

FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday Fair, Slowly Rising Temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Maximum Yesterday 48; Minimum Today 10.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1916

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BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS IN NEW OFFENSIVE

British Keep Up Pressure in Somme and Ancre Salients—Germans Repulsed in Champagne—Russians Holding Off in Carpathians—Teutons Redoubling Efforts.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—With important ground on a five mile front already won from the Germans on the northern edge of the Somme region and in the Ancre brook in northern France, the British are fighting on in their new offensive. Already they have taken more than 4,000 prisoners and the number is reported increasing considerably.

Apparently the British are not relaxing their pressure, now that they have succeeded in materially sharpening the salient in the German lines by their advance up the Ancre valley, as London reports the battle continuing. Miramont on the Albert-Bapaume railway and ultimately Achelle Grand, an important railway junction point northwest of Bapaume, seemingly are the British objectives.

Paris reports German activity in the Champagne region, where an attack on the French lines near Auberville is declared to have been repulsed. On the eastern front, in the Carpathians, the Russians appear to be holding their own, Petrograd reporting the repulse of Austro-German attacks in this region.

British Storm Towns.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The number of prisoners taken by the British in the fighting on the Ancre sector of the Somme front is now over 4,000, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The capture of Beaumont-Hamel, which was reported unofficially yesterday, is announced in today's statement.

The announcement follows:

"We stormed the heavily fortified village of Beaumont-Hamel and advanced to the outskirts of Beaumont-Sur-Ancre. The number of prisoners is increasing considerably. Over 4,000 have passed through collecting stations since yesterday morning. The fighting continues."

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—The stubborn defense made by the Germans of the positions near the River Ancre, which were attacked yesterday by the British, caused the defenders to suffer important losses, the war office announced today.

The capture by the British of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre Division, with the latter at connecting lines, is reported.

Germans Attack Rumania.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Redoubled efforts are being made by the Austrians and Germans against Rumania. Reuter's Bucharest correspondent reports. Powerful Teutonic reinforcements have been sent to the region of Orsova on the Danube in Hungary, near the Rumanian border.

Fighting also is especially severe at two points in the Carpathians; at

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WILSON URGED TO VISIT WEST COAST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Wilson is being strongly urged to make a western trip before the convening of congress. The idea is being supported by many who are advising the president that he should in that way recognize the support which the western states gave in his re-election.

BRITISH TAKE 4,000 PRISONERS ANCRE ATTACK

Germans Taken by Surprise When British Storm Position—Best German Men Withdrawn to Other Parts—British Loss Light, Due to Poor German Fire.

(Copyright 1916 by Associated Press) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Nov. 13, via London, Nov. 14.—The Germans were apparently completely surprised by this morning's attack in the valley of the Ancre. An evidence of this was found in the fact that the garrison of the trenches around Beaumont-Hamel were preparing for breakfast at the very moment when the British infantry stormed the position. The British, after partially clearing the underground galleries and rounding up 700 prisoners, proceeded to eat their prisoner's breakfast, telling the captives that they would be fed when they arrived with in the British lines. A total of nearly 4,000 prisoners has so far been sent to the cages, including a regimental commander who was captured in a dugout with a major, an adjutant and a number of other officers. The majority of the prisoners are Silesians, and, according to the British officers, very inferior fighting material. The German higher command apparently depended on the supposedly impregnable character of the old front line and its strongly fortified villages rather than on the stamina of the troops. The British officers believe that the Germans withdrew their best men for service elsewhere on the British front where the new and shallower positions to which the defenders have been forced demand greater resisting power on the part of the infantry.

The British losses were unusually light owing largely to the unexpected feeble character of the German machine gun fire at Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre Division. For some days the sector attacked today and the area behind have been subjected to successive bombardments which rose to a record pitch yesterday and resulted in the demolition of a large part of the defenses.

British Losses Light.

A large part of the garrison accepted the large deluge of shells as part of the regular bombardment and did not realize the attack was upon them until too late.

French Make Advance

The British advance north of Beaumont-Hamel was held up on a front about 1,000 yards west of Serre. The French captured some German trenches and passed eastward toward the village. Suddenly machine guns and infantry snipers, scattered in great profusion in the craters and other shelters, began firing in the backs of the attacking troops and necessitated their withdrawal. North of Serre the British gained ground, but owing to the failure of the advance immediately south the position is subjected to an enfilading fire from higher ground in the neighborhood of the village.

Clear Out Germans.

A number of isolated pockets are being cleared of Germans in the intervening ground between Beaumont-Hamel and Beaumont-Sur-Ancre. The British are firmly established on the western outskirts of the latter hamlet. The remaining fragments of the old German line immediately south of the Ancre which were "pinched out" by the German flank pivoting

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NORWAY BOAT FIRES ON GERMAN VESSEL

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 14.—The Norwegian torpedo boat has fired upon a German steamer which refused to stop when passing Stavanger.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 14.—The Norwegian fired a shot at the razing, the newspaper says, then boarded the steamer and dismantled her wireless.

Since the beginning of the war foreign ships have not been permitted to carry wireless installation when in Norwegian waters.

