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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Today and Thursday, cloudy, occasional showers. Tuesday, cloudy, high 55, low 50, range 52.

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GOVERNMENT SCORES IN CASE

All Attempts to Block Program Have Met With Defeat—Taking of Evidence Has Been Begun.

WITNESS TELLS OF FRAUD IN MARKING

Case Rapidly Progressing, but Will Consume a Month at Least Calculation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—So far as the sugar trust case has continued in this city the government has scored at every point and the taking of evidence is under way. All motions to block progress on technicalities have been overruled.

Andrew J. Malone, formerly a clerk in Cashier Pendergall's office at the Williamsburg plant of the sugar trust, who swore that he saw Pendergall pay customs employes with vouchers, went on the stand today.

Malone swore that the checkers received \$2.50 per day and government checkers received \$3, although the envelopes were marked as if the government checkers received the same as the others.

The defense is trying to create the impression that the company, in order to pay old employes more wages, without causing friction, found it necessary to place incorrect figures on the outside of the pay envelopes.

HOUSE OF LORDS SEALS OWN DOOM

Parliament About to Be Dissolved—Financial Situation Is Chaotic.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The feeling here today is that the house of lords, by the rejection of the budget, sealed its own doom.

The parliament went into session early today in preparation for the dissolution of parliament.

Premier Asquith conferred with the king today. The king will, it is expected, call the privy council together and draw up an order proroguing parliament, which probably will be sent to the house of commons tomorrow or Friday.

The financial situation is chaotic and until the new parliament assembles the authorities will attempt to collect taxes under the old law.

Attention is now being directed to the election, in which the people will pass upon the action of the lords in refusing the budget.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lucas of Galesburg, Ill., are among those who are seeking a home in a climate and country about like the Rogue River valley.

MONGOLIAN TAKEN TO PEN FOR EXECUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—In charge of Detective Sergeant Geo. McMahon, Louie Willie, a youthful Chinese, will be taken to San Quentin today to pay the extreme penalty for the murder of his stepmother near San Luis Obispo, on August 17. Louie's father, who is a wealthy rancher, had made valuable gifts of jewelry to his wife. To secure certain trinkets the lad murdered the woman and hid her body in the yard of the ranch house. He is 19 years of age.

OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN SUGAR SCANDAL



JAMES REYNOLDS, FORMER UNITED STATES TREASURY OFFICIAL, WHO FIGURES IN SUGAR SENSATION.

Richard Parr, an acting deputy in the customs department in New York, has given out a sensational statement regarding the frauds perpetrated upon the government in the sugar trust scandals dating back to 1907, when he was acting as a special agent for the treasury department and investigating accusations against the sugar trust. He states that on one occasion when he seized a shipment of sugar at the Brooklyn docks and before he had made his report of the seizure a telephone order from the treasury department at Washington apprised him that no seizures were to be made. He says he was at a loss to know how the department learned so quickly of the occurrence and believes it was a part of a plan to thwart his efforts to ferret out the sugar frauds. Parr's statements have been referred to James Reynolds, who was assistant secretary of the treasury at the time the seizure was made and is now a member of the new tariff board. Mr. Reynolds has issued a preliminary statement in which he makes a general denial of Parr's charges.

UNCLE SAM AWAITS WORD

Ready to Make Move at Any Moment in Nicaragua Matter—May Adjust the Matter Without Resort to Arms—Crisis Is at Hand—United States Making Arrangements for the Transportation of Troops to Scene.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—There were no further developments today in the Nicaragua situation, the government waiting for further advice from Central America.

An official of the state department today stated that it was believed that every thing would be adjusted without resort to arms, but that the government would be ready to act quickly in case the demands of the government were ignored.

The entire matter now hinges upon the impending battle between the Nicaraguan forces. It is believed that the crisis is at hand.

Uncle Sam After Ships. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—It was rumored here today that the United States' quiet investigation of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, has a direct bearing on the present strained Nicaragua situation.

Representatives of the transport service are said to have secured plans of the vessel, which were forwarded to Washington, and it is thought that the ship may be purchased or leased

MURDERER PITEOUSLY BEGS FOR RESPITE

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 1.—The hammering of workmen on the gallows on which he is to be hanged tomorrow threw Fred Rosena into paroxysms of hysteria, and when the Rev. Father Nicholas Demita entered his cell at the city jail today he threw himself at the priest's feet and begged piteously that he use his influence to secure a stay of execution. The gallows are being built in the jailyard but a few feet from the grating of Rosena's cell. For more than an hour after the carpenters began the erection of the posts, the doomed man watched through the bars. Suddenly he hurled himself to the floor, writhing in terror. After an hour's work the jail physician, Father Demita, quieted him and he was put to bed. Women of the local W. C. T. U. who presented a petition to the governor in the prisoner's behalf, dropped the matter today.

