXPERTS PLAN CURE FOR TAX MEASURE ILLS

State Commission Framing Bill Providing Intangibles Tax That Will Stand Court Tests.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—While the state supreme court has filed a petition for rehearing of the case involving the intangibles tax act, declared unconstitutional by the court two months ago, the state tax commission today is whipping into shape a curative bill providing an intangibles tax bill that will void the invalid features of the original bill.

The main defect found by the court in the original act was that it was a tax on intangibles as property rather than on the income from intangibles. While the tax commission was not impressed with the court's reasoning that led to this conclusion, it is not going to depend on the possibility that the court will grant the rehearing and the further possibility that it might reverse itself. The curative measure now being prepared will leave no doubt, say members of the commission, that the tax is on income. Another curative provision will levy the tax on net rather than gross income.

The possibility that the court might reverse itself is considered here as remote.

STORM STARTS FLOOD OF ACID IN LONDON AREA

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A violent storm which raged over England during the night abated today.

The gale ripped open the roof of the Claydon Chemical factory spilling 100 tons of sulphuric acid. Employees hurriedly neutralized the acid, preventing what would undoubtedly have been serious consequences as it spread thru the neighborhood.

Three persons were killed by falling chimneys and signs. Many signs were torn from their hangings but absence of pedestrians at the early hour kept the casualty list down.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A storm of near hurricane proportions swept parts of Germany last night and today, causing a train wreck on a branch line near Peleberg, doing great damage to shipping at the harbors, unroofing houses and blowing down trees in a number of cities.

Oregon Weather. Cloudy east and rain late tonight or Sunday in the west portion; moderate temperature. Increased southeast winds offshore.

Distinguished Visitor



Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

ADMIRAL BYRD PUT STEELHEAD HERE TO TELL IN TROUT GLASS POLAR EXPLOIT BY NEW RULING

Noted Explorer Plans New Adventures, Is Revealed in Interview—Is Welcomed to City.

(By Ernest Rostel) Conqueror of the north and south poles, discoverer of new lands in the Antarctic, and trans-Atlantic flyer, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd who arrived here this afternoon for lecture engagements this afternoon and evening at the Holly theatre, is looking forward to greater adventures. He has started plans in the Antarctic, but is divulging none until he has completed the work involved in the expedition that kept him and 41 men in the south polar regions for two years.

"You have nothing left to conquer and now what do you plan to do?" the admiral was asked during an interview at the Hotel Medford.

Thrust back comfortably in a chair, he smiled knowingly, replying, "There are two or three things I aim to do, but I am not at liberty to speak before one job has been completed. There is still a debt of \$120,000 on the Antarctic expedition which must be cleared before other ventures can be started."

Hardships Told. The admiral, dressed in an immaculate uniform of his rank, told of the difference between the north and south polar regions, of the hardships, anxiety and work connected with the last expedition. Down in the region where the night is six months long and the sun shines six months in a despairing effort to bring warmth, man is put on his own merits, the explorer said.

The reception committee welcoming the famous visitor to Medford included Mayor E. M. Wilson, O. O. Alenderfer, John Holmer, John C. Mann, E. C. Corn, Eric White, C. T. Baker and Keith Pennell. He was escorted to the hotel where he rested before making his afternoon appearance.

Three boy scouts, Roger Headlee, Albert Gaddis and LeVon Dunford, with the distinction of being Eagle scouts, assisted the explorer's party while in Medford. Dunford assisted the secretary, H. E. Miller, while Headlee will accompany the admiral to the stage this afternoon and Gaddis will accompany him this evening.

Bridge Approved. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The war department today approved plans of Columbia county, Oregon, for a bridge across Beaver Slough near Clatskanie.

Maharane Behind Screen As Husband, Guests Dine

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Maharane of Alwar, wife of one of the princely delegates to the Indian round table conference, will dine Monday night with 300 guests her husband has invited to a farewell banquet, but none of the guests will see her.

She is to sit behind a screen and she will receive her dishes from the hands of her own serving women. All this because the Maharajah enjoins strict "purdah" upon the women of his household. He is the only one who ever sees their faces.

This will be one of the most colorful functions of the many which have attended the Indian conference. The Maharajah, generally regarded as one of the most lavish of the Indian delegates, has asked all his Indian guests to wear their native costumes and arrangements have been made with the police to protect the dazzling display of jewels they will wear.

