

FORECAST
Tonight and Tomorrow
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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 32
Minimum Today 20.

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Daily—Eleventh Year.

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TEUTONS SMASH RUMAN'S NEW DEFENSIVE LINE

Town of Buzeu Captured by Invaders, Who Take 4000 More Prisoners and Effect Another Crossing of the Danube Near Futești—Russian-Ruman Line in Danger.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Russians are continuing their retreat in Rumania, burning villages as they go, today's official announcement reports. The Rumanian town of Buzeu has been captured by the invaders.

In the last two days 4000 more prisoners have been taken. Additional Bulgarian forces have crossed the Danube near Futești, across the river from Tchernavoda.

Serious Consequences.

Possible serious consequences not only for the Rumanians but for the Russians are implied in today's announcement from Berlin of the capture of the Rumanian town of Buzeu. Military writers have very largely assumed it to be the Russo-Rumanian intention to make a defensive stand along the line of the Buzeu river, running in a general easterly direction not far from the southern border of Moldavia, Rumania's northern province.

If the taking of Buzeu, as appears, breaks this important defensive line, the whole Russo-Rumanian line along the western Moldavian mountains seems endangered by flanking.

Breaks Defensive Line.

Stress has been laid by military commentators on the importance of this line to the Russians, as it has been pointed to as one necessary to be held if the Russian front in the southern Carpathians and even in Galicia was to be preserved. Moreover, it has been indicated, the falling back of the Russian front northward in Moldavia beyond the mouth of the Danube at Galata would open Bessarabia to possible invasion by the Teutonic armies.

Berlin reports an abortive offensive by the French in the Verdun region. Attacks made in attempts to retake the positions lost by the French on Hill 304 west of the Meuse were repulsed, it is declared, as were assaults on German positions on Pepper ridge and near Fort Harcourt, east of the river.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR AUSTRIAN ENVOY

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The entente powers have decided to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski Von Tarnow, recently appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

The foreign office made this announcement today, saying the entente had decided to grant the safe conduct in consideration of the representations made by the American government. The American ambassador, Walter H. Page, has been notified.

BILL TO PROHIBIT LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A bill prohibiting the transmission of liquor advertisements by mail to anyone except licensed liquor dealers or agents was favorably reported today by the house postoffice committee. It is aimed at the so-called mail order liquor business in dry territory.

LLOYD-GEORGE IS MUCH IMPROVED

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George was much better this morning. He has every expectation of being able to go before the house of commons on Tuesday. In the meantime he will remain indoors.

PRINCE WORKS TO DETHRONE BROTHER



PRINCE ANTON KARL

Prince Anton Karl of Hohenzollern is a brother of the king of Rumania, but a commander in the German army invading Rumania, and the man trying to dethrone his brother. Anton Karl has issued a proclamation to the people of the invaded territory, saying he has come to punish their felon king.

DRASTIC BILL TO BAR FROM MAILS LIQUOR LETTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The bill, drawn by Representative Randall of California, prohibitionist, would absolutely bar the mails to liquor advertising or correspondence, except between persons licensed to do a liquor business. It would impose fines and prison sentences up to five years for violation and proposes also that any violator might be punished at the point of mailing or destination.

The bill contains provisions, which are supported by the prohibition forces in their war on the mail order trade. When the senate resumed debate on the Sheppard bill to make the capital dry, Senator Smoot submitted a substitute for absolute prohibition except for medical purpose. The substitute would prohibit the importation of liquor for personal use.

Senator Sheppard opposed the amendment, which would prohibit individual use of liquor.

"If we can abolish the saloon in Washington," said Senator Sheppard, "I think we will have achieved a great deal. We cannot expect to accomplish everything desired at once."

The bill went over until tomorrow when an agreement for voting on it probably will be made.

Steps in Forming an Irrigation District

First—Election of directors.

Second—(a) Directors investigate supply of water, cost and all details. Directors cannot expend more than 10 cents per acre for this investigation. (b) Directors formulate plan for general irrigation system and submit same to state engineer for his approval.

Third—State engineer makes investigation and advises directors on supply of water, cost and construction.

Fourth—Directors prepare itemized statement of plan to secure irrigation, cost, details of construction, etc., and submit same to land owners.

Fifth—Final election; land owners vote to accept or reject the plan submitted by directors.

WALL STREET SHEARING LAMBS ON PEACE TALK

Stock Market Experiences Another Feverish Session of Violent Liquidation—United States Steel Again Outstanding Feature—Day's Business Exceeds 2,400,000 Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The stock market experienced another feverish session of violent liquidation, credited to continued apprehension over the effect of possible peace on the earnings of munitions, steel and kindred concerns which have profited by the war.

Losses in the stocks of these companies ranged from 3 to 12 points under yesterday's lowest quotations, with 42½ for Bethlehem Steel. It was the third severe downward movement since the announcement of the German peace proposals Tuesday.

Steel Is Feature.

