

FORECAST
FAIR TODAY
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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum yesterday 79;
Min. today 51.

MEDFORD OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1916

NO. 108

AUSTRIA ADMITS RETREAT BEFORE SLAVS AT BRODY

Withdrawal of Teutons in Northeastern Galicia Recorded—Russians Take 6250 Prisoners—Pursuit of Turks Continues—British Shelling German Lines on Somme.

BERLIN, July 27.—An Austrian withdrawal before superior Russian pressure north of Brody in northeastern Galicia is announced by Austro-Hungarian army headquarters in its report of July 26.

PETROGRAD, July 27.—In the battle of Tuesday on the Russian western front, 6,250 Teutons were taken prisoner, says the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. The Russians also captured five guns and 22 machine guns.

Russian forces operating in the Caucasus are continuing their pursuit of the retreating Turks, the statement says. In the Turkish fortress of Erzingan, the capture of which was reported yesterday, the Russians took a depot of war materials.

Russians Repulsed.
BERLIN, July 27.—Russian troops last night made a futile storming attack against the German positions on the Schlitzschara river, northwest of Barnovitch, it was announced by the German general staff today. The Russians, it is added, also were sanquarily repulsed in the region west of Berestechk.

Renew Bombardment.
LONDON, July 27.—Heavy shelling of the German lines on the Somme front by British guns is in progress, following the British success in capturing Pozieres. Apparently, this is in preparation for a renewal of the attack.
Throughout the night British troops continued to press the Germans with hand to hand encounters at various points on the Somme front in France, says the official British statement, issued today.

German Report.
MERRIN, July 27.—British hand grenade attacks against the German lines to the west of the town of Pozieres, in the Somme region, were repulsed yesterday, according to the announcement made by the German army headquarters today.

South of the River Somme a French attack launched at a point northeast of Barleux, failed the statement adds.
In the Verdun region several strong French attacks were carried out in the region of Froide Terre and Fleury, but they were repulsed. Fighting continues at some points.

CROP DAMAGE SENDS WHEAT SOARING

CHICAGO, July 27.—Sensational crop damage reports from the northwest, including southern Manitoba, gave a sudden upward whirl today to the price of wheat. On some transactions, the rise equaled 4-1-2 and 4-5-8 cents a bushel, the September delivery, touching \$1.24 1-4 as against \$1.19 5-8 and 3-4 at yesterday's finish.
Black rust and heat blight were said to be extending the damage area rapidly to the north. Estimates of yields appeared to be valueless as the crop was shrinking constantly in quantity and quality, as well.

CHICAGO LABORITES SENTENCED TO PRISON

CHICAGO, July 27.—Fourteen labor leaders, convicted a short time ago of conspiracy to extort and destroy property during a strike were sentenced today, after a motion for a new trial had been overruled. Six were sentenced to serve penitentiary terms, ranging from one to three years, and the others to pay fines of from \$500 to \$2,000.

BORDER DIFFICULTIES WITH MEXICO NEAR PEACEFUL SOLUTION

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Prospects of an early agreement between the American and Mexican governments to submit the border agreements to a joint commission were described as brighter today after Acting Secretary Polk again conferred with Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador. There is every reason to believe that as a result of today's conference a definite announcement will soon be possible.

MIDDLE WESTERN STATES SWELTER IN TORRID HEAT

CHICAGO, July 27.—A period of intense heat in the western plains states unequalled in continuity and extremely high temperature since 1901, the year of the hot winds in Kansas, according to government weather bureau here, probably will continue through the remaining days of July. The forecaster announced today that not a leaf was stirring in the Canadian Northwest whence relief must come, and that there was every indication, that except in spots visited by local showers the drought would be severe.

At 7 o'clock this morning, Chicago with a temperature of 84 was the hottest point in the United States, with the exception of Yuma, Ariz. The lowest temperature for the night here was 82, the highest minimum in the records of the local weather bureau. Throughout the day the temperature steadily mounted reaching 98 at noon with the predictions that the thermometer would register approximately 100 at three o'clock.

Twice in fifteen years a higher temperature has been recorded—103 on July 21, 1901; and 102 on July 4 and 5, 1911.
The present heat wave began late in June and has continued with an absence of rain, causing serious damage to crops in Kansas and Oklahoma. Portions of Illinois and Missouri have also begun to show the effects of heat and drought. Wisconsin, Iowa and parts of Nebraska are in need of relief.

CASEMENT TRIAL REOPENED FRIDAY

LONDON, July 27.—Justice Darling announced today that the five judges who heard the appeal of Roger Casement against the sentence of death on the charge of high treason, in connection with the Dublin revolt, would sit tomorrow to "hear a possible application on behalf of the convict." The nature of the application was not disclosed.
The London news agency says that a public execution of Roger Casement is highly improbable and that failing special instructions from the government, arrangements to hold it in privacy at the Pentonville prison August 3, will be proceeded with.
According to some authorities executions for crimes, except those of murder must be public.

