

FORECAST
TONIGHT AND FRIDAY
OCCASIONAL SHOWERS

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 61;
Minimum Today 40.

Forty-sixth Year.
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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GERMANS EVACUATE FORT VAUX

Virtually All the Ground of Pronounced Value Taken by Germans on Easterly Bank of Meuse, in Verdun Offensive Now Lost—French Gain on Somme—Sakharoff to Command Rumanian Forces in Dobruja.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux, one of the most important fortifications captured by the German crown prince in his prolonged drive at Verdun, has been evacuated by the Germans. The evacuation is announced by Berlin today.

Shortly after Fort Douaumont had been retaken and a wide stretch of the front in this region regained by the French in their sudden offensive movement on October 25, it was pointed out that Fort Vaux likewise had been put in a perilous position. The French advanced close to the edge of the fortification on its immediate front in their great drive and pushed well beyond it on each side, making its fall, in the opinion of observers at the front, only a question of a short time.

Lose Winter's Gains.
The Germans evacuated Fort Vaux during the night, says their official report, without hindrance by the French, and after portions of the fort had been blown up. The French continued to pour a heavy fire from their big guns on the fortification.

Virtually all the ground of pronounced value taken by the Germans on the easterly bank of the Meuse in their winter and spring offensive at Verdun has now, with the fall of Fort Vaux, been lost to them.

French troops operating in the Les Boenfs and Rancourt sectors on the Somme front, also gained ground yesterday in attacks on the Germans. The Paris report of last night announcing these advances is in part confirmed by the Berlin official statement today which concedes French gains northeast of Morval and on the edge of the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, but declares the main effort of the French to move forward was sanguinary. London last night reported gains in the Les Boenfs sector in operations in conjunction with the French, but announced today that heavy rain was falling and that there were noteworthy happenings during the night.

On Rumanian Front.
There is no apparent let-up in the pressure which General Von Falkenhayn is exerting along the Rumanian northwestern frontier, but in general the Rumanians are reported to be holding him fairly well in check. No new advances of importance are announced today by the German war office.

Bucharest reports that Rumanian forces continue to pursue the retiring Austro-German troops to the west of the dial valley, in Transylvania, according to the Rumanian official report issued today. Tenuous attacks, the statement adds, were repulsed after continued fighting in the Pruhova valley and in the region of Dragoslaye. East of the river Alt a battle still is in progress.

The Wireless Press has received a dispatch from Bucharest saying that Lieutenant General Vladimir Sakharoff, commander of the Russian forces in Galicia, arrives in Bucharest today and will take command of the army in Dobruja.

Lieutenant General Sakharoff is rated as one of the ablest Russian commanders. He came into special prominence last summer during the Russian drive in Volhynia before the Russian advance was halted.

GERMANS CAPTURE STOKHOD RIVER

PETROGRAD, Nov. 2.—German troops captured advanced Russian trenches on the western bank of the Stokhod river south of Witoniez in Volhynia, after the Russians had repelled three previous attacks, says today's announcement of the war office.

BANDITS KILL TRAIN GUARDS TO LOOT TRAIN

Two Hundred Mexican Outlaws Shoot 29 Carranza Soldiers Down in Slight of Passengers, Rob Litter and Carry Loot Away in Mule-Drawn Wagons.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., via El Paso Junction, Nov. 2.—After shooting the twenty-nine Carranza military guards of the southbound passenger train which left Juarez Monday, Villa bandits looted the train, robbed the clothing from the women passengers. Dr. Haffner, a German passenger on the train, who was mistaken by the bandits for an American, was struck over the head by one of the bandits, who used his gun as a club. Dr. Haffner was not seriously injured. The bandits, who were in command of Murga brothers, and Silverio Quevedo, then abandoned the train, carrying the loot away in mule-drawn wagons.

200 in Bandit Band.

There were approximately 200 of the bandits in the command which held up the passenger train as it was approaching Laguna station. The bandits, silhouetted against the skyline, could be seen plainly by the engineer and passengers before the train was stopped, but because of the nature of the country, escape was impossible. After commanding the engineer to stop, one of the bandits went through the train, ordering passengers to alight so they could be searched by other bandits. The conductor, whose name is not known, was shot in the hip by a bandit.

The twenty-nine Carranza soldiers from the Juarez garrison, who were traveling in the box car just back of the engine tender, were ordered to alight and were shot down in view of the passengers. This military escort was in command of Captain Guzman, who was also shot.

Passengers Robbed.

After the execution of the Carranza soldiers by the bandits, the systematic looting of the train and the robbing of the passengers started, according to the reports made to General Trevino by the passengers who arrived here. The passengers were robbed of their baggage and personal belongings, even the women suffering loss of their clothing in spite of their protests.

