

**FORECAST**  
LIGHT FROST TONIGHT.  
FAIR TODAY AND SUNDAY

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**WEATHER**  
Maximum, Yesterday, 68;  
Minimum, Today, 31.

Forty-sixth Year.  
Daily—Eleventh Year.

MEDFORD OREGON, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1916

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## U.S. ARMY TO CONSIST OF 206,000 MEN

**Regular Army Capable of Expansion to 254,000 in Time of War—National Guard to Be Federalized as Reserve Totals 425,000—Senate System of Organization Retained—Vocational Training for Enlisted Men—Mobilization of Industries Authorized.**

WASHINGTON, May 13.—A regular army of 206,000 men at peace strength, capable of expansion to 254,000 men in time of war, was agreed upon today by house and senate conferees on the army reorganization bill, first of the big national defense measures. The report will be submitted to both branches of congress for ratification next week.

The volunteer reserve army of 261,000 men provided in the senate bill goes out, leaving the reserve army to the national guard, which will be federalized, according to provisions of the house bill. All officers and men of the guard must take oath of allegiance to the United States as well as to the respective states.

The national guard at maximum strength would be recruited on the basis of 800 men to each congressional district, which would aggregate a total of 425,000 men. The reserve force, together with the regular army of 254,000 war strength, would produce a combined defense force of 679,000 men.

**Senate Plan Adopted.**  
In the agreement on the regular army the senate bill system of organization was retained as a substitute for the house system, which would have provided a maximum army of 140,000 men.

The regular line of the army, the bill now provides, can never go below 160,000 men and its maximum strength in times of peace would be 175,000 officers and men. In this calculation, however, there are excluded 5723 Philippine scouts, 6406 in the quartermaster's corps, 7290 in the medical department, 3387 in the signal corps and 8750 unassigned recruits, a total of 31,650. These added to the regular line of 175,000 men give a total regular army peace strength of 206,650. The president is authorized to increase the regular army divisions to maximum strength without congressional action.

**Composition of Army.**  
Under the conference agreement the regular army would consist of 65 regiments of infantry, 25 regiments of cavalry, 21 regiments of field artillery, a coast artillery corps of 30,000 officers and men, a signal corps of 3387 men, including the aviation section, and seven regiments of engineers. In the aviation section the number of officers is increased from a total of 60 to 148, including one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and 114 first lieutenants.

The organization plan contemplates carrying the full peace strength within five years as proposed in the original preparedness plans.

General officers of the line would be increased by four major generals and 19 brigadier generals. The general staff of the army would be increased from 34 officers to 52. The provision of the senate bill, which would have placed five officers of the national guard in the general staff, was stricken out, but provision was made for officers of the national guard to be assigned to volunteer

## GERMAN DRIVE VERDUN FRONT MEETS REPULSE

**Douaumont Region Again Scene of Heavy Bombardment, Followed by Infantry Attacks Which Are Repelled With Heavy Losses to Attackers—French Repulsed.**

LONDON, May 13.—The Douaumont region on the Verdun front, where the Germans for more than two months past have been fairly close to the line of their original advance in the February drive, is again the scene of desperate fighting.

Violent bombardment of French positions in that sector yesterday was followed by strong attacks in which, according to the afternoon bulletin from Paris, the Germans suffered heavy losses and failed to gain any ground.

The resignation of Dr. Clemens Delbrueck, German vice chancellor and minister of the interior, is announced from Berlin. Ill health is given as the reason. Dissatisfaction has been widely expressed in Germany recently with the ministerial handling of the food situation, as an outgrowth of which riots have been reported and there have been hints recently that the resignation of Dr. Delbrueck was imminent.

### French Statement.

PARIS, May 13.—The French trenches southwest of Fort Douaumont and positions to the north of the Thiaumont farm were violently bombarded yesterday, according to an official report of the French war office today. The report says that all of the German attacks were repulsed, the enemy sustaining severe losses. On the left bank of the Meuse artillery combats continue uninterrupted.

