

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday rain, moderate southerly winds on coast. Local: Maximum temperature, 54; minimum, 37; mean, 42; trace of rain; river 4 feet, falling.

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Congress is Scored For Bonus Delay

Washington, Mar. 24.—Failure of the government to aid former service men has resulted in the L. W. W. making a drive to get such men into that organization, the house ways and means committee was told today by J. E. Holden, state adjutant of American Legion in Utah.

Organized propaganda by the L. W. W. to discredit government aid and undermine the American Legion is spreading throughout the country, he said, and many "unintelligent" former service men are being gathered into the organization as the result of propaganda stating that the government has done nothing for former soldiers.

"It is hard to come back," Holden said, "and see the L. W. W. undermining the principles and ideals of former service men and plotting the overthrow of the government."

J. C. Strugham, a member of the legion's executive committee, told the committee there was much discontent among both former service men and women and that immediate relief was necessary.

Unrest is Spreading "They feel they haven't gotten a square deal and are chafing with unrest," Strugham said in urging passage of a composite bill framed by the legion and providing privileged land settlements as suggested in the Lane-Mondell bill; home building aid; vocational training and payment of adjusted compensation at the rate of \$1.50 for every day of service.

Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, wanted to know how the funds to carry out the legion's plays were to be raised.

The witness said he would leave that to the committee, but he estimated the total cost at approximately \$2,180,000,000.

Wood Choice of Most Precincts In South Dakota

Siox Falls, S. D., Mar. 24.—Returns from 768 voting precincts out of 1740 in South Dakota on republican presidential primary endorsement give: Wood 23,528; Lowden 29,078; Johnson 18,084.

Siox Falls, S. D., Mar. 24.—Returns on republican presidential endorsement from yesterday's state primary election, compiled this forenoon from 514 precincts out of 1740, gave Wood 15,596; Lowden 17,435 and Johnson 15,596. These returns were from 24 of 64 counties.

The missing counties are all small, having a total of only 147 precincts. Of the counties heard from Wood is leading in 32, Johnson in 11 and Lowden in ten. Wood and Lowden were tied in one county.

Wood's total was swelled by Leavy pluralities in the counties west of the Missouri river, particularly in the Black Hills.

Reports from various counties indicated that while the women voted in fairly large numbers the total vote was comparatively light. The normal primary vote in South Dakota, prior to the adoption of suffrage, was about 100,000.

Complete returns from several counties indicated that yesterday's vote was not much larger than the pre-suffrage primary totals. In the cities, balloting was fairly heavy but bad roads throughout the country districts evidently reduced the size of the rural vote.

None of the sparsely settled counties in the Bad Lands region has reported. As a rule these counties are not heard from for three or four days after an election.

Troops And Police Officers Rushed To Cork; Fear Felt

Cork, Ireland, Mar. 24.—More troops and royal Irish constabulary have been sent here, and empty houses at strategic points have been occupied by the military and police forces. The Sinn Fein organization is maintaining secret watches and guards to protect its leaders, some of whom are reported to have received threatening letters similar to one delivered to Thomas Mac Curtain, lord mayor of this city, before he was murdered last week.

Last night troops supported by constabulary were stationed at various points in the city with armored cars and machine guns. This protection was maintained while the streets were thronged, but later, when the crowds dwindled, the extra guards were withdrawn. Soldiers and police officers, however, remained in their barracks all night ready for any emergency.

End Of Spanish Strike In Sight

Madrid, Mar. 23.—A plan was agreed upon early today for ending the general strike on the Spanish railways, inaugurated yesterday.

The agreement provides for the government paying the companies for one month the amount necessary for them to increase wages. Meanwhile a definite solution will be sought of the companies' economic difficulties.

Lewis Suggests Wage Issue be Threshed Out Soon; Monday Proposed

Washington, Mar. 24.—Suggestion that the joint scale committee of operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous coal field meet Monday in New York to draft a new wage agreement was made in a telegram sent today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the operators scale committee.

The operators and miners were asked by President Wilson yesterday to convene the joint wage conference as soon as possible so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply might be ended. At the same time the president said he expected the majority report of the coal commission, recommending an average wage increase of 27 percent, be accepted as binding on both the operators and miners.

