

FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday, Probably Cloudy.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Maximum yesterday, 77; Minimum today, 55.

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ALLIES STORM EIGHTEEN MILE GERMAN FRONT

Battle of Somme Reaches Greatest Fury—Allies Capture Twenty-nine Villages—Germans admit Losses—Teutons Making Desperate Efforts to Regain Ground.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The battle of the Somme has now reached the high pitch of violence. Against the concentration of picked German troops, the French and British are striking blow after blow in what appears to be a supreme effort to force a way through the German line.

Last night the Germans launched a number of vigorous counter-attacks but the French war office reports that they were beaten with heavy losses to the attackers.

Since the beginning of the Somme offensive twenty-nine villages have been captured by the allies.

Germans Admit Loss.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—The great battle on the Somme front in France, says the official statement issued by the German army headquarters today, continues. South of the river the Germans are defending themselves on a front eighteen miles wide which the entente allies are storming. The loss of the village of Chilly by the Germans is conceded.

The statement says: "Our troops between Feres and the Somme are engaged in hot fighting. "South of the river our forces are defending themselves against a storming enemy on a twenty-kilometer wide front from Barleux south to Chilly. The village of Chilly has been lost.

"On the right bank of the Meuse new French attacks east of Fleury and at Souville defile were repulsed."

French Again Attack.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—Vigorous counter-attacks were made by the Germans north of the Somme last night in an effort to regain ground taken in the new drive of the French. The war office announced today that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. The German assaults north of the Somme were delivered between Comblès and Forest. South of the river unsuccessfull blows were struck by the Germans east of Bellefleur. In these operations the French took 100 prisoners.

The activities of the French are again being hindered by bad weather which prevailed all night over the whole Somme front. The French are organizing their newly won ground.

"On the Somme front bad weather which prevailed all night hindered operations. Our troops are organizing themselves on the ground gained.

"North of the river the Germans delivered a strong counter-attack, debouching from Anderlu wood against our positions between Comblès and Forest. Under our machine guns the assaulting troops broke up and flowed back to their starting line, having suffered heavy losses.

"South of the Somme the Germans attempted an action at only a single point of the front east of Bellefleur on Santerre, where several attacks were repulsed by our fire. The enemy

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CAR HITS WOMAN AWARDED \$2,450

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Judgment rendered by the United States district court giving Mrs. Margaret Corthay, a nurse of Wilkeson, Wash., \$2450 from the Tacoma Railway & Power company for injuries received when she was struck by a car of the company at Point Defiance park, Tacoma, was sustained here today by the circuit court of appeals. Mrs. Corthay claimed she attempted to enter the park through a gate maintained by the company when the stile refused to operate, making it impossible for her to escape the train. She sued for \$15,000.

RUMANIA MAKES 150 MILE GAIN INTO HUNGARY

Russians and Bulgarians Clash in Rumania—Bulgar Cavalry Put to Saber—Austria Claims Rumanians Driven Back, Leaving Dead on Battle Field.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—The advance of the Rumanian troops in the first five days of their campaign was considerable, and at some points was as much as 80 kilometers (about 48 miles) says a dispatch from Urgeni, under date of Saturday to the Petit Parisien. The forward march, however, now has somewhat slackened because of the difficulty of sending re-equipping convoys. Although the ground on the Eastern Hungarian frontier was unfavorable for the Rumanians, the correspondent said they were successful in their dash across the river and now occupy the valleys.

Russians and Bulgarians Clash.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5.—Russians and Bulgarians are fighting in Rumania, the war office announced today and the first clash between the Bulgarians, who have invaded eastern Rumania and the Russians, who went in to assist Rumania, occurred yesterday. A Bulgarian cavalry outpost was sabred by Russian cavalry.

The statement follows: "The first encounter between our cavalry detachments and the Bulgarian cavalry in Dobrudja took place September 4. A Bulgarian outpost was sabred by our troops and one officer was taken prisoner.