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS REPORT

Former City Recorder Collins Found to Be Owing the City \$115.88—Difference Found of \$618.95.

COLLINS ASKED TO PAY ONLY PART

Wherever It Was Shown That Clerical Errors Were Responsible Passed Over.

A special session of the city council held Tuesday evening was devoted to the consideration of the report recently made by experts upon former City Recorder Collins' books. The experts had reported a shortage of \$618.95, but after thoroughly going into the matter last evening the council only found \$115.88, which will be charged up to Mr. Collins. Wherever it was shown that Mr. Collins had not benefited by the errors, the council decided not to hold him for the amount. All of the errors were of a clerical nature, such as any man might make.

Owing to the complaints being made by property owners regarding bitulithic pavement and a so-called "monopoly," the council voted that a committee of two make a trip and look into the methods of paving in their cities, which will be done before next summer.

BIDS FOR BIG FIGHT OPENED

Tom McCarey of Los Angeles Goes as High as \$110,000—Gleason of Frisco Offers \$125,000.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 1.—When the bids for the world's championship prizefight between Jeffries and Johnson were opened this afternoon it was found that all the promoters had deposited at least \$5000 and in some instances as much as \$20,000 was posted as a guarantee of good faith.

The following propositions were considered: By Tom McCarey, for the Pacific Athletic club of Los Angeles, 100 per cent of the gross receipts, with 60 per cent of the moving picture receipts, or a guaranteed purse of \$110,000 and 50 per cent of the picture receipts.

By Rickard and Gleason, who did not state the place where they would hold the fight, other than that it would be in "California, Nevada or Utah," offering a guaranteed purse of \$101,000 and 60 per cent of the moving picture receipts.

By Gleason & Coffroth, stipulating that the fight be held on July 4, 1910, at Colma, Nev., or San Francisco, offering \$125,000 for all the privileges, of deposit of \$15,000, a purse of \$75,000 and 25 per cent of the pictures or 80 per cent of the gross receipts, and 66-2-3 per cent of the picture receipts.

MRS. STOKES-PHELPS SENDS AID TO SPOKANE TALKERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Rose Stokes-Phelps, wife of the millionaire socialist of New York and Boston, has sent a check for \$50 and words of encouragement to the free-speech fighters here. The letter was received by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the I. W. W. leader, who was arrested here last night on charges of conspiracy.

SWITCHMEN BLOCK ALL TRAFFIC

Northwest Has Hardly a Freight Train Moving on Account of Switchmen All Walking Out on Strike.

PORTLAND ONLY CITY MOVING FREIGHT

Passenger and Mail Trains Moving, Being Made Up by the Train Crews.

(United Press Leased Wire.) TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway yards here are in an almost complete tieup today through a general strike of the switchmen on the lines extending from St. Paul west. On the Northern Pacific lines 150 Tacoma switchmen are out and nearly every wheel which depends on the mis stopped. Passenger trains are being operated, but freight traffic is almost at a standstill.

The Northern Pacific this morning started a move to break the strike here by ordering brakemen to take the places of the switchmen and in this way three switch engines were used principally to switch passenger cars, however, little attempt being made to handle freight business. The local Milwaukee yards were not affected by the strike order.

No Freight in Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 1.—No freight trains are arriving in Seattle today over the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern or Milwaukee railroads, and freight for shipment to the east is being refused by the companies affected by the strike of the switchmen. Passenger and mail trains are moving, but are being made up by the train crews. Negotiations looking to the settlement of the trouble are being carried on at St. Paul, according to local railroad officials, but it is not expected that any definite word of the progress of affairs will be received until tonight.

Not Affect Portland. PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 1.—Local switchmen will take no part in the strike ordered yesterday by the switchmen's union of North America, according to an announcement made here today. This is explained by the fact that all switchmen employed in the Portland yards are affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and are not associated with the switchmen's union which ordered the strike.

The switchmen employed in the local terminals are on the job today and freight traffic is moving without interruption.

Spokane Affected. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 1.—With only the officers of the general yards and depot to handle the trains and switching business here today, the freight tieup following the general strike called by the switchmen's union last night is complete.

Not a freight train on the Great Northern or Northern Pacific is moving. About 800 men are idle on this division.

The Christmas rush of freight will be sent via the O. R. & N. and the Canadian Pacific.