None of the passengers except Dr. Haffner was assaulted by the bandits.

After robbing the passengers the express car was looted and the contents carried away in wagons drawn by mule teams. These trains were waiting at the Laguna station, indicating that the holdup was carefully planned. After holding the train one and a half hours, the bandits permitted it to continue to Chihuahua City, about sixty miles south. The bandit command marched away to the north into the darkness after watching it depart. They are believed then to have burned the bridges between Laguna and Gallego, twenty miles north.

A military train carrying 400 Carranza soldiers was sent out from Saaz, twenty-six miles north of here, to pursue the bandits and a work train was sent from the railroad yards here to repair the damage done to the railroad by the bandits north of Laguna, the extent of which is not known.

PEACE CONFERENCE AGAIN ADJOURNS

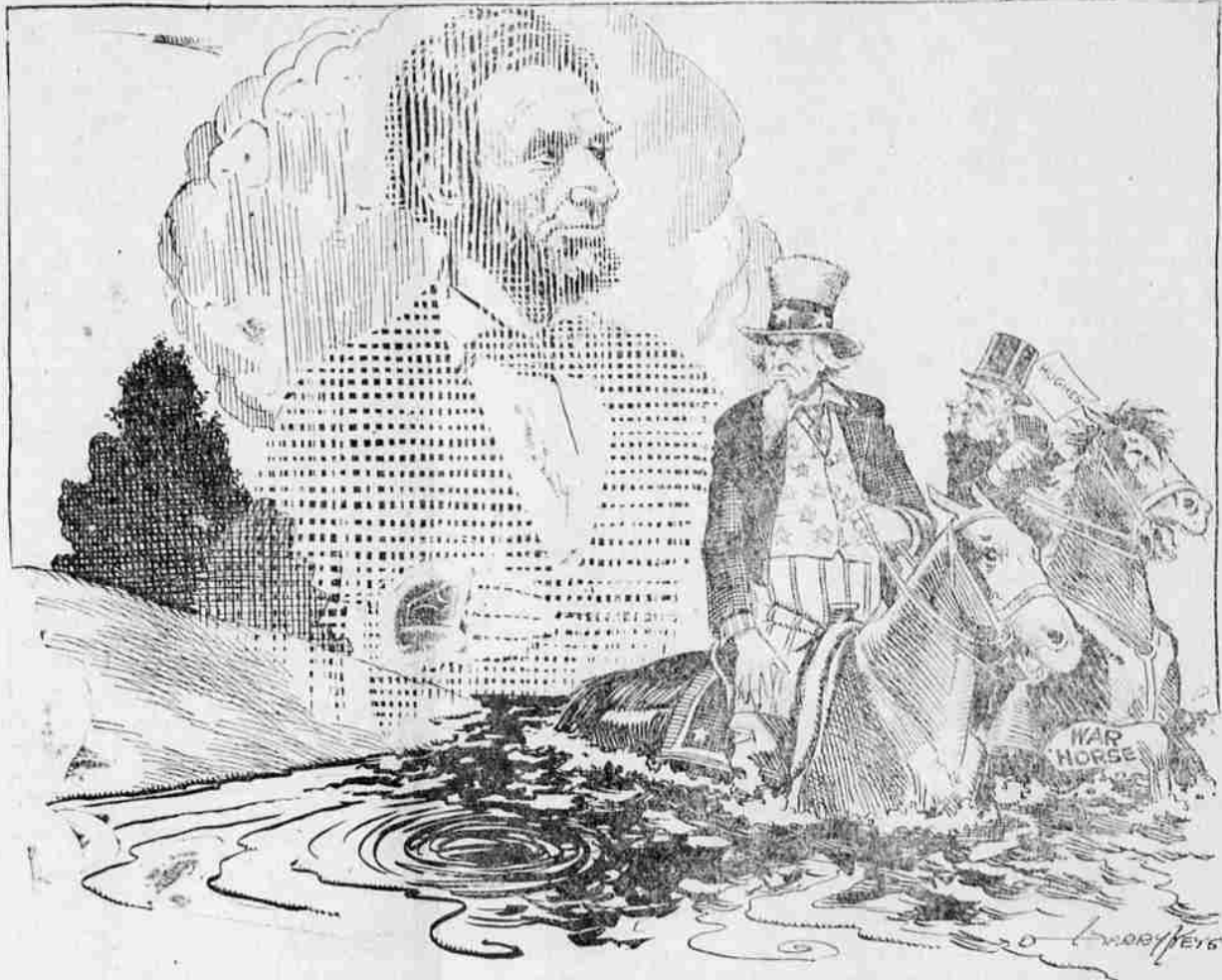
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 2.—Without having reached an agreement on a plan for the maintenance of peace along the border, the Mexican-American joint commission adjourned today until November 9, when the conference will be resumed here. Luis Cabrera, Ignacio Bonillas and Alberto J. Pani, the Mexican representatives, left for New York, where they expect to hear President Wilson speak this evening.

