

FORECAST
FAIR TONIGHT
AND TOMORROW.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum yesterday 91;
Min. Today 58.

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SLAVS RETAKE GROUND LOST TO TURKISH FORCES

Grand Duke Nicholas Resumes Of- fensive in Armenia and Persia— Six Great Russian Armies in Field —Heavy Battle Raging Along the Stokhod River.

LONDON, July 13.—The recovery of the Russian armies since their defeat last year and the apparently inexhaustible supplies of guns and ammunition with which they are provided continues to be a source of wonder to military writers. At least six great armies are engaged against the Austrians and Germans on Russia's west front. All of them are using great quantities of ammunition, even those not definitely on the offensive.

The forces under Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these forces, particularly those west of Erzerum, were compelled to fall back in the face of a stronger Turkish army.

Recapture Turkish City.

Early this week the grand duke resumed the offensive in this region and recaptured Mamakhatum, fifty miles west of Erzerum, so that the Turks have fallen back some twenty-five miles from the furthest point reached in their counter-offensive.

Meanwhile, the armies directly south of the Pinsk marshes are fighting a pitched battle with the Austro-German forces of General von Linsingen along the line of the Stokhod river. It probably will be some days before the decision is reached, as the Teutons have brought up very strong reinforcements in the hope of retaining possession of Kovel, loss of which would necessitate a regrouping over a long stretch of the front.

North of the Pinsk marshes the fighting at present is largely with artillery. In Galicia, the Russian armies are reforming for continuation of the offensive.

Seventh Attack on Verdun.

In the west the renewed efforts of the German crown prince at Verdun temporarily are taking precedent in the public mind over the battle of the Somme.

The attack just delivered by the Germans before Verdun is the seventh great onslaught with dense masses of troops since the operations began some five months ago. The Germans have made a slight gain, but apparently this has not lessened the confidence of the French in their ability to hold fast. They still have their three solid lines of defense, which must be penetrated before the German objective can be gained. The British are still engaged in clearing the Germans from fortified positions, which must be taken before the general offensive can be renewed.

FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 13.—Mrs. Matt Dixon of Pomeroy, Wash., was perhaps fatally injured and her husband badly injured when the automobile in which they were riding plunged over the dangerous Marengo Hill between Marengo and Pomeroy, about 30 miles east of here last night.

Mr. Dixon attempted to shift gears on his car, lost control of the machine and it backed over the grade, falling 200 feet. Mrs. Dixon still is unconscious.

STRIKING RANGE MINERS NEED FUNDS

DULUTH, Minn., July 13.—Striking range miners are in need of funds, according to the admission today of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, I. W. W. leader, that the object of her mission is to solicit donations for the continuance of the strike.

TROLLEY CAR WITH TWENTY PASSENGERS FALLS INTO SUBWAY

NEW YORK, July 13.—A trolley car with twenty passengers is reported to have fallen through a Brooklyn street into a subway excavation beneath. Four ambulances have been sent to the scene.

FIGHTING ALONG THE SOMME RIVER LINE CONTINUES

LONDON, July 13.—Fighting continues at various points along the battle front in the region of the river Somme in France, but there has been no change in the situation on any part of the British line, says an official statement issued by the British war department this afternoon. Attempts of the Germans to raid the trenches west of Wysehaete and south of La Basse canal were frustrated.

The official statement, timed 2 o'clock this afternoon, says:

"Heavy artillery duels were in progress on several sectors of the battle area since the last report, and fighting continues at various points on the front, but there was no change in the situation on any part of our line.

"West of Wysehaete and south of La Basse canal, the enemy attempted to raid our trenches, but he was driven off in each case.

"Despite unfavorable weather, our aeroplanes have been constantly at work. Hostile machines were active, but all their attacks on our aeroplanes operating over the German lines were driven off. One of our aeroplanes is missing."

SEVEN KILLED IN GOTHAM EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, July 13.—Four persons were killed and a number of other injured by the explosion of an ammonia tank in a butcher shop today. The building in which the shop was located collapsed, burying the occupants beneath it. The work of digging the bodies out of the ruins proceeded slowly. An hour after the explosion it was estimated that between 20 and 30 persons had been taken to hospitals, some of them fatally injured.

Ambulances and firemen were rushed to the scene and the work of extricating the victims from the ruins of the building was begun. It was said there were five employees and about that number of customers in the butcher shop when the explosion occurred. The top floor of the three story building was unoccupied.

AMERICAN LINE GIANT SUBMARINES

BALTIMORE, July 13.—Regarding reports of the forming of a company in the United States to construct merchant submarines, Henry G. Hilken of the Eastern Forwarding company, the local agency for the Deutschland, admitted that the project is under serious consideration.

