

**FORECAST**  
FAIR TOMORROW  
CONTINUED COLD

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**WEATHER**  
Maximum Yesterday 40;  
Minimum Today 22.

Forty-sixth Year,  
Daily—Eleventh Year.

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## WILSON TO URGE CABINET MEN TO KEEP OFFICE

**President Again at Work at White House—Cabinet Changes Rumored—McAdoo May Resign—Supreme Court Possibilities Discussed—Important Legislation to Come Up.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Wilson was back at his desk in the white house today after an absence of two months, prepared to take up important foreign problems which have been held in abeyance pending the election. These included the German submarine situation and the Mexican problem. The president was expected to consider first the submarine situation, which is admittedly serious. A summary of recent developments in German submarine warfare, prepared by the state department, was ready to be laid before him and in addition he probably soon will confer with Ambassador Gerard on the situation.

The president has not even considered the question of changes in his cabinet, according to administration officials, who characterize as premature reports that he had decided on such changes. It is possible, however, that one or two cabinet officers may not remain after March 4.

**Republican House Majority.**  
The president asked first for the latest information on the political make-up of the house of representatives in the sixty-fifth congress. He was told indications from present returns were that the republicans would have 217 members and the democrats 212, with six members of other parties.

The president was understood to be much concerned over the make-up of the next house, chiefly because of its effect on the selection of the speaker and chairmanships of committees which he is anxious to see in the hands of democrats. As far as legislation is concerned, it was said today, Mr. Wilson is confident that most measures to be proposed by him would gain the support of enough republicans to carry them through.

Mr. Wilson continued to refuse to make any comment on the election pending the receipt of formal word from Mr. Hughes and the republican national committee conceding his election.

After a brief stay in Washington the president may go away for a rest before congress convenes. Hot Springs was mentioned as the place he might visit.

**Cabinet Changes Rumored.**  
There have been many reports circulated regarding changes in the cabinet, but officials in close touch with the president declared today that it is almost certain that he will urge all the present members of the cabinet to remain at their posts and changes are not expected unless members themselves desire to quit the official family.

It is considered possible, however, that one or more members of the cabinet may resign for personal reasons. Secretary McAdoo has been frequently mentioned as one member likely to resign, and Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, chairman of the house banking and currency committee, has been suggested for his post. It was stated definitely today that Mr. McAdoo can remain in the president's cabinet as long as he desires, and it was denied that he has offered his resignation.

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## EXPRESS COMPANY APPEALS PASSED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Appeals of the Wells Fargo, American and United States Express companies from an Oklahoma corporation commission order requiring bonds covering possible refunds of excess charges pending determination of the validity of its intra-state rate orders were today to await formal notice of settlement of the issue by the commission and the express companies. Their receipt will result in formal dismissal of the appeals.

## ALLIES BEGIN NEW OFFENSIVE ANGRE REGION

**British Push Operations Both Sides of Ancre River—Von Mackensen Continues Retreat in Dobrudja—Russians Cross Danube—Serbians Win Brilliant Victory in Macedonia**

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Today's announcement by London that the British have opened an attack on both sides of the Ancre river in northern France indicates the possibility that an important new offensive has begun.

The Ancre river, or brook, approximately bounds on the south the sharp salient made in the German lines by the prolonged Franco-British offensive in the Somme region. Apparently General Haigh's troops are now attacking this salient from both sides.

In a broad sense this salient extends some eighteen miles southward to Arras, but whether the new British operations covers its entire breadth or an attempt is underway merely to crush in the southern section is not made plain by the official statement.

**Von Mackensen Retreating.**  
Reports from Petrograd, so far unconfirmed by official advices, declare that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is continuing his retreat in Dobrudja under disastrous conditions. It is even said that the Russians have succeeded in crossing the Danube at two points south of Tchernavoda, which, if correct, would mean that Von Mackensen's army was being taken in the rear or that he had been forced back from the Constanta-Tchernavoda railway line. His force is said to be demoralized from reverses, heavy losses, diseases and lack of reinforcements.

The Black sea port of Constanta is reported again under fire of the Russian fleet.

