

FORECAST  
FAIR  
SLIGHTLY WARMER

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Maximum Yesterday 61;  
Minimum Today 19.

Forty-sixth Year  
Daily—Eleventh Year

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## MACKENSEN IN RETREAT BURNS DOBRUDJA TOWNS

**Petrograd Reports Teutonic Invaders Retiring—Bulgarians Forced Back in Cerna Region—Serbians Within Four Miles of Monastir—Somme Drive Halts.**

**PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.**—An artillery bombardment is progressing all along the Russian front, the war office reports.

**PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.**—The war office announces that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army is in retreat in Dobrudja, burning villages as it falls back. On the Transylvanian front in the region of Campulung, Rumania, fierce fighting is in progress.

**SOFIA, Nov. 16.**—The retreat of the German-Bulgarian forces in the Cerna bend, under the assaults of the Serbians is admitted in the official statement issued by the war office today. According to the statement, the Bulgarians have fallen back on a line four to six miles west of Iven, the last town west of the Cerna reported captured by the Serbians.

### On Macedonian Front.

**PARIS, Nov. 16.**—French and Russian troops on the Macedonian front are now within four miles of Monastir, it was announced officially. The war office says the pursuit of the defeated Bulgarians continues. On the eastern end of the line the British troops have again assumed the offensive, defeating the Bulgarians in the region of the River Struma and capturing the village of Kavakaska.

### On Somme Front.

**LONDON, Nov. 16.**—The British advance in the Acre region in France seems to have halted. London announces only artillery activity during the night. Berlin, however, reports heavy attacks by the British yesterday, notably one on the village of Grandcourt, which is declared to have been broken down.

The successes against the French scored by the Germans north of the Somme yesterday are reported by Berlin today. They consisted, according to the statement, in the capture, in house-to-house fighting, of the eastern section of the village of Saillisel, where the French were menacing the German positions at St. Pierre Vanst wood and of French trenches on the northern edge of this wood.

For their part the French reacted against the Germans south of the Somme, near Chaumes, where a German counter-attack was announced yesterday to have wrested a part of the village of Prossiere from French possession. The French recaptured this ground last night, Paris announces today.

The invasion of Rumania is continuing successfully, Berlin declares, although increasing resistance is apparently being encountered by General Von Falkenhayn, the tenacious defense of the Rumanians being mentioned.

A Bucharest dispatch forwarded from Rome to the Wireless Press says snow is falling in the Carpathians where the cold is intense. In Dobrudja torrential rains have fallen.

## NO MORE ADVANCES IN SHOE LEATHER

**CHICAGO, Nov. 16.**—Five hundred members of the National Association of Tanners, in annual convention here today, said there would be no advance in the price of shoe leather unless the nations at war make too big a demand on the surplus stock now in the hands of tanners and shoe manufacturers. Hides and skins, however, were declared to be scarce.

## OFFICIAL COUNT IN CALIFORNIA SHOWS NO MATERIAL CHANGE

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.**—O. K. Cushing, democratic leader, today declared that the official count of votes in the state for republican and democratic electors would show no material change. "There is not a chance on earth that Wilson's lead will be affected," he said. All but 12 counties have finished the official count.

## RESTA LEADING, COOPER SECOND, VANDERBILT RACE

**SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 16.**—Nineteen drivers got away today in the eleventh Vanderbilt cup road race with M. J. Moosie and Lewis Jackson getting the starter's flag first, the others following in pairs at ten-second intervals.

Aitken led at the fifth lap, making the 42 miles in 29 minutes, 30.4 seconds, bettering Dellabona's record over three minutes. Cooper was second and Resta third, with the field trailing.

Johnny Aitken and Earl Cooper, fifth and third in starting order, drove into the lead immediately and crossed the line at the end of the first lap, with Moosie, first to start, third, and the field following. Unofficial time on the first lap was 6 minutes and 15 seconds, bettering the record.

Cody was out in the third lap and Rickenbacker dropped out with a split gear in the fifth, leaving seventeen in the race. Acroz and Lentz falling to start.

Aitken had increased his lead over the field at the tenth lap. Resta was pressing him closely, with Cooper third and Thomas fourth. Aitken's time was 58 minutes, 42.25 seconds.

Resta passed Aitken in the fourteenth lap and at the end of the fifteenth the order was Resta, Aitken, Cooper, Weightman and Pallen. Resta's time was 1:27:15.4-5, a rate of better than 80 miles an hour.

Ricketts dropped out in the eighth lap with ignition trouble and Jackson and Toff gave up the race in the ninth.

Resta maintained his lead at the end of the twenty-fifth lap. His time was 2:25:41.2-5, a steady pace of 86 miles an hour. Cooper was second.

