

FORECAST
FAIR TONIGHT
AND THURSDAY.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum today, 88;
Minimum, 50.

MEDFORD OREGON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1916

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8-HOUR DAY ON ROADS, BASIS TO AVERT LOCKOUT

President Will Confer With Managers of Railroads and Employes Tomorrow at White House—Issue Rests Pending Final Decision on Both Sides.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Wilson late today completed a definite plan for settlement of the threatened railroad strike which he will submit tomorrow to the general committee of the 640 representatives of the employes and to the railroad managers.

The plan involves the acceptance of a basic eight-hour day with regular pay for overtime and an investigation by a commission of other issues.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Out of the deadlock between the railroad managers and the brotherhood leaders a new proposal appeared today for a special commission to consider not only the present wage dispute, but all others in the future.

While President Wilson, the managers' committee and the spokesmen for the men awaited the arrival of the employees' committee of 640 which is expected here from New York tomorrow for the next white house conference, administration officials and the representatives of the two sides considered the committee idea with a degree of seriousness which indicated it would come into the negotiations as one of the next steps in the president's attempt to avert a nation-wide strike.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Wilson decided today to postpone further conferences with the representatives of the railroads and employes on the threatened railroad strike until tomorrow, when he will receive the general committee of 640 workmen in the east room of the white house. In the meantime the committee of managers here and the general committee of the employes will meet to discuss tentative plans now before them.

In the meantime, the president, through Judge William L. Chambers of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, will keep in close touch with the representatives of both sides. An engagement has been made for the managers' committee, but it is probable that the president will see them tomorrow.

The plan on which the president is working is to put into effect the eight-hour day and have a federal commission investigate collateral issues. Details of the plan have not been worked out, but it was said to be possible today that if the railroads conceded an eight-hour day the employes will be urged to give up their demand for time and a half overtime.

The proposed commission investigation would not have power to enforce any decision, but would investigate all of the questions involved in the controversy and make recommendations.

The halt in the negotiations has been caused primarily by the fact that the brotherhood leaders, who have been meeting with the president have no plenary powers and have to refer all important questions back to their general committee in New York.

President Wilson decided time would be saved and better results achieved if the 640 members of the

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JEALOUS WIFE IN FURY, KILLS RIVAL

MARYSVILLE, Me., Aug. 16.—While scores of travelers at the Burlington depot looked on today, Mrs. Q. A. Gilmore, 45 years old, wife of a local livery proprietor, fired four shots at Mrs. Ella Shippo, also of Marysville. All the bullets took effect. Mrs. Shippo died a few minutes later. Mrs. Gilmore handed her revolver to a bystander, walked to the sheriff's office and surrendered. Both families are prominent. Mrs. Shippo was 43 years old and divorced. Mrs. Gilmore recently filed suit for divorce. Jealousy is said to have prompted the shooting.

BRITISH UNABLE TO BREAK THRO' TEUTON DEFENSE

Berlin Tells of Being Outnumbered Six to One, Yet Holding Foe—Certain Death to Be in First Trenches During Artillery Fire—Horrors of Most Murderous Battle of History.

GERMAN TRENCHES, OPPOSITE THE BRITISH POSITION AT GOMMECOURT, ON THE SOMME FRONT, Aug. 14, via Berlin and Sayville, Aug. 16 (from a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—Half a million British have been engaged in an effort to break the German lines on the Somme front. Often, as in the fighting on the Gommeourt and Hebutorne, the British outnumbered the Germans six to one. They have gained ground to a depth of from three to five miles over a front of about eighteen miles, but nowhere have been able to break through.

More than ever death has become a commonplace in this most murderous battle of all times. The Germans in the first line know that they probably will be killed if their positions are attacked. Trenches are virtually useless, for the heavy British shells widen them into broad channels, affording no cover of any sort. The first line usually perishes.

The advancing British foot troops are no better off, because the Germans reverse the process when part of their positions have been captured. After the British artillery has leveled the German trenches the infantry rushes in, often to be thrown out again as soon as the British artillery ceases fire, which it has to do, owing to the proximity of the opposing lines. Thus the battle has been going on for weeks, the opposing forces now going at terrific cost and then losing at a great cost, a few yards of trenches.

At present all the fighting by the British is carried on from their Pozieres salient, where their druffire is unceasing day or night. German officers who were in the Champagne offensive said no such artillery fire ever had been developed previously.