Rumanian's declaration of war, the dispatch adds, was so unexpected by Austria that only a few troops of the dual monarchy were on the Rumanian frontier and there were not on guard when hostilities were begun. Half an hour before war was declared Hungarian officials were drinking with Rumanians at a frontier railroad station. Soon afterward a Rumanian outpost entered the station, took the officers as prisoners and then captured quantities of materials. The Rumanian offensive was so sudden that the Austrians had not time to blow up bridges or tunnels.

Austria Claims Repulse.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The first day's fighting on Rumanian soil, due to the invasion of Dobrudja by Bulgarians and Germans, is said by the Bulgarian war office, to have resulted in the retreat of the Rumanians, who left hundreds of dead on the field. As previously reported by the German war office, the invaders crossed the entire Dobrudja frontier and occupied towns near the border. The statement, issued in Sofia on Sunday says:

"We occupied Kurtburnar, after fighting in which we took prisoner 165 men and two officers. The enemy retreated, leaving on the field hundreds of dead as well as a great number of rifles and a quantity of material. One of our columns occupied Akkadunlan. The march forward is proceeding on the whole line. "A hostile fleet bombarded the fortifications north of Kavala."

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DEFUNCT COMPANY MUST PAY DAMAGES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—The United States circuit court of appeals today ruled that stockholders in defunct companies are liable for judgments against the firms under admiralty laws, as well as California statutes. The opinion was delivered when the court gave Louis Bottner, a seaman, \$5000 damages from Mary Adams and others interested in the defunct Pacific Shipping company of San Francisco, for injuries received while aboard the company's schooner Americana. Bottner lost his left hand and arm through a defect in a winch, he said. He sued for \$25,000, was given \$5000 by a lower court, but was denied the money by the district court.

WATCH YOUR STEP!



WAR ORACLE SAYS GREECE WILL JOIN; CALL RESERVISTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Diplomatic circles here received a report today, considered reliable in every way, that Greece will enter the war within a short time on the side of the entente allies. The same source predicted the entry of Rumania in three days before it actually occurred.

Reservists Called.

ATHENS, Sept. 4, via London, Sept. 5.—It is reported that five classes of reservists have been quietly called to the colors. The French and British representatives have reached an agreement with the Greek government which has relieved the tension consequent upon the arrest of Teutonic agents by French and British secret police. Under this plan the Greek authorities will complete the arrests of persons who are to be deported without further activity on the part of the foreign police.

ATHENS, Sept. 4, via London, Sept. 5.—Veritable street battles in which, thus far, three persons have been wounded, are accompanying the arrest by Anglo-French secret police of alleged Teutonic agents in Greece. The secret police are operating on their own account, not waiting for action by the Greek government to carry out the terms of the Anglo-French demands, which included the expulsion of Baron von Schneek and co-workers in sympathy with the central powers.

The committee of national defense, which took over the administration of portions of northern Greece in which the revolutionists gained control, has issued a proclamation declaring it does not desire to alter the constitution, but merely to cause the nation to rise against the Bulgarians, who have invaded Greek Macedonia.

The committee also announces its intention of establishing a sanitary service, a press bureau and courts martial.

INFANT EPIDEMIC KILLS SAN FRANCISCO CHILD

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—The first death from infantile paralysis in San Francisco since the disease became epidemic in New York, was reported to the health authorities today. Jape Sauter, four years old, was the victim.

RUSSIA GAINING VOLHYNIA FRONT, TURKS RETREAT

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5.—In the direction of Vladimir-Volynski on the upper Sereth, Volhynia, Russian troops in battles lasting from Thursday to Saturday captured 115 Teuton officers and 4,514 men. They also took six cannon, 25 machine guns and four mine throwers. This information is contained in the Russian official statement, issued today, which says:

"In the direction of Vladimir-Volynski in the region of the upper Sereth, we captured in battles from Thursday to Saturday 115 officers and 4,514 men. We took six cannon, 25 machine guns and four mine throwers.

"In the Carpathians we have taken several more heights."

PETROGRAD, Sept. 4.—Fierce battles are in progress in the region west of Ognott in Turkish Armenia, says today's Russian official statement. The Turkish troops are said to be retreating hurriedly and are reported to have burned their ammunition stores.