**Serbian Victory Brilliant.**  
The recent Serbian victory in Macedonia, appears from the entente accounts, to have been a brilliant one. Paris reports that the Germans and Bulgarians were pushed back nearly two miles in the Cerna river region southeast of Monastir, in a two-days' battle and that they lost 1,000 men in prisoners. Unofficial accounts announce an additional Serbian success to the north along the bend of the river, carrying the closing-in movement on Monastir still further.

Official Berlin today reports that entente artillery was yesterday shelling Tchernavoda in Dobrudja from across the Danube.

**Progress in Transylvania.**  
Teutonic progress continues on the Transylvania border of Rumania, the German statement declares. Three towns were captured, numerous attacks by the Rumanians were repulsed and more than 1,000 prisoners were taken.

The French, according to Berlin, opened an offensive yesterday in upper Alsace, but were defeated in their efforts to advance. German artillery, it is declared, broke up entente efforts to gain ground in the Somme region.

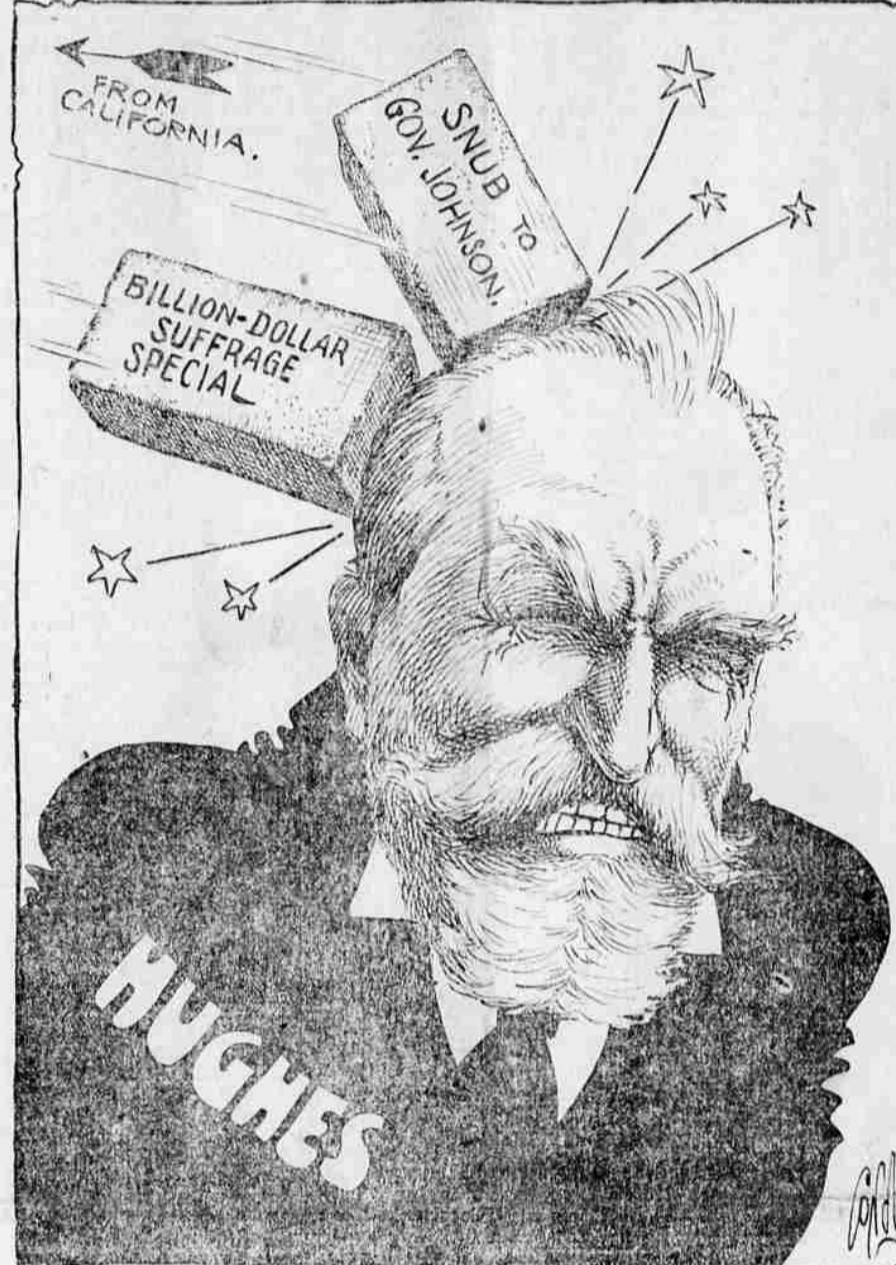
**DEMOCRATS PLAN  
TO RAISE DEFICIT**

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Plans for meeting by popular subscription the \$500,000 deficit which it was announced was incurred by the democratic national campaign committee in its fight to re-elect President Wilson were proposed here today by Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the committee. The proposal calls for an appeal to 2,000 cities each to raise \$100, leaving the rest to such individuals as may be willing and able to pay it off.

**POPE PROTESTS GERMAN  
DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS**

PARIS, Nov. 13.—Dispatches from Rome say that the pope is about to send a note to Germany protesting strongly against the reported wholesale deportation of Belgians. The dispatches say that this decision of the pontiff has become known unofficially in Vatican circles.

## UNHAPPY RETURNS



## LEADERS WATCH COUNT OF BALLOT IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Representatives of both democratic and republican state central committees were on hand this morning to scrutinize the count of ballots cast at last Tuesday's election, in the official canvass of the vote which began before the different boards of supervisors and election commissions in every county of California.

## FARM LOAN LAW DECLARED LEGAL

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 13.—The supreme court today declared certain sections of the initiative farm loan law passed by the people in 1914 to be constitutional and to afford a "complete workable statute." The remainder of the act, providing for the investment of school funds and institution funds through the counties was declared unconstitutional.

