

FORECAST

Fair and warmer tonight  
and Tuesday.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Maximum yesterday, 70;  
Minimum today, 31.

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## FRENCH WIN BIG SMASH AT VERDUN

German Lines "Burst" When Nivelle's Forces Attack Unexpectedly, Forcing Back Enemy for Distance of Four and One-Half Miles Like Straw Before Wind—Many Prisoners Captured—Loss of Attackers Light.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Verdun, long lost sight of, sprang suddenly and unexpectedly today into the forefront of the public mind, which exclusively had been directed towards the battle on the Somme front. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse literally was swept away for a distance of four and one-half miles like straw before the wind.

General Nivelle for weeks past had been watching the German movements like a lynx, carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and western fronts. At the same time he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had thinned their defenses to the danger point he struck like lightning. The result was one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

**German Swept Back.**  
The Germans who yesterday were pressing close upon the inner line of defenses at Forts Souville and Tannoy, have now been driven beyond the outer defenses of Fort Douaumont-Vaux line. Vaux fort remains in the possession of the Germans, but the French line extends beyond it on the north at Vaux village and Famin wood, and also on the south of it at Damloup battery and Chenois wood. From both of which positions it can readily be attacked.

The French artillery preparation was brief, but intense, and was over before the German command had time to bring up reinforcements, even if they were available. The assaulting French waves caught them before the Germans recovered from their surprise and swept over trench after trench, sending prisoners in all lines to the rear.

French losses were very light, it is believed, even lighter than any recorded in the attacks on the Somme front.

**Smashing Blow.**  
News of the success has caused tremendous public enthusiasm here, and this is all the greater because of the general impression that Verdun was over and done with and that both sides were contenting themselves with holding what they had won. Today's operation, proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun while carrying on an extended offensive on the Somme, has greatly increased public confidence and gone far to lessen the depression caused by the loss of Constance.

The French attack at Verdun apparently took the Germans completely by surprise, and not at one point did they succeed in stopping the impetuous rush. In three hours the French recaptured ground to gain which required months of patient effort by the Germans, including such positions as Douaumont fort and Thiaumont work, which in the past were won and lost repeatedly.

**Lines Were Burst.**  
The official French account of the battle, every word of which was weighed carefully, does not say the German line was forced back, but that it was "burst." Later details of the French victory show that its extent was as much of a surprise to the French as it must have been to the

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**NEW HIGH RECORDS  
ON STOCK MARKET**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Rock Island and other railroad were conspicuous features of the early afternoon, all at substantial gains. General Motors made the new high record of 78 1/2, but other issues were subject to considerable irregularity.

## WILSON SETS NEW STANDARD OF JUSTICE IN DEALING WITH VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This is the Statement of Colonel John McElroy, Editor of the Official National Paper of the G. A. R.—Nothing But Praise for Dealings With Wilson Administration.

By HARRY B. HUNT.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Every G. A. R. veteran in the United States owes a debt of gratitude to the administration of President Wilson. In the opinion of Col. James McElroy, life-long republican, for 32 years editor of the National Tribune, official national organ of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Colonel McElroy, himself a soldier and officer in the civil war, declares President Wilson's administration has set a new standard of justice and fairness in dealing with old soldiers and their dependents. However much G. A. R. veterans—most of whom are republicans—disagree with the democrats on the tariff and other strictly partisan issues, McElroy says they can have nothing but praise for the way in which their affairs have been handled by the Wilson administration.

**Declines Invitation.**  
"I have been asked by the republican national committee to go on the stump for Hughes," McElroy said, as he sat at his desk in the old war-time building at Fourteenth and E streets. He rummaged for a moment among a pile of papers on his desk and pulled out a letter.

"Here is the invitation," he said, holding it out for inspection. "I haven't answered it yet."

"I've been thinking it over. Some way—although I am a republican and always have been one—it doesn't seem to me just right for me to get into the fight against Wilson."

"For we old soldiers owe a debt of gratitude to the Wilson administration. The new widow's pension law comes more nearly doing justice by the wives and dependents of old soldiers than any other pension law ever passed."

**Smite Helping Hand.**  
"For me to take the stump against Wilson, to help Hughes, would be for me to smite the hand that had helped us. It wouldn't seem right."

"Then, too, Commissioner Saltzger, who was appointed head of the pension bureau by President Wilson, has been one of the most efficient pension commissioners we ever had. The office was never handled better than it has been under his direction."

"With the exception of in the post-office department, G. A. R. veterans have had the fairest of treatment. Postmaster General Burleson, in the name of efficiency, has forced several old soldiers out of positions they had been holding satisfactorily under other administrations. But I hold that against Burleson, himself, not against the administration. For in the war, navy, treasury and other departments and in the public printing office, G. A. R. veterans have been treated with fairness and consideration. There is no question about that."

**Debt Owed to President.**  
"Of course, most G. A. R. veterans are republicans. I am one myself. But however much we may disagree with the democrats over purely party matters, as veterans of the civil war we must admit a debt to President Wilson and his administration."

Colonel McElroy placed the letter (Continued on page two.)

