

OREGON: Tonight and Saturday fair, continued warm; gentle northerly winds. LOCAL: Maximum yesterday 105; minimum today 58; no rainfall. River .18, stationary.

Russian Invaders Within 25 Miles of Polish Capital And Steadily Advancing

Poles Claim Successes on Southern Front But Admit Red Gains in North--Mlawa and Pul-tusk Captured--Bug is Crossed--Soviet Forces Creeping Along Prussian Border

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—(11 p. m.)—Russian soviet forces which are attacking the Polish lines northeast and east of here, have reached a point 25 miles from Warsaw. A state of siege has been declared here by the military governor. Civilians are not permitted on the streets after ten p. m. and cafes must close at 9.

The determination of the bolsheviks to press onward to Warsaw showed itself at various points along the battle-line today, there being hand to hand fighting in many instances. The Poles savagely defended their positions and contested every foot of ground given up to the invaders.

Fighting was reported today within 20 miles of Warsaw. It was said Pul-tusk changed hands several times and last accounts were that fighting was going on in the streets. The Poles were holding the west bank of the Narew at this point, beating off the bolsheviks from the north and hurling back other enemy forces which were trying to cross the river.

Warsaw hummed tonight with military activity, but only soldiers and officers were allowed in the streets. Preparations for the defense of Warsaw were made, and lights burned until late in the war offices and the foreign office, where affairs of state were being discussed. The terms and conditions to be carried by the Polish delegates who will meet the soviet representatives Saturday to discuss peace preliminaries were also being drafted.

Draft Peace Terms. It was decided tonight that two American and two British newspaper correspondents as well as several Polish, Italian and Spanish journalists, will accompany the peace delegation. Just how long the delegation will remain at Minsk is unknown, but diplomats said tonight they expected the conference would last four or five days or longer.

The Associated Press will be represented, and an effort will be made to send daily dispatches either by wireless or by courier to Moscow. It was announced tonight that outgoing personal messages would not be accepted at the telegraph offices. This is a military measure to prevent news of troop movements getting out.

Polish Statement. Warsaw, Aug. 12.—Polish successes on the southern front, where the Rus-

Dallas Engineer Burned to Death In Packing Plant

Dallas, Aug. 13.—Death quickly followed the burning of L. T. Ellis at San Jose, Cal. He was burned Tuesday, August 3, and died the afternoon of the same day. The funeral was held on the following Thursday.

Newspaper articles have been received telling how the accident occurred. Ellis was employed as engineer at the Herbert Packing company when he turned on the oil to heat the engines there was enough heat left in them to cause an explosion. He was not badly burned externally, and is supposed to have breathed the flames. This often causes death without leaving any noticeable marks. This evidently possessed much presence of mind under exciting conditions. When the superintendent of the plant arrived in the engine room, having heard the noise of the explosion, he found Ellis under the water faucet, having himself extinguished the flames. The most noticeable injuries were to his hands, which were badly burned when he had apparently tried to beat out the blaze. Deceased was 53 years of age, and was well known throughout this section, particularly among railroad men. (Continued on page four)

Prince of Wales Writes Governor

Acknowledgment of receipt of the invitation to visit Oregon extended by Governor Olcott to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his recent visit to the Pacific coast is contained in a letter received by the executive Friday from Lieutenant Colonel Grigg, private secretary to the prince. The invitation, which missed the British prince at San Diego, had only caught up with him in Australia at the time the acknowledgment was written July 11. The prince expresses his regrets over his inability to accept himself with the hopes to do so on another visit to this country in the near future. He expresses high esteem for the men and officers of the 122nd United States Infantry, Oregon troops, with whom he came in close contact in the field and whose acquaintance, he states, will always remain a special link with the people of the United States.

Rebellion Against Cantu Rebellion

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 12.—A rebellion against the rebellion of Governor Cantu of the northern part of Lower California, has broken out at Escondido, according to a report received today by Eduardo, the provisional representative in Los Angeles of the provisional Mexican government.

France In Accord with U.S. Position U.S. Seizes 131 of Czars Stolen Gems

Millerand Sends Note Saying France Reached Identical Conclusion on Polish Question

Paris, Aug. 13.—The French government is sending a note to the United States expressing pleasure that the French and American views on the Russo-Polish situation are "in complete accord" it was learned today. The note, which is 800 words long and is signed by Premier Millerand, recapitulates the conclusions in the American note to Italy, saying that France "reaches an identical conclusion." It adds that France "never varied in her intention to support the principles so closely formulated by the government of the United States."

The French note says it was with these principles in mind that France recognized General Baron Wrangel and decided not to approve the soviet's terms to Poland unless they conform with these principles. It concludes that France is "happy to note once again the most thorough harmony between the sentiments animating the American and French peoples when there is at stake the future of civilization."

Premier Millerand says that France is "entirely in accord with the principles formulated" in the American note. A copy was given Leland Harrison, secretary of the American embassy.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Plans are under consideration for a renewal of the conference between Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Millerand, it was learned today. It was said that other might also attend.

Governor Names Committee of 9 on Crater Lake

The appointment of a committee of nine members for a study of the Crater Lake National park with a view to ascertain ways and means for improving the present accommodations was announced by Governor Olcott today as follows:

J. C. Ainsworth, president United States National bank, Portland; H. B. Van Duzer, president Portland Chamber of Commerce; John B. Yeon, capitalist, Portland; E. V. Carter, director State Bank of Ashland; C. W. McDonald, president Jackson County bank, Medford; F. C. Bramwell, cashier Grants Pass Banking company, Grants Pass; J. W. Siemens, president First State & Savings Bank of Klamath Falls; C. S. Hudson, president First National bank, Bend; E. O. McCoy, Wasco Warehouse-Milling company, The Dalles.