## SOLDIERS VOTE IN MINNESOTA CUTS LEAD OF HUGHES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 13.—Two more county soldiers' votes, reported today, cut the Hughes' lead in Minnesota to 229. Troops from Brown county voted 27 to 16 in Wilson's favor and Martin's soldiers 21 for Wilson and 11 for Hughes, a net gain of 21 for Wilson. The total now stands: Wilson 178,617, Hughes 178,546.

## NO LAW TO ENFORCE BONE-DRY AMENDMENT

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 13.—Oregon's absolute prohibition "bone dry" amendment will not become effective until the state legislature provides the necessary legislative machinery for its operation, according to an oral opinion rendered here today by Attorney General George M. Brown. The legislature meets in January. The amendment which was ratified at Tuesday's election, bars all shipments of liquor into Oregon.

## AMERICAN CAPTAIN U-BOAT PRISONER

CORUNNA, Spain, Nov. 13.—Captain Frederick Curtis of the American steamer, Columbian, who arrived here with the rescued crew of the steamship, declared to a representative of the Associated Press that he was a prisoner on board the German submarine U-45 for six days after the destruction of his vessel.

## FORTY THOUSAND MEN MARCHING AGAINST VILLA

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 13.—A special train left Juarez today carrying General Francisco Gonzales and an escort of 100 men to Chihuahua City. On the train General Gonzales carried 500,000 pesos in silver, Andres Garcia, inspector general of Carranza consulates, announced. This money was taken to Chihuahua City to pay the Carranza troops under Trevino's command, Mr. Garcia added.

## MINISTER GIVES UP CITIZENSHIP

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 13.—Rev. Francis Von Glafenlock, formerly of Helena, but now of Tillamook, Ore., has sent his naturalization papers and a letter resigning his citizenship to the district court clerk here. The letter said in part that "to see a man returned to power after an administration and policy such as we have seen during the past four years is too much for me."

## ATTACK MOTHERS PENSION LAWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The mothers' pension law of Washington state was today brought before the supreme court for review upon constitutional questions raised by Miss Rose Selander of Seattle.

## SERBIANS WIN VICTORY OVER BULGARIANS

**Six Thousand Prisoners Taken in Engagements With Germans and Bulgarians—Air Battles Reported From Saloniki and Mesopotamia—German Naval Works Bombarded**

PARIS, Nov. 13.—The Serbians have won a brilliant victory over the Germans and Bulgarians in the Cerna district, southeast of Monastir, the war office announced today. The Serbians, supported by French artillery, forced the Teutonic allies to retire a distance of nearly two miles and captured about 1,000 prisoners.

The retreat of the German-Bulgarian forces was completed after a battle lasting two days.