MEAT CUTTERS AT ST. LOUIS STRIKE

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 27.—Meat-cutters employed at the packing houses here of Swift & Co., Armour & Co. and Morris & Co. struck today.
Packing company officials say that about 300 men walked out, but labor leaders say nearly 3000 struck. The union leaders assert the strike is due to the discharge of fifty men who were leaders in a secret movement to organize the butchers.

BRITISH DENY WARSHIP SENT IN CHESAPEAKE

Admiral Commanding Squadron Denies That Cruiser Had Spied Upon Submarine—American Warship Patrols Water to Enforce Neutrality—Deutschland Still in Harbor.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, informed Acting Secretary Polk today that he had received a message from the admiral commanding the British squadron on the Atlantic, denying that a British warship had entered Chesapeake bay, as reported by the commander of the battleship Louisiana.

The ambassador said the British ships had strict orders not to enter the three-mile limit of American territorial waters to waylay the German submarine Deutschland or for any other purpose, and the admiral had reported their instructions had not been violated at any time.

Mr. Polk was told that the British admiral was very indignant over the report that one of his "cruisers" had made an incursion into Chesapeake bay.

The statement of the ambassador will be accepted by the state department. The commander of the Louisiana is being pressed by the navy for further details on his report that a craft which passed him at Lynn Haven inlet signalled "English cruiser." Some officers here are inclined to believe that the American officer was the victim of a hoax.

Neutrality Patrol.
NORFOLK, Va., July 27.—The armored cruiser North Carolina and three destroyers just outside Cape Henry, near the allied warship patrol line, worked slowly up and down today close to an English cruiser.

Supplemental reports on the mysterious appearance of an unidentified British cruiser within the capes Monday night were being prepared by naval officers here today for the navy department. Various details of the incident have gone forward to Washington at different times since Tuesday morning, but the department has expressed a desire for more. One point it is understood that it desires cleared up is why the cruiser was not seen leaving the capes. Thus far the only report of her being seen after she passed the battleship Louisiana on her upward journey has come from unofficial sources, which said they saw her on her outward journey near Cape Henry shortly before daylight.

Deutschland Inactive.

BALTIMORE, July 27.—If Captain Paul Koenig of the merchant submarine Deutschland plans to start today on the return voyage to Germany there was nothing going on this morning at the pier, where the submersible is berthed, that was any more indicative of departure than has been the case for the last few days.
Overnight developments, in fact, tended to increase the probability of a report late last night that it had been decided to hold the Deutschland here until some word has been received concerning her sister ship, the Bremen.

When Carl A. Lauderitz, German consul here, announced that the reception to Ambassador Von Bernstorff, which he had planned at his home for last evening, had been definitely postponed, he was asked when the Deutschland would leave.
"She will not leave for a week," answered Mr. Lauderitz.

IRISHMEN EJECTED FROM COMMONS

LONDON, July 27.—Laurence Ginnell, nationalist member of parliament for Northwest Heath, was suspended from the sitting of the house of commons this afternoon, according to the Exchange Telegraph company, for disorderly conduct. At first Mr. Ginnell refused to leave the sitting, when suspended. Later he withdrew from the house when the sergeant of arms approached him with four attendants. After he had left the chamber, the sitting was resumed.

BRITISH NOW HOLD ALL SECOND LINE GERMAN POSITIONS

PARIS, July 27.—The capture of the village of Pozieres from the Germans, military officers say, means that the British are in complete possession of the German second line in the Somme region. The fight for Pozieres lasted eleven days—from July 14 to July 25. The place was defended by 200 machine guns, of which all except thirty were destroyed or put out of action by the British artillery. The Bavarian defenders were practically annihilated.

NOTE OF PROTEST AGAINST BLACKLIST CABLED ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, July 27.—A note to Great Britain, objecting to the black listing of American business firms as an "invasion of neutral rights," was cabled to London late last night by the state department.
Officials hold the black list injures American houses in violation of international law. Issues will be taken up also, it is believed, with Great Britain's allies, who are understood to have urged the black list on the ground that their own merchants were suffering and British merchants profiting through failure of London to follow their lead in making war on all enemies, commercial as well as military.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Statements from a number of firms on the British trade black list insisted today that the newly-organized association to resist British domination of American commerce is not a representative body to deal with the question. It was said that at least 50 of the black listed firms have refused to join the organization.

SUBMARINE WAR ON LUMBER SHIPS

LONDON, July 27.—German submarines have started a relentless war against timber laden vessels in the North Sea. Four ships, all Norwegian, were reported to have been sunk today. They were the Bama, Siebrid, Juuo and Gentzern.