Mr. Lewis' telegram to Mr. Brewster follows:

"The president's letter of the nineteenth instant, addressed to the operators and miners, made public yesterday, suggests the holding of an immediate joint scale conference to include the making of an agreement. In behalf of the mine workers I express our willingness to comply with his suggestion. I will be pleased to join with you in a call for the assembling of the joint scale committee of the central competitive field. Having in mind the convenience of all parties, I suggest that the meeting be held in New York Monday March 29."

Board Submits Mehama Bridge Bids to Courts

Bids for the Linn-Marion county bridge across the Santiam river at Mehama, received at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday, have been submitted to the courts of the two counties for further consideration and final action. The lowest bid submitted on the structure was \$22,42.

Judge Bushey, of the Marion county court, said this morning that the two courts would get together in the near future to act on the bids, but that no definite date for the meeting had been set.

In all, contracts totalling \$750,000 were let by the state commission at its Tuesday meeting, as follows:

Gilliam county—Surfacing with gravel 8.9 miles between Arlington and Blalock, Porter & Conley, \$44,825.

Umatilla county—Graveling 22 miles, Echo to Pendleton, Porter & Conley, \$112,500.

Wallowa county—Grading canyon section 3.4 miles, A. D. Kern, \$112,336.

Wasco county—Grading Seufert to Deschutes river 12.5 miles, J. F. Clark & Co., \$189,871.

For grading 17.4 miles in Jefferson county between Madras and the Deschutes county line the lowest bidder was Oskar Huber, \$153,624. The bid was referred to the engineer for further consideration.

Three viaducts in Wasco county between Seufert and the Deschutes river were awarded to the Colonial Building company of Spokane, whose total bid for the three was \$69,838.

Bridge near Prineville, Oskar Huber, \$3970. Bids on six other small bridges in the county were rejected.

Bridge over Pole creek in Malheur county, Curtis Gardner, \$16,295.

The contract for steel for the bridge across the Nestucca in Tillamook county was let to the Pacific Foundation company. The county will do the construction.

Bryan Advocates Initiative And Referendum Act

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 24.—Incorporation of the initiative and referendum in the new constitution was recommended to the Illinois constitutional convention today by William J. Bryan. He also advocated a board for compulsory investigation of industrial disputes.

"The fundamental principle of popular government," said Mr. Bryan, "is that the people have a right to have what they want in government. If I can burn into your minds and hearts no other thought today, I would rather leave this thought than any other—that the people have the right to have what they want; that the people are the source of power. There is no other source to be trusted. Not that the people will make no mistakes but that the people have the right to make their own mistakes and that a few people do not have a God-given right to make mistakes for the rest of the people."

Captain Declares Chaos Ruled In Navy Department

Washington, Mar. 24.—Virtual chaos existed in the navy department at the time the United States entered the war, Captain Harry Lansing, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation during the war testified today before the senate investigating committee.

Captain Lansing said no one knew what to do after a plan of action submitted by the bureau of operations had been disapproved and that the "personal characteristics of the secretary of the navy often made it impossible to get approval of really important policies."

President Takes More Extended Outing In Car

Washington, Mar. 23.—President Wilson today made his first trip out of Washington since he was taken ill last fall. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, he drove into Virginia as far as Alexandria. No stops were made and the president was away from the white house less than two hours.

Communist Idea Denied By Germans

Dusseldorf, Mar. 23.—(By The Associated Press).—Leaders of the elements which have taken over control of this city insist the movement should not be termed communistic, as soviets throughout Germany are considered impossible and dangerous.

It is desired above all to do away with militarism, they add, and show the allies that Germany is determined to take such a stand.

There are a few armed guards but no real army is to be seen. It is planned to have an old army commander, Captain Bredam, in charge of "the security guards" which is to be composed of workmen, who can be called to arms in case of emergency.

Friedrich Stahl, one of the eight members of the Dusseldorf executive committee, installed in the provincial government house told the Associated Press the movement precipitated by the Kapp revolt was particularly a workmen's protest against that military movement and militarism in general.

No Soviet Revolt. "This is no soviet revolution," he declared. "At the moment at least we are standing on the same grounds as the regular government chosen by the people of Germany. What we want the government to do is to uphold the peoples will expressed in the last election * * * and to crush militarism in every form."