The prisoners raise the total captures since September 12, says the statement, to 6,000 men, together with 72 cannon and 53 machine guns taken during this period.

**French Statement.**  
The statement reads: "Smashed by our artillery fire in the center and attacked with the bayonet by Serbian infantry, the enemy was obliged to fall back in disorder, having sustained considerable loss. Further west Serbian forces to which had been added contingents of French infantry, extended their progress to the north of Velyeselo (in the Cerna river head). More than 1,000 prisoners so far had been counted. Sixteen more guns were captured on the ground abandoned by the enemy. Since September 14, when our offensive began, the Germans and Bulgarians have left in the hands of the entente allies 6,000 prisoners, 72 cannon and 53 machine guns."

"About 100 shells, mostly shrapnel, were fired. Seven civilians, including five children, and two rank and file, were killed. One woman and four soldiers were wounded. Several houses were damaged and twelve horses were killed.

"The enemy retired hurriedly, but we sank a majority of the torpedo craft. Further pursuit of hostile units was abandoned in consequence of dense fog and the timely discovery of the enemy's traps."

**Air Craft Drop Bombs.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.—An official statement issued today regarding military operations in Saloniki and Mesopotamia says:

"Saloniki: Three enemy airplanes were forced to descend in their lines. Mesopotamia: Two British airplanes successfully dropped bombs on Turkish irregular troops on the Euphrates river."

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A squadron of British naval aeroplanes yesterday dropped a large number of bombs on German naval works on the harbor of Ostend and on war vessels there, according to a British official statement issued this afternoon.

**Russians Cross Danube.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Russians have crossed the Danube into Dobrudja at two points south of Tchernavoda and the Russian fleet has renewed the bombardment of Constantza, according to Petrograd advices received today by wireless by way of Rome.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is reported continuing his retreat with demoralized forces and with one (Continued on Page Two.)

## TRAINMEN MAY ISSUE ORDER FOR STRIKE

**Head of Brotherhood States Strike Order Will Follow Failure to Follow Intent of Adamson Law—Seventh Railroad Files Suit to Attack Law—Representatives Confer.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Failure of the railroads of the country to live up to the spirit and intent of the Adamson eight-hour law will result in the strike vote of the four big railroad brotherhoods being put into effect, it was declared here today by William G. Lee, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, after a three-hour conference between brotherhood representatives.

**Trainmen Confer.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Representatives of the railroads and their trainmen who will benefit under the Adamson eight hour law gathered here today for the first of a series of conferences to discuss ways and means for the application of the statute. The meeting was described by representatives of the roads as one for informal discussion only, with the purpose of determining whether both sides view the law in the same light. Neither side understood the legislation or how it was to be applied, it was said, and an effort was to be made to reach some common ground for application if the United States supreme court decides the law is constitutional in the suits brought by several roads to determine this fact.

Elisha Lee headed the conference committee of managers which represents the roads in the discussions beginning today. W. G. Lee, A. B. Garretson, W. S. Stone and W. S. Carter, heads of the four trainmen's brotherhoods, were among the men's representatives.

The conference was called to discuss and if possible to reach some agreement or conclusion as to working out the provisions of the law, which goes into effect January 1. The strike vote referred to by Mr. Lee is that taken prior to the conference between the brotherhood heads and President Wilson, which was followed by the passage of the Adamson law after the brotherhoods had threatened to put the vote into effect at that time.

When the conference adjourned today for luncheon it was said by brotherhood representatives that so far nothing had been accomplished.

The brotherhoods' representatives said that they had worked out an interpretation of the eight-hour law, but they had refused to divulge it for the reason that the roads, or some of them, had announced their decision to fight it through injunctions.

**Strike Vote in Effect.**  
"A strike vote is still in effect," said Mr. Lee, "and if the railroads do not live up to the very spirit and intent of the law in accordance with their agreement, there is no reason why the brotherhoods should not take advantage of their strongest card. This time there is nothing that can stop them."

Mr. Lee added that any attempt at subterfuge by the railroads in placing in effect the eight-hour law would be met with instant action by the brotherhoods.

It was announced that the conference would resume its deliberations this afternoon.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The seventh railroad to attack the Adamson law appeared today when suit to run injunction was filed in the United (Continued on Page Two.)