United States Steel was again the outstanding feature, almost 400,000 shares changing hands before noon at an extreme loss of 4½ points. Greater weakness was shown by Industrial Alcohol, marines, Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, Central Leather, Laekawanna Steel, Utah Copper and International Paper.

Sales to noon totalled 1,300,000 shares. Rallies of 1 to 3 points were made in the early afternoon, but the market continued extremely sensitive.

Extreme recoveries of 2 to 3 points in the leaders, due mainly to a retreating movement of the bears, caused a general readjustment of values and some noteworthy gains in the later trading.

Today's business exceeded 2,400,000 shares.

Liquidation Resumed.

Liquidation of special stocks was resumed at today's opening with further losses of two to four points in shipping shares, Continental Can, New York Airbrake, Utah Copper, Laekawanna Steel and International Paper.

United States Steel was the center of interest on its initial offering of 20,000 shares at 112 to 113¼ as against yesterday's final quotation of 113½.

Rails were again the chief sustaining features with marked strength in Reading and Southern Railway. Further sweeping losses were made in the second hour, Bethlehem Steel, which sold extra dividend of 7½ per cent, declining 32½ points to 540. United States Steel, Crucible Steel, Republic Iron, Central Leather, International Paper, Marine preferred and Utah and Kennecott Coppers were 3 to 7 points under yesterday's final figures, with 11¼ for Industrial Alcohol.

Further pressure against prominent stocks created fresh unsettlement in the second hour, steel falling from 114 to 110½, more than two points under yesterday's low. Other prominent issues also fell under minimums of that session.

Mrs. E. H. Grist of Gold Hill spent Friday in Medford shopping and visiting friends.

U. S. ACTION ON PEACE AWAITS LLOYD GEORGE

President Not to Finally Determine Formal Steps on Peace Proposal Until Attitude of Allies Known—President Favors League of Nations to Enforce Peace in World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In a session lasting three hours—the longest in many months—President Wilson and the cabinet discussed Germany's proposals for peace and the attitude to be taken by the United States in transmitting them to the entente belligerents.

When the cabinet meeting broke up Secretary Lansing said it could be positively announced that the notes would not go forward tonight and that nothing could be said as to the action this government would take.

No Mediation Offer

After the cabinet meeting it was said by other officials who were in position to know what transpired, that the notes would not be accompanied by anything to be construed as an offer of mediation, but that a formal note of transmittal probably would express the gratification of the American government at being the medium of an offer of peace, and possibly in some way might express hope for its careful consideration.

The authorized statement at the German embassy that consideration of at least partial disarmament would be one of the things taken up at a peace conference attracted the widest attention among government officials and diplomats. It was accounted doubly interesting because Germany had repeatedly refused such suggestions, even to the point, it was said, of threatening to withdraw from the second Hague conference if the subject was insisted upon.

Favors League of Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson probably will not finally determine on any formal steps in connection with the peace proposals of the central powers until after David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister, has spoken in the house of commons Tuesday.

In the meantime, through the American diplomatic representatives in the capitals of the entente powers, the American government will keep in close touch with the situation.

No formal comment was forthcoming today either from the white house or the state department. It is known to be the view of most of the cabinet members that the American government should move cautiously and do nothing to imperil its influence for peace.

Self-Government.

In the same speech the president said the American people believed fundamentally that every people have a right to choose the sovereignty under which they shall live, and that the small states of the world shall have a right to enjoy the same respect for their sovereignty and for their territorial integrity that great and powerful nations expect and insist upon.

Secretary Lansing early today held his first personal conference with President Wilson since the peace proposals of the central powers were made public. It was said the formal notes from Germany and Austria might go forward before night and necessarily in view of the probability that the president would take no independent action until after Lloyd-George has spoken in the house of commons, they probably will be accompanied only by formal notes of transmittal.

HUNGARIANS ASK ABOUT PEACE TERMS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—The Budapest newspaper Pesti-Hirlap says that the new Hungarian independent party, led by Count Michael Karolyi, will demand that an announcement be made of the peace terms of the central powers and that an interpellation to that effect will be introduced in the Hungarian parliament.

FIVE MEN TO DIRECT BRITAIN'S PART IN WAR



Top, left, Lloyd George; top, right, Lord Milner; below, Bonar Law; lower left, Earl Curzon; lower right, Arthur Henderson.

VILLA TO OFFER U. S. OLIVE BRANCH FOR IMMUNITY

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Advices received at army headquarters today indicated that Francisco Villa is planning an attack on Santa Rosalia. According to the report to General Funston, a large number of Villa followers have been massed south of Chihuahua City preparatory to moving against Santa Rosalia.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Francisco Villa, through representatives here, has made overtures to the United States, and has promised to cease his depredations upon American property and discontinue killing Americans found in Mexico, it was announced today by a prominent government agent here.

He referred to the reported overtures as "Villa holding out the olive branch."

The report that representatives of Villa had been working here and elsewhere on the border, guaranteeing to spare American lives in return for guarantees that Villa's moves would not be interfered with by the United States, have been circulated here for the past two days.