"As soon as the members of this committee send in their acceptance, it is my plan to call a meeting to be held at Salem for the purpose of discussing the situation at Crater Lake," said Governor Olcott, in announcing the appointment of the committee. "The situation in regard to hotel accommodations at Crater Lake is an acute one, and while I have every sympathy with the management and the efforts that have been made to build up accommodations at the lake, the accommodations which are furnished do not meet with the approval of the national park service, with the railroad officials who are advertising the attraction for the benefit of the state, and with a large number of tourists and others."

"The committee will have the problem of taking care of the interests of the present hotel management and devising plans for placing the accommodations at the lake on a basis which will be satisfactory to the national park management and to the thousands of tourists who annually visit this natural wonder."

Suspect Not Bergdoll. Oneonta, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The young man arrested near here yesterday by state troopers is not Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft evader, a department of justice official declared today after his visiting Oneonta jail were the suspect was held.

Polish Peace Envoys To Leave Warsaw for Battle Front Saturday

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—Polish commissioners with authority to negotiate a preliminary treaty of peace expect to leave Warsaw early Saturday to meet soviet delegates somewhere on the road between Warsaw and Brest-Litovsk, the foreign office announced today. The meeting will take place between five and seven p. m.

After meeting the soviet delegates the Polish commissioners probably will be taken to Minsk, where the peace conference is expected to take place.

The two man mission that went to the front to inform the bolsheviks that Poland wished to send peace delegates returned today and there is a more confident feeling than has been prevalent during the past fortnight. High officials said they considered the fall of the city now out of the question. The Polish mark which recently

Clean up of Get-rich-quick 100 Percent Profit 6 Months Swindlers Began In Boston

Promoters of Old Colony Foreign Exchange Company Arrested--Ponzi Surrendered by Bondsmen, Now in Custody of U. S. Marshal--40,000 Victims Contributed 35 to 40 Millions

Boston, Aug. 13.—Raymond Meyers and Charles C. Meyers, described as secretary and manager, respectively, of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange company were arrested today charged with conspiracy to defraud as a result of the investigation of sensational financial methods which started with the inquiry into operations of the Securities Exchange company of which Charles Ponzi was the leading figure.

The Old Colony Foreign Exchange company recently began business with offices in this city and branches in many parts of New England. It followed the lead of Ponzi in promising unusual returns on notes, the offer in this case being 100 per cent in six months.

Ponzi, who was arrested yesterday by federal authorities charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud and later was taken into custody by state authorities and released on bail, was surrendered by his bondsman, Morris Rudnick, today. Rudnick had given bonds of \$25,000 in the federal court and \$10,000 in the state court. Ponzi was turned over to the custody of United States Marshal Duane.

Ponzi, accompanied by one of his counsel, reached the federal building about 3:30 p. m. The attorney said that Rudnick had withdrawn his sureties for business reasons.

A blanket warrant including fifty counts of larceny against Ponzi was issued by Judge Bennett in the municipal court. The total amount involved is \$34,000.

A third officer of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange company, Charles S. Brightwell, the president, was arrested on a charge similar to that preferred against the others.

\$40,000,000 Secured. Boston, Aug. 13.—New England awaited with interest today new developments in connection with the crash of Charles Ponzi's dream castle of finance to the building of which forty thousand investors are alleged to have contributed from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Federal and state officials continued with renewed vigor their investigations.

Ponzi was free under bail of \$35,000 of which \$25,000 was for his appearance before the federal government on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Ponzi Did Time In 1910 for Smuggling Italians Into U.S.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 13.—Activities of Charles Ponzi, of Boston, developed a local angel when Rocco Fiorenza of Sacramento, an ex-serviceman, declared Ponzi owes him \$300 which he loaned Ponzi while in jail with him in Plattsburg, N. Y., in 1910.

Ponzi, according to Fiorenza, was arrested in 1910 when he attempted to smuggle Fiorenza, his father and two other Italians into this country from Montreal, Canada, without pass ports.

According to Fiorenza, officials of an Italian bank in Montreal informed them Ponzi would take them safely across the border into the United States for \$50 each, which money they paid the bank.

When the train reached the border, said Fiorenza, an immigration official arrested the five of them. A charge of smuggling was placed against Ponzi, he said, while the other four were held in the same New York jail with Ponzi as witnesses.

While in jail, according to Fiorenza, \$300 was given to Ponzi on the promise he would get them out of jail. Ponzi was convicted on the smuggling charge, said Fiorenza, and sentenced to serve two years in a prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Women Have Right to Ask for Peace Declares North Carolina Executive

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 13.—"The initial battle in the North Carolina legislature today when, by a vote of 7 to 1 the constitutional amendment committee of the upper house favorably reported a ratification resolution."

"There is another and far deeper reason for not delaying the movement were powerless to defeat," he said. "The big question that is going to be settled in the next six months is whether this nation shall enter an alliance with 29 of the most powerful nations on earth for the purpose of forever delivering humanity from the burdens and horrors of war. On that question the women have a sacred right to be heard, for when cannon roar the women furnish the fodder."

Discussing the possible effort of equal suffrage on the race relation Governor Bickett said:

"For thirty-five years after the civil war all political energies of our people were absorbed in the struggle to maintain in our borders a white government. I greatly fear that woman suffrage would force us to fight again the battle for a white government."

"We may just as well realize, gentlemen,"

Polish military decoration.

the Hood River county court has passed an order prohibiting fishing at park resorts and elsewhere on Sunday.