"Everything will go on smoothly. The workmen, including the head and hand workers will work now with a will, while under military rule, as it had developed last month under Noske they worked against their will."

"We shall rigorously put down looting, disorder or plundering, and if the government should send troops to fight against us—we, we are very strong, and the workmen, most of them experienced soldiers under a military leader would leave their workshops and factories and turn against them."

Strike Declared Over. "A central executive committee, now being formed at Hagen, is to consist of one member of each of the three socialist parties and the democratic party. Under this central committee the several town executive committees will conduct the business of the country in connection with the regular city authorities for the welfare of the people, and, above all, for the working people."

The executive committee announced that all the workers, except a few guards, had returned to their places yesterday, the general strike having ended Saturday.

The tramways and other services are operating apparently normally and the banks are open. Three of the five newspapers are not publishing because of the printers' wage strike, which is not connected with the workmen's movement.

Death Summons Hawaiian Court Attache of Years

San Francisco, Mar. 24.—News of the death in Honolulu of Colonel Samuel Parker, one of the best known Hawaiians, and former prime minister of Queen Liliuokalani, was received by cable here today by Robert W. Shingle, territorial representative of Hawaii.

Colonel Parker, bon vivant and courtier of the old Hawaiian monarchy, was widely known throughout the United States, having spent much time in Washington, and having attended several republican national conventions as delegate from Hawaii.

Four years ago in Washington he was stricken with heart failure, from which he has suffered since. He was 75 years of age.

The principal heir of the Parker estate is Richard Smart, a six year old great grandchild, now being educated in San Francisco, for whom the \$6,000,000 famous Parker ranch of the Hawaiian Islands is being held in trust.

The residue of the estate, valued at millions, will go to five children of Parker now living in Honolulu.

The Smart boy is residing with his grandmother here, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knight, both his parents having died.

Sub Chasers Are Offered For Sale To Private Parties

Washington, Mar. 24.—Offer of sale to the public of 150 submarine chasers built during the war was announced today by the navy department. Constructed at an average cost of \$67,000, including engine plant consisting of three standard gasoline motors developing 675 horse-power, these craft are now appraised, it was said, at \$29,000 each.

In inviting offers from yachtmen or commercial firms, however, it was said, several already had been sold at a figure slightly below this.

The department suggested their adaptability either for pleasure or commercial purposes.

The vessels may be inspected at any east coast navy yard.

"State Department Headless." Was the President out of town?—Boston Herald.

Taft To Appear Here On May 28

May 28 is the date that has been set by the Affiliated Yecum bureau for the appearance in Salem of William Howard Taft, former president of the United States. Through the efforts of Robert C. Story, president of the associated student body of Willamette university the Yecum bureau has arranged that Mr. Taft stop here and although the subject of his lecture has not been definitely announced the probabilities are that it will deal with the political situation in the United States.

Owing to the large crowds that will want to hear him, Mr. Taft will appear in the armory.

Father Shoots To Save Son's Soul, Then Surrenders

Chicago, Mar. 24.—Frank Pinano, 17 years old, lay on a cot in the county hospital today seriously wounded while his father, who shot him "to save his soul" awaited anxiously the outcome of the boy's struggle for life. The father used his revolver last night to keep his wayward son from crime.

"I am not sorry," the elder Pinano told the police. "Rather than have him hung or shot I shot him myself. I was always afraid he would turn bandit. My boy was in bad company."

The elder Pinano last night found his son on the street in company of a gang and after a few words with him fired three bullets into his body. He waited over the wounded boy until the police arrived.

Five Suspended Socialists Held As Disqualified

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 24.—The five suspended socialist members of the state assembly "are ineligible and disqualified to occupy seats" counsel for the assembly judiciary committee asserted today in a brief filed with the committee, which conducted an investigation into the charges of disloyalty against the men.

"It is by the organization to which they belong that these men must be judged," says the brief. "Their individual acts and declarations insofar as they have been proved serve merely to illumine and to show in concrete the principal purposes and program for which the organization stands and to confirm the seditious purposes of the party to which they belong."

"Socialists are trying to bring about a change of government by political action, backed up by a general strike, the two being employed as the two strong arms of a giant to pull down the structure of our government, which has been built and maintained through the inspiration, toil and the blood of countless loyal citizens of this republic."

