

FORECAST
Fair Friday, Saturday,
Sunday probably warmer.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum yesterday, 89;
Minimum today, 57.

Forty-sixth Year.
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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FRENCH SMASH GERMAN LINES VERDUN REGION

Offensive Assumed on Three Mile Front East of Meuse and Enemy Trenches Taken—Progress Also Made on Somme—British Consolidate Gains—Slavs Check Attacks.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The operations along the Somme on the western front are momentarily transcending in interest by the situation at Verdun.

Yesterday the French, taking the offensive, made an attack along a three mile front east of the Meuse, capturing several German trenches and organized points of support. Paris today reports this ground held against a series of German counter attacks delivered last night. Progress by the French in the Fleury sector northwest of the fortress also is announced, together with the capture of 1100 Germans in the fighting on the east bank of the river since August 1.

In the Somme region the Germans have made renewed attempts to regain the positions they were forced to give up to the French in the Monacu farm sector, near the river on Tuesday night. These failed, Paris declared and the new French positions between Monacu farm and Hen wood were organized by their captors.

Similarly a German attack south of the Somme near Estrees was futile.

German Admissions.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—French troops penetrated the German lines on Monacu farm in the region of the river Somme, and have taken a trench section to the north of that position, says the official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

In the region north of the fortress of Verdun, the announcement says, the French have recaptured a trench section which they had lost in the Lunee wood.

French on Offensive.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—North of the river Somme several German attempts last night against the French positions at Monacu farm were repulsed, it was officially announced by the French war department this afternoon. The French troops organized their new positions between Monacu farm and Hen wood.

South of the Somme a German counter attack on the trenches taken by the French yesterday on the right bank of the Meuse, the statement adds, were everywhere stopped by the screen of infantry fire. In this region, which is north of the fortress of Verdun, the French made substantial progress to the south of Fleury. Since the first of August the French have captured 1100 Germans on this bank.

On the left bank of the Meuse an intense artillery duel continues but there has been no infantry action.

In the Somme sector Sergeant Chaint of the French aviation corps, brought down two German machines, which makes a total of eight brought down by this aviator.

British Official Report.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—"During the night we continued the work of consolidating the ground which we had gained and in opening up communication trenches," says the British official statement issued today. "Our guns were active and the enemy's artillery retaliated briskly during the evening along our front from Maltz farm to Longueval, also in the woods of Mametz, Pricourt and Becourt and the village of Pozieres. His fire slackened off at dawn. The enemy

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SWISS MOB SEEKS DEMOBILIZATION

GENEVA, Aug. 3.—A Zurich dispatch says that a number of young men paraded the streets of that city on Tuesday night, bearing banners, inscribed: "We demand complete demobilization." The police were obliged to charge the crowd with drawn swords before it would disperse. Several persons were wounded.

CARRANZA APPOINTS COMMISSIONERS FOR BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 3.—It was officially announced at the Mexican foreign office that Luis Cabrera, Ygnacio Bonillas and Alberto Panio have been selected as the commissioners to negotiate with the United States commissioners regarding the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States. The commission will be headed by Senor Cabrera and Juan Rigo will act as secretary.

WILSON STRIVES TO AVERT STRIKE OF ALL TRAINMEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—William L. Chambers, commissioner of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, was called in by President Wilson today in connection with the threatened strike of 400,000 employes of the railroads in the country. The president is anxious to get all the information possible on the situation in order to intervene if a strike seems inevitable.

The mediation board is gathering facts in anticipation that the strike vote, now being canvassed, will favor a walk out and that the railroads and their employes will be unable to reach an agreement. When this point is reached, the board expects to be called in to attempt to settle the differences.

The president has referred to the department of labor an appeal from the chamber of commerce of the United States for federal intervention. The situation is expected to come to a crisis August 8, when the result of the strike vote will be announced and another conference held by the representatives of the railroads and the employes.

The mediation board takes the position that nothing of a formal nature can be done by it until after the result of the vote is known and the employers and employes fail to agree. The president, however, is considering whether some extraordinary action may not be taken.

BEEF TRUST PROBE TO COST \$142,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Such a far-reaching investigation of the beef packing industry as is proposed by pending resolutions in the house would cost \$142,000, the federal trade commission today informed congress. A sub-committee will take this into consideration in making recommendations on whether or not the inquiry should be made.

GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE NEAR AN END

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Final settlement of the garment strike in this city seemed likely today, after the announcement that the count of ballots cast on the question of the ratifying of an agreement with the employers indicated that a majority would be in the affirmative. The count was still in progress this afternoon. The strike is in its fifteenth week.

