

**FORECAST**  
Fair Tonight and Sunday.  
Not so warm.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**WEATHER**  
Maximum yesterday, 100;  
Minimum today, 58.

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## CRISIS REACHED IN RAILROAD DEADLOCK—PRESIDENT CONSULTS CONGRESS

### BROTHERHOOD HOLD FIRM FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY

Crisis in Negotiations Reached Today—Committee of Eight Preparing to Present Counter-Proposal to Wilson—Brotherhood Chiefs Considering Unofficial Report.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—With negotiations for averting the threatened railroad strike practically at a deadlock, President Wilson today suddenly went to the capitol and conferred with administration leaders over the possibility of legislation.

The president conferred first with democratic leader Kern and Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate commerce committee, who, it was understood, after a canvass of the congressional situation, had concluded it was feasible to get through congress before adjournment as an amendment to the pending bill to increase the membership of the interstate commerce commission, some sort of an expression that the railroads should be authorized to make rate increases to meet higher wages and to provide some sort of machinery for arbitration of similar disputes in the future, possibly along the lines of the Canadian commission.

Just before the president went to the capitol, the brotherhood leaders, impatient at the delay of the railroad executives in replying to the president's proposal, declared that only the unequalled concession of the eight-hour day or some action by congress to cause the government to operate the railroads could prevent the threatened strike. On all hands the president's visit to the capitol was taken as indicating that the situation had reached a crisis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Among brotherhood officials this afternoon it was declared that only unequalled concession by the railroads of the eight-hour day, or action of congress taking over the railroads for government operation could prevent the threatened strike.

**Crisis Imminent.**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—A crisis in the negotiations looking to avoidance of a nation-wide railroad strike appeared imminent today when a counter-proposal involving arbitration was prepared by the railroad presidents for final submission to President Wilson. On the acceptability of this proposal by the railroad brotherhood's committee of 616 depended largely whether the president's personal efforts to mediate shall fail. Heretofore the brotherhood leaders have stood firm against any plan to arbitrate their demand for an eight-hour day as a basis in determining wages.

The railroad executives met today to perfect the draft of their proposal and were expected to send it immediately to President Wilson, who had an engagement with the brotherhood leaders about noon.

Some members of the brotherhood committee, although still hostile to arbitrating the eight-hour demand, were said to favor taking the railroads' proposal under advisement and continuing negotiations next week.

**Long Session.**  
Brotherhood leaders had received

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**VENICE FACING ECONOMIC CRISIS**  
VENICE, Aug. 26.—Venice is facing a serious economic crisis as a result of the war. The city government sent yesterday a delegation to ask the national government for special measures of assistance. The people complain that they have been deprived of the usual business of the port; of their income from florists and prevented from incomes from their customary sources of revenue.

### SERBIANS FORCED TO RETIRE ON MACEDONIA LINE

Germans Launch Offensive in Champagne—Resist Allied Advance on Somme—British Take Trenches Before Thiepval—Germans Attack on Verdun Front.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The Bulgarians have attacked and captured the Greek fort of Startila, the commander, and the entire garrison which offered a spirited resistance, says a Saloniki dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch is dated August 23 and was delayed.

SOFIA, Aug. 26.—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing, on the Macedonian front, the Serbians have been defeated with very heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war office announced today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

On the eastern end of the front Bulgarian forces have reached the Greek Aegean coast and put British cavalry detachments to flight. Several villages have been occupied by the Bulgarians.

The statement says: "Our offensive on our right wing continues. In the region of Moglenica mountain considerable Serbian forces from the night of August 21 until the afternoon of August 23, attempted 18 consecutive attacks. All their attacks were repulsed, whereupon the Serbians retired to their former positions. Their losses were immense.

"Our left wing, advancing upon the Aegean coast, met weak British cavalry detachments, which took flight in the direction of Goge and Orfano, pursued by our troops."