"If the plan succeeds," Mr. Hilken said, "the line will consist of American built ships manned by American seamen and flying the American flag. It will ply between Baltimore and Bremen."

Promoters of the enterprise, Mr. Hilken said, consisted for the present of himself, his son, Paul H. Hilken, and Simon Lake, submarine inventor. The vessels, if the line materializes, will have a tonnage of 5000 and will be five times as large as the Deutschland, Mr. Hilken added. They will be used entirely for commercial purposes.

HUMAN EATING SHARK SLAIN ON JERSEY COAST

Monster Fish Whose Stomach Con- tained Part of a Human Body Killed at Keyport, N. J.—Four Persons Killed and Several Are Maimed—Reign of Terror.

NEW YORK, July 13.—A monster shark, whose stomach contained part of a human body, was killed at Keyport, N. J., today according to information received at the weather bureau here from the observer at Long Beach, N. J.

The waters of the Atlantic seaboard are infested with sharks. While hundreds of armed men in motor boats were patrolling the New Jersey coast today in search of the man-eating monsters which have caused the death of four bathers, the British sloop Sir George Somers arrived from Bermuda with a score of sharks the crew had caught in the Gulf stream during their twelve days' voyage to this port.

Eleven Feet Long.

The last was caught off the New Jersey coast the day before yesterday. The crew said that the big fish were numerous and hungry. They followed the ship and snapped viciously at bait. Those caught were pulled in with hook and line and killed as they were hoisted aboard.

Bread of the monsters has virtually cleared the middle Atlantic coast beaches of bathers, according to reports received here today, while many summer resort proprietors are inclosing their bathing places with steel nets.

The shark killed today weighed 300 pounds and was eleven feet long. It was killed near the mouth of Matawan Creek, N. J., and is undoubtedly the same fish which yesterday invaded the creek and killed two persons, the weather bureau's information says.

MATAWAN, N. J., July 13.—Hundreds of armed men in rowboats and launches were hunting today for the man eating shark that yesterday killed a boy and a man and dangerously injured another youth in Matawan Creek, and caused a reign of terror along the New Jersey coast.

It was reported this morning that another man, named Baldwin, was attacked and killed by a shark at Keyport, N. J., at the mouth of the creek.

The body of Lester Stillwell, 12 years of age, has not been recovered, and it is believed the shark devoured the lad.

W. Vanley Fisher, 24 years old, who was attacked by the shark when he tried to rescue the Stillwell boy, died upon reaching the shore.

Boy's Injuries Fatal.

Joseph Ralph Dunn, ten years old, was in a precarious condition in New Brunswick hospital today, where it was said the injuries he received from the shark, might prove fatal.

The scare that has been felt along the New Jersey shore, mainly in summer resorts, since the first shark raid on bathers, has virtually suspended all beach bathing. Even at Coney Island precautions were taken against a visit of the shark. The tragedy yesterday was all the more startling because it occurred in waters sixteen miles from the ocean.

Matawan creek is a tidal water stream about fifty feet wide, and from eight to fifteen feet deep. It empties into Raritan bay. The mouth of the creek is at Keyport. The shark, to get there from the Atlantic ocean, had to round Sandy Hook and

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QUINAGA GARRISON MAY JOIN VILLISTAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 13.—Information indicating that the garrison at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex., would join the considerable body of Villa's men moving northward, instead of resisting them, was received at General Pineda's headquarters today. Many of the 700 men under Colonel Rojas, commanding at Ojinaga, formerly were in Villa's command.

TWO DREADNAUGHTS LOST BY GERMANS IN BATTLE OF JUTLAND

WASHINGTON, July 13.—An Admiralty cablegram to the British embassy says that positive proof has been found that the two great German dreadnaughts, Kaiser and Kron Prinz were sunk by torpedoes during the battle of Jutland, and that they now have been added to the official British list of German ships destroyed. The Kaiser was of 24,700 tons displacement and carried ten 12-inch 50-caliber guns. The Kron Prinz carried ten 12-inch, 45-caliber guns. She displaced 25,575 tons.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN PROGRESS ALONG WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, July 13.—There was no infantry fighting of importance last night on the Verdun front, or over the portion of the Somme front, held by the French, today's official report says. Intermittent artillery engagements occurred in the Somme sector. In the vicinity of Souville, Chenois and Lauffe, before Verdun, a heavy bombardment was maintained by the Germans.

In the Champagne the French penetrated a salient of the German front and took prisoners. Two German raids in the Argonne were stopped by the French fire.