## EDGERTON FAVORS FEDERAL CONTROL

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—Edwin O. Edgerton, state railroad commissioner of California, recommended today in a report to the National Association of Railway Commissioners, in session here, that the power to regulate the stocks and bonds of the interstate carriers and public utilities be taken from the various state commissions and lodged in one central body. He also advocated the passage of a national incorporation act, designed to make interstate corporations subject to federal authority.

## VON HOEPPER CAPTAIN GERMAN AIR FLEET

**LONDON, Nov. 16.**—Lieutenant General Von Hoepfer has been placed in command of the new aerial forces board of Germany, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Renter's quoting an official Berlin announcement. The new board has control of all aviation and anti-aircraft requirements of the German army and has been formed in recognition of the increasing importance of aerial warfare.

## MATHER ASKS COOPERATION FOR NATIONAL PARK

**Assistant Secretary of Interior Tells of Plans for Development of Crater Lake—Seeks Adequate Facilities for Tourists and \$100,000 Appropriation—Plans for Highway.**

Hearty cooperation of Medford and Jackson county in the development of Crater Lake national park and in making it accessible was asked by Stephen T. Mather, assistant secretary of the interior and in charge of national parks, at a luncheon tendered him Thursday noon at the Medford hotel by the Medford Commercial club. He told of his efforts to interest Portland capital in organizing a \$200,000 company to take over the hotel concessions and provide adequate facilities for the comfort of tourists and visitors, and with these assured, the department of the interior would ask congress for \$100,000 for improvements. If Oregon capital fails to appreciate its opportunity, he stated, California capital would be enlisted.

San Francisco people, he stated, were spending \$300,000 to make the Yosemite national park a tourists' Mecca, and as this amount was inadequate, he was going to request an additional \$300,000. Co-operating, the government would spend large sums.

Seattle and Tacoma have agreed to expend \$200,000 in Pacific national park, and the department is asking \$100,000 from the government for co-operation.

### Other Cities Aiding.

Los Angeles is willing and anxious to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on Sequoia park, but the government is not ready for the improvements there. It is planned to make improvements in Mount Rainier, Crater lake and Yosemite parks during the coming year, then proceed with Sequoia park and perhaps the Grand canyon. Mr. Mather is of the opinion that congress will make a national park of the Grand canyon within a short time. Crater lake, he stated, had been pronounced by the late E. H. Herriman the greatest attraction of them all, and an opinion coming from such a source deserved the highest attention.

Mr. Mather, in urging local support of Crater lake, said:

"In the operation of national parks private individuals are virtually partners of the government. The government keeps up the roads, cares for the administration and collects fees from automobilists and the like for administrative expenses. Arrangements are made whereby the government receives a percentage of the profits from the concessions after the interest has been paid.

### Gap in the Chain.

"Crater Lake national park, without adequate tourist facilities, makes a gap in the chain of national parks. Under the direction of the army engineer's office in Portland, considerable work has been done on the roads in Crater Lake park during the past two or three years. This work will be continued.

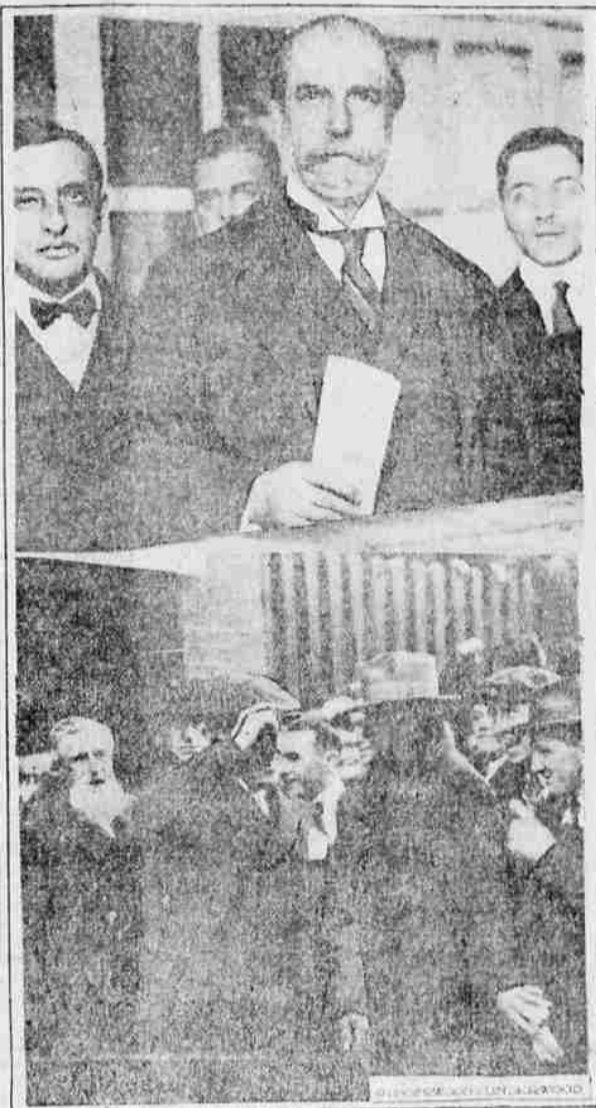
"We are also very much interested in a park-to-park highway," stated Mr. Mather, "and of course the California highway will form a part of it. It is planned to have the road start at the Rocky Mountain park in Colorado, go northwest to Yellowstone, then to Glacier park, over to the Mt. Rainier country and on down to Portland, where one will ride over that beautiful road you folks have come to."