The text of the statement says: "On the left bank of the Meuse the artillery combat continued without interruption in the sector of the woods of Avocourt and Hill 294. During the night we realized further progress in the vicinity of Hill 287. "On the right bank the Germans renewed yesterday their attacks on our trenches southeast of Fort Douaumont. In spite of the violence of the bombardment which preceded the enemy assaults, our line did not waver. All attacks were repulsed with serious losses for the enemy. Other attempts during the night upon our positions north of Thiaumont farm were likewise arrested by our curtain of fire and machine guns.

"At Eparges a strong German reconnoitering party, which after a bombardment attempted to reach our lines, was unable to debouch. "In the forest of Parroy and at Ban de Sapt there was quite a lively cannonade."

### German Statement.

BERLIN, May 13.—The repulse of a night attack by the French southwest of Dead Man hill on the Verdun front is reported in today's official statements by the war office. Attempts of the French to advance in the Avocourt and Malancourt woods also were fruitless.

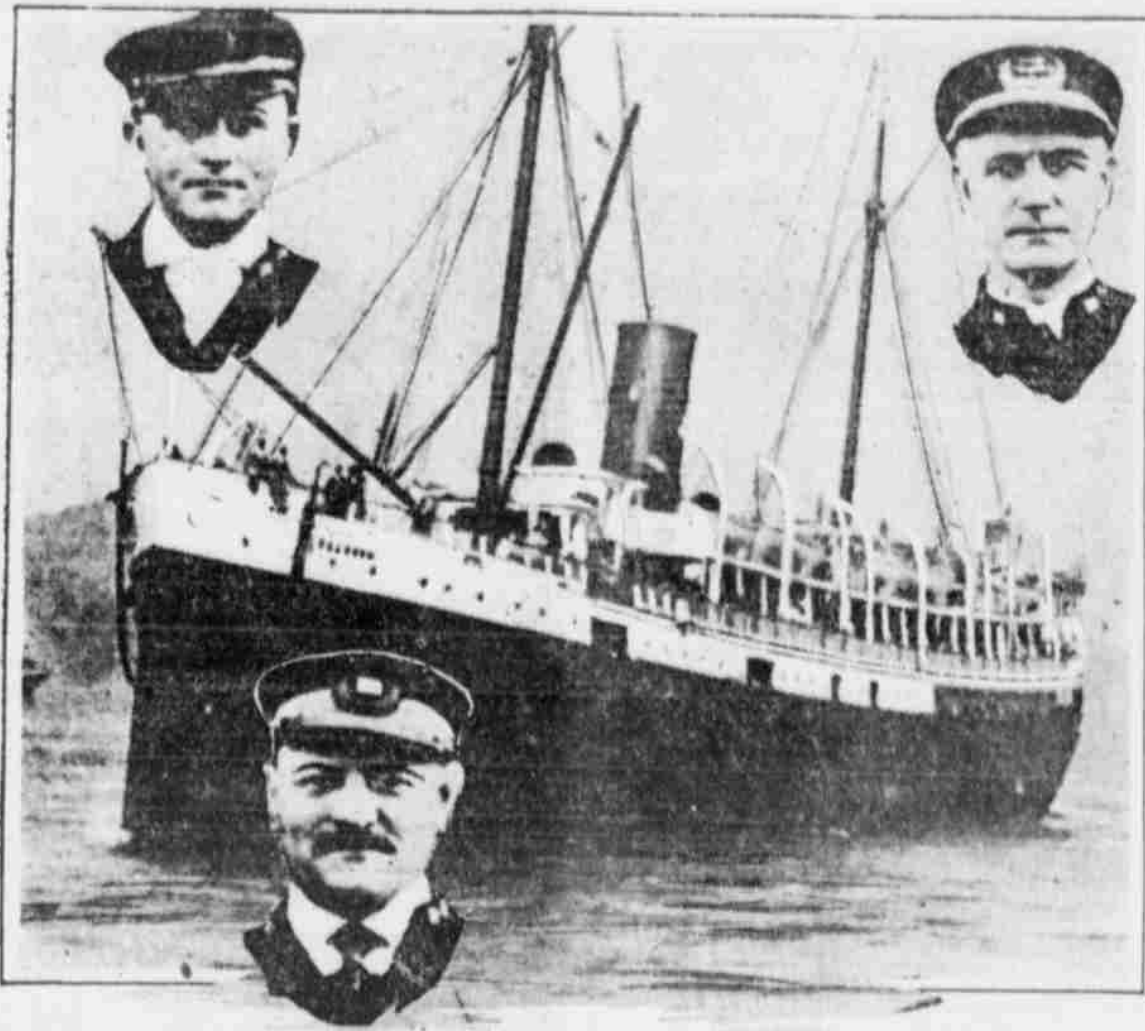
The text of the official statement by German army headquarters today says: "Western theater: Between the Argonne and the Meuse there have been lively hand grenade engagements at isolated points. Enemy attempts to gain terrain in the Avocourt and Malancourt woods were frustrated. At enemy attack during the night southwest of Dead Man hill, was stopped by the fire of the German infantry.