The statement says: "There have been intermittent artillery exchanges along the front of the Somme. In the Champagne district, we penetrated a salient of the German line in the vicinity of Prosmes, and brought back some prisoners.

"In the Argonne, two surprise attacks delivered by the enemy on the northern and eastern portions of the Bolante salient failed under our fire. At La Fille Morte, we caused the explosion of a mine and then occupied the southern side of the crater.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, there has been no infantry fighting. During the night, however, there was an intense bombardment in the sectors of Souville, Chenois and La Lauffe.

"In the Vosges, an attack by the enemy upon one of our trenches south of Carspach, has been repulsed after a spirited engagement with hand grenades."

GERMANS DRIVE RUSSIANS BACK

BERLIN, July 13.—German troops under command of General Count von Bothmer, by an encircling counter-attack, have driven back the Russian forces which had pushed forward in the region northwest of Buczacz, in Galicia, says the German official statement issued today. The Germans took 400 prisoners.

The text of the statement says: "Eastern theater: Army group of General Count von Bothmer; German troops, by an encircling counter-attack, carried near and to the north of Olesza, northwest of Buczacz, drove back the Russian troops, which had pushed forward, and more than 400 prisoners were taken."

BANK OF ENGLAND RAISES DISCOUNT RATE

LONDON, July 13.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was raised from 5 to 6 per cent today. The rise is purely a precautionary measure to protect exchange and re-align balances which would otherwise seek employment in New York. The authorities here found it necessary to raise the value of money to well above New York.

LIFT EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS ACROSS BORDER

State Department Permits Movement of All Commodities Except Muni- tions of War—Pershing Reports Renewal of Friendly Relations Be- tween Natives and Americans.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Authority from the state department to permit restoration to normal of movement into Mexico of all commodities except munitions of war was asked today by the treasury department.

Crisis Is Averted.

General Pershing reported today that it was generally believed both by Mexicans and foreigners along the line of communication of his expedition that a crisis between the United States and Mexico had been averted and that this had brought about a new friendly relationship between the Americans and Mexicans.

"Mexicans in this vicinity and along the railroad," the dispatch said, "are reported very friendly towards Americans in the last few days. It is generally believed that trouble between the United States and Mexico has been settled. The rainy season is on in earnest, heavy rains being reported from the various stations along the line during the last few days. Will report within a day or two effects of rain upon roads and general prospects regarding road maintenance."

Embargo Is Removed.

Customs collectors along the border have been instructed upon request of the state department to permit railroad rolling stock to enter Mexico by equitable exchange of cars. For every car permitted to enter Mexico, the order stipulates, a car from Mexico shall enter American territory. The collectors also are instructed not to interfere with shipment of food and clothing into Mexico. It is understood, however, the present method of handling war munitions destined to points beyond the border shall continue in force until further notice.

FIVE COLONELS TO BE RETIRED

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Five regular army colonels, with regiments on the border or in Mexico, have been ordered on recommendation of medical examiners, before retirement boards on account of physical disability. The officers are:

Colonel George H. Sands, attached to the Eleventh cavalry; Colonel James Lockett, commanding the Eleventh cavalry; Colonel Jacob G. Galbraith, attached to the Third cavalry; Colonel William C. Brown, commanding the Tenth cavalry; Colonel Charles W. Penrose, commanding the Twenty-Fourth infantry.

Rigors of camp life in the southern climate and the strenuous work of chasing bandits, are said to be responsible for the condition of the colonels.

CONGRESS DEBATING WATER POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The house today took up the water power leasing bill, with the intention of completing its consideration in time to take up and complete also, if possible, before adjournment, the Rucker corrupt practices bill. An agreement has been reached to vote on both measures Friday.

The water power bill has passed the senate. The Rucker bill, in many respects, is similar to the Owen bill, pending in the senate. Both measures propose to restrict aggregate expenses of candidates for the United States senate to \$5,000 each and of the house to half that amount. They prescribe that a presidential and vice-presidential candidate shall expend not more than \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

BOY KILLED WHEN COASTER COLLIDES WITH AUTO TRUCK

PARTLAND, Ore., July 13.—George Las Pointe, aged 10, was killed and his sister, Louise, aged 7, and Norman Letourneau, aged 7, were seriously injured here today when a coaster wagon on which they were descending a hill, ran into an auto truck.

DEATH AN HOUR RECORD MAINTAINED STRICKEN BABES

NEW YORK, July 13.—A slight decrease in the number of new cases and a marked increase in the number of deaths during the last 24 hours in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was shown in the daily bulletin issued by the department of health at noon today. During the 24 hours preceding 10 o'clock this morning 24 children died from the plague and there were 117 new cases in the greater city.