**Palermo Occupied.**  
PARIS, Aug. 26.—A dispatch from Avlona today states that the Italians have occupied Porto Palermo and the summit of Mount Kalarat. In southern Albania, in order to watch the Albanian coast north of Cape Keppali, fifty miles southeast of Avlona, in which district there is said to be an Austrian submarine base.

The territory occupied by the Italians is quasi-Greek. The opinion of Rome newspapers, however, is that Greece will not protest the occupation.

### GERMAN AERIAL SHEDS BELGIUM ENGLISH TARGET

LONDON, Aug. 26.—British aeroplanes have made another dash over Belgium, on this occasion penetrating to the vicinity of Namur, 46 miles southeast of Brussels, and bombarding German airship sheds. One aeroplane is missing. An official account of these operations issued today says: "Early Friday morning an attack was carried out by naval aeroplanes upon enemy airship sheds near Namur. The sheds were successfully bombarded and two of them were hit, but due to low-lying clouds it was not possible to observe the damage done. One of our machines failed to return.

### INFANT EPIDEMIC SHOWS DECREASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The number of new cases of infantile paralysis continues to decrease. During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. today there were only ninety-one new cases, the lowest in a month, and twenty-five deaths. Yesterday there were 94 new cases and 22 deaths.

### DUTCH WOMEN MARCH TO PROTEST FOOD EXPORTS



Charles Edward Russell's recent articles have told of Holland's troubles to get food for her workers, and of the exports, both legal and illegal, to Germany, where food commands higher prices. Here is a photograph of a parade of Dutch women, bearing the sign, "5000 children in 1915 more than in 1914 died from lack of food?"

### HUGHES FLAYS DEMOCRATS AT GREELY COLO.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 26.—Charles E. Hughes reached Denver shortly before noon today to a welcome of brass bands, giant firecrackers and cheers from thousands of persons who gathered at the station and along the streets through which he passed. The nominee was feeling better than he had felt for days and showed only a trace of fatigue.

Headed by a squad of mounted police and brass bands, the nominee and his party paraded through the business section of the city before going to their hotel. The line of flag-bedecked automobiles extended for blocks. Giant firecrackers were fired as a salute along the line of march.

After a few minutes' rest at his hotel, Mr. Hughes went to the luncheon of the Mile High club, where he made an address.

**Speaks at Greeley.**  
GREELEY, Colo., Aug. 26. Chas. Evans Hughes, republican nominee for president, was formally welcomed to Colorado here today by a committee of republicans headed by Dr. Hubert Work of Pueblo, national committeeman.

Conferences with party leaders were followed by a public reception at 11 o'clock, after which Mr. Hughes in a ten-minute address in the city park here today summarized his chief attacks on the administration and his own policies as follows:

**Summarizes Attacks.**  
"Our opponents said that they would reduce the cost of living.

"They haven't reduced the cost of living.

"They said they would stand for the merit system in government.

"They have shamelessly betrayed the merit system in government.

"They said they were for the maintenance of the constitutional rights of American citizens throughout the world.

"They have left our citizens to be murdered and their property destroyed right in Mexico, close to our boundary.

"They did say they were opposed to a tariff for protection.

"That they carried out, with the result that before the European war broke out, unemployed men were walking the streets of our cities, jobless, asking for work and having to be fed by countless charitable organizations.

### PRUSSIAN GUARD REPULSED ALONG SOMME FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 26.—While determinedly resisting the allied advance on the Somme front, the British are launching an offensive movement in the Champagne region. They penetrated some French positions, but subsequently were driven out, Paris declares.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A heavy attack made by the Prussian guard against British positions at Thiepval, on the Somme front, was repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wiltshire regiments, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Near Monquet farm the British made a gain of 400 yards.

German trenches along the Concrette-Thiepval road were captured.