## CARRANZA TO BE CANDIDATE

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Oct. 25.—General Trevino today received a wireless message from General Venustiano Carranza announcing his candidacy for the Mexican presidency at the coming election.

The message stated there probably would be more changes in the Carranza cabinet. General Pablo Gonzalez, it stated, is to give up his command of the first military division to accept a special confidential commis-



COL JOHN MCELROY

## CANADIAN PACIFIC STRIKE AVERTED BY NEW SCALE

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—An agreement between Canadian Pacific railway officials and their employees for the settlement of the threatened strike has been reached and will be signed some time today, according to a telegram received from Winnipeg by Minister of Labor Crothers.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 25.—The Canadian Pacific railway company drew up a new schedule this morning and submitted it to the representatives of the conductors and trainmen for approval. This schedule contained several important concessions.

Grant Hall, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, D. C. Coleman, assistant to the general manager, and C. Murphy, general superintendent, represented the company at the conference with the men.

The men's representatives are S. N. Barry, vice-president of the Order of Railway Conductors; James Murdoch, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; D. R. Chester, Winnipeg, and E. H. Cooke, Moosejaw.

## WHEAT SOARS BUT SLUMPS AT ONCE

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—After nearly four months of rising prices, based on a world shortage due to the European war and to extraordinary crop damage in Argentina, Canada and the United States, the wheat market today capped the climax with a jump of about 7 cents a bushel. Foreigners, however, retailed by a swing to the selling side, and the greater part of today's gain vanished. The market closed relatively weak at a net advance of 2 1/2 to 2c, with December at \$1.80 to \$1.80 1/2, and May at \$1.80 1/2 to \$1.80 3/4.

## AMERICAN GIRL WEDS A PRINCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Margaret Preston Draper, daughter of the late General William F. Draper, ambassador to Italy in President McKinley's administration, was married here today to Prince Andrea Boncompagni of Rome. Cardinal Gibbons officiated in a chapel which had been converted from the ball room of the Draper home, in accordance with a privilege granted to the Boncompagni family, which has given two popes to the Roman Catholic church. A notable company, including the Russian ambassador, the Italian ambassador, their staffs, Chief Justice White and other nationally known figures, attended.

## TEUTON ALLIES TIGHTEN GRIP ON RUMANIA

Process of Closing In From Both Sides Continued—Danube Town and Vulcan Pass on Transylvania Border Captured—Large Army Cut Off From Railroad Connection.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The process of closing in on Rumania from both sides is being continued by the armies of the central powers. Teheravoda, on the Danube, and Vulcan pass, on the Transylvanian border, have been captured.

The loss of Teheravoda by the Russo-Rumanian forces to Field Marshal von Mackensen's victorious armies is conceded by Petrograd, which announced the evacuation of this important town, from which stretches the only bridge across the Danube from Dobruja, carrying the railway line running into interior Rumania.

**Cut Off From Railroad.**  
Important outposts evidently remain on the Dobruja side of the Danube, as Petrograd mentions the continued retreat of Russo-Rumanian troops northward along the Black sea coast. Berlin comments that the loss of Teheravoda deprives them of their last railway communication.

The Austro-German success on the north likewise is important as opening another route into Rumania from Transylvania for General von Falkenhayn's forces. This pass penetrates the Transylvanian Alps half way between the Iron gate of the Danube and Rothenthurm Pass, below Hermannstadt.

**Vulcan Pass Taken.**  
BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Vulcan Pass, on the Transylvanian front, has been captured by General von Falkenhayn's army, the war office announced today.

In Dobruja, pursuit of the Russians and Rumanians continues. Teheravoda was captured this morning, depriving the Russians and Rumanians of their last railway communication in Dobruja.

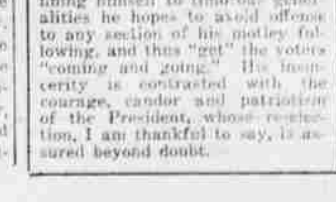
**Iron Grip Tightens.**  
BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The iron grip of the central powers upon Rumania is tightened in two important notches with the capture of Medjidie and Rashova in Dobruja and of Predeal, on the Transylvanian border. The conquests of these important places have been achieved with surprising speed.

Military men as usual refuse to prophesy as to other developments of the country today.

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## WHY I AM FOR WILSON

By Bainbridge Colby  
Progressive Candidate for United States Senator in New York State, Who Twice Nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the Presidency in Progressive Conventions.



As a Progressive, I am supporting President Wilson because he is the foremost progressive in the country today. His record is one of devotion to progressive principles and of extraordinary persistence and success in translating them into law.

## HUMAN RIGHTS ABOVE ALL OTHER RIGHTS

By PRESIDENT WILSON.

And my dream is this: that as the years go on and the world knows more and more of America, it will also drink at these fountains of youth and renewal, that it will also turn to America for those moral inspirations that lie at the base of human freedom, that it will never fear America unless it finds itself engaged in some enterprise inconsistent with the rights of humanity, and that America will come into the full light of that day when all shall know she puts human rights above all other rights, and that her flag is the flag not only of America, but the flag of humanity.—Fourth of July celebration, Philadelphia, Pa., 1914.