MANY LIVES LOST IN TENNESSEE CLOUDBURST

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Aug. 3.—Between 14 and 25 persons were drowned and enormous property damage was sustained by a cloudburst on Blair's creek near Tazewell, Tenn., last night, according to information received here today. Telephone messages say about 100 persons lived along the creek and of these only a few have been accounted for.

ZEPPELIN HIT IN RAID FATAL TO NINE HORSES

Dutch Fire at Crippled Airship Returning From Raid on British Coast Where Eighty Bombs Were Dropped—Damage. Astonishingly Small—Air Craft Guns Score Hits.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—The raid last night by German Zeppelins resulted in the dropping of a great number of explosive and fire bombs on London, on the Harwich railway works and on industrial establishments in the county of Norfolk, says an official statement given out here today.

YMUIDEN, Holland, Aug. 3.—The L-11, one of the Zeppelins, which flew along the Dutch coast, was apparently damaged. Her motors were working badly and the ship had a heavy list. The Dutch coast guards fired on her and they believe she was hit.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Six German airships took part in the raid on the eastern counties of England this morning, according to an official announcement, issued this afternoon, which says that 80 bombs are reported to have been dropped. Nine horses were killed and three horses were reported injured, the statement adds.

Six Airships Attack.

The statement follows: "Several hostile airships attacked the eastern and southeastern counties last night. The first reports were received about midnight. From these it seems that not less than six airships were attacking the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, more or less simultaneously. The raid lasted about an hour and a half.

"Except at one point the raiders did not penetrate very far inland, but contented themselves with dropping a few bombs at a time on widely distant localities, mainly near the sea.

"Anti-aircraft guns came into action in one locality, but the raiders there made good his retreat.

Airship Is Hit.

"In conjunction with this attack, one airship was making for the coast of Kent. Many observers report that a second airship followed the first. The number of bombs dropped in this attack, makes the statement appear quite possible. Anti-aircraft guns came into action and one, if not two hits, are claimed against the first raider.

"A total number of 80 bombs have been accounted for up to date, inclusive of those seen falling into the sea. The total damage was astonishingly small. Nine horses were killed and three others injured. The military object of the raid is not apparent."

VILLISTA LEADERS TAKEN PRISONERS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Aug. 3.—Several important Villista leaders have been captured or have surrendered to government troops within the last few days, General Jacinto Trevino announced today. Among the prisoners taken at Cerro Gordo and brought here today were Gabriel Valdivieso, a former Villa general, Gregorio Caso, formerly a Villa lieutenant colonel, with 45 men, also, has given himself up.

Colonel Jesus Leal, chief of staff to General Trevino, left today for an inspection trip to Saltillo, Torreón and Monterey, preliminary to the repositioning of some of the forces of the army of the northeast.

FAY TO BECOME ROPER'S SUCCESSOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—According to reports current here today, Charles W. Fay, postmaster of this city, will become first assistant postmaster general, succeeding Daniel C. Roper, resigned. Fay has been active in democratic politics for years and was appointed postmaster here in 1914.

SERBIAN GOVERNMENT CONVOKES PARLIAMENT ON ISLE OF CORFU

CORFU, Island of Corfu, Aug. 1, via London, Aug. 3.—The Serbian government has decided to convoke the Serbian parliament, King Peter of Serbia and the Greek government have been advised of this intention.

DEUTSCHLAND GETS AWAY FROM ALLIED WARSHIPS

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 3.—Somewhere out in the Atlantic today the German merchant submarine Deutschland and allied warships were believed to be playing hide and seek as the undersea boat sped homeward after passing out the Virginia capes last night.

The Deutschland submerged a mile off the coast shortly before 9 o'clock and so far as known, was unobserved by the allied warship patrol guarding the capes against her escape.

One of the last acts of Captain Koenig and his crew, according to Captain Hirsch of the tug Timmins, which acted as convoy from Baltimore to the capes, was to stand on the deck of the submersible and give three rousing cheers for America and the American people.

The final dash was virtually without incident. Eighteen miles up the Chesapeake Bay, at the crossing of the Old Point and Cape Henry channels, the submarine began to gain speed and soon was hurrying towards the Atlantic. With only a slight delay after reaching the capes, she dashed into the sea and submerged. Only one warship, a United States torpedo boat destroyer, was sighted by the submersible in her entire trip from Baltimore.

TWO MORE DEATHS IMMINENT FROM BOMB EXPLOSION

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Two more deaths are imminent, attending physicians announced today, among those subjected July 22 to the explosion of a bomb among spectators of a preparedness parade. The death list at present is eight.