The German fire, too, is terrific. An idea of its intensity may be gained from the fact that on certain British troops German guns threw 6300 shells in one minute and forty-five seconds, resulting in great slaughter. Often the British assault dies before the German second line, from which machine guns pour out streams of bullets which literally cut the men into fragments. At one time the Associated Press correspondent stood within 800 yards of the British trenches near Delville wood. Nearby the Germans had just buried 1296 British as bullets in the firing permitted.

Some 500 British pioneers who the correspondent saw behind the firing line plainly, were still dazed from the shock. They were a sorry spectacle, glad they had escaped from "hell," as they termed it.

The correspondent visited the entire front of the present offensive and everywhere found from talks with Germans that they were more determined than ever to stand their ground.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Mary Sipes and two of her children of Port Clements, Queen Charlotte Islands, died today and Mrs. Sipes' mother and another child were made critically ill of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating fish, which Mrs. Sipes prepared recently.

Mrs. Sipes and the two children died before aid could be summoned by her mother, who in spite of her own illness, managed to reach a neighbor's house.

CALIFORNIA GIRL IS BRIDE OF EARL

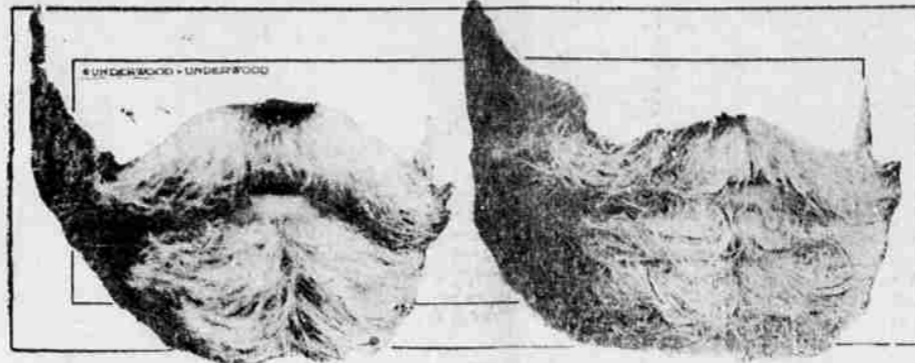
LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Earl of Cottenham, was married in St. George's church, Hanover square, today, to Miss Patricia Burke, daughter of the late J. H. Burke of California. Walter Winans gave the bride away. Viscount Cromwell, eldest son of the earl, acted as best man.

The Earl of Cottenham's first wife was Lady Rose Neville. She died in 1913.

Sugar Company Dividends

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Cuban-American Sugar company directors today declared an extra dividend of 10 per cent in cash and 10 per cent in stock in the company stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on that issue.

WHOSE IS WHOSE?



Fighting whisker for whisker, Charles Evans Hughes and J. Ham Lewis are swinging around the political circle, talking for and against Hughes for president. Everywhere Hughes' whiskers go J. Ham Lewis will follow. Voters east, west, north and south will be deluged with bewhiskered oratory.

If the campaign is to be won by the cutest whiskers, it is figured the laurels will go to J. Ham. He nursed his carefully while earning the name of "best dressed and politest senator" in Washington. The whiskers of both are shown here. Which is which?

BERLIN REPORTS ENTENTE ARMY IN WEST FAILS

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The battle of Pozieres has died down after a long series of British attacks which the war office says gained them nothing. The British infantrymen remained in their trenches all day yesterday. A night attack near Ovillers failed.

"There was lively fighting again yesterday southeast of Arrancieres, and in the Artois," says the official statement today.

"In the region of Pozieres the British continued their fruitless attacks until yesterday morning. Throughout the day their infantry did nothing. A nocturnal attack north of Ovillers failed.

"At Moulin-sons-Toutvent, in the Aisne district, artillery fighting was again revived temporarily on both sides, in conjunction with a fruitless French gas attack. East of Rheims strong reconnoitering detachments of the enemy were repulsed."

RUST CHECKED ON SPRING WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—"Damage by blight and rust continued on late-sown spring wheat in the northern parts of the spring wheat area and extended into northeastern Montana, although the extension of rust damage was checked somewhat by the cooler weather that prevailed," the weather bureau today announced in reviewing crop conditions for the week which ended yesterday, in the national weather and crop bulletin. Corn generally was benefited by the weather except in Kansas, Oklahoma and north and west Texas, where little or no rain fell.

