

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday cloudy with valley fog. No change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature

Highest yesterday 60
Lowest this morning 28
Precipitation .00
To 5 p. m. yesterday .00
To 5 a. m. today .00

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The World's Silver. Italy Finds Oil. Strange British Hanging. Mohammed's Pigeon.

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George E. Roberts, vice president of the National City Bank, says our business troubles are due to our great gold reserve. On our huge gold pile, dangerous inflation, reckless speculation and other evils were based. They hurt all nations, and hurt us most of all.

Some believe, rightly, that the butchering of silver's value, hurt the world more than the scramble for gold. Making silver practically worthless as money made half the people on earth, about eight hundred millions, unable to buy goods. China and India, with more than seven hundred million human beings, are without useful money.

Even high finance was made to understand the situation last week, when Mexico, with every desire to pay, was forced to suspend interest payments on five hundred millions of gold bonds. You cannot pay your debts if your creditors make payment impossible.

The Mexican situation may cause the money power of the world to realize that demonizing silver is dangerous. Small bank notes in France and Britain, as cheap as eight cents each in France, drove silver from circulation. And our "earthwheels" are seen rarely. Britain attempted to put India on a gold basis when she was not really strong enough for a gold basis herself, and India's great hoards of silver, becoming less and less valuable, were marketed at ruinous prices.

Gold and silver have been used, side by side, as the world's money for thousands of years, with silver the dominant metal, the greater part of the time. The French word for money is "Argent" which means "silver" and today silver is practically worthless, a gold dollar being worth about fifty times its weight in silver. Now, we consider lending China one hundred million ounces of silver, to help her finances. It would rid us of part of our useless silver, but would be, to China, about as useful as the loan of a train-load of Confederate money.

It would interest W. J. Bryan to look down and see to what the financiers contempt for silver has led.

The world's "gold" governments might well call a conference to

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Abe Martin

What's become of the old-fashioned dentist that wasn't too proud to pull a tooth? Speak up, why girls leave home, what's it prevent? (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

MEIER PLAN FOR POLICE DUE TODAY

Eddy To Introduce Bill Abolishing Traffic, Prohibitions And Creating Constabulary—Under Control Of Governor.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Designed to carry out one of the major recommendations contained in Governor Julius L. Meier's inaugural message to the legislature, Senator B. W. Eddy, Multnomah county, today will introduce in the senate a bill to create a department of state police. The department would function under the direct control of the governor and a superintendent of state police, appointed by the governor. The bill abolishes the state traffic and prohibition departments and transfers to the new agency all of the police duties now exercised by the game and fish commissions and the office of the state fire marshal.

For the conduct of the department of police the bill would appropriate a total of \$1,062,000 for the coming biennium, an amount equal to the estimated expenses for that period of the officers and functions of the department.

It is provided that the superintendent of state police shall employ officers to carry on the work of the departments abolished and that the expenses of this work shall be provided for by the diversion to the state police fund of the following amounts from other state funds:

From the state hatchery fund, \$52,000 for the employment of officers to enforce the fish laws; \$300,000 from the game protection fund for officers to enforce the game laws; \$100,000 from the general fund for the enforcement of prohibition laws; \$52,000 from state highway funds for traffic enforcement; and \$50,000 from state fire marshal's fund for work of officers detailed as fire marshals.

In its organization structure the plan proposed for the department is an adaptation of the state police laws under which the Canadian Royal Mounted force, the Texas Rangers and the state police of New Jersey and Pennsylvania operate, sponsors of the measure declared.

500 FARMS LOST ON OREGON PLAN

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, told the joint ways and means committee last night that the state has been forced to take over about 500 farms in recent years on account of loans from the state land board that borrowers were unable to repay. Some of the farms are leased, he said, and some have been sold. At present values the state would lose money to sell them, Brown said. The total estimated value of the farms was placed at \$525,000. The state irrevocable school fund, from which the board loans to farmers at 5 per cent, now totals about \$7,500,000.