The two in dangerous condition are Miss Pearl Seaman of Oakland, and Henry J. Clausen of this city. One of the former's legs was shattered and Clausen's left foot almost torn off.

Stephen H. Morse, postoffice inspector, who has been conducting the federal investigation for the author of warning missives mailed before the bomb explosion, will make an arrest today, according to a statement made last night.

Mrs. Belle Lavin, landlady to W. K. Billings, one of the five persons indicted yesterday as alleged perpetrators or plotters of the bomb explosion, was ordered released from custody last night by District Attorney Fickert. Mrs. Lavin was one of the figures in the trials of the dynamiters of the Los Angeles Times, M. A. Schmidt having lived at her home.

LAMM AND GARDNER LEAD IN MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—Returns today on Tuesday's state-wide primary gave Henry Lamm of Sedalia a lead of 23,000 over John E. Swanger in the republican race for the nomination for governor. About 35,000 republican votes have not yet been tabulated.

Returns from the democratic primary gave Frederick D. Gardner of St. Louis a lead of 30,000 for the democratic nomination for governor.

BULL MOOSERS BALK AT HUGHES NAME NO TICKET

Representatives of National Progressive Party Meet at Indianapolis to Consider Question of Party's Future—Say Committee Exceeded Authority in Endorsing Hughes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 3.—At a meeting of leaders attending the progressive party conference here it was decided late this afternoon not to nominate a candidate for president, but to appoint an executive committee of fifteen to perpetuate the party and adopt resolutions criticising the national committee for endorsing Hughes in Chicago, June 26.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 3.—When representatives of the progressive party who disapprove the action of the national committee in endorsing Charles E. Hughes for president, met here at noon today to consider the advisability of calling another convention to nominate a candidate for president, sentiment of the leaders was divided in regard to what action should be taken.

A majority of those present favored putting a third ticket in the field, but several influential leaders doubted the wisdom of the action. Every representative agreed, however, that it would be desirable to take some action which would perpetuate the progressive party as a national political organization.

The conference was called to order by Edwin M. Lee, of Indianapolis, Progressive state chairman for Indiana. Matthew Hale, of Massachusetts, acting chairman of the Progressive national committee, was chosen to preside at the conference, and J. A. H. Hopkins of New Jersey, was elected secretary.

Reports of the situation in the Progressive ranks indicated that in every state represented, a majority of the Progressives disapproved of the action of the national committee in endorsing Hughes and favored putting a national ticket in the field if practicable. In Michigan and several other states, national committeemen, who voted for Hughes' endorsement, have been deposed and other committeemen chosen, according to reports submitted to the conference.

Sentiments of Leaders.

Bainbridge Colby of New York announced he was opposed to the endorsement of President Wilson or the candidate of any of the old parties. Judge Albert D. Norton of St. Louis said:

"We want a national ticket. We do not care who is nominated for president, just so we have somebody to vote for in November. The conference has the right to reassemble the national convention and complete the ticket, that it what should be done."

John M. Parker of Louisiana said: "My only desire is to see the progressive party left alive as a national political organization. I am not a politician. Principles mean more to me than men in this movement. My object in calling this conference was to have a frank, open discussion of recent events in the sincere hope that some plan may be devised by which the progressive party will be perpetuated for the public good. I realize it will be difficult if not practically impossible to name a candidate for president at this late date, but I want to see if something cannot be done."

MEXICAN SECRETARY REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Unofficial information reached the state department today that Juan Amador, the under secretary for foreign affairs, who has been ill, was in a critical condition. Amador played an important part, unofficially, in the conferences last May between General Scott and General Obregon, his position being generally regarded as antagonistic to the American objects. It was said that his condition might be a factor in the delay at Mexico City in arranging details for a joint commission to consider border problems.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS EPIDEMIC BREAKS OUT BILLINGS, MONTANA

BILLINGS, Mont., Aug. 3.—One new case of infantile paralysis was reported here today, making a total of five to date. Five suspected cases have been diagnosed as other diseases. State Health Commissioner Cogswell arrived today to take charge. With the employment of a public health nurse and quarantine measures the authorities today thought the situation was under control.

CHILD EPIDEMIC AT HIGH MARK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis reached the high mark today in the number of cases. The health department figures showed that 217 cases developed during the 24 hours, ended at 10 a. m. and that the death list for the same period was 43, two more than yesterday. Seventy-six were stricken in Manhattan alone, where the epidemic now appears to be centered.