TWO MORE NORWEGIAN SHIPS ARE TORPEDOED

LONDON, via Paris, Nov. 2.—The Norwegian steamer Tromp has been sunk.

"IT IS NO TIME TO SWAP HORSES WHEN YOU ARE CROSSING THE STREAM"

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



SCORES OF LETTERS AS EVIDENCE IN LAND FRAUD CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Scores of letters taken from the files of Norman D. Cook, one of the six defendants now on trial in the United States district court on charges of using the mails to defraud in the so-called Oregon-California land fraud case, were offered in evidence at today's session of court.

C. R. Arundell, special agent of the department of justice, who assisted in collecting the government's evidence in the alleged frauds, occupied the stand during the morning session, identifying the correspondence.

R. J. Connors, who pleaded guilty to similar charges in Oregon, and who served 18 months in the federal penitentiary for his part in the frauds, will take the witness stand some time today. Connors has never testified before and the government expects to introduce some new and interesting testimony when he takes the stand. Connors operated in the southern part of California most of the time, it is said.

STEEL COMMON SHARES SELL ABOVE PREFERRED VALUE

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—United States Steel common shares sold at the new high record of 122 1/2 shortly after the opening of today's market, the stock being absorbed in large individual lots. This exceeds its previous maximum by half a point. It also passed the preferred stock, which sold at 122.

Other records of the morning included Bethlehem Steel, which rose to 67 1/2, and Sears-Roebuck, 35 1/2 to 23 1/2. United States Steel lost a point on specious realizing sales, but this was more than counterbalanced by the greater strength of other industrials.

Mercantile marines were among the other strong and active features, and representative falls were in better demand at material advances. A striking feature of the railway list was a 15-point advance in Texas & Pacific land issue certificates to 145.

By 12:30 clock sales exceeded 1,000,000 shares, of which United States Steel contributed fully 20 per cent.

HUGHES CONFIDENT OF ELECTION AFTER WESTERN TRIP

BATAVIA, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Charles E. Hughes declared today before an audience here that he is entirely confident of the election result in both Ohio and Indiana.

"I have returned from a trip through Ohio and Indiana," he said, "with a profound sense of gratification and entire confidence with respect to the result in both states. In Ohio and Indiana it is not exaggerating to say that I had receptions, which perhaps exceeded those accorded to any other presidential candidate."

"That was, of course, not a tribute to me personally, but it was indicative of the deep interest the people are taking in the essential conditions of their prosperity and their satisfaction that there is a great recruited republican party ready for service at this critical time."

"So far as promises go, no one can exceed the promises of our opponents, but we measure what they say by what they have done."

Mr. Hughes assailed the democratic party for failure to reduce the high cost of living "as promised four years ago," and for extravagance.

CROCKER REOPENS LODGE CONTROVERSY

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—William H. Crocker, republican national committeeman from California, has injected himself and an unnamed friend today into the Lodge-Bretherton controversy, quoting his friend last night as follows:

"I am wondering how Senator Lodge learned of this incident (the alleged postscript to the note to Governor) following the sinking of the Lusitania because there were only five of us in Washington that knew of it."

This addition was put into the note at the instance of Secretary W. J. Bryan, but the note was held up and later the postscript was removed.

AVIATOR FLYING FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 2.—Aviator Victor Carlstrom, who is flying from Chicago to New York, landed in this city at 11:26 a. m., today because of engine trouble, but thereby establishing a new American non-stop flight record. Erie is just half the distance Carlstrom set out to cover.

The aviator was flying about seven miles south of Erie when a pipe became loose on his engine and he made for this city so that he could obtain the necessary mechanical assistance. He landed easily in a large open field and jumping from the car at once began repairs. He said that he was delighted with the flight as far as he had gone and although disappointed because of the slight engine trouble, he deemed it advisable to take no unnecessary chances, as he was very anxious to get to New York by 6 o'clock this evening.

The engine was doing all he had expected of it in the way of speed, the distance between Cleveland and Erie having been covered in 29 minutes.

Having completed repairs to the engine Carlstrom decided to replenish his supply of gasoline and came down into the city for that purpose. He said that he expected to leave Erie before 1:30 p. m. and that he would follow the lake to Buffalo. From there, he said, he would probably follow the track of the New York-Central into New York.

