

FORECAST  
FAIR AND COOLER  
TODAY AND FRIDAY

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Maximum Yesterday 95;  
Minimum Today 52.

Forty-sixth Year.  
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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## CONGRESS WORKS ON LEGISLATION TO BRING ABOUT RAILROAD PEACE

### 8 HOUR BILL, 10 HOUR PAY, STRIKE BALM

House and Senate Rush Work to Pass Bill by Saturday—Brotherhoods Called Upon to Postpone Action a Week—Union Chiefs Remain Firm—President May Make Appeal—Both Sides Find Fault With Peace Measure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Railroad brotherhood officials late today, through A. B. Garretson, agreed to accept as a basis for calling off the strike, the Adamson compromise eight-hour bill, already approved by President Wilson and house leaders. The measure was introduced immediately by Representative Adamson with a view to having it passed and sent to the senate tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The Adamson bill would provide for an eight-hour day at the present ten-hour pay day, effective next December 1. Employees would be given the pro rata rate for overtime. A commission of three to be appointed by the president would report to him and congress in not less than six nor more than nine months the effect of the eight-hour day. Expenses would be paid by a federal appropriation of \$25,000.

The senate leaders soon afterward determined to introduce a similar measure in the senate tomorrow for immediate action. It will be finally drafted by the senate interstate commerce committee tonight.

It was agreed that the senate should meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to begin consideration of the bill. President Wilson will be in his office at the capital at the time.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The eight-hour day bill, on which most congressional leaders agree, if enacted by Saturday night, will be sufficient justification in the opinion of brotherhood leaders for calling off the railroad strike set for next Monday.

This today was the main source of optimism that the great industrial tie-up would not occur. "Enactment into law of the president's eight-hour day bill as now drawn, guaranteeing the present 10-hour day wage," said W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen's brotherhood, "will be regarded as a satisfactory settlement of our difficulties with the railroads and there will be no strike. In order to prevent a strike, however, this bill must become a law before next Saturday midnight.

The senate interstate commerce committee arranged its first public hearings on the measure today and allowed three hours each for argument by brotherhoods and railroads. The plan was to present the finished draft for the senate Saturday ready for immediate action. The house, however, was not disposed to wait so long. Its leaders set Friday afternoon as the time when they would take the initiative if the senate had not acted and gave assurance that the house would pass the measure

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### FAVOR EXECUTION YANKEE FIGHTERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Consular dispatches today report a German newspaper, the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung, as saying: "We are not conducting a war with the United States and therefore citizens of that country taken prisoner in battle and found with arms in their hands should be considered as marauders and executed."

ADVERTISES FOR A  
HUSBAND; GETS ONE



MRS. W. L. NEUBERT.  
Mrs. Anna Baukal of Chicago, widow of a Tsingtau, China, importer, advertised for a husband. Dr. William L. Neubert, Lake Forest, Ill., dentist, had known Mrs. Baukal three months. The stumbling block was the proposal. The advertisement solved it. Dr. Neubert proposed, Mrs. Baukal accepted and they married. Unknowns who answered the "ad" were rejected. Mrs. Baukal was widowed two years ago and went to Chicago from Tsingtau with her two children when the Japanese invaded Tsingtau.

### BRITISH SPREAD GAS ON ARRAS BATTLE SECTOR

LONDON, Aug. 31.—"In the operations south of Martinpuich (Somme) reported last night," says today's British official statement, "two officers and 124 soldiers of other ranks surrendered. They belonged to a Bavarian regiment.

"We discharged gas over a broad front near Arras and also near Armentieres with good results.

"The enemy shelled Bethune last night, which led to heavy retaliation from our guns."

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Today's official statement regarding the western front says:

"In the sector extending on both sides of Armentieres the enemy developed lively artillery activity. His reconnoitering detachments which advanced after strong artillery bombardment in surprise attacks were repulsed."