PORTLAND AUTO DEATH TOLL 66

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Automobiles claimed 66 lives in Portland last year, the annual report of the coroner, issued today, reveals. Industrial accidents took 24 lives, while 10 were killed in miscellaneous mishaps.

NO BONUS CASH CURRENT SESSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The prediction was made in the senate today by Senator Harrison that there would be no legislation on enabling veterans adjusted compensation certificates at this session, although he personally advocated payment of cash on present value of the certificates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Mississippi democrat did not explain his remarks, which he put forward as "a belief."

New Island Seen Following Quake In Mexican Area

OAXACA CITY, Mex., Feb. 3.—(AP) Discovery of a new island or volcano, six miles off Puerto Angel, Oaxaca, in the Pacific, was announced today by Dr. Daniel Rueda, in charge of the observatory here.

He said the discovery had been communicated to him by the captain of the steamship City of San Francisco. It is believed to have emerged from the sea during the earthquake which rocked this state Jan. 14.

LAW GIVERS HEAR WISH OF GRANGES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Granges in the state have taken stands upon 25 legislative matters, a survey made by State Minister C. C. Hulet reveals. Some of the issues are favored by one or two granges while others have the support of a group, including Pomona organizations.

Some of the issues upon which different granges have declared themselves include increased tax on butter substitutes, to exempt meat sold in country where produced from meat tax law, opposed to compulsory cream grading act, opposed to \$75,000 appropriation for Pacific International Livestock exhibition, for exemption from tax on farm crops in hands of producer.

Favor Oil Tax Refund

A network of state taxes on gas and distillates used on farms is favored by four granges and one Pomona group. Other issues include opposition to appropriation for advertising and land settlement purposes, for compulsory auto insurance, opposed to salary raises for state and county officers, for loans for seed grains, for limiting size and length of auto trailers on highways.

Old age pensions is favored by several, while others endorse state printing and free use of text books, prohibition of gambling in grain, keeping Rogue open to commercial fishing, for one-dollar license for persons hunting and fishing in own county, for law placing 75 per cent of all road taxes distributed in counties in market road building and maintenance fund, for embargo on wheat, for distribution of surplus wheat to destitute of nation.

Repeal of the school bus law, opposition to consolidation of rural schools and opposition to increased gasoline tax were voiced by others, as well as favoring state constabulary, county courts fixing salaries of state masters and favor the administration power bills.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The trainmen's safety measure and a series of measures designed to abolish the office of county court were introduced.

Capital Briefs

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Authority to collect from the relatives of estates of persons committed to the state asylum, or institution for the feeble-minded would be conferred upon the state where such relatives or estate is able to pay under the terms of a bill introduced in the house late yesterday.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Creation of tax supervising and conservation commissions in all counties of Oregon excepting Multnomah, which already has a similar commission, is proposed in a house bill introduced yesterday. The commission is given jurisdiction over all municipal corporations in the county that levy a tax upon property.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Senator J. O. Bailey of Multnomah county alone voted against Senator W. E. Burke's administration bill yesterday providing for the repeal of the act requiring utilities to obtain from the public service commission certificates of convenience and necessity before being permitted to enter any territory.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—(AP)—T. R. Gilenwater of Klamath Falls urged the committee to approve a bill appropriating \$10,000 to fight alfalfa weevil.

Death Claims Brilliant Daughter of Gould Line



The former Helen Vivien Gould made the only brilliant marriage among the Gould children. She married Lord Decies at the age of 19 and became a prominent figure in English society. She was active in Red Cross work during the war and accompanied her husband on many adventurous trips into Africa and other parts of the world.

LADY DECIES IS VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Grand-daughter of Jay Gould Famous For Social Activities, Travels—3 Children Survive.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The former Helen Vivien Gould, American heiress who as a youthful bride of the Fifth Baron Decies dazzled English society, died here at dawn today of a heart attack which developed from jaundice. She was 39 years old and had been ill three weeks.