Further progress by the British in their attack on Thiepval is also reported, ground being gained on both sides of Monquet farm, notably to the southwest, where 400 yards of German trenches along the Concrette-Thiepval road were captured.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—After an intense bombardment last night the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Tahure, in the Champagne. They penetrated the French position, the war office announced today, but subsequently were expelled. German attacks on the Somme and the Verdun fronts were repulsed.

The German attack on the Somme was made on Hill 121, near the town of Marennes, recently captured by the French.

On the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, the Germans attacked the French line between Fleury and Thiaumont, after a heavy bombardment, but were able to make no advance.

### ROSEBURG TEACHERS GET LOST IN HILLS

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 26.—Searching parties left here today to look for Miss Hazel Jewett and Miss Gertrude Dillard, two Roseburg school teachers, who have been missing from their camp in the mountains thirty-five miles from here, since yesterday morning. From the time that they became separated from the other members of their party no trace of them has been found.

### BRITISH FORCE ENGAGE TURKS ON SUEZ CANAL

CON STANTINOPLE, Aug. 26.—British and Turkish reconnoitering parties have clashed at a point less than 20 miles east of the Suez canal in the coast region, the British detachments being forced to flee, according to today's announcement by the war office. The official statement says:

"Caucus front: We repulsed British attacks against our advanced positions on the right wing. At one point the enemy, despite a three-fold superiority, was forced to retreat before the resistance of our troops.

"A hostile monitor unsuccessfully bombarded the coast near Focha.

"After an engagement between hostile reconnoitering parties with our detachments 25 kilometers (about 16 miles) east of Suez, the enemy fled."

### RUMANIA VOTES INCREASED CREDIT

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 26.—By decree of the Rumanian council of ministers, published in the Monitor, the extraordinary credit for the army is increased by 200,000,000 francs to 600,000,000 francs, according to telegrams from Bucharest today.

The Universal announces that General Paraskevov has been appointed director of munitions, adds the dispatch, and General Popovic, inspector general of cavalry, has been appointed to command the first army corps in succession to General Avresco.

### BULGARS PROTEST GREEK OCCUPATION

SALONIKI, Aug. 26.—A large, popular meeting was held here last night to protest against the occupation of Greek territory by Bulgarians. It was followed by a demonstration for Venizelos and the singing of the national hymn.

Disputes from Athens say the government is much concerned about the liberal party manifestation which is being organized for Sunday and threatens to hold counter demonstrations in support of the king.

### HALT PROGRESS OF RUSSIANS IN CARPATHIANS

Berlin Reports Partial Repulse of Russians, With Large Losses—Russians Claim Advance in Galicia, Occupying Village of Guta—Press Advantage Gained in Armenia.

BERLIN, Aug. 26 (by wireless to Saville).—Russian troops which are attempting to advance in the Carpathians toward the Hungarian border have been partly repulsed, the official Austrian report of August 25 announces. The statement says:

"Front of Archduke Charles Francis: West of the Moldova and in the district of Tartar pass several Russian attacks were partially repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy suffered large losses.

"Front of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: In the sector of Tereplnik-Pionaki we recaptured all the trenches lost August 22. One officer, 211 men and three machine guns were captured."

PETROGRAD, Aug. 26.—In the foothills of the Carpathians in Galicia, the Russians have pressed back the Austrians and made considerable advances, occupying a village, it was announced officially today.

"In the Carpathians west of Nadvorna," the statement says, "our advanced guards, having dispersed the enemy, occupied the village of Guta and reached the sources of the rivers Bystritza and Bystritza-Nadvorna, in the region of Rafalov."

PETROGRAD, Aug. 26.—The Russians are pressing the advantage recently gained over the Turks in southern Turkish Armenia, according to today's official statement, which says:

"On the line extending from the town of Kygi to Lake Van, stubborn fighting continues. Our troops, after having occupied the town of Mash, advanced to the ridge of Kurst-Dagu, where we captured a number of prisoners.

"In the direction of Mosul we continue to pursue the remnants of the fourth Turkish division."