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## LAND SWINDLER OPERATED IN EAST

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.**—Evidence that he had operated in Los Angeles, San Diego, Stockton, Kansas City and Dallas was brought out today in the trial of the California-Oregon land fraud case upon cross-examination of W. B. DeGarmo, one of the defendants, in the United States district court here. He admitted that he had operated in Kansas City under the name of Diamond.

## HOW CANDIDATES LOOKED WHEN THEY VOTED FOR THEMSELVES



These pictures show how the presidential candidates looked when they voted for themselves. Hughes, at top, is shown with ballot No. 13, which he voted at polls in a New York laundry. Wilson is shown leaving the polls in a fire house at Princeton, N. J., where he votes ballot No. 50.

## PARRAL MERCHANT SLAIN BY VILLISTAS FOR DISPLAYING EARS

**EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 16.**—Theodore Hoemuller, a merchant of Parral, Chihuahua, together with his wife and baby were killed by Villa bandits when Villa occupied Parral, a report received here by a Parral mining company states. Hoemuller is said to be a German subject.

According to the report made to the mining company by a Chinese and Arab refugee from Parral, Hoemuller's execution was ordered because he had permitted a display of 14 pairs of ears cut from Carranza soldiers, together with an insulting letter against Villa in the window of his store in Parral.

The ears, the refugee said, had been cut from Carranza soldiers of the Parral garrison captured by Villa's bandits three months before. These ears were sent to General Herrera, the refugee stated, with an invitation to have them for breakfast. The ears, together with an open letter denouncing the cruelty of Villa, were placed on display in the Hoemuller store by General Herrera, according to the refugee.

When Villa and his bandits arrived in Parral they learned of the display of the ears and of the letter criticizing Villa. This is said to have angered Villa to the point of frenzy and he ordered Hoemuller and his family killed, the refugees declared.

## TURKS DEFEATED SOUTH OF TEHRAN

**PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.**—Official announcement was made here today of a Russian victory over the Turks in the vicinity of Soltanabad, in Persia, 150 miles southwest of Teheran. The statement follows: "In the direction of Bitjar our detachments have driven the Turks out of the regions of Kozani and Djan-El-Aksh, south of Soltanabad."

## BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING BY U-BOAT

**LONDON, Nov. 16.**—The official press bureau gave out today the following official German statement: "On November 5, a German submarine sank by a torpedo, a hostile transport of about 12,000 tons, eight nautical miles west of Malta."

The British admiralty assigns this comment: "The announcement is an obvious attempt to explain away an outrageous and inhuman act in torpedoing a mail steamer without warning. The only ship, sunk in the Mediterranean on November 5 was the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Arabis, 7,923 tons, sunk without warning about 500 miles east of Malta."

## AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR 53 NAVY SHIPS

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—Navy officials and representatives of shipbuilders resumed conferences today over awarding contracts for the 53 new ships, for which bids have been received.

Upon the outcome may depend whether the government will undertake the building of the fleet or let it go to private yards, which propose many modifications.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—Edwin F. Sweet, who resumed as assistant secretary of commerce today for governor of Michigan and was defeated, was given a recess appointment to his former position today by President Wilson.

## PRECEDENTS OF PAST SMASHED BY THE ELECTION

**Progressive, Forward-Looking and Forward-Acting States Defeat the Boss-Controlled Reactionary Centers of the East—Wilson Distinctly Favorite of the Common Man.**

**By DILSON GARDNER.**  
**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—A precedent elected without New York! That is the big sensation in the Wilson victory. It is a smashing of all history, an obliteration of precedent. It is the big surprise that fooled Manhattan. It is what sent the New York editors off into their great blunder of charging Hughes' election by a sweeping victory when the west had not been heard from. It inaugurates a new era in politics. It is the sweetest victory to the democrats they have ever had; much sweeter than it would have been had they carried New York and secured an overwhelming majority in the electoral college.

To win without New York and Illinois and Indiana is a thing believed by all politicians to be impossible and contrary to nature. It never had happened. In the lexicon of politics it could not happen.

