

FORECAST  
RAIN TONIGHT  
AND TOMORROW

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Maximum Yesterday 69;  
Min. Today 55; Precip. .08.

Forty-ninth Year  
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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## MEXICO DENIES U. S. PLEAS IN MEMORANDUM

**Carranza Expresses Surprise That America Paired by Own Note—Asks Proof of Allegiance With Bandits—Uphold Troop Attitude—Considered as Reply.**

MEXICO CITY, June 30.—The foreign office today issued a memorandum in reply to Secretary Lansing's recent note in which the correctness of assertions in the communication from Washington were repeatedly denied. The memorandum declares that the United States has no right to maintain its armed forces on Mexican soil.

The memorandum contains 25 counts. Although not in the form of a direct reply to the Washington note, it is considered equivalent to an answer to that document.

It expresses surprise that the Washington government should have been pained at the tone and contents of the Carranza document, since it maintains that the United States has sent the constitutionalist government not only one, but many discourteous and even overbearing notes.

Emphatically reiterating the Mexican government's position denying the right of the United States to keep armed bodies in Mexico, the memorandum denies energetically that the Mexican government has protected bandits, who had committed depredations in the United States and defied Washington to produce proof of the assertion.

Blame for the Santa Ysabel massacre was laid on the so-called impulsive and irascible disposition of Charles Watson, general manager of the Cushmaniahe company; and General Scott and General Funston are accused of bad faith and lack of honor in misleading General Obregon into an alleged evasive reply regarding the crossing of American troops into Mexico after the Glenn Springs raid.

The memorandum asserts that while it is true that the United States arrested General Huerta, the motive which prompted this act was not a purpose of aiding the constitutionalist government, but because the United States feared General Huerta was plotting with Germany.

The note concludes by declaring that the presence of American troops in Mexico invites rather than prevents bandit raids along the border.

The memorandum was issued at the same time that the foreign office authorized the publication of Secretary Lansing's recent note.

## 'MASH' NOTES BY SCORE WRITTEN TO WILL ORPET

WAUKESHA, Ill., June 30.—Testimony that the spot in Hett's woods where Marion Lambert died of poison was in full view of an interurban railway station and therefore never would have been selected for a deliberately planned murder, was given today by Dale M. Brooks, a civil engineer, in the trial of Will H. Orpet, charged with the murder of Miss Lambert.

While the engineer was testifying, Orpet looked over his shoulder with him every day from all parts of the country, from Halifax, Spokane and Tampa. Most of them are from strangers and generally express sympathy.

Brooks described in detail the vicinity of the spot where Marion died, giving distances from it to the adjacent roads and streets. He was followed by James Anderson, Jr., who confirmed Brooks' statements.

**Iowa Militia Reports**  
DES MOINES, Ia., June 30.—Members of the first cavalry Iowa national guard, who two days ago refused to take the federal oath, have decided to reconsider their refusal, it was reported today. Final decision in the matter will be left to the adjutant general.

## MEXICANS CLAIM U. S. SQUAD KILL BORDER GUARD

**Juarez Reports Invasion by Troopers and Civil Population Indignant—General Bell Orders Probe—Return Equipment of Released Negro Captives—Doubt Assault Story.**

EL PASO, June 30.—A Mexican line rider, belonging to the customs service, was shot and killed last night by a squad of American soldiers, who rode across the Rio Grande into Mexican territory near Yaleta, 12 miles east of El Paso, according to a report received by General Gonzalez in Juarez today.

Captain George Vidmar, in command of the American patrol at Yaleta, said that he had heard nothing about any shooting and did not believe his soldiers fired across the border.

Mexican officials claimed that the guard, named Juan Moreno, was riding along the Mexican side of the river in performance of his duty with a fellow customs guard, when the Americans opened fire without warning. The story told by the survivor, placed the number of Americans at eight.

Considerable indignation was expressed in Juarez over the affair, and General Gonzalez sent a complaint to General Bell. General Bell said he would detail officers to make an investigation. Pending receipt of their report, he would not discuss the incident.

The military supplies lost in the Carrizal fight, arrived in Juarez this morning from Chihuahua. General Bell was notified and arranged to take them over. They consisted of 27 horses, 53 rifles, a number of pistols and several thousand cartridges and other articles of equipment.

The negro troopers of the Tenth, brought here from Chihuahua arrived at the hospital at Fort Bliss where they were inspected for contagious diseases.

A number of officers, other than Gomez were among the dead at Carrizal, they said.

## BETHLEHEM STEEL MERGER UPHELD

PHILADELPHIA, June 30.—Judge McPherson in the United States court of appeals today refused to interfere with the plan of the Bethlehem Steel company to purchase the assets of the Pennsylvania Steel company of New York, a holding corporation, and its subsidiaries. The decision was given in the appeal of Clarence H. Verner of New York, a stockholder, who charges that proposed consolidation violates the federal anti-trust law.

## GOTHAM GANGSTER DIES IN CHAIR

SING SING, N. Y., June 30.—Orestis Shillitani was executed in the state prison here this morning for the murder three years ago of two New York policemen who were attempting to arrest him for killing a third man in a quarrel about a girl.