"The French suffered considerable losses on the east bank of the Meuse in a fruitless attack on the quarry west of the Ablain wood.

## DEMOCRATIC LEAGUES FOR EVERY STATE

NEW YORK, May 13.—A movement to form organizations similar to the local Young Man's Democratic league in every state for the coming presidential campaign has been approved by William F. McInnis, chairman of the democratic national committee.

## STEAMER ROANOKE WHICH TURNED TURTLE AT SEA WITH LOSS OF 46 LIVES



Inset at top, left to right, First Officer Charles Greene and Chief Engineer David McInnis. Below Captain Dickson.

## SEEK SURPRISE OF GLYNN SPRINGS BANDIT RAIDERS

MARATHON, Tex., May 13.—Major George T. Langhorne and his flying squadron of the Eighth cavalry are dashing over the white sand dunes in Mexico today in a supreme effort to surprise the Mexican raiders of Glenn Springs and Boquillas.

They seek to rescue alive, if possible, Jesse Deemer and two other Americans, John Woodson and F. Ballisworth, according to information that reached here today. Crossing was made yesterday and military men here believe that by tonight Major Langhorne should have covered fifty miles in the chase after the bandits, who were last reported at a point seventy miles south of the border from Boquillas in an abandoned cave.

Close behind Major Langhorne is Colonel A. C. McComb and a detachment of the fourteenth cavalry, whose business it will be to expedite supplies and forage to Langhorne and to fight off snipers.

## PRESIDENT VISITS AT NEW PORT NEWS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 13.—The yacht Mayflower, with the president and Mrs. Wilson aboard for a week-end cruise, anchored off the wharves here this morning from Washington.

The naval yacht Sylph was waiting off Newport News and soon after the president's arrival he and Mrs. Wilson left the Mayflower and went aboard. The Sylph started immediately for a trip up the James river, and it was expected the president would visit the ruins of Jamestown.

No salutes were fired as the Mayflower passed Fortress Monroe, and the battleships anchored in Hampton Roads, and the president's flag was not flown.

## GENERAL WALKOUT THREATENS CLOTHIERS

CHICAGO, May 13.—Chicago was threatened today with a general walkout of clothing workers in sympathy with about 5000 cutters and tailors who have been out a week demanding maintenance of a closed shop policy.

## FEDERAL PROBE OF OVERLOADING STEAMER ROANOKE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Federal investigation of the loss of the steamer Roanoke which turned turtle and went down Tuesday 100 miles south of San Francisco with a loss of forty-six lives, was to be started here today by United States Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers James Guthrie and Joseph Dolan. The officials planned to determine the truth of the reports that the vessel was overloaded, by questioning the stevedores who stowed away the cargo and officials of the California South Seas Navigation company, the charterers.

Mrs. John Dennis, wife of the Roanoke's second officer, whose body was picked up at sea yesterday by the Pacific Mail steamer City of Paris, was expected to be one of the witnesses at the inquiry. Mrs. Dennis in statements made public here today, said her husband told her before the vessel's departure that carpenters were sawing away beams, braces and everything in the way, to make room for the largest cargo the boat ever carried. She declared her husband believed the Roanoke would get no farther than San Pedro on its trip to South America.

Manuel Lopez, Joseph Elb and Charles Ropin, the three survivors of the disaster, who floated ashore at Port San Luis in a lifeboat, are to be quizzed by the federal inspectors next week.