### Significance of Election.

More than this there is of significance in this victory. Wilson has won without the three big democratic bosses and their corrupt political machine—Charles Murphy and Tammany in New York; Roger Sullivan and the Cook county Illinois machine, and the Smith-Nugent machine in New Jersey. Murphy's organization deliberately knifed the democratic ticket in New York; Sullivan evidently did not get out the Chicago vote, and the New Jersey machine failed to carry the president's home state for him.

In the case of Murphy it is known that the president refused to make terms with Tammany, saying frankly that he would rather take the consequences than to be himself up in the scuttler of patronage and other favors which Tammany demanded. Roger Sullivan has nominally always supported Wilson, but in Illinois he is a part of the bipartisan Sullivan-Loggier machine organization, and this organization worked harmoniously together in Chicago and Cook county for Hughes and Lowden. The Sullivan votes did little harm to Lowden.

### Is Progressive Verdict.

President Wilson has received a mandate from the most progressive states in the country. The progressivism of the west could not be delivered to the Perkins-Hughes outfit. The west gave the president a vote of confidence. They approved his internal policies and his management of foreign affairs, and the heavy vote for Wilson of the four states bordering on Mexico would indicate approval of his handling of the Mexican problem.

Wilson is distinctly the favorite of the common man. Big centers like New York and Chicago, subject to the influence of big business, went for Hughes, but the plain citizen supplied the deficit caused by the withdrawal of votes by big business in the east and in the middle west. It is distinctly the plain citizen's victory; a very distinct honor and one that is greatly appreciated by President Wilson.

### What Bryan Dreamed Of.

It is what Bryan dreamed of in 1896, but missed because the rising wave of radicalism at that time did

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## PRESIDENT SHUTS HIMSELF IN STUDY

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—President Wilson shut himself in his study today and refused to see any political leaders, who desired to confer with him. He faced a desk piled high with papers and never executive papers demanding his attention. Dr. Behlke said he would see only the most important matters during the remainder of the week.

## GERMANS DENY FIRING AT CREW OF ROWANMORE

**Captain of U-Boat Says Crew Owes Life to Precautions Taken by Germans—Steamer Attempted to Escape—No Shots Fired After Vessel Stopped—Wireless for Aid.**

**BRITAIN, Nov. 16.**—Assertions that the German submarine which sank the British ship Rowanmore on which there were several Americans, fired upon lifeboats containing members of the crew, are dismissed as utterly false in the report of the commander of the submarine, further details of which became known today.

Furthermore, the men on the Rowanmore owe their lives to the precautions taken by the Germans and the skill with which their operations were carried out. During the 20-minute pursuit of the steamship, the submarine's shots were shot astern to limit the danger to the crew in the bow. The Rowanmore was hit 10 times, the last shell disabling the propeller.

The submarine ceased firing, the report continues, immediately it was observed the Rowanmore had decreased her speed and abandoned the effort to escape. No shots were fired at the men in the boats. Just before she stopped the Rowanmore hoisted a signal, but it was impossible to read it from the submarine, at that time, about 2,000 yards away. Later it was shown that the signal was "I surrender."

The master of the Rowanmore attempted to escape, the submarine commander reports, by the assertion that he desired to gain time to launch boats, but this protest was not accepted. Later the Rowanmore's captain was made a prisoner of war for attempting to escape and for summoning assistance by wireless, which speedily brought up a British destroyer. Thereupon the Rowanmore was sunk by a torpedo.

## FACTIONAL FIGHT OVER DR. AKED

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.**—Failure of the First Congregational church of this city to re-elect Dr. Charles F. Aked pastor is expected today to result in a bitter factional fight.

Dr. Philip Rice, former deacon of the congregation and leader of the pro-Aked faction, declared today that he would resign immediately. Others, he said, would follow suit.

Dr. Rice branded last night's net in which Dr. Aked failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote to return him to the pastorate, as the "most disgraceful scene he had ever witnessed."

Dr. Aked resigned his \$10,000 pastorate in the First Congregational church to go to Europe with the Ford peace party. He recently resigned from the peace conference and returned to America.

## HUGHES MAKES SLIGHT GAIN IN MINNESOTA

**ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 16.**—Mr. Hughes made a slight net gain in Minnesota today through a corrected unofficial vote on Houston county and the auditor's sheets from LeSueur, Morrison, Mower and Mason counties. The totals at noon stood:

Wilson, 177,784; Hughes 178,212; Hughes' plurality 428.

## WORTMAN APPOINTED BUCHEL'S SUCCESSOR

**SALEM, Ore., Nov. 16.**—Spencer Wortman, Portland, was today appointed deputy scaler of weights and measures to succeed Fred G. Buchtel, Portland, who was elected public service commissioner at the recent election.