SECOND MEMBER WESLEYAN FOOTBALL TEAM DIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 14.—Herold Hinman, who died of typhoid fever at a fraternity house in University place this morning, is the second of the Wesleyan University football team to die of typhoid in the last ten days.

THE SHIVER OF DOUBT



NO CHANGE MADE CALIFORNIA VOTE OFFICIAL COUNT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The completed election count for California will not show a difference of more than ten votes one way or the other from figures already given out on the presidency. Sydney M. Van Wyck, Jr., chairman of the democratic campaign committee, announced here late today. Mr. Van Wyck based his assertion on examination of returns from all counties in which the county clerks have completed their work.

Minor gains and losses seldom more than a dozen votes in a precinct—thus far have counterbalanced each other, Mr. Van Wyck said. He promised a set of figures late today.

At the headquarters of the republican presidential campaign committee, it was said that returns from six counties indicated nothing much, and that interest centered entirely in the divergence between the vote for top and bottom electors on the tickets. No predictions, it was said, could be made as to what this might amount to.

"We have no startling information of any sort," said Sylvester J. McAtee, secretary of the committee.

"There are no indications of notable divergences from the official count. We are simply waiting to see what the count develops."

TEN ARE INJURED IN HEAD ON COLLISION

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 14.—Eight persons were reported killed today in a head-on collision between cars of the Evansville & Eastern Interurban line near Yanketown, Warrick county. A relief carrying doctors and nurses has gone to the scene from this city.

Later reports from the company's office were that none were killed, but ten were injured, some seriously. Those hurt were being brought to this city.

EVANSVILLE, Nov. 14.—Fifteen persons were hurt, four probably fatally, when two Evansville and Eastern interurban cars met in head-on collision near Yanketown, Warrick county, today.

STEFANSSON SAFE; TO STAY ANOTHER WINTER IN NORTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The famous whaling ship Herman, Captain C. T. Pederson, anchored in San Francisco Bay early this morning, bringing direct word from Explorer Stefansson's party, besides a rich cargo of whale oil, bone and furs.

"Who's elected president?" was the first question over the sides of the ship as she poked her nose into anchorage off Meigs's wharf.

It was Captain Pederson who fitted out the Karluk at Esquimalt for Stefansson three years ago, and Captain Bartlett two years later, after the Karluk had been lost in the ice.

"I visited Stefansson's base on Bank's Land," Captain Pederson said this morning, "and there I sold Captain Bernard, who was in command, \$2,000 worth of supplies. Stefansson was away hunting musk ox, of which he had rounded up a herd of several hundred they told me. He is drying as many tons of meat as he can get because he is planning to stay an extra winter.

"One of his engineers, named Jones died of heart failure. Otherwise the expedition was in good shape when I left. Stefansson is not coming back through the Bering straits—the way he went in. His plan is to go out on the other side and come down by Greenland and Hudson Bay. The copier lands he has discovered are rich enough to supply the world, according to Captain Bernard."

CANCEL PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Cancellation of proposed general increases in freight rates by trans-continental railroads on traffic to and from the Pacific coast and the intermountain country and the east was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission. Notice was given of a compromise between carriers and shippers for a maximum increase of 10 cents per 100 pounds on earload shipments and 25 cents per 100 pounds on less than earload traffic to coast points.

The proposed increases amounted in some instances to several hundred per cent and were suspended by the commission several months ago after extensive hearings here in which shippers vigorously protested. The great bulk of the traffic to points returned is involved. The commission set for November and December in Chicago, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Portland and Spokane.

DEMAND RELEASE AMERICAN SCOUTS IN JAIL AT JUAREZ

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 14.—Representations were made today by the American state department to the Mexican government, through its agents here and in Mexico City, for immediate action to be taken in the cases of Benjamin Brahan, the scout for General Pershing, and Joseph Williams, a Mormon resident of Colonia Dublin, who are being held in the Juarez jail.

Later the inspector of Carranza consulates announced he recommended to General Trevino during a telegraphic conference that Williams be released on bond pending a further investigation of his case and that Brahan be released from custody. No orders have been received in Juarez from General Trevino regarding the disposal of the cases against the Americans.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 14.—Acting upon instructions from Secretary of State Lansing, American Consul Edwards today called upon Andres Garcia, banker Carranza official on the border and filed a formal protest against the removal of the two Americans to Chihuahua City. At the same time he made a request for immediate information as to the charges against them.

He also asked that an investigation be made of the charges against Albert Herold at Chihuahua City. Captain Herold, British consul there, is acting for the United States in this case, Consul Edwards announced, as there is now no American consul there.

CALLES LEADER AGAINST VILLA

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 14.—General P. Elias Calles, former military governor of Sonora, is expected to assume command of a division under General Francisco Murguia in the state of Chihuahua, which is being organized to take the field against the Villa bandits. General Calles has been in Mexico City for a conference with General Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Secretary Lansing's reports from border officials say Villa's forces operating around Chihuahua City are withdrawing and that more Carranza troops were being sent there. The dispatches failed to indicate where the Villistas were moving, pointing out merely that the movement seemed to insure added safety for that district.