### DIVIDENDS UPON NEVADA COPPER

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Extra dividends by five copper companies were announced here today. The Utah Copper company declared an extra dividend of \$150, in addition to its regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share. The Butte & Superior Copper company declared \$5 extra in addition to the regularly quarterly \$1.25, and the Nevada Consolidated Copper company will pay 50 cents a share extra and 50 cents regular.

The Chino company also declared \$1 extra in addition to its regular \$1.25 quarterly, and Ray Consolidated 25 cents in addition to the 50 cents regular.

### WYOMING JUDGE REFUSES RESTRAINING ORDER

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 31.—Judge John A. Riner of the United States district court for Wyoming, this afternoon denied a petition of George W. Argue, a conductor, for an order restraining the officers of five divisions of the Order of Railway Conductors from issuing and enforcing an order to strike. The divisions embrace the Union Pacific railroad.

### RAIL HEADS IN BLUE FUNK ON PEACE EFFORTS

Managers Do Not Share General Optimism—Plan to Pool to Fight the Brotherhood—Penalties Attached to Employees Who Walk Out—Rewards for Loyalty.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Practically none of the railroad heads shared the optimism expressed in some quarters in Washington that passage of the eight-hour bill by congress would avert a strike, and according to E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalaya, Toledo and Santa Fe, spokesman for the party of railroad presidents who returned from Washington yesterday, the railroads will proceed on the assumption that the strike will come on Labor day.

Embargoes begin today on every trunk line in the country.

Most of the roads also give warnings to passengers that they should end their journeys before 7 a. m. Monday or be subject to indefinite delay. Railroad officials plan to run at least one passenger train a day on every railroad and in each case, it is announced, preference will be given to milk trains.

The railroads will not carry on the fight single handed, but according to tentative plans, will pool their resources.

Strikebreakers, it is understood, will be hired not by individual roads, but by a central committee of all the roads and distributed where they are most vitally needed. If one road succeeds in moving trains while the tracks of another are stalled, the successful road will lend a helping hand to the road in distress.

The plan for a harmonious alliance of all the roads will be definitely formulated at a meeting at the Chicago club today of 23 high railroad officials in the city.

In an effort to discourage strike sentiment the roads have inaugurated a system of punishments and rewards. Employees who go on strike will forfeit their seniority privileges. New men taken on during the strike will be given the preference in promotion. Guarantees of protection have been given to employees who remain loyal to the company.

Independent of the transportation strike the railroads are facing a new labor problem in the threatened strike of 35,000 shopmen on 20 railroads west of Chicago. Unless their demands for an eight-hour day and five cents an hour wage increases are granted, they announce they will take a strike vote on September 9. The men involved are the machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers and car men.

The Great Northern railroad has called on Governor Hanna of North Dakota to protect its property should a strike be called, and the governor announced that he would issue instructions to the police and sheriffs of the state to safeguard the lives of passengers and protect the property of the railroads from destruction by strikers or their sympathizers.

### SLUMP IN WALL STREET STOCKS

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The critical state of the railway labor controversy was again a paramount factor in the securities market today, opening prices showing a series of irregular declines. These were mostly fractional, however, except in Reading and the motors, where heaviness was most conspicuous. U. S. Steel lost a large fraction, which was followed by prompt recovery, and other investment shares soon improved under the influence of another upward movement in marines, which established new records on further free absorption. Rails were but slightly affected, but the tendency toward irregularity became more marked with the progress of the session.

### REED CONDEMNS RAILROADS IN SENATE SPEECH

Declares Financial Powers Want Strike—Six Men Can Prevent Disaster—Embargo on Foodstuffs Flayed—Legal Power to Solve the Problem.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Discussion of the strike situation practically brushed aside all other business in the senate.

Senator Thomas denounced the railroads for placing embargoes on shipment of foodstuffs at a time when, he said, "they should be concentrating all resources to moving such commodities to the city markets."