LASSEN PEAK AGAIN ERUPTING

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 2.—Lassen peak began bombarding the skies today, belching up mighty fountains of black smoke in intervals of from five to ten minutes. The most violent eruption of the year took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to observers watching here today. A tremendous stream of milky liquid smoke poured from the northern part of the crater for more than an hour.

Reports reached here yesterday that since the last eruption, two weeks ago, a steady stream of ash mud has been pouring down the northwestern slope into Mantouka lake, and forest observers fear that the beautiful little lake, originally as clear as crystal, would be filled in art time if the flow persisted.

The lake is over the ridge from Hot Creek valley, which was deluged with mud a year ago.

SUBMARINE U-53 RETURNS SAFELY TO GERMAN PORT

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—Captain Hans Rose of the German submarine U-53, whose safe return to a German port after his visit to Newport and operations off the American coast, was announced yesterday, reports that he had an extremely stormy return passage. The sea was so high that the crew of the submarine were at no time able to get air on the deck or to take air except in little groups on the conning tower. Even this was impossible during one period off the New Foundland banks and again to the north of England when the submarine submerged entirely to escape the unbearable buffeting by the tempest.

The officers and crew nevertheless returned in splendid condition, their health not having been affected by the voyage, which, including the brief stay on the American side, lasted exactly 4 1/2 days, of which 17 were consumed by the westward voyage.

JIMINEZ OCCUPIED BY CARRANZISTS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Nov. 2.—General Fortunato Maycotte's main column was at Jiminez, 115 miles south of the state capital, today, according to a statement issued by General Trevino here. This denies the report that the Villa forces had taken Santa Rosalia, which is between Jiminez and Chihuahua City.

Government forces also reached the Ortiz bridge, forty miles south of here, today and reported it in good condition. It was said this structure had been destroyed by bandits. The leaders of a troop train belonging to General Maycotte also was officially denied.

Modern and San Buenaventura, in western Chihuahua, are now occupied by Carranza troops, according to General Trevino, who reported that Colonel Gonzalez of the Sonora garrison had hunted three bandits captured in that district.

NICARAGUAN VOLCANO THROWS OUT ASHES

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 2.—Reports received here from Nicaragua say the volcano Santiago there is throwing out lava and ashes. Many donations in the department of Masagua are declared to have been piled.

WILSON TELLS WALL STREET IT HAS NO VISION

President Criticises Business Men for Resisting Necessary Changes and Says He Does Not Consult Wall Street Because It Seeks Defeat of His Plans for Bettering Humanity.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—President Wilson in an address here today before the Wilson Business Men's league criticised business men "for resisting changes," declared that men in Wall street had no vision, and that men who treat their employes as partners in their business were the most prosperous.

"The amount of genius that exerts itself in resisting changes," said the president, "is a great indictment. Brains have been burned out acting as brakes."

"The real trouble is that American business has been under the direction of too small a body of men."

Justice of Prime Importance.

"Are the people living under conditions which bring about justice is a question of prime importance," the president continued. "The roots of business lay deep in the daily lives of ordinary people. The thing that has disturbed the thoughts of a great many people is that some way they are being exploited."

"Now, men who go under the surface see things that will have to be dealt with in vigorous fashion—they see a volcano. But I believe this sort of thing will be relieved and that the things that are wrong will be made right."

"It is high time that we define what we mean when we speak of progressive policies."

The president spoke of the "intolerable burdens" some women and children are carrying.

"Progressiveness," said the president, "is a constant adjustment of the conditions of society to the welfare of mankind. I come to suggest to business men that it is better that this adjustment go forward rather than that it be dammed up until the dam is broken and society is overturned."

Foundations of Business.

"The particular conditions upon which successful vital business depends," said the president, "are the conditions which touch the daily life of the common mass of the people of the country."

"When you think of the ultimate foundations of business you must know that you found them in the conditions of the national life, and when I think of searching the business question to the heart it seems to me that there are some very large reckmings which have too often been left out of the account."

Speaking of business men treating their employes as partners in their business, the president said that such men "make more money in addition to adding to the happiness of all concerned."

"If we have a contented people," he added, "we can make conquests of the world by making other people follow our example."

On Wall Street.

"I have been told again and again," said the president, discussing Wall street, "that it was a mistake not to call into council in public affairs the men who constitute what we have agreed to call 'Wall street.' And I have again and again said that if they would come in a spirit of cooperation they would be more than welcome. But they always come in a spirit of resistance only, but desiring alterations in the plans."

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LEE CANFIELD ON BARBERS BOARD

SALEM, Nov. 2.—Lee Canfield, Salem, was today appointed a member of the state board of barber examiners by Governor James Withycombe, who declared, in a statement, that an investigation of the board's affairs had disclosed "inexact and poor business methods."

Canfield succeeds H. D. Meyer, now of San Francisco, who resigned.