JOINT TRIAL FOR BOWLES AND FLAME

Prosecution Decides Upon Single Action in Murder Case—Attack Upon Nurse Has Similarity to Stabbing of Witness.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire, and Irma Loucks, his former secretary, will be tried together on a joint indictment charging them with the murder of Mrs. Leone C. Bowles, prominent Portland society matron who was stabbed to death last November 12.

The trial on the joint indictment was decided upon by the state after the court allowed the motion of defense attorneys that the prosecution be ordered to choose at once whether trial be had on the joint indictment or on the separate indictments, each charging murder in the first degree.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Beaten and cut by a sharp blade, Jean Watson, 26, a nurse, was rushed to a hospital here today for treatment. Attendants said her condition was serious.

She was attacked by an unidentified man who slugged her when she answered the door of her apartment.

Miss Watson told police the assailant cried "I'll get you this time"—the same words reported used by the man who beat and stabbed Mrs. H. W. Howard, state witness in the Bowles murder case, here Thursday in her home.

Struck by the similarity of the two attacks and by the similarity of the wounds, police detectives moved at once to check on any possible connection.

It was learned at once, however, Miss Watson has no connection with the Bowles case.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Multnomah county sheriff's office today was considering taking a hand in the investigation of an attempt Thursday to kill Mrs. H. W. Howard, 56, state's witness in the alleged murder of Mrs. Leone Bowles, Portland society woman.

Funeral services will be held at the Federated church in Central point at 9 p. m. Sunday, Rev. J. M. Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Central point cemetery with the Purf funeral home in charge.

LAKEVIEW ROAD WILL DEVELOP BIG TERRITORY

Oregon Highway Commission and Federal Bureau Agree On 91-Mile Route, to Cost \$185,000.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Development of a vast area of southeastern Oregon was assured by the action late yesterday of the Oregon Highway commission and the federal bureau of public roads in agreeing to appropriate \$185,000 for construction of a highway connecting Burns in Harney county, with Lakeview on the southern border of the state.

The money for this 91-mile highway will come from the \$185,000 available through the Coddle-Cotton bill. All grading of the stretch can be accomplished with this sum, highway officials believe. Work on the project will start by April.

The remaining \$10,000 of the appropriation will go to the Warm Springs highway between Madras and The Dalles-California highway and the Wapinitia cut-off.

The tentative route of the Burns-Lakeview highway follows: Leave Central Oregon highway near Riley, 25 miles west of Burns, and southwesterly to Wagnette, Alkali lake, west of Albert lake to a point on the Fremont highway near Valley Falls, 25 miles from Lakeview.

MEDFORD MEN IN PLEA FOR WATER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Eric Wolf and Herman D. Powell of Medford have on file with the state engineer an application for a permit to construct a reservoir for the storage of 10,000 acre feet of water from the west fork of Evans creek for irrigation in Jackson county. The application is incomplete and does not state the acreage intended for irrigation. A dam 100 feet high is proposed.

Funeral Coach Taken By Thief As Body Waits

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 17.—(AP)—While Joseph Abele and his son, James, were in a residence today to get the body of Henry Hubbard, 71, some one stole their funeral coach which was marked with the engine number. The disappearance was not noticed until the Abeles reached the sidewalk with the body. They telephoned for another coach. The abandoned coach was found by police later.

CENTRAL POINT BOY DIES FROM BLAST WOUNDS

Robert Hoffman Succumbs to Injuries Caused by Explosion Hand Grenade While at Play.

Robert Clinton Hoffman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hoffman of Central Point, died at the Community hospital last night, from injuries received yesterday morning when a hand grenade, a relic of the world war, exploded in his hand.

The boy was playing at a home in the foothills region near Central Point with a companion when the accident occurred. Finding the object, which resembled a piece of lead, he picked it up, struck it on a rock and the grenade exploded, taking off his right hand and entering his abdomen to leave several internal injuries, from which he died eight hours later at the local hospital.

Robert was born in Maryhill, Washington July 3, 1914. With his parents he had made his home at Central Point for the past five years.

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QUAKES SPREAD NEW TERROR IN OAXACA REGION

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Thirty persons were killed when last Wednesday's earthquake struck the village of Guelpoqua, 30 miles west of Oaxaca, word received here today said.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—(AP)—An almost continual earthquake, accompanied by weird subterranean rumblings, renewed alarm in the valley of Oaxaca today. The valley was shaken again and again. Some new damage was caused. Advice reached the city from outlying towns and villages of the extent of the disaster which accompanied Wednesday night's quakes.