"In the region southwest of the town of Sakiz in Persia," the statement adds, "we are pressing the enemy."

LONDON, Sept. 5.—A British statement issued this afternoon regarding operations in the Saloniki war theater says:

"The enemy Sunday night opened rifle fire on our troops south of Orizar on the Struma front, but no attack developed.

"On the Doiran front there have been patrol encounters at Buekovo and Kratali."

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—There has been no cessation of the heavy fighting in Galicia since the inauguration of the new Russian drive. The official announcement of today says the Russians attacked repeatedly yesterday in the vicinity of Brzezany, fifty miles southeast of Lemberg, but were driven back by the German troops.

The announcement says: "The situation is unchanged on the front of Prince Leopold.

"On Aradukke Charles Francis' front there was stubborn fighting. German battalions again drove off repeated counter attacks southeast of Brozany.

"In the Carpathians small engagements developed at several places. Southwest of Zabic and in the region of Schipok fighting is proceeding. Strong Russian forces were repulsed with heavy losses southwest of Fandul Moldovi."

WILLIAMS TODAY TENNIS CHAMPION, BEATS JOHNSTON

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 5.—R. Norris Williams, II of Philadelphia, 1914 champion, won the national lawn tennis championship here today, defeating William M. Johnston, San Francisco title-holder, 4-6, 6-4, 6-6, 6-4, 6-2.

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Before a gallery estimated at more than 10,000 persons, William M. Johnston, national lawn tennis title holder of San Francisco, and R. Norris Williams, II, 1914 champion, of Philadelphia, met today in the final round of the 1916 national tournament.

The sky was somewhat overcast and there was little wind. The two contestants practiced before a battery of cameras, making a series of brilliant strokes and volleys that evoked applause. Johnston opened the service in the first game.

Johnston won the first set 6 to 4 after a hard fight in which the games went with service until Johnston led at 5 to 4. He then broke through Williams' service and took the tenth game and the set, due in part to Williams' netting at critical moments. Williams appeared to have an early advantage, but Johnston quickly speeded up his game and began to whip over returns with a spin and speed which kept the easterner on the run.

Williams went into a two-game lead at the start of the second set and took the set 6-4 on his own clever service and placing.

Occasionally both players came to the net for a battle at close quarters and at these times Johnston was superior.

Johnston captured the third set at 6-0, due in part to his improvement in play, while Williams appeared to be lessening his speed and accuracy. Both players were dripping with perspiration and Williams had difficulty in holding his racket steadily. Johnston did not appear to be troubled.

Williams permitted a number of deep court drives to go without any attempted return. His service fell off and he piled up an alarming total of errors.

Williams won the fourth and fifth set, defeating Johnston, 4-1, 6-4.

LEOPOLD STATES RUMANIA WILL 'GET WHACKED'

Rumania in Bad Position, Says Bavarian Prince, New Field Marshal—Declaration Will Only Lengthen War Without Affecting Present—Says U. S. Furnished Ammunition.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF GERMAN ARMIES IN THE EAST, Monday, Sept. 4, via Berlin and London, Sept. 5.—How little Rumanian's entrance in the war worries those in command of the German eastern armies was indicated today when Prince Leopold of Bavaria said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"The Rumanians have placed themselves in a very bad position. They will get their whacks, you may be sure, and if others come, they will get theirs too."

These words of the prince were in reply to a question regarding the possible or probable effect of Rumania's declaration of war. In replying Prince Leopold dropped the friendly and almost begun attitude he had displayed throughout the interview—the first granted to a correspondent since his promotion to the command formerly held by Field Marshal von Hindenburg. His eyes snapped almost sharply. In a moment, however, he dropped this topic and returned to questioning his visitors about the trip they had just completed along the Russo-German front in the neighborhood of Baranovichi, admittedly one of the most important strategic points in relation to past as well as future offensives.

Confident of Result.