## CARRANZA FORCES SENT FOR BANDITS

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Dispatch of 1500 Carranza troops northward toward the border in the Big Bend district of Coahuila, reported in border notices, was regarded by officials here today as possibly indicating that the Mexican de facto government is making renewed efforts to capture bandits who have raided American border towns. Reports that the expedition might have a hostile purpose were not regarded seriously by administration officials.

They intimated that the movement tended to strengthen the belief that the American and Mexican military authorities had reached an unwritten agreement on co-operation along the border to prevent further bandit raids.

## DAVID CAPLAN CASE NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 13.—The case of David Caplan, charged with murder in connection with the alleged dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, was given today to a jury in the superior court.

## SMITH, TIMBER KING OF MARSHFIELD DEAD, NEW YORK

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 13.—C. R. Smith, multimillionaire, owner of the Menasha Woodenware company and having a controlling interest in many other southern Oregon enterprises, died today in New York, according to a telegram received here by Herbert Armstrong, his local manager.

Death was due to a blood clot on the brain which resulted from an injury which Mr. Smith received in a Pullman car near Spokane while on his way here from the east three months ago.

Mr. Smith was a classmate and a close friend of President Wilson, and though a republican, contributed heavily to his campaign. He graduated from Princeton university when 25, and shortly afterward he helped his father pull the Menasha company from a receiver's hands and built up an immense fortune. His wealth was inherited principally in timber.

It was stated here that his affairs were in such shape that his death will have no effect on the conduct of his business. Two weeks ago his company here sold \$100,000 worth of timber lands to Minnesota interests.

## PIONEER OF '45 DEAD, LA FAYETTE

FOREST GROVE, Ore., May 13.—Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Watts, who came to Oregon in 1845, died late last night at her home in Lafayette, aged 80. She was one of Oregon's oldest pioneers. Mrs. Watts was born at Springfield, O., on March 2, 1827, and came here with her parents, settling in Chehalis valley. On Christmas day, 1847, she was married to Felix G. Dorrer of Tillamook. Her second marriage was to Dr. J. W. Watts, who was receiver of the United States land office at Oregon City during President Hayes' administration.

## FARM LOAN BILL CONSIDERED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The bill establishing a chain of twelve federal banks for loaning money on agricultural credit at low interest entered on its last stage in the house today, with prospect of passage by night. Differences with the rural credits bill passed by the senate would be adjusted in conference.

## 151,000 PARADE IN GOTHAM FOR PREPAREDNESS

**Twenty-Mile Procession Marches Through Flag-Bedecked Streets of New York as Demonstration of Belief in Preparedness—Mayor Mitchel and General Wood Review.**

NEW YORK, May 13.—The greatest civic parade in the history of this country was witnessed here this afternoon when 151,000 enthusiastic men and women marched through flag-bedecked streets as a demonstration of their belief in national preparedness. The line of marchers was estimated at twenty miles in length. It seemed as if all New York was in the streets and there was hardly a person who did not wear or wave the Stars and Stripes.

The paraders, headed by Mayor Mitchel, General Leonard Wood and Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, were greeted with roars of applause. The weather was perfect. With an aeroplane circling over the lower part of the city where the parade started, the first division swung into line promptly at 9:30 o'clock. The procession was not to end until nearly midnight.

The mayor's carriage was guarded by mounted police. So closely did they guard the mayor that he was scarcely visible to the spectators.

**Review Parade.**  
At 10:30 o'clock the head of the column reached the reviewing stand at Madison Square park, where the mayor, General Wood and Admiral Usher took places among other dignitaries to review the remainder of the parade. The marchers from that point proceeded up Fifth avenue. The parade moved with precision and up to mid-afternoon there were no untoward incidents.

Twenty abreast, filling the streets from curb to curb, keeping in step to the patriotic tunes of 200 bands, the parade that began this morning will last twelve hours or longer. It is estimated that at least one million persons saw the demonstration.

Twenty thousand women are in the parade. Workers in 200 occupations, lawyers and other professional men, city officials and city employees, and 10,000 members of the national guard in uniform and thousands of veterans of the Spanish war compose the long column. The lawyers are led by twenty justices of the supreme court.

Demands for a place in the parade so greatly exceeded the time and space that the promoters were compelled to reject 60,000 applications; Major General Leonard Wood, Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commander of the New York navy yard, and Mayor Mitchel reviewed the parade.