In Mexico City three light earthquakes were felt yesterday. Dispatches from Pinotepa Nacional, in the southwest corner of Oaxaca, said Wednesday's quakes were followed by a rain of shooting stars. The phenomenon added greatly to the fear of the Indian natives.

Colima dispatches today stated that the semi-active volcano of Colima had begun to emit smoke and low rumblings.

SECRETARY LISTS GIFTS BY ACTRESS

Clara Bow a Lavish Giver, Trial of Daisy DeBee Reveals—Liquor Bills Ran High—Poker Parties Six Nights a Week.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Clara Bow, red-headed film flapper, was faced with the prospect of at least temporary unemployment as the tempestuous trial on grand theft charges of Daisy DeBee, her former secretary, went into a two-day recess today.

The trial, packed full of the names and secrets of film people, closed its first week before a packed house late yesterday with Miss DeBee warning to her self-appointed task of "telling on Clara."

The blonde secretary is alleged to have stolen \$15,000 from the red-headed actress.

In 40 minutes on the stand as the first defense witness, Miss DeBee drew a hasty sketch of her former employer buying expensive presents for sundry men, ordering large consignments of liquor, playing poker six nights a week and having her hair bleached and hennaed.

Presented Listed. Miss DeBee listed some of the presents she bought at Miss Bow's request for the actress' boy friends. There was a \$4000 watch for Dr. Earl Pierson, Texan physician, a \$2000 ring for Harry Richmond, actor and New York night club entertainer and \$300 sapphires ring for Arthur Mendes, Hollywood film director.

"In that all you can remember?" Nathan Freedman, defense attorney asked.

Daisy lapsed into thought before replying, "There were so many it is hard to remember them all."

Then she recalled that Clara sent her to a store to purchase a \$100 engagement ring for her. This testimony was elicited as an explanation of why Miss DeBee had drawn checks, some of them to cash, on the "special Clara Bow account," to which she had access. She explained some of the stores declined to take checks, and she drew out the money for the purchases.

About the liquor, Miss DeBee testified "much, very much liquor" was delivered to Clara's house, where she was directed to pay for it at the door. The largest consignment she could remember cost \$275.

The poker parties, Miss DeBee said explained many of the hundreds of checks she drew. She said Clara always had her pay the debts, which ranged from \$5 to \$200.

Miss DeBee spent a few minutes describing the arrangement under which she quit her job as hair-dresser at a studio and became her secretary. She was to be Miss Bow's constant companion, buy all her clothes, pay all the bills, supervise the household, pick up her dresses and "bleach and henna her hair and keep the lines out of her face so she would look good before the camera."

Acted As "Bonner." Miss DeBee listed as one of her duties the job of informing the men who called on Clara that they were no longer to be received.

While talking about the checks, Miss DeBee made the statement she issued checks in New York, Texas, and at Calneva, sometimes out of her own checkbook and sometimes from that of the special account.

The reference to Calneva, Nev., recalled that in her confession the prosecution read records Miss DeBee said it was after the actress' return from Calneva and a gambling resort owner accused her of stopping payment of \$30,000 in checks given to cover her losses that the studio told her to keep her name out of print.

Miss Bow herself did not attend the session. In her place at the counsel table sat Rex Bell, her latest boy friend and personal representative. He said Clara was ill.

In the studio statement concerning Miss Bow's withdrawal as costar with Gary Cooper in "City Streets," it was stated the actress' physician said the nervous strain of the trial made a two-months' vacation necessary. A story for her next picture was under preparation, the announcement said.

MAYOR WALKER NEAR BREAKDOWN IS-FEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Mayor Walker's physician said today the mayor was on the verge of a breakdown. He urged an extended rest.

The physician, Dr. William S. Schroeder, Jr., said he had examined the mayor twice during the last week and found he was in very poor health.

Abe Martin cartoon with text: I HATE TO EAT BY A FELLER THAT HOLDS HIS ARMS LIKE A SNARE DRUMMER. IT'S THE LIVE IN A LITTLE TOWN WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE SOMEBODY A DIME TO HOLD YOUR OVERCOAT.