Portlander Has Ambition to Put Hiram on Ballot

With "Hiram Johnson for president" as his slogan, John W. Miller of Portland today filed his nominating petition with the secretary of state's office as a candidate for the republican nomination as a candidate for delegate to the national convention from the third congressional district.

Joseph Hume of Brownsville also filed as a candidate for a seat in the big republican national pow-wow as a delegate from the state at large. Hume declares for "one hundred per cent Americanism" and promises to "vote for the party choice."

Other candidates filing today were W. C. Templeton, Brownsville, republican, candidate for nomination for representative from second representative district.

Roy Sparks, McMinnville, democrat, candidate for nomination for district attorney for Yamhill county.

E. Lothard, McClellan, republican, candidate for nomination for district attorney for Coos county.

Russian Soviet Leaders Discuss Plans Of Future

Moscow, Mar. 24.—The ninth annual convention of the all-Russian communist party, which will open here March 27, will be of vital importance to the future of soviet Russia, as it will be given the task of outlining the international economic policy of the country during the coming year. Three principal matters will be before the convention, these being industrial rehabilitation, the agricultural policy and the development and status of the co-operative societies. Two distinct parties have been formed one favoring centralization of power, and the other opposing that policy. The former proposes handling the industrial question through the mobilization of working forces. It also favors extensive development of agricultural communism and complete governmental control of co-operative societies.

Glaring Headlights Are Accident Cause

Glaring automobile headlights are blamed for the accident that resulted in the destruction Monday night of an automobile driven by Mrs. Arthur E. Peterson, a resident on the Portland road. Mrs. Peterson was driving west on the Pacific highway at 8:30 in the evening when the blinding headlights of a car approaching from the opposite direction caused this Peterson car to miss the Southern Pacific crossing, beyond the fair grounds.

Before the car could be extricated from its position on the track, a north-bound passenger train crashed into the machine. The car's occupants, Mrs. Peterson and three children were able to escape before the crash. Witnesses to the accident stated that the engine crew of the train failed to observe distress signals although it is alleged that there was plenty of time in which to stop the train.

TURK GOVERNOR ARRESTED

Constantinople, Mar. 24.—Ali Said Pasha, military governor of Constantinople has been arrested by the British forces in the city.

Pitched Battles Continue Between Government and Spartan Forces Today

Wesel, Germany, Mar. 24.—Via Berne.—Six thousand government troops, reinforced by armed countrymen, had a skirmish with communist guards numbering about 15,000 near here last night. Reports state 62 were killed and upwards of 100 wounded.

The government forces are keeping open the northern side of town to admit reinforcements or to provide for a possible forced retreat.

Heavy firing was heard from the direction of Wesel during the night. All the indications are that the Ebert troops are safe but very nearly surrounded by lines of workmen whose guerilla warfare has driven the government troops steadily out of the industrial district in five days time in a combined retreat and concentration movement to the strong fortress of Wesel on the Rhine.

About 100 interned prisoners who fled across the bridge from Wesel last night are held here by the Belgians. A dozen German wounded also were brought over during the night and treated at the hospital here.

A small detachment of Belgian troops, with artillery, arrived here last night and promptly took up a position near the bridge. The Belgians stopped all traffic in the direction of Wesel and interned all who came from that city. The eastern end of the bridge runs into the city of Wesel and provides an exit from the sorely pressed town safely open to the troops.

Ebert Troops Hold. Buderich, Rhenish Prussia, (Across the Rhine from Wesel), Mar. 24.—The government troops from the southern part of the Ruhr district, all of whom have been besieged in Wesel since Monday night were still holding the town safely late last night.

Veterans Conscripted. Coblenz, Mar. 23.—Otto Heindorf, who was released from prison to take charge of the communist movement in the Ruhr basin, has ordered all workmen who have seen military service to report for duty, threatening if they fail to obey, to cut off their food rations. Since gaining control, the Reds have re-established the German food ration and have requisitioned druggists and doctors to care for the wounded.

The communist military equipment is a complete modern warfare uniform but some of the men in the ranks are wearing civilian clothes. Reports reaching here state many women are fighting with the communists.

Hamburg Is Quiet. Hamburg, Mar. 23.—Via Copenhagen.—Order is being maintained here by patrols of workmen and the security police, and it is announced the strike will cease after victims of recent fighting in the city have been buried. Admiral Meurer, who has been under arrest for several days, was released today.