### AMERICAN FISHERS FILE COMPLAINT AGAINST CANUCKS

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 26.—To discuss with the Washington authorities complaints by American Pacific coast fishermen that the Canadian government has refused them bait and supply privileges at Canadian ports, W. A. Found, Canadian superintendent of fisheries, has left for the American capital.

The marine and fisheries department today denied reports emanating from Washington that the Canadian government, supported by a British order in council, had blacklisted American fishing vessels in north Pacific waters.

In explanation of the situation, it was pointed out that Canada, some years ago, gave American vessels the right to obtain bait and other supplies in Canadian ports, provided they shipped their catch over Canadian railroad lines. This was followed by great developments in the halibut industry on the British Columbia coast and this business being lost to Seattle, strong agitation arose there against the Canadian rulings. Recently, it is charged, certain American vessels, having taken on bait and supplies at Canadian ports, took their catch to Seattle. As a result the fisheries department has refused these vessels bait and supply privileges and will continue to refuse them, it was declared, until they undertake to observe regulations.

### SCHOONER GREAT BEAR WRECKED IN BERING SEA

Left Seattle June 16 to Meet Stefanssen—Party Safely Landed on St. Matthews Island—Are Well Supplied With Provisions—Bear Strongly Built.

ON BOARD U. S. COAST GUARD CUTTER McCULLOUGH, Bering Sea, Aug. 26.—The power schooner Great Bear, carrying the Arctic expedition headed by John Borden of Chicago and Captain Louis Lane of Seattle, was wrecked on a pinnacle rock in Bering sea August 10. The vessel was a total loss, but the entire party landed safely on St. Matthews island, where they were found yesterday by the McCulloch.

**Found by McCulloch.**

The members of the party aboard the Great Bear were able to land tents and provisions on St. Matthews island and lived comfortably fifteen days until the McCulloch, which had been sent from Nome to search for the vessel, found them yesterday. Borden and his entire party were taken aboard the McCulloch, which started back to Nome last night.

The new power schooner Great Bear, built here this year for John Borden, the Chicago millionaire, and Captain Louis Lane, a widely known Arctic navigator of Seattle, left here July 26 for an extended cruise into the Arctic. When the vessel left here, Mr. Borden, Captain Lane and Norris Blokum of Chicago and a crew of twenty men were the only members of the expedition aboard. Others who were to go with the party into the Arctic went by mail steamer to Nome, where they expected to join the expedition.

**Bear Strongly Built.**

The Great Bear was especially constructed to withstand the pressure of the Arctic floes and it was Captain Lane's intention to penetrate as far as Banksland, where he expected to meet Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian Arctic explorer, for whom he carried supplies.

Until the wireless message was received from the coast guard cutter McCulloch today, nothing had been heard from the Great Bear since August 6, when she was reported leaving Unalakleet for Nome. The trip across Bering sea should not have required more than a week, and when she failed to arrive at Nome great anxiety was felt for the safety of those aboard and the McCulloch was dispatched to search among the islands.

The Great Bear was the most staunchly built Arctic craft that ever left Seattle. She was 175 feet long, 32 feet beam, with a draft of fourteen feet and cost more than \$75,000. Her thick osken hull was sheathed in Australian ironbark, a heavy timber having great powers of resistance, and Captain Lane and Mr. Borden were confident she could weather any storm and withstand the severest battering in the ice.

The coast guard cutter McCulloch

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### BILLS MAY DELAY SENATE CLOSING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Senator Owen made a futile effort in the senate today to secure consideration of the corrupt practices bill. Senator Smoot, republican, objected, but Senator Borah, declared the republican leaders could bind him to no legislative program and said he desired to vote on both the corrupt practices and immigration bills before adjournment.

Sensors Reed and Saulsbury, democrats, declared they would aid Senator Owen in an effort to get the corrupt practices bill before the senate and that precipitated a flutter over the democratic program for adjournment next week.