The captain and 12 men of the Gentzern were landed today at Shields, where they gave details of the destruction of their vessel. The German submarine commander, after examining the Norwegian vessel's papers, is quoted by members of the crew as saying:
"Well, I suppose I must do it. I am very sorry, but it is my duty. I am sick and tired of the whole business."
The ship was then saturated with paraffin and set on fire.

LARGE CAUSALTY LIST OF BRITISH OFFICERS

LONDON, July 27.—The severity of the fighting since the beginning of the present offensive on the western front is indicated by the list of casualties among officers, issued by the war office, showing for the first three weeks of July 1108 killed, 2834 wounded and 401 missing.
This makes the aggregate loss since the beginning of the war 10,105 killed, 21,200 wounded and 2462 missing.

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET WITH PARTY NOMINEES

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The national executive committee of the prohibition party was to meet here with J. Frank Hanly, candidate for president, and Ira C. Landrith, the party nominee for vice-president. Plans for the national campaign were to be mapped out. V. G. Hinshaw of Chicago is chairman of the committee.

AUTOIST KILLED WHEN CAR LEAPS BRIDGE AT YREKA

J. W. Holt of Medford Found Dead Beneath Overturned Car Five Miles From Yreka—Indications That He Was Speeding on Sharp Turn and Car Skidded Over Embankment.

C. W. Holt, a salesman for the A. W. Walker Auto Co., Medford, was found dead under his overturned car at bridge No. 1 on the Pacific highway, five miles north of Yreka, at 9 o'clock this morning by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keran, tourists from Los Angeles, who notified the coroner in Yreka. Holt was last seen in Yreka at 10:30 o'clock last night, when he set out for Medford. His watch was found stopped with the hands pointing to 10:55.

Marks at the scene seemed to indicate that he was speeding at the time of the accident, although Medford men who know the road conditions there say that such an accident might have happened with the car traveling only twenty miles an hour. Marks in the road indicate that the car skidded in taking the sharp turn right at the approach to the bridge, struck a pile of boulders and dropped into a gully about eight feet deep, turning over and pinning the driver underneath, crushing him in such a way that death was probably instantaneous. Fellow employes at the Walker Auto Co. consider Holt a careful, competent driver, and are inclined to discredit the theory that the accident was a result of speeding.

Holt, who was a member of the Elks, left Medford Saturday in a Grant Six demonstrator, and Saturday night attended the Elks smoker at Yreka. Sunday he left for a sales trip into Scott Valley, returning yesterday afternoon to Yreka.

Holt came to Medford last January from Butte, Mont., previous to that time living in Portland. He is survived by his wife, a boy of 9 and a baby.

A. W. Walker left this morning for the scene of the accident.

\$2,000,000 FOR MILITIA FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, July 27.—An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for relief of dependent families of enlisted men in the organized militia and regular army in service on the Mexican emergency was agreed upon in the senate today in an amendment to the army appropriation bill. Dependent families would be given not more than \$50 a month in the discretion of the secretary of war.

The army bill carrying approximately \$312,000,000 then passed the senate without a record vote.
Senator Reed's amendment voted into the army appropriation bill yesterday to permit national guardsmen in the federal service to vote at their camps in the coming presidential election was stricken out today on a point of order.

AIRSHIP ATTACKS SUBMARINE BASE

BERLIN, July 27.—A German naval airship on July 25 attacked the main base for Russian and British submarines at Marjeham, it was officially announced by the German admiralty today. The airship bombarded the port successfully, it was added, with 700 kilograms of explosive bombs. Although the air vessel was shelled, it returned to port undamaged.

GENERAL JAMES G. C. LEE DEAD AT HAGUE, N. Y.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Army circles today heard of the death at Hague, Lake George, N. Y., yesterday of Brigadier General James G. C. Lee, U. S. A., retired. He was 80 years old. The funeral will be held in Washington next Sunday. Interment will be in Arlington, Va.

SPANNELL HELD FOR MURDER OF WIFE AND COLONEL BUTLER

ALPINE, Tex., July 27.—Harry J. Spannell, manager of a local hotel, was given a preliminary examination on a charge of killing his wife and Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, U. S. A., here today before Justice Rugin, and remanded to jail without bond to await action of the grand jury, which meets here September 11.