Death came in a London nursing home. Besides her husband, who has had a famous career in the army, she left three children, a son and two daughters.

Her father was frequently in the headlines, particularly when on her honeymoon she smoked a cigarette at the railroad station in Brunswick, Ga. Her reputation in the British court was a triumph. She appeared before the king and queen in a white satin gown encrusted in diamonds, pearls and crystals and a train rich with silver tiles and ermine.

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Turkey Exacts Heavy Toll for Reactionary Movement 28 Ascend Gallows Steps

By Briceella Ring

MENEMEN, Turkey, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The bodies of 28 Turkish modern reactionaries swung from gibbets in the cold Balkan wind today in a stern warning from the republic that the days of the Caliphate have passed forever.

Singly and in some cases by groups the condemned men, convicted of leading an abortive revolutionary movement here on December 22, were led at dawn from their cells to the gallows, where they were hanged with their eyes closed and their heads bowed. They were swung from their necks and their bodies were left to swing in the wind.

CHILOQUIN BANK PLOT CONFESSED

Cashier And Klamath Store Manager Admit Framing Holdup—Second Pair Picked Up At Ashland As Accessories In Crime.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—J. G. Nichols, cashier of the Chilouquin bank, and admitted robber of the institution, today led officers to the woodshed of his home and revealed the hiding place of \$870 of money taken from the bank Friday. The currency had been hidden in a hole in the floor and covered with wood.

All but \$310 has been recovered of the \$580 taken from the bank. Nichols declares this amount was spent by D. B. Stout who, he says, was an accomplice.

No charges have been filed against the men.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 3.—(AP)—J. G. Nichols, cashier of the Chilouquin bank, and D. B. Stout, manager of a wooden mill store here, were held in jail today in connection with the robbery of \$3,500 from the bank last Friday. Sheriff Lloyd Low said the two men confessed to the robbery.

The sheriff said Nichols had \$1,000 hidden in a tree stump near Chilouquin, and \$740 was recovered from Stout who is said to have received \$1,000 to recover shortage in his accounts.

Nichols had been employed at the bank since last September. He was made cashier the first of the year. His wife declared she still believes in her husband. They have a small child.

Friday Nichols called police and declared a man had held up the bank while he was alone and left him locked in the vault. He said Stout happened into the bank and helped release him.

Stout was packing his effects as the arrest was made. After telling several conflicting stories Nichols broke down and wept. He said his accounts were in order and he did not need the money. Stout said he used part of his share to cover short-ages in his store accounts.

Nichols admitted after questioning that the rest of the money was hidden at Chilouquin. No charges had been placed against the four men early today.

Duval and Eastlake were apprehended in an Ashland pool hall by Sheriff Ralph Jennings, accompanied by deputies and a number of Ashland police officers. The two men refused to talk and were taken back to Klamath Falls a short time later by Sheriff Lloyd Lowe of Klamath county. The officers arrived at the pool hall in sufficient numbers to prevent any trouble in the possibility that the two suspects would attempt to escape.

DO-X DAMAGED IN CANARY ISLE HOP

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A wireless message from Captain Friedrich Christian, commander of the German flying boat DO-X, said that the plane had been damaged at Gado Bay, Canary Islands, today and that the proposed flight to Brazil might have to be postponed for two weeks.

CREWS ESCAPE FROM BURNING COAST SHIPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Two craft burned on the California coast yesterday, but the crews of both escaped. Six men in a tiny launch of the government geodetic survey leaped into the sea when a gasoline explosion shook the boat. Two men on the Canadian trawler Texco escaped in a boat after an engine backfire set the ship afire off Eureka.

Prematurely Injured Rocket Makers

VIENNA, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A rocket experiment which its author hoped might lead eventually to a trip to the moon has ended with the premature explosion of the rocket on top of Mount Redhorn with injuries to three persons.