Anti-preparedness bodies, such as the Woman's Peace party and the socialists endeavored to offset the preparedness spirit by circulation among the spectators of circulars. Across Fifth avenue from the reviewing stand the women's party hung out a banner with the inscription:

"There are only 100,000 of you. You are not the only patriots. Two million, five hundred thousand mine workers and organized labor of America are opposed to what you and Wall Street are marching for. Are you sure you are right?"

## SCHOULTS AWARD ROAD CONTRACT

Bids were opened Saturday by the county court for the surfacing of the Medford-Jacksonville road with buckshot gravel. The following bids were received:

C. E. Bade, asphaltic surface, \$2412.66 per mile; C. R. Bade, per specifications, \$2112.15 per mile; Chris Natwick, \$1896 per mile; Medford Concrete Construction company, \$1889 per mile; W. T. Schoults, \$1571.43.

The contract was awarded to Schoults, formerly with the Clark-Henry company, as the lowest bidder. The specifications provide six inches of buckshot gravel, rolled, with one-inch finishing surface of granite chips.

## QUIET PREVAILS ALONG MEXICAN BORDER LINE

**Carranza Gives No Indications of Renewing Suggestion That American Troops Depart—Villa Reported Seen Near Corrizo, in Western Chihuahua—Lopez Not Executed.**

WASHINGTON, May 13.—General Carranza has given no indication, Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City reported today, of renewing immediately through diplomatic channels his suggestion that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. Eliseo Arredondo, his ambassador here, telegraphed yesterday for instructions to guide him in informal conversations he expects to have with Secretary Lansing.

Major General Scott, chief of staff, will reach here Monday from El Paso and confer with Secretary Lansing on the proposals by General Obregon.

**Troop Movements.**  
Consular dispatches today said the only Mexican troop movements of importance on the border region were the dispatch of forces from Sonora into the Yaqui valley, where Indians are threatening new outbreaks, and the movements of parts of the Saltillo garrison into the Big Bend vicinity to check bandit raids.

An order issued today by the war department permitting General Pershing to appoint general courtmartial to try cases arising among the troops without the necessity of sending them back to the border is taken as further indication of the administration intent to maintain the army in its present status indefinitely.

**Where Is Villa?**  
EL PASO, Tex., May 13.—With the conference over, American troop disposition in Mexico ended and with inactivity of General Pershing's columns promised for the time being, the border today began inquiring as to the whereabouts of Francisco Villa, the cause of all the trouble.

Reports reached El Paso today that the bandit leader had been seen near Corrizo, in western Chihuahua. This is in touch with the American detachments, but so far as is known no detachments have been sent to investigate the report.

From Chihuahua City information was received that Pablo Lopez, Villa lieutenant, caught near Santa Ysabel, where last February he murdered eighteen Americans, has not been executed. He is being allowed to recover from his wounds before being put to death.

## ELEVENTH HOUR DISFRANCHISEMENT

M. M. Ahrens, the well known merchant and his wife have been disfranchised by County Clerk Gardner at the last minute—too late to straighten matters out. He registered before registration closed, April 29, and heard nothing from it until May 19, when he received a formal notice from Mr. Gardner that his registration had been refused.

Mr. Ahrens came to the United States when a babe of 18 months, and his father was naturalized during his boyhood. His citizenship has been recognized by Uncle Sam for home-steading, and he has voted without question during his six years' residence in Medford.

Prosecutor Kelly says that he is entitled to vote, under the law. Clerk Gardner says he is not. Mr. Ahrens says, "I have voted without question all of my life since attaining my majority. If my registration had been acted promptly upon it would not have been so bad. But action was delayed by the county clerk, who boasts of his promptness and efficiency, until too late for me to send for my father's registration papers."

## STATE FIELD MEET HELD AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., May 13.—The best track and field athletes of Oregon high schools participated here today in the annual state interscholastic track meet. There were 157 entrants, representing twenty-six schools in the various events. The preliminaries were held this morning and the finals were to be run off this afternoon.

## COOL AND FAIR FOR COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday made by the weather bureau today say:

"Generally fair and cool weather will prevail during the week over the Rocky mountain and plateau regions and the Pacific states."