Telegrams from shippers, chambers of commerce and others throughout the country protesting against the freight embargo, asking for enactment of relief legislation immediately and for a postponement of the strike were read by various senators.

One telegram read by Senator Phelan of California said \$5,000,000 worth of fruit shipments had been refused and were decaying in California depots.

Senator Reed assailed the railroad heads for "taking the action they knew would bring on the strike when they had the assurances of President Wilson that they would be given increased rates, if the operating expenses under an eight-hour day warranted."

"There are great financial powers in this country," Senator Reed charged, "that want the strike and want it at this time. There are a half dozen men in New York City who can prevent the strike. The only thing necessary for them to grant is the eight-hour day, and they can do it without the loss of a dollar to themselves. Congress has the power to keep the lines of interstate commerce open. If the management cannot do it, a legal power will."

### INDIAN WHO FOUND KLONDIKE IS DEAD

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 31.—Skookum Jim Mason, the Indian, who, with George Carmack of Seattle, discovered the Klondike gold field twenty years ago, died recently at Carrcross, Y. T. At one time he had \$100,000 in gold, nearly all of which he squandered. On a visit to Seattle he threw money from his hotel window to see crowds fight for it in the street below.

### GREEK STAND IN WAR KNOWN IN 48 HOURS CLAIM

Constantine Will Confer With Entente Diplomats Friday—Bulgaria Demands Assistance 200,000 Turks—Sultan Given Daily Reverses at Hands of Russians in Caucasus.

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31.—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation here today make it appear that within forty-eight hours Greece will have abandoned the policy of neutrality in the war.

King Constantine will receive the French minister tomorrow (Thursday) and the Russian and British ministers shortly afterward. All staff officers on leave have been recalled for active service.

BERLIN, Aug. 31 (by wireless to Mayville).—Rumanian forces which attacked the Austrians yesterday were repulsed, the war office announced today. The Austrians captured positions in the mountains.

The official report shows that the Rumanians have penetrated well into the interior of Transylvania. The Austrians have fallen back west of Osik-Szereda, fifty miles northeast of Kronstadt, which is six miles from the border.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Wireless Press today gave out a Rome dispatch saying Bulgaria has stipulated she must have the assistance of 200,000 Turks as a condition for a declaration of war on her part against Rumania.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 31.—"Turkish attacks west of the region of Giumichkhan, on the Caucasian front," says the official statement issued by the Russian war department, "were repelled by heavy losses to the enemy, who lost many dead before our positions. In the direction of Diarbekir our advances continue."

### JAMAICA BANANA CROP DESTROYED

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 31.—Information collected from all parts of the island respecting the damage done by the hurricane of the 15th instant, indicates that for all practical purposes this year's banana crop has been completely destroyed, the crop for 1917 reduced by 50 per cent, and barring further blows the full output from all plantations will not be in effect before 1918.

### BRITISH TOMMY MAKES HIS HOME GERMAN CONCRETE DUGOUT



This is one of the concrete dugouts taken from the Germans in the latest western drive. The British soldiers make their homes in them.

SON OF MORGAN A  
CITIZEN JACK TAR



UNDERWOOD UNDERWOOD  
JUNIUS SPENCER MORGAN  
One of the hundreds of "Jackies" on the U. S. S. Maine, taking part in the citizen naval cruise, is the son of J. Pierpont Morgan, financier.

### RAILROAD HEAD BERATES PUBLIC IN RAIL STAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Robert H. Lovett of the Harriman lines said if the public were not involved in the present controversy, and if there were not thousands of railway employees not allied with the trainmen, the parties involved should be allowed to settle the matter themselves. The railroads, he said, are no longer owned by the bankers, but have stock widely distributed. The railroad officials, he said, regard the problem as one to be settled by arbitration, because, he added, "just as certainly as the sun sets the public will pay the bill. Railroads have no income except what they can earn. That depends on the rates they can get. My understanding of this matter is that what the men want is an increase in wages. If congress proposed to enact a law to make the men work only eight hours they would be up in arms.