The rocket was the work of Dr. Darwin Lyon, New York scientist, who had designed it to carry instruments into the stratosphere to determine the density, composition and temperature of that medium at an altitude of about 83 miles.

The rocket was of aluminum, fifteen feet high, and weighed 200 pounds.

HOOVER WOULD LET RED CROSS HANDLE RELIEF

Charity Of American People Can Be Relied Upon In Time Of Distress Is Assertion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—President Hoover today opposed the proposed appropriations for relief as measures which would strike at the very root of self-government.

While the president expressed confidence that the Red Cross, with local aid, could take care of both the drought and unemployment situations, he said he was willing to pledge himself to seek the aid of every resource of the federal government in the event other means should fail.

President Hoover said the present problem did not present a question so much as to whether people would go hungry or cold, but rather a question of the best method of preventing hunger and cold.

The friendliness and the charity of the American people, he said, can be relied upon to take care of fellow citizens in distress.

The president said he had received reports only today that no one is going hungry or need go hungry or cold.

ILL HEALTH CAUSE PORTLAND SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Ill health was blamed for the suicide of P. J. Hanley, 52, employment agency head here, who died in his hotel room in this city yesterday. Poison caused his death.

Hanley was past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, served as grand knight of the Portland council, and was prominently identified with that fraternal organization in the west.

THREE KILLED AS TRAIN HITS TRUCK

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Three men were killed and another was seriously scalded in a collision between a Denver & Rio Grande Western passenger train and a truck loaded with dynamite here this afternoon.

DEATH AND RUIN TOLL OF QUAKES

Fires Follow Temblors In New Zealand—Hundreds Killed, Thousands Injured And Homeless—Shocks Continue In District.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Earthquake and fire leveled the city of Napier, N. Z., today leaving a casualty list reported at 100 dead and 1900 injured, and wrecked four nearby towns, causing an undetermined number of fatalities and injuries.

Napier was still ablaze and virtually helpless tonight, the quake having cut off its water supply. Its stunned populace stood by, unable to count its dead and without effective means of fighting the fire. Dynamiting was resorted to in an attempt to check the flames.

The first shock came shortly before 11 a. m., shaking a large portion of the coastal region of Hawkes Bay province, of which Napier is the capital. Hastings, a town 15 miles from Napier, reported 21 dead and 100 injured.

The towns of Waipawa and Waipukurua also suffered. Fire from the Napier blaze caused the shutting off of oil in the tanks at Port Ahuriri.

All early reports of casualties were expected to be exceeded as no accurate count could be made immediately.

The British war ship Veronica, anchored at Napier, was grounded but subsequently refloated. The steamer Northumberland headed for sea when the water in the harbor began to recede. Early reports of a tidal wave following the quake were denied.

The British warships Diomedes and Dunderoff left Auckland for Napier with 66 doctors and 15 nurses.

A wireless report from the Veronica reported the whole town was afire. All telegraphic and telephonic communication was cut off. A pall of smoke hung over the district. The shock razed virtually every stone building in the town.

Commander Morgan of the Veronica reported it was impossible to estimate the casualties tonight. Emergency hospitals, food depots and police protection were organized and temporary hospitals set up. The Veronica became a refuge for women and children. Earthquake shocks were still being felt.

The first shocks were felt across the North Island district from Napier to New Plymouth but were not experienced here.

ART AND ADVERTISING AID IN MERCHANDISING

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Less scientific, more art and judicious newspaper advertising are prime factors in modern mercantile competition, John McKinlay, president of the Marshall Field company told the interstate mercantile council today.

McKinlay said newspaper advertising was a most effective short cut in merchandising.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 3.—The senate argued Saturday on prohibition, so there must have been some pretty important business before them. They never argue over it only in the busiest times. Soldiers are trying to get a part cash payment on their government compensation. But Mr. Mellon says that would upset the bond market and cause government interest rates to raise. You owe the government something and see if they worry how much interest you got to pay them. Mr. Mellon is going to have that budget balanced if he has to join Al Capone's gang to do it.