13th Child, Born on 13th, Age Twice 13, Jailed 13th, Gets 13 Years, Freed 13th

Convicted on 13th for Crime on 13th. Sentenced on 13th, He Has \$13.13 in the Bank.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 1.—Is thirteen an unlucky number? Well, just read:

Abbe Lake, twice 13 years old, a convict, was pardoned here on the 13th, having been convicted of attacking his sister-in-law.

He is the 13th child, born on the 13th of the month, alleged to have committed his crime on the 13th, was tried and convicted on the 13th, was sentenced to 13 years, received at prison on Friday, the 13th, and begged to be put in cell 13, but that cell was taken.

He was pardoned on the 13th, and his sister-in-law committed suicide 13 months ago. He had to his credit at the penitentiary \$13.13.

IMPROVEMENTS IN SIGHT FOR CITY EAST SIDE

New Street Will Probably Be Opened From Main Just East of Bridge South to Washington Street.

Preparations are being made for the planting of 40 acres of the Phipps tract, east of Bear creek, to orchard the coming spring.

This movement means one or both of two things in the way of improvements on the east side—a bridge across Bear creek at the foot of Washington and a new street connecting with Main, just east of the bridge and running south to Washington. It is more than likely that both these outlets to the Phipps tract will be made.

A committee of the city council is now negotiating for the opening of a street from the west end of Washington to Jackson street with a view to bridging the stream, and it is understood that negotiations are also in progress to open the street on the east side of the creek from Main to Washington.

JOHN D. WORRIES ABOUT KIDNAPPERS

Apparently Indifferent, But It Is Known He Felt Relieved When He Reached His Car.

(United Press Leased Wire.) CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 1.—Notwithstanding the apparent indifference with which John D. Rockefeller upon his arrival in New York was reported to have referred to the supposed attempt to kidnap him, it is known here that he exhibited much uneasiness until he was safely aboard his private car, bound for his country home in the Pantic hills.

When the news of the plot was brought to him he ordered the usual guard about his home reinforced, and servants throughout the night patrolled the house in which many lights were left burning.

All efforts of the police to find the originators of the kidnaping scheme have proved futile.

SOCIALISTS CONDEMN STAND OF SPOKANE

The Sunday afternoon meetings at the Socialist hall on North Grape street are becoming very interesting. "Resolved, That the city officials of Spokane are censured for their actions in trying to prohibit free speech and free press," is the question for next Sunday afternoon. Discussion opened by George H. Miller, followed by Ernest Walters, H. P. Gould and others.

LETTERS ARE COMING 75 A DAY

People From All Sections Are Writing Asking for Particulars Regarding Apples in Rogue River Valley.

OVER 2000 HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED

Never Before Was Commercial Club So Deluged With Inquiries of Apple Land.

An average of 75 letters a day are pouring in on the secretary of the Commercial club all containing the same refrain, which can be briefly summed up in the one word, "Apples." From the secretary's point of view, the world has suddenly gone crazy on apples in general and Rogue River apples in particular.

When the Commercial club undertook to arrange for exhibiting a carload of Rogue River Spitzenbergs at the national apple show it was ventured by the bolder ones that if the car won a prize that the advertising the valley would receive would be invaluable, and that assertion has been more than verified, for since the local car won the sweepstakes hundreds of people have written asking for information. "Apples—we want to know about apples and apple land," and the secretary has his hands full stinging King Apple's praises.

No less than 2000 letters have been received as a direct result of the winning of the sweepstakes in Spokane, and there seems to be no abatement in sight. The whole affair was the greatest advertisement the valley ever received.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cowan of North Yakima, Wash., are here looking over the prospects for good investments in Southern Oregon.

OIL WORKER IS BLOWN TO BITS

Explosion in Nitroglycerine Magazine Wrecks Town in West Virginia—Kills Man and Horse.

CAMERON, W. Va., Dec. 1.—C. Schuster, an oil worker, was blown to atoms today by an explosion in a nitro-glycerine magazine at Merietta, near here. Bits of hide and bone of the horse Schuster was riding past the magazine when the explosion occurred were scattered for a radius of 50 yards.

Many houses in the village were jarred loose from their foundations by the force of the blast. Scores of windows were shattered.

JOE WILLIS GETS DECISION OVER GREER OF DENVER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 1.—Joe Willis of San Francisco defeated Jack Greer of Denver last night at McCarey's pavilion before one of the largest crowds which have ever packed that fight shed. From the first tap of the gong until the close of the tenth round both heavies fought like demons. Their rapid interchanges brought the fans shouting to their feet time after time. Following the game exhibition last night, fight fans today declare that Willis has earned the right to meet Jim Flynn. They assert that he can give the husky fireman all he is looking for, and are anxious to see the two brought together.