"If this burden of \$60,000,000 a year is put on the public because of this legislation now proposed, the responsibility will be on congress, not on the railroads.

"We have done our utmost to settle this dispute except to surrender what we think a vital principle.

"The issue here," Mr. Lovett continued, "is whether the 100,000,000 people in this country are to be put at the foot of 350,000 workmen. If the judgment of the country is that there is nothing for us to do but submit; we will abide by it. The responsibility is no longer mine. The railroads will struggle on and meet the additional expense in the best way we can, knowing ultimately it will be passed on to the public.

"If you put this burden upon us, we must abide by it, but I think it would be the greatest injustice that ever happened in the history of this country to force it upon us with the hands of our men on our throats."

### FRISCO OPEN-SHOP FIGHT SPREADING

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The open shop fight in the lumber industry here which began a week ago when the Retail Lumber Dealer's Association and representatives of the Pacific Coast Ship Owners declared for the open shop spread today to four more lumber firms, whereupon about 200 more union stevedores walked out. There are now eight lumber firms operating an open shop, it was declared by lumber men, while union men say 100 union stevedores are on.

The Chamber of Commerce is backing the fight.

### CZAR'S HOST ON WAY TO BULGAR BORDER TOWNS

Rostchuk Falls Before Rumanians—Ferdinand Issues Order to Army—Teutons Repelled on Stokhod—Fierce Fightin Along Entire Macedonian Front.

BUCHAREST, Aug. 29, via London, Aug. 31.—Official announcement was made here today that the passage of Russian troops through Rumania has begun.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—Rumanian troops according to a report received here, have occupied the Bulgarian town of Rostchuk.

Rostchuk has a population of about 35,000 and is situated on the Danube, opposite the Rumanian town of Giurgevo.

### King Addresses Troops.

BUCHAREST, Aug. 31.—King Ferdinand has issued the following order of the day, addressed to the army:

"I have called upon you who are stout-hearted and full of hope. The spirits of the great Rumanian chieftains, Michael The Brave and Stephen the Great, interred in the provinces you are about to deliver, exhort you to victories worthy of them and of our heroic and victorious allies.

"Terrific fighting awaits you, but you will endure its rigors as did your ancestors. In future ages the entire race will bless and glorify you."

PETROGRAD, Aug. 31.—"On Wednesday morning, after a short artillery preparation," says today's official report, "the enemy attacked our positions north of Helin, on the western bank of the Stokhod river, northeast of Kovel. The attacks were repulsed with severe losses to the enemy."

PARIS, Aug. 31.—German troops penetrated the French trenches in Parroy forest in Lorraine last night, but were immediately ejected by a counter-attack, says today's announcement of the war office.

The announcement says: "The night was calm on the French part of the front. In Lorraine the enemy made a surprise attack in Parroy forest. They penetrated a portion of one of our trenches, whence they were driven out immediately by our counter-attack."

### Macedonia Fight Severe.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front, says an Athens dispatch. The wireless press, which adds that the Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the entente left flank, and that the Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

The Bulgarian regiments, says the dispatch, attacked the Serbians in close formation after the German style, near Loroitz, and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements from Valbancken and Kastoria.

The Serbians appear to be masters of the situation at Gomchevo, says the Athens correspondent, and Bulgarian officers of Rumanian origin who deserted said the Bulgarians called Gomchevo "another Verdun."

### SUBSCRIBE FOR NEW GERMAN WAR LOAN

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—Subscription for the new German loan, the fifth war loan, already are coming in. The Agricultural Central Loan Bank has subscribed 40,000,000 marks and the Elberfeld Savings Bank 10,000,000 marks.

The date for the official opening of subscription lists is September 4. It is understood that the loan which like the previous issues, will pay 5 per cent is to be issued at 98.