Shillitani made no pretense of insanity during his trial but became apparently crazed with terror in the death house a few weeks ago when 150 other prisoners were executed.

**Utah Troops on Border**  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—The first of the National Guardsmen to reach a border station was one battalion of the Utah artillery that went into camp at Nogales this afternoon. Two regiments of the Illinois guardsmen will reach San Antonio late today.

## NEGROES RETURN EASES TENSION BORDER POINTS

**Story of No Ill-Treatment by Mexican Officials Has Effect—Troopers Talk With Captain Morey—Twenty-three Watermelons for the Captives**

EL PASO, Tex., June 30.—Tension which had gripped the border since the Carrizal encounter relaxed perceptibly today as a result of the safe return to American soil of the twenty-three troopers of the tenth cavalry and the American scout taken prisoner in the engagement.

Stories told by the soldiers that they had suffered no ill-treatment at the hands of the troopers of the de facto Mexican government and that every effort had been made to control violence manifested by the inflamed civil population at Villa Ahumada and Chihuahua City, where the prisoners were stoned and jeered, had marked effect here.

In official circles in Juarez the Mexican city across the Rio Grande, news dispatches that the return of the negro soldiers had averted the possibility of immediate retaliatory steps by the United States were received with obvious satisfaction.

When Captain Morey visited his troopers in the Fort Bliss barracks last night they lauded him as one from the dead, having believed he could not survive the wounds he sustained at Carrizal. Captain Morey was too weak to stand the ordeal of a lengthy discussion of the fight with his men. However, he chatted with them for about half an hour, the negro troopers manifesting joy at again meeting their leader.

Twenty-three watermelons, the gift of a local commission merchant, were awaiting the twenty-three negro troopers when they arrived at Fort Bliss. Military discipline did not prevent their satisfying their appetites immediately.

"Oh, boy, you don't know how good this tastes after those Mexican frijoles," one of the twenty-three exclaimed as he sank his teeth into a melon.

General Francisco Gonzalez, commanding the Juarez garrison, announced he expected to receive the arms, horses and equipment of the negro troopers from Chihuahua today, and that he would turn them over immediately to General Bell.

## ASK CLEMENCY BE GIVEN CASEMENT FOR IRISH GOOD

LONDON, June 30.—The Manchester Guardian, one of the most influential papers in the country, makes a direct plea for clemency for Sir Roger Casement.

While admitting that no other sentence but that of death could have been pronounced by the court, the Guardian says:

"Casement was a fanatic and his crimes, like those of many other fanatics, are free from the taint of selfishness and madness. The death penalty will do nothing to kill such dreams as his. Rather it will give them life.

"For the sake of the new Ireland which we hope to see, it is a moment for clemency."

An indirect plea for mercy is made by other papers on the ground that the execution of Casement would not assist in solving the Irish problem.

## DENY AMERICAN TRUCK TRAINS SENT BACK

COLUMBUS, N. M., June 30.—Officials here today said the line of communications was entirely open. They denied a report that truck trains bound from Columbus to Columbus, Dablan had been turned back last night through fear of a Mexican force of 2000 men. They said that no truck train had left Columbus and that none was then ready to leave.

## ORDERS CENSORSHIP ON MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS



## BERLIN CLAIMS REPULSE ALLIED WESTERN MOVES

BERLIN, June 30, via London.—Attacks by the British and French at various places along the western front yesterday and last night were repulsed by German troops, the war office announced tonight.

The official statement adds: "South of Tabora and near Maloua de Champagne, advancing French detachments were sanguinarily repulsed."

"On the left bank of the Meuse we made progress on Hill 304."

"The total of prisoners taken since June 22 was 79 officers and 3,702 men."

"On the evening of June 27 Lieutenant Rooke shot down his 19th enemy aeroplane near the Thalmont farm and Lieutenant Harschau brought down his fifth enemy aeroplane near Peronne."

"Eastern front: Apart from an encounter which resulted in our favor, north of Lake Ison southwest of Dvinsk, nothing of moment is reported from the north of the front."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Linsingen: Counter attacks were made on positions from which our troops recently drove the Russians were futile. We captured more than 100 prisoners."

## ISSUE BONDS FOR WAR EXPENSES

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Authority of congress to issue bonds necessary to meet extraordinary expenses in connection with the Mexican emergency will be sought by the administration as a result of an agreement reached today by Secretary McAdoo, Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Representative Kuylenstierna, chairman of the house ways and means committee.

## Northwest Golf Tourney

SPOKANE, Wash., June 30.—Forty-eight matches are on the program today for the opening of the inland empire open championship tournament on the Spokane Tennis club's courts. Players from ten northwest cities have entered. In the first round Miron Hutchinson, a high school youth, who won the Idaho state championship last week, is to meet T. W. Bailey, one of the ranking players of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club.