PRIZE WINNERS IN DRAWINGS FOR COLVILLE LANDS

SPOKANE, Wash., July 27.—Geo. Lennon of Spokane drew prize No. 1 in the land drawing here today in connection with the opening of approximately 425,000 acres in the Colville Indian reservation to settlement. Other winners were:

No. 2, Austin N. Anderson, Mukilteo, Wash.; No. 3, Edward H. Peterson, Warton, Chelan county, Wash.; No. 4, Edward B. Furman, Spokane; No. 5, Charles M. Sanders, Spokane; No. 6, Thomas LeNeve, Seattle, Wash.; No. 7, Miss Linda M. Derbert, Princeton, Wis.; No. 8, Phillip S. McCauley, Seattle; No. 9, Glen A. Stoner, Mount Hope, Wash.; No. 10, Andrew Lawson, Seattle; No. 11, Otto B. Olson, Spokane; No. 12, Chas. A. Ekenorach, Quincy, Wash.; No. 13, Margaret A. Wallace, Spokane; No. 14, Sarah E. Trias, Tekoa, Wash.; No. 15, Sophia A. Poloska, Butte, Mont.; No. 16, John Jergeska, Spokane; No. 17, Harold W. McDermott, Harrington, Wash.; No. 18, Harvey L. Rolley, Kalispell, Mont.; No. 19, Emil N. Splander, Inwood, Wash.; No. 20, W. H. Godman, Spokane.

LIFT BLACKLIST ON FRISCO FIRMS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The British government has suspended its black list against the firm of G. W. McNear and the Petroleum Products Company of San Francisco, of which McNear and the Petroleum Products Company are partners. McNear said that such assurance came from the British embassy at Washington through the state department and also from London, following close upon his protest of the action of the British government in placing his name on the recently issued blacklist of American firms.

Contracts pending, McNear said, would occupy shipping facilities at his command for the remainder of the year, but he would continue his efforts for a modification of the order against future contracts.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS

NEW YORK, July 27.—Only a slight decrease in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was noted today in the health department's report for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. During that period there were thirty-one deaths and 151 new cases.

More than 700 children now have been killed by the plague since its inception on June 26 and there have been more than 3000 cases reported.

FAMOUS AVIATOR KILLED IN AERIAL ENGAGEMENT

LONDON, July 27.—Lieutenant Otto Parschau, recently given the decoration of pour le merite for bringing down his eighth enemy aeroplane, has been killed in an air battle, according to a Reuter's Amsterdam dispatch, which quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung.

BILLINGS HELD AS AUTHOR OF BOMB OUTRAGE

San Francisco Police Believe That in Arrested Suspect They Have Perpetrator of Dynamiting—Landlady of McNamara Brothers Also Accused Along With Some Boarders.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—After twelve hours of "sweating" the police admitted today that they had been unable to bring from W. K. Billings, arrested yesterday, any incriminating admissions connecting him with the bomb explosion in which nine persons lost their lives and forty were maimed last Saturday during the preparedness parade. Billings was landed in a cell at 3 o'clock this morning after being held in some office or private house since noon yesterday.

Israel Weinberg, a jitney driver, whom the police also took into custody yesterday, had not been brought to the city prison early today. Mrs. Belle Lavin, landlady of the McNamara Brothers, the Los Angeles Times dynamiters, occupied a cell today in the hall of justice.

Mooney is Located.
Captain Duncan Matheson, head of the bomb bureau, said today that Thomas Mooney, an agitator, had been located and it was expected his arrest would follow soon. The police said he left here Saturday on a train less than two hours after the bomb was exploded.

It was said today that Billings' arrest was brought about by a Greek machinist who told a policeman that a few minutes before the bomb exploded Saturday "a man with a rash on his face stood on the corner of Stewart and Market streets, where the outrage took place, and yelled out to the throngs:

"Brothers, if there are any of you among this crowd, and if you are wise, you'll get out of here. This place will be dynamited in ten minutes. I'm off. You better be, too!"
That was at 2 o'clock. The bomb went off at 2:06. Billings, when caught was at the Stanford university free clinic to receive treatment for a rash on his face.

Billings the Placer.
Chief of Police White intimated strongly today that the police believe they have in Billings the man who actually placed the bomb. District Attorney Fickert said: "I would guess that way, too."

Mrs. Lavin, who was the landlady of Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted as one of the Los Angeles dynamiters, was taken into custody yesterday after the arrest of her lodger, Warren K. Billings.

Mrs. Mooney, a musician, whose husband, Thomas Mooney, is also sought in connection with the explosion, is charged with having taken an active part in the fomenting of an attempted street car strike here recently. She was arrested a week before the parade on a charge growing out of this. Among the things seized in her studio, the police say, was a notebook containing records of explosives stolen from quarries hereabouts and of structures dynamited in this city.

Ryan Also Arrested.
Suspected of having been the author of the many threatening letters sent to newspapers warning against participation in Saturday's parade, Thomas J. Ryan, a restaurant picket, was taken into custody last night at Waiters' union headquarters. Ryan's mistakes in spelling, under a test given by the arresting officers, are said to tally closely with those made by the writer of the threats.

Rewards for the apprehension of the dynamiters have reached the total of \$15,350.

EXTEND STRIKE TO NEW YORK LINES

NEW YORK, July 27.—Intention to extend the street car strike in progress here to all lines in New York City, including surface and elevated, was announced today after a meeting of the general executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.