MOTHER AND BABES VICTIMS OF POISON

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Old Soldiers Organize

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Forty-five provisions, including approximately 50,000 men, have been organized among the veterans of foreign wars of the United States since the sending of state troops to the border. Those regiments are prepared to be mustered into the federal service immediately upon their acceptance by the government in event of a war involving the United States, according to a report of Adjutant General R. A. Woodside of Pittsburgh.

Gasoline Prices Drop

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Gasoline was reduced in price to 17 1/2 a gallon here today, a reduction of 1 cent.

GERMANS CLAIM CHECK TO SLAV ON GALICIA LINE

Czar's Forces Capture Jablonitz and Important Heights at Gateway to Hungary—No Advance on Somme—Aviators Active Along Italian Lines on Gorizia Front.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Italian progress is continuing from Gorizia southeastward toward Trieste, in which direction additional Austrian trenches are reported captured.

A Milan newspaper dispatch carries a report that the Germans will take over the defense of Trieste.

Teutonic resistance to the Russian advance in Galicia is increasingly strong. Berlin reports only minor fighting on the Danister, while Petrograd announces a check to the advance in northern Galicia.

The Russians, after a considerable period of inactivity in the Carpathians, are moving aggressively against the Teutonic forces there. Following the taking of Jablonitz, one of the chief gateways to Hungary, they have captured a series of heights west of Vorokhta and Ardze moy.

Along the French front in the Somme region there was no marked activity during last night. At Verdun there was a violent artillery bombardment east of the Meuse, but no infantry activity.

Raid by both Austrian and Italian airmen are occurring with frequency in the region around Trieste and Gorizia, where rival aviators are endeavoring to inflict material damage behind the opposing lines.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—"With the exception of minor infantry engagements in the vicinity of Pozieres, where our line is being consolidated, there is no change between the Aene and the Somme," the war office report of today says.

"There was some heavy shelling by both sides during the night."

McLaughlin Wins Match
LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 16.—Maurice McLaughlin and Ward Dawson of Los Angeles, Pacific coast champions, won their semi-final national tennis doubles match here today, 8-6, 6-1, 6-3, from Lee Hardy and Nat Emerson of Memphis, southern champions.

ITALIAN TOWNS QUAKE SHAKEN, FEAR LIFE LOSS

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The cities of Ancona, Pesaro and Rimini, Italy, were shaken by an earthquake early this morning, says a Stefani News agency dispatch from Rome today.

No damage was done at Ancona, but at Pesaro and Rimini houses were wrecked and it is feared that at Rimini there has been loss of life.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—A Havas agency dispatch from Rome today reports an earthquake shock at Rimini, Ancona and Pesaro and in the neighborhood region. The shock was felt at about 8 o'clock this morning, many houses collapsing.

It is feared, says the dispatch, that at Rimini persons are under the ruins. No deaths are reported from Pesaro or Ancona.

'POP' GEERS DOES MILE IN 1:59

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—When "Pop" Geers, the veteran race driver, drove Napoleon Direct under the wire first in the initial heat of the free-for-all pace of the grand circuit races here this afternoon, he negotiated for the first time in his long career a mile in two minutes or better. The time for the mile was 1:59 1/2.

GERMAN U-BOATS AMERICA BOUND POISON HORSES OF ENTENTE NATIONS

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Two new German submarines of very large size will depart very shortly for America, according to a Central News dispatch from The Hague. It is said these submarines have made trial trips lately.

\$4700 for 'Change Seat

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Memberships to the Chicago board of trade sold for \$4700 today, an increase of \$200 since yesterday, and almost double the price of a year ago. The price is said to be the highest on record.

WILL OF WOMAN LEAVES \$800 FOR CARE OF FOUR CATS



"Daisy," One of the Four Cats Willed \$800.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—"Daisy" turned up her head, blinked her eyes and went back to sleep. That's how much she worried about a bequest of \$800 she and her three feline comrades received from their late mistress, Mrs. Nellie M. Powell.

When Mrs. Powell's will was read, it was found that Mrs. Mary Abrieh Canfield, a worker in the Animal Protective league, had been appointed to use the income from \$800 to care for the cats for life.

KAISER NO FOE TO DANISH SALE OF WEST INDIES

Von Jagow Issues Statement That Germany Harbors No Plan of Aggression or Annexation on Any Part of America—Deny Plot to Balk Purchase by U. S. A.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—In view of reports that Germany was apprehensive over the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States the foreign minister, Gottlieb Von Jagow, made the statement today that the German government was not opposed to such a transfer.