## FIVE NORWEGIAN SHIPS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINES

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Norwegian steamships, valued at about 5,000,000 kroner, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Christiania.

Shipping aches dropped considerably on the Christiania exchange today.

The steamers Alis and Rising and the schooner Theodore, together with the Swedish schooners Antoinette and Henriette, are among the latest submarine victims, adds the dispatch.

The Tittens Tean of Christiania states that one boat with six men from the Norwegian steamer Ravn, reported sunk by a German submarine at Arefte on October 2 has been lost, while another boat with 11 men on board reached a lonely part of the Russian Murman coast, after drifting 13 hours.

News agency reports from Copenhagen through London last night reported that sensational rumors were current regarding the relations between Norway and Germany. German submarines were declared to be waging a persistent war on Norwegian shipping and one account stated that five German submarines had established a regular blockade of the Norwegian coast. The reply to Germany's protest against Norway's stand with regard to submarines in Norwegian waters was still under discussion, the address added, but it was said that the Norwegian government organ in referring to the relations between Norway and Germany, required it might be assumed that the German protest was so couched as not to bear the character of an ultimatum.

## AIRSHIPS RAID AUSTRIAN COAST

ROME, Oct. 25.—Squadrons of Italian and French seaplanes have bombarded Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria and escaped unscathed, says an official announcement of the Italian war office today.

An aerial battle between the French hydroplanes and Austrian seaplanes in which one of the Austrian machines was captured and another fell into a lagoon at Baschenic, on the Italian coast near Corle, also is reported. The Austrian squadron had been throwing bombs on Corle. The official statement follows:

"Italian and French seaplane squadrons have visited the west coast of Istria and bombed military works at Salvere, Enagio and Citta Nuova. All returned unscathed."

"At the same time, French hydroplanes attacked a squadron of Austrian aeroplanes which had bombed Corle. All the enemy machines were hit. One captured and the pilot was made prisoner."

## BRITISH STEAMER FRAMFIELD IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The steamer Framfield has been sunk, Lloyd's Shipping agency announces.

The British steamer Framfield of 2,510 tons gross, was last reported at Genoa on September 29.

## OHIO PROBABLY FOR WILSON BY BIG MAJORITY

That Buckeye State Will Go For President Is Not Only Possibility, But Probability—Campaign Is Series of Shocks to G. O. P. Managers—Frenzied Efforts to Stem Tide.

By H. N. RICKEY, Editor Cleveland Press.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 25.—That the twenty-four electoral votes of Ohio will be cast for Woodrow Wilson is not only a possibility; it is a probability. Were it not for the fact that hard and fast predictions as to election results are apt to be about as dangerous as predicting the results of ball games and horse races, I would be tempted to become prophetic and to say that the president is as certain to carry Ohio as he is to carry any state north of Mason and Dixon's line.

While the republicans keep on putting Ohio in all their lists of sure-for-Hughes states, I doubt whether there is a republican leader in the state who believes any such thing.

They may have believed it at the beginning of the campaign, just as the national republican leaders believed, or professed to believe, at that time that Hughes was going to sweep the country.

**G. O. P. Disillusioned.**  
But they have no illusions now. The best that even the most optimistic republican leader in Ohio really hopes for at this time is that between now and election some way can be found to stop the drift toward Wilson, which is reported from every section of the state, and excluding Hamilton county, with its big German population, find having stopped it, to turn it in the opposite direction.

The word has been sent down the line from republican national headquarters to the state committee that Ohio must be carried for Hughes at any cost.

It is probable that neither the national nor the state republican leaders woke up to what the voters in Ohio were thinking about until after Candidate Hughes spoke in the state, late in September.

Up to that time no one seemed to be particularly interested in the campaign, and it was assumed that this meant that Ohio was going to perform about the same way it usually has performed at presidential elections; that is, as republican by anywhere from 50,000 to 250,000.

**Series of Shocks.**  
The only exceptions to this consistent republican performance were when Grover Cleveland got one presidential elector and when Roosevelt divided the republican vote with Taft four years ago, permitting Wilson to carry the state.

The Hughes frost in Toledo and Cleveland was the first shock to the republican managers. They have been shocked almost daily since, as reports have been coming in from every section of the state telling of the inability to stir up enthusiasm for the "doomed" republican candidate.

Disencouraging as are reports from the industrial centers, where it was rather expected that the president would be popular with the workingmen, they have not been as disappointing as the reports from the small towns and farming communities.

The small town voter and the farmer have always been considered safe in presidential years by the republican managers.

**DIFFIDENT This Year.**  
It has never been thought necessary to do more than make the motions of holding them in line.

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## PEACE CONFERENCE GOES TO WASHINGTON

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 25.—Unofficial consideration is being given by the Mexican-American joint commission to a suggestion that it transfer its conference to Washington, because of the better facilities there for obtaining records. It is pointed out the commissioners might expedite their work there. It was indicated today that it was not improbable that this would be the last week in Atlantic City.