## AUSTRIANS FLEE IN PANIC ON EASTERN FRONT

**Petrograd Reports Capture of Village on Dneister—Czar's Troops in Persia Withdraw—Italian Offensive Continues Unabated in Trentino Sector.**

PETROGRAD, June 30, via London.—The war office announced today the capture of the town of Oberline, south of the Dneister river, and villages north and south of that point.

The statement follows: "In the region south of the Dneister we are pursuing the enemy. The Austrians, panic-stricken in their flight, are leaving behind a large number of covers. Military material and more prisoners have been brought in."

"According to telegrams received here, the town of Oberline was taken after a fight, as well as villages in the neighborhood north and south. Northwest of the confluence of the River Eps and Styur our detachments approached unperceived the settlement of Gubane and took possession. After having put the garrison of Gubane to the bayonet, we took possession of the village, to which the enemy had fled in panic. Some prisoners were taken by us."

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 30, via London.—Russian troops in Persia have withdrawn from their fortified positions near Kerind after two desperate attacks which were repulsed by the Turks, says today's official Turkish announcement.

ROME, June 30, via London.—The Italian offensive on the Trentino front continues unchecked. The war office announcement today says that in the Arsa valley the Italians occupied the valley Marbia line and the slopes of Monte Spiel. Along the Posna they captured Grise, Monte Cigari and Monte Sogli Bianchi. On the upper Riva they won possession of the summit of Zellenkofel.

## TAUSCHER FREED PLOT TO WRECK WELLAND CANAL

NEW YORK, June 30.—Hans Tauscher, former German army officer, was acquitted today by a jury of conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal.

Judge Hand in his charge instructed the jurors that if they found that Tauscher knowingly furnished the dynamite or the pistols they must find him guilty of conspiracy.

"Testimony which I do not find has been disputed," the court said, "has been adduced to show that Von Der Goltz, sent by and equipped by Captain Von Papen, did go to Canada, and finding the canal guarded by soldiers, returned to this country. The only matter of dispute is whether Tauscher was aware of the purpose for which Von Der Goltz and Captain Von Papen wanted the dynamite and the pistols furnished by Tauscher."

## GONZALES TAKES RICAUT'S PLACE

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., June 30.—It was reported on good authority in Matamoros and here today that General Pablo Gonzales, former commander of Mexico City, and successor of General Carranza, has been detailed to command the Mexican border forces opposite this section, succeeding General Ricaut. The report could not be officially confirmed.

## Imprisoned on Ships

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Many of the 1300 refugees from Mexico at Galveston on the navy tender Dixie and other vessels probably will be compelled to stay aboard ship for at least a week.

## CROWNPRINCE'S HILL 304 GAIN LOST TO FRENCH

**Teutons Strive to Gain Initiative on West Front—Artillery Duel on Belgian Front—Franco-British Forces Check German Advances at All Points.**

Paris today announces that the German crown prince's troops carried a redoubt east of Hill No. 304 in the Verdun region, literally crushing its defenders, but that a spirited counter attack ultimately drove them out.

Lively engagements, chiefly between artillery forces and patrol detachments, continue along the British front and large sections of the French line, south of the Argonne. The Germans apparently are endeavoring to wrest the initiative from the Franco-British forces.

PARIS, June 30.—In a terrific attack upon the French position east of Hill 304, in the Verdun sector, the Germans captured a fortified work in the first line of the French trenches after the garrison had been literally buried under a storm of shells. The position was recaptured by a brilliant French counter attack, according to an official statement issued by the French war office today.

The Germans also delivered a powerful attack on the French positions in Avocourt wood and west of Hill 304, but all their efforts are declared to have been checked, with heavy losses to the attackers. Considerable activity is reported on the front from Neuport to the Aisne.

The statement says: "In Belgium last night at about 11 o'clock, following a preparatory artillery fire, German forces attacked a salient of our line far from the road between Neuport and Lombaertzyde. A counter attack was immediately delivered which drove the enemy out of one section of trenches which he had gained between Chauvines and Roze. A strong German reconnoitering party, caught under our fire, was dispersed before it could reach our trenches."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne two other German patrols were dispersed in a like manner, one in front of Quennevillers, the other northeast of Vingres."

"The Champagne district: An enemy attack with hand grenades upon our advanced positions west of Butte de Meaulx was easily repulsed."

## BOSTON CATCHER KNOCKS CLARKE GRIFFITHS FLAT

BOSTON, June 30.—Agnew, catcher for Boston, was arrested and removed from the American league park in the third inning of today's game, after he had knocked down Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team. The fight followed a row between Mays, Boston pitcher, and McBride, captain of the Washingtons. McBride threw a bat at Mays, after being hit by a pitched ball.

Players of both teams rushed on the diamond and for a time a free for all fight threatened. The police interfered and when Griffith had been carried into the club house, Agnew was arrested and McBride put off the field, the game resumed.

## WAR RISK RATES TO MEXICAN PORTS

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Mexican and Central American ports were added today to the federal war risk's bureau's special list to which no insurance on either ships or cargoes is issued, except on arrangement direct with headquarters here. Such risks are made at special premiums. Officials of the bureau declined to say whether or not developments in the Mexican situation were responsible for their action.