Non-commissioned officers and strikers, who recently arrested higher officers of the fleet, announce the latter must be held until the naval personnel can choose its own officers, and threaten that if this course is not followed, naval units will disband and disperse. In the meantime, then navy has been placed at the disposal of the Ebert government to fight the revolt of the extreme left if necessary.

Reconstructed German Cabinet Expected Hourly

Copenhagen, Mar. 24.—Formation of a new German cabinet is a matter of only a few hours, and independent socialists are sure of getting several important portfolios, according to telegrams from Berlin this morning.

Gas, water and electric service has not been resumed in Berlin and the tramways are still idle, as the independent socialists have assumed a waiting attitude. They are said to be dissatisfied with the government's "soft methods towards traitors" while armed Spartacists are simply stood against the wall.

LIBERTY BONDS New York, Mar. 23.—Prices of liberty bonds at 2:55 p. m. today were: 3 1/2's 97.50; first 4's, 99.50; second 4's, 89.90; first 4 1/2's, 99.70; second 4 1/2's, 89.94; third 4 1/2's, 92.74; fourth 4 1/2's, 89.94; victory 3 1/2's, 97.62; victory 4 1/2's, 97.64.

Holland Takes Steps To Fulfill Allied Demands

The Hague, Mar. 23.—Announcement by the premier today that the Dutch government had granted the island of Wieringen to the former German crown prince as a place of residence is believed here to complete the steps by which Holland seeks to meet allied demand as to the safekeeping of former Emperor William and his son.

Reports are current the crown prince asked that his residence be fixed on the island and declined an opportunity to live near his father.

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LATE BULLETINS

London, Mar. 24.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward, novelist, died of heart disease today in a London hospital.

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 24.—Three officers of the 82nd field artillery stationed here have been recommended for court-martial in connection with the loss of many thousand dollars worth of ammunition and government supplies from Fort Bliss, it became known today.

London, Mar. 24.—More than 16,000 anti-bolshevik soldiers have been found frozen to death on the steppes, it is announced in a soviet military communique received today from Moscow by wireless.

Washington, Mar. 24.—Removal of government restrictions on anthracite coal was considered today at a conference between railroad administration officials and representatives of the anthracite operators.

Position of U.S. On Turk Status Is Re-affirmed

Washington, Mar. 24.—The original position of the American government that the Turks should be expelled from Europe is re-stated in a note to the allied supreme council which has been prepared at the state department and which will be transmitted soon. The note will bear the signature of Bainbridge Colby, the new secretary of state, and will be the first diplomatic paper to be signed by him.

The communication is in reply to an inquiry from the French and British governments as to this country's views of the Turkish settlement.

The United States is said to take the view that the contention that expulsion of the Turks might be resented by the Mohammedans, is not supported by the facts, since the war in the near east was largely by the aid of Mohammedans.

Desired Armenia. The United States, it is understood, desires that Armenia be set up as an independent state and that it embrace as much territory as the Armenian can be given control. It also takes the position that any arrangement that is made with regard to Turkey should guarantee to all nations equal opportunity for commerce and that no belligerent should be given paramount claims in any part of the Near East.

The position of the United States, it is said, also is that in any arrangements for the government of Constantinople and the Turkish states a place for the participation of Russia should be made as the American government is convinced as to no plan of settlement can be successful in the long run which does not take into account the interests of Russia in the matter.

Germans Seeking Allied Consent to Use Armed Force

Paris, Mar. 24.—Two German officers who arrived here last night from Berlin to explain to the allies the necessity for permitting the German army to enter the occupied zone to restore order saw Premier Millerand today and told him the Ebert government had ample forces ready to deal with the situation in the Ruhr valley.

It is understood on good authority the allies have decided to give the permission.

The French government would have preferred inter-allied action in the occupied zone, while the British and the Italians favored granting permission for operations by the German army. Then French gave way on this point in view of the dependence of France on supplies of coal from the Ruhr district.

French coal production has decreased from the old figure of 46,000,000 tons to an average of about 18,000,000 tons yearly. By the terms of the treaty of Versailles Germany is bound to cover the deficiency up to a total of 20,000,000 tons a year. On the restoration of order in the Ruhr valley, therefore, demand largely the continuation of French industries.

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