No word has been received from Parrot, which was reported to have been captured by Villistas.

MIDDLE WEST IN GRIP COLD WAVE, ADVANCING EAST

Rising Temperatures Reported in the West—Southern California Shivering With Cold—Below Zero in Montana—Sixteen Above in Chicago—Vermont Under Ten Inches Snow.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The cold wave from the Rocky mountain region continued to move eastward today and freezing temperatures had extended southward to the Mexican border, where the troops were feeling their effect. The coldest place today was Lander, Wyo., where it was 10 degrees below zero.

The advancing cold was being felt throughout the middle west and practically all states east of the Mississippi river, but it seemed to be losing its intensity as it moved eastward.

The temperature today had moderated somewhat in the north Rocky mountain region, but was much below season average in all western districts. El Paso, Tex., reported 22 degrees; San Antonio, 28; Del Rio 30; Corpus Christi, 34, and Brownsville, 38.

At Chicago, 16 degrees was reported, while St. Paul reported 6; St. Louis 16 and Omaha 4.

Oregon Temperature Rising.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14.—Portland's temperature today was on the increase and registered 32 degrees above zero at dawn, instead of 28 as yesterday. Weather bureau officials said the cold spell would soon be over and that a slowly rising temperature was expected throughout Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The United States weather bureau here promised a let-up today of the severe frosts which have gripped the state for the last two nights. A "light frost" was predicted, however, for tonight in exposed places. No reports of severe damage have been received, although the temperature dropped to 16 degrees above zero in Paso Robles, ranging from that upward to 44 degrees, which caused citizens of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Bakersfield to shiver with the "cold."

Montana Below Zero.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 14.—After four days of below-zero temperatures the extraordinary cold wave which has held this section in its grip, is gradually diminishing. The mercury this morning stood 10 above, Sunday and Monday presented the coldest November days in this city in thirteen years. The weather continues clear and cold, with slight fall of snow unmeted on the ground.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 14.—Temperatures above zero in Montana today indicated that the cold wave is passing. Helena reported the lowest temperature in the state—8 above zero. Billings reported 10 above and Haze 16.

The government thermometer in Pocatello, Idaho, registered 10 above. In Spokane the lowest temperature last night was 14 above.

Warmer in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 14.—A cold spell which has overcast Puget sound for several days, with bright skies and a temperature of 29 above zero in Seattle in the coldest

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BRANCH NEW YORK BANK IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The American division in the foreign financial field took another step today when the announcement that the National City bank had obtained authority from the Russian government to establish a branch in Petrograd. The branch is to be opened at once. It will be the second foreign bank in the Russian capital. As an outcome of the war in Europe, financial and trade relations between Russia and the United States have greatly advanced.

SENATE PROBES MANAGEMENT OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Misuse of Money Alleged—Congress to Provide Legislation for Investigation—Allege Attempts to Colonize Illegal Voters in Southern Districts Carried by Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—A senatorial investigation of alleged misuse of money in the presidential campaign was announced definitely today by administration officials. Preliminary plans have been made and a resolution providing the machinery for the inquiry is ready to be introduced soon after congress convenes next month.

It was stated today that evidence was being collected, but its details were not disclosed. The plan is to call those actually in charge of campaign finances before the senate committee and investigate the details of their transactions.

Various reports concerning use of money in certain states have come to democratic headquarters as well as republican headquarters.

Illegal Voters Colonized.

Investigation into alleged attempts to colonize illegal voters in Indiana and West Virginia particularly was begun several weeks before the election. In those states democratic leaders are planning to contest the election of United States senators. Before the polls had closed last Tuesday charges of corruption were being openly made by democratic chiefs and predictions were freely circulated that exposures would follow the election.

Evidence is being gathered upon which to base contests in the election of Harry S. New and James E. Watson as senators from Indiana, and Representative Howard Sutherland as senator in West Virginia. New, on the face of returns, defeated Majority Leader Kern and Watson won from Senator Taggart. Sutherland defeated Senator Chilton in West Virginia.

Democrats Control Senate.

It has been charged by democrats that negroes were colonized from the south in states where the republicans triumphed by small majorities.

If contests are brought they will have to be initiated in the new senate, as each legislative body is the judge of its own members. The democrats will control the new senate by a majority of twelve votes.

Republicans Welcome Investigation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—"The republican national committee will welcome the fullest investigation of every penny spent by it," Chairman William R. Wilcox of the committee said here today when informed of the steps for senatorial investigation announced at Washington. He said that no charges or information as to alleged misuse of funds in the campaign had been sent to any officials in Washington by the republican committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The department of justice announced that its investigation will proceed in various states despite the fact that the elections are over, and said that prosecutions were to follow where the law has been violated.

While the statement does not name any states, it is known that a large force of special agents has been working in Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, New York, Illinois, Indiana and other states.

SALVATION ARMY HEAD RECOVERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—After an illness of several weeks, during which "senseless prostration" was offered for her in Salvation army circles throughout the country, Evangeline C. Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, is reported today as well on the road to recovery. It is announced that she would be able to resume work within a few days.