A consignment of 80 South and Central American monkeys arrived here today on the United Fruit steamer Almirante. The animals, according to their custodian, M. Schmit, are to be used in experimenting by physicians of the Rockefeller foundation, engaged in seeking a cure for infantile paralysis.

Fifty thousand dollars was contributed for this work by the foundation.

BELGIAN GUNBOAT SINKS GERMAN

HAVRE, Aug. 2.—The sinking of the German gunboat Graf von Gotzen in a duel with the Belgian gunboat, Nett on Lake Tanganyika is announced in an official statement, issued by the Belgian war office. The text follows:

"Lieutenant Colonel Moulart telegraphs that while cruising off the German shores of Lake Tanganyika the Belgian Gunboat, Netta, commanded by Lieutenant Lenaerts, surprised on July 28 the German gunboat Graf von Gotzen landing troops. The Netta immediately engaged her and she sank in 15 minutes, vainly trying to escape. The Netta then scattered by her fire the enemy's troops and porters, who had just been landed. It is not known whether the crew of the Graf von Gotzen were saved. The Belgians had no losses."

FARM LOAN BOARD MEETS AUGUST 7

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Secretary McAdoo, chairman ex officio of the new farm loan board today notified the four appointive members of their confirmation by the senate and called a meeting here August 7, when the work of organizing the system will be inaugurated.

The board will shortly afterwards, start hearings throughout the country for the purpose of dividing the United States into 12 federal land bank districts. President Wilson, in the meantime, will have named an executive head of the board, to be known as the farm loan commissioner. Herbert Quick and George W. Norris are spoken of for the place.

Actual operation of the farm loan system probably will not be begun before next spring.

IRISH KNIGHT PAYS PENALTY ON SCAFFOLD

Sir Roger Casement Hanged for High Treason in Pentonville Jail for Conspiring to Cause Armed Revolt in Ireland and Seeking German Aid to That End—Meets Death Calmly.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Roger Casement, former British knight and consul, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning in Pentonville jail for high treason. He was convicted of conspiring to cause an armed revolt in Ireland and with having sought German aid to that end.

Two hours before the execution, a crowd of men, women and children gathered before the prison gates. Twenty minutes before Casement mounted the scaffold the great prison bell commenced to toll. The sound was greeted with cheers from the crowd, mingled with some groans. At 9 o'clock the crowd had swollen to such proportions that it extended for two blocks from the prison front. At one minute after nine a single stroke of the big bell announced that the trial had been sprung. It was the signal for a mocking, jeering yell from the crowd which suddenly died away into dead silence.

With Calm Courage.

Casement met his death with calm courage, according to eye witnesses. Earlier in the morning, two priests of the Roman Catholic church administered the last rites in the cell for the condemned man and shortly afterward a little procession, headed by the clergyman, with Casement following, a warden on each side, proceeded toward the execution shed, only five yards away. The priests recited the litany of the dying, Casement responding in low tones: "Lord have mercy on my soul."

As the party reached the shed where the gallows was erected, the special executioner, a hair dresser named Ellis, approached Casement and quickly pinioned him. The two chaplains, the under sheriff of London and the under sheriff of Middlesex then took up their positions in front of the scaffold. Casement mounted the gallows steps firmly and commended his spirit to God, as he stepped on the trap. A moment later the lever was pulled.

Dead in Nine Minutes.

Immediately the trap was sprung the prison engineer and physician descended into the pit where, after the application of the usual tests, Casement was pronounced dead at nine minutes after nine. According to the custom in the case of prisoners hanged for crimes similar to that of Casement, his body will be buried in quick lime in the prison yard, but probably no decision as to the burial will be made until after the inquest.

An affecting incident took place outside the prison wall as the execution was in progress. At the back of the prison a little distance from the jeering crowd about the gates, was a group of about 20 Irish men and women. When the dull clang of the prison announced that the doomed man had paid the last penalty, the little group fell on their knees, and with bowed heads, remained for some moments silently praying for the response of the soul of their dead fellow countryman.

Casement showed not the slightest concern over his fate. He ate well and chatted freely and cheerily with two wardens in his condemned cell.

All the members of Casement's family were Protestants and he was brought up in that faith, but became a convert to Roman Catholicism within the last few weeks.

DAVIS OF DENVER PYTHIAN CHANCELLOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—Chas. S. Davis of Denver, was elected supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias this afternoon after the supreme lodge had spent more than three hours in hearing speeches nominating candidates for the office, which leads automatically to the highest office within the gift of the order.