The prince's expression of complete confidence that Rumania would be defeated was in the nature of a climax to countless declarations of belief from other officers that Russia would never be able to effect any important break in the German lines. The correspondent was permitted to make an exhaustive inspection of miles of trenches, which are more like fortresses than anything else. They surpass any other fortifications the correspondent has seen during many trips to the eastern and western fronts.

Prince Leopold did not look like his seventy-odd years when he received the small group of visitors at his headquarters. He greeted each one with a firm handshake, made minute inquiries regarding the newspapers represented by each, and with a smile told the two Americans that the United States was delivering too much ammunition to Germany's opponents.

Outcome Not Affected.

Colonel Hoffman, Prince Leopold's chief of staff, taking up the eastern situation, said Rumania's entrance into the war would prolong the struggle, but that it could in no way affect the outcome.

Turning to the Russians, the colonel said the Germans believe Russian losses in the six months have exceeded one million. He pointed out the strength and importance of Kovel and Baranovichi, for possession of which the Russians have been struggling since last March.

Although the Germans are defending a front of about 850 miles between Riga and Tarnopol, it is almost a matter of indifference to them, Colonel Hoffman declared where the Russians choose to make their next attack. He pointed out that occasionally there arose the necessity of sacrificing isolated forward trench sections to vastly superior numbers, but that Germany prefers to let half a square mile go rather than to lose a few hundred dead or wounded, to retake it.

COMMITTEE FAVORS INDIES PURCHASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000 was ordered favorably reported to the senate today by the foreign relations committee by a unanimous vote of senators present. It will be reported later today and an effort made to have it ratified before adjournment of congress.

SENATE STRIKES AT BLACK LIST BY AMENDMENT

Acts Approved Today Will Exclude Britain From Use of United States Mail and Telegraph—Bill Protects American Shipping From Foreign Discrimination—Fishers Protected.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Drastic amendments to the revenue bill striking at the allied black list and British interference with American mails, were adopted today by the senate and created consternation among the diplomatic representatives of the allies.

In allied quarters it was declared that the enactment of the amendments into law would constitute nothing less than a non-intercourse act, preliminary to a commercial warfare with possibilities of far-reaching consequences.

Until the retaliatory amendments become law with the president's signature, the allies technically have nothing to protest about, but there are assurances that representations would be made if the amendments stay in the bill.

Inasmuch as the government had decided on a course of legislation to meet the restraints on commerce which diplomatic correspondence has been unable to remove, it is generally expected the amendments will be put through. The administration leaders who have intimate connections with the government's foreign policy made no attempt to stay their adoption.

May Deny British Mails.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—An amendment of Senator Phelan of California was adopted authorizing the president by the proclamation to deny the use of mails, express, telegraph, wireless radio facilities to citizens of nations which do not accord to Americans all facilities of commerce, "including the unhampered traffic in the mails." This amendment, it was declared, was aimed particularly at British interference with American mails.

The Chamberlain amendment prohibiting admission of halibut and salmon into the United States, except when in bond from an American port, also was adopted. The amendment is directed against Canadian fisheries on the Pacific Coast and to urge development of American fisheries there.

Will Protect Fisheries.

An amendment to the revenue bill, authorizing the president, during a war in which the United States is not engaged, to withhold clearance from all vessels, which discriminate against American shippers; to withhold privileges from ships of such nations as withhold privileges accorded to other nations from American ships and to use the army and navy if necessary to prevent departure of offending vessels from United States ports, was adopted today by the senate.

Will Adjourn Thursday.

Under agreement to take final vote before adjournment tonight, the senate continued work today on the emergency revenue bill.

Passage of the bill will virtually clear the way for adjournment of congress, probably not later than Thursday, as it is the last of the big measures on the administration program.

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TRANSPORTS TAKE PHILIPPINE MAIL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Arrangements to forward mails to the Philippines by army transport announced yesterday in San Francisco were followed here by official announcement that mails for the United States postal agency at Shanghai no longer would be dispatched through Vancouver, B. C. The purpose ostensibly is to remove the mails from possibility of British interference.

The decision to carry mails to the Philippines on army transports involves the state and war departments and the postoffice department. Officials all were reticent today to talk about the plan.