Since the beginning of the epidemic June 26, 1175 children have been stricken and there have been 311 deaths or a mortality rate of more than 20 per cent.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 13.—Dr. H. L. K. Shaw, head of the division of child hygiene, New York state health department said today he feared that the epidemic of infantile paralysis in New York state would grow more serious.

"I do not wish to be an alarmist," said Dr. Shaw, "but in all past epidemics the disease has become more virulent as the summer progresses. August and September are the worst months."

The speaker said that the disease could not be traced to a milk supply, and that the only point of entry was the nose. Fleas may be carriers, as well as human beings, he said.

DEUTSCHLAND'S CARGO UNLOADED

BALTIMORE, July 13.—Unloading of the cargo of the German submarine Deutschland was completed early today and the ship's rise revealed that the estimates of her size have been exaggerated. Instead of being more than 300 feet long and 30 feet wide, her length is not more than 250 feet and her width is less than 25 feet. Her over-all draft, figured submerged, shows that she needs at least 32 feet for complete submergence.

The crew of the Deutschland decided to turn over to the Red Cross fund the \$10,000 gift for valor given by a New Yorker.

TRY TO DYNAMITE IRON RANGE TRAIN

TWO HARBORS, Minn., July 13.—An attempt was made last night to dynamite trains on the Duluth and Iron Range railroad, about two miles north of here at the Little Stewart river bridge. A guard posted at the bridge, reported he found the explosive.

According to his statement, he was patrolling his beat, just covering the bridge and approaches. Since the inception of the strike, the railroad company has posted armed guards at all bridges.

Golfers Disqualified

BOSTON, July 13.—It was learned today that the Woodland Golf club of Newton, which snubbed its members, Francis Oulmet, J. H. Sullivan, Jr., and Paul Peckebury, who were declared ineligible, have been stricken from membership in another body.

SLIGHT PROSPECT OF PEACE WITHIN COMING YEAR

Dr. Aked in Visit to Berlin Finds Naval Battle Stiffened War Party —Hope of Moderate Peace Terms Dispelled—Gloomy Outlook for Success of Efforts of Conference.

STOCKHOLM, June 22 (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Regardless of the decision history ultimately will record as to victor and vanquished in the great North sea naval fight of May 31 and June 1, there is no denying the fact that the battle brought a sudden stiffening to the so-called "war party" in Germany. All talk of Germany being willing to end the war on a basis of the ante-bellum status quo ended.

It is being given out now from neutral Europe that Germany will require "a slight rectification of her frontier at the expense of Belgium." It is further asserted that it will be necessary for the central powers to keep a strip of Serbia in order that the railroad to Constantinople shall always run through "friendly country."

Now Wants Belgium.

Germany always has maintained that her colonies should be returned to her. It is now added that there must be compensation for German losses in the Congo. Something also must be done, it is stated, "to keep Belgium from being the vassal state of England."

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco, one of the American delegates to the neutral conference for continuous mediation sitting in Stockholm, was in Berlin on a mission of peace at the time of the North sea fight. It is commonly reported he was there by invitation of the German government. At any rate, he seems to have had no difficulty in obtaining audiences from most of the higher officials. The peace conference had entertained the hope that Germany would outline peace terms of a character so extremely moderate as to command immediate respect in all the neutral countries, thus bringing about a public opinion to which belligerents eventually would have to listen.

Gloomy Peace Prospects.

Dr. Aked brought back a very gloomy report. There seemed to be no thought anywhere that the war would end within another year. The new statement of peace terms that would be demanded by the now dominant "war party" coupled with the governmental announcement that peace could be had only upon a basis of consideration for the military situation of the opposing armies and without consideration or discussion as to the cause of the war, appears to have chilled even the most ardent of the peace advocates abiding in the Swedish capital. Just a short while before the naval battle the German element in Stockholm was proclaiming the fact that Germany was willing to bring hostilities to a close and to evacuate all occupied territory in exchange for the captured German colonies over seas.

Dr. Aked is said to have suggested to officials in Berlin that the neutral nations would not look with favor upon German retention of any of Belgium and to have received the answer:

No Dictation by Neutrals.

"The neutral nations are not going to dictate to the 120,000,000 of the central powers. We have bought the land of Belgium with our blood. Germany must be protected against future attacks. Shall we give back all we have won at such great cost? Shall we give up the valuable coal

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STANDARD OIL PLANT BURNS, LOSS \$250,000

CHICAGO, July 13.—An early morning fire at Whiting, Ind., today damaged four sections of the immense Standard Oil company plant to the extent of \$250,000. The fire was caused by the bursting of a radiator and the flames were transmitted through four battery condensers. Three workmen were injured following an explosion.