Dr. Von Jagow's statement was made in response to an inquiry by a representative of the Overseas News Agency regarding reports emanating from a British source that in connection with the proposed transfer apprehension was felt in the United States because "a certain foreign power had adopted an underhanded antagonistic attitude toward the change in ownership of these islands."

Dr. Von Jagow stated, says the news agency announcement, that he only knew of the matter from what he had read in the newspapers, but that one thing was absolutely certain.

"Germany is antagonistic," said the foreign minister, "to nobody's intention as to the distribution of sovereign rights in these parts of the world. The German policy was plainly stated by the imperial chancellor in his speech in the reichstag on April 4, when he made known to everyone that Germany harbors no plans of aggression or annexation towards Canada, Brazil or any portions of America whatever."

According to final reports received, the total captures by the troops of General Brusiloff during the operations from June 4 to August 12, in which period the fortified lines of the Austro-Germans stretching from the river Pripiet to the Rumanian front were taken, were as follows:

"The number of officers and men, including combatants and non-combatants, taken prisoner and cannon and machine guns taken by the troops of General Kaledine were 2384 officers and 197,225 men, 147 guns, 459 machine guns and 146 bomb and mine throwers. By General Letchitzky, 2149 officers, 109,578 men, 127 cannon, 424 machine guns, 41 bomb and mine throwers and 35 powder carts; by General Sakharoff, 1967 officers, 87,248 men, 76 guns, 232 machine guns, 119 bomb and mine throwers and 128 powder carts."

FORT MADISON, Ia., Aug. 16.—Investigation of an alleged plot to poison horses consigned to agents of the entente allies was begun here today by officials of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. The serious illness of a shipment of horses from Kansas City to Fort Madison recently led to the investigation. Officials assert they found evidence which tended to show that the horses had been given poison.

RUSSIAN DRIVE COSTS GERMANY 358,000 IN MEN

Prisoners Taken in Brusiloff's Offensive Since June 4, Army in Self-Captured Guns and Munitions of War Runs to Hundreds—Admit Check on Ziota Lipa Banks.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—Between June 4, when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and August 12, General Brusiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the war office announced today.

The Russians have captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokhta and Ardze moy in the Carpathians. In the Vorokhta and Dalatyn regions, the Austrians are retiring to the west.

The statement says: "On the River Ziota Lipa in the region south of Iraxany our troops occupied trenches at some places on the western bank of the river. The enemy, having resumed his counter attacks, is checking our further advance."

"In the region between the Ziota Lipa and the Dniester our troops are fighting their way forward. The enemy here is also making a desperate resistance."

"On the river Bystritsa we have occupied Solotvina and Griava, southwest of Solotvina."

"In the regions of Dalatyn and Vorokhta the enemy, owing to our pressure, is retiring to the west. Our troops have captured a series of heights west of Vorokhta and Ardze moy. In the direction of the Kiribaba region at Capul Mountain, attempts by the enemy to resume the offensive were frustrated by our fire."

"Great numbers of guns also were captured, says the report, which gives the following figures:

"Officers captured 7,757; men, 358,845; cannon, 405; machine guns, 1,326; mine and bomb throwers, 338; powder carts, 292."

HUGHES PLEADS FOR PROTECTION YANKEE TRADE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—Charles E. Hughes, in an address to the Portland Advertising club, in which he advocated commercial preparedness for European competition through the agency of a protective tariff, today branded as a traitor to his country the man who sought to build up his private fortune at public expense.

"The man who tries to get the better of the public for his private purse," the orator said, "is a traitor to the government. We will go ahead and put these traitors out of business while we build up the business of the United States."

"The commercial problems which the country will face after the war, Mr. Hughes said, will be greater than even before."

"We must save this country every day," he said. "It won't be saved by letting it drift. It won't be saved by taking everything for granted. Its industries won't be conserved by indulging in good wishes around the eight table. We have got to take account of the lessons learned on the other side and apply them. We have got to consider honest business with the success and pride that it deserves and we have got to fearlessly condemn abuses."

"We have got the basis for success. What we now need is first the motive power of unswerving loyalty and a real consciousness of national unity, which will fill us with a dominant sense of patriotic loyalty to the United States."

"With that we want a conception of real government. We want to be well prepared, well organized commercially and industrially. We have got to match organization with organization, preparedness abroad with preparedness at home in all things."

In opening his address, Mr. Hughes declared that while he was speaking to the Portland Advertising club, he was a member of "the republican advertising club."