Villa's friends have pledged him to carry out his part of the proposed agreement, it was said today, if Villa was not molested in his military operations in Mexico.

THREE MORE SHIPS SUBMARINE VICTIMS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lloyd's Shipping agency announces the following: "The Norwegian steamer Kaupanger has been sunk."

"The Portuguese steamer Leoa, formerly the German steamer Enos, and the British steamer Glenora are reported sunk."

The Kaupanger, of 3554 tons gross, was last reported at Bordeaux in November, en route for Cardiff.

The steamer Leoa, of 1911 tons gross, was last reported arriving at London from Lisbon on November 9, and sailing on November 23 for a port not indicated.

The Glenora is probably the 2560-ton steamer of that name last reported in the Clyde on November 26.

EFFORT TO FLOAT STRANDED DIVER NOW UNDERWAY

EURERA, Cal., Dec. 15.—Lieutenant Howe of the motor ship Cheyenne, which is standing by the H-3, said he hoped to float the submarine at high tide about 3 o'clock this afternoon, by picking up a cable to be shot seaward from shore, where life-savers firmly anchored their breeches buoy trolley line. Lieutenant Howe said the submarine, he believed, was undamaged. A heavy fog that persistently refused to lift prevented preliminary operations.

The twenty-six men and officers of the H-23 who rode to safety on a breeches buoy late yesterday, were all doing well today, including two seamen who are injured. None would talk pending an official investigation.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The United States navy tug Annapolis, commanded by Lieutenant William Newton, left Mare Island navy-yard today to go to the aid of the stranded submarine H-3, rolling in the breakers 150 feet north of Eureka. Captain P. W. Bennett, commandant of Mare Island, said the probably would send a wrecking tug from San Francisco later to aid in an attempt which is to be made today to drag the H-3 to safety.

I. W. W. CAPTURE ESPEE FREIGHT TRAIN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—Thirty supposed Industrial Workers of the World were reported today to have captured a southbound Southern Pacific freight train just south of Bakerfield. A posse of deputy sheriffs was sent from here in two automobiles to Saugus, where the train was expected to arrive soon.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 15.—The division superintendent's office of the Southern Pacific here denies the report that a freight train was seized just south of this city early today.

A score of men who refused to "move on" at Mojave yesterday were backed in a refrigerator car, it is said. These men cut their way out during the night, and it is supposed that some may be aboard a southbound freight train.

GREECE ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM BY ALLIED NATIONS

Withdrawal of All Greek Troops From Thessaly Demanded—Reparation for Attacks by Greek Forces to Be Formulated Later—No Official Account of Acceptance Made.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Greek government has accepted the ultimatum presented by the entente allies, says a dispatch from Athens to the Central News agency.

The ultimatum of the entente allies to Greece was presented yesterday and expired at 3 o'clock today. There are indications that the terms were agreed to, but so far the British foreign office has received no news of their acceptance.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Havas News agency from its correspondent at Piraeus, Greece, dated yesterday, says:

"The note of the allied powers to the Greek government was handed this afternoon to Foreign Minister Zolotas."

Text of Demands.

"The document says the recent events in Athens prove that neither King Constantine nor the Greek government has sufficient authority over the army to prevent its becoming a menace to the peace and security of the allied armies in Macedonia. The allies are therefore obliged, it continues, in order to protect themselves against attack, to demand immediate removal of the troops and war material indicated in an annexed list. The removals must begin within twenty-four hours and all movements of troops and war materials toward the north must be stopped, it declares.

"If the government disregards the note, it was informed, its attitude will be declared a hostile act."

"The signatories of the note, it says, have received orders to quit Greece in twenty-four hours with the personnel of the legations, if the note are not formally accepted. The blockade will be maintained, it is declared, until adequate guarantees for the future have been given."

SEATTLE BROKER SHOT AND KILLED BY VICTIMIZED MAN

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Alexander Millar, 47 years old, a real estate agent, was shot and instantly killed by H. M. Stokes, 55 years old, in the former's office in the Mutual Life Building shortly before noon.

Stokes, greatly agitated, appeared at police headquarters an hour later and gave himself up to Chief of Police Beckingham, declaring that he had shot Millar because he tried to "bunco him and failed to make restitution."

Stokes came to Seattle six months ago from Tucson, Ariz., where he had lived for years and where he had been a miner. Stokes told the police that he had sold the state rights of a patent loose-leaf indexing system for telephone directories to Millar, who had agreed to pay him \$100 a month royalty. Millar had refused to keep his agreement, Stokes said, and this morning Millar jeered at Stokes and Stokes shot him.

Stokes broke down completely, while talking with Beckingham, and was taken to the city hospital for treatment. Stokes is six feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 245 pounds.

COMMONS VOTES NEW WAR CREDIT

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The new war credit for 100,000,000 pounds sterling, introduced in the house of commons yesterday by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, passed through all its stages in the lower house this afternoon.