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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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## TEUTONS PRESS ATTACK ALONG MOLDAVIAN LINE

**Danger of Russo-Rumanian Line Being Rolled Up and Retreat Forced—Resistance, However, Is Determined—Winter Weather Prevents Action Along Other Battle Fronts.**

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Continuing their vigorous offensive along the Rumanian front, Teutonic troops yesterday pushed back the Russians and Rumanians along the valley leading to the interior of Moldavia, the war office announced. A successful bayonet attack was made on both sides of the Oltuz valley.

In none of the important fighting fronts except the Rumanian are there more than perfunctory activities by any of the belligerents. In the Rumanian war theater, however, the current reports indicate that some of the heaviest blows of the war are being struck by Field Marshal Von Mackensen's armies.

**Teutonic Attack Pressed.**  
The Teutonic attack is being pressed in strong force all along the curving front from northern Moldavia to the Danube. At the latter point the bridgeheads protecting Braila on both sides of the river are being assaulted and at last accounts the Russo-Rumanian position at Matchin, on the Dobrudja shore, was in process of being pressed back slightly under the hammering of the Bulgarians, Turks and Germans.

What seems to be the more serious threat to the Russian front, however, is developing to the northeast, where both the Petrograd and Berlin statements show Teutonic progress at various points, notably in the direction of Fokshani, north of Rimnik Sarat, near the southern Moldavian border and along the western Moldavian frontier, where the offensive of the central powers in the transverse valleys is indicated as assuming notable importance.

**Russians Menaced.**  
Danger of the western Moldavian line being rolled up and a retreat forced is being pointed out as the result of the continuing thrust at the Russo-Rumanian front as it curves southeastward from the Moldavian mountains and continues toward the Danube. The Russian resistance is evidently a determined one, however, and the fighting ground has not yet touched the line of the Sereth, which has been picked as the probable position to be taken up by the Russians for the protection of their southern front, and of their Bessarabian territory.

On the Franco-Belgian front, today's Paris statement mentions only skirmishes near the Lorraine border.

## VILLAISTS DEFEATED BY CARRANZISTS NEAR GEURRERO

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 2.—One hundred and forty prisoners were taken, twenty-five were killed and a large quantity of loot taken from Chihuahua City by Francisco Villa, was recovered by a Carranza force in command of General Eduardo Hernandez at Terrenos, near Guerrero, yesterday, when the 600 Villa followers were defeated by the de facto forces, according to a message received today by Andres Garcia, inspector general of Carranza consulates from General Francisco Murguia.

General Hernandez captured 400 rifles, of which half were in good order, eight cannon, 6000 shrapnel shells, 3000 hand grenades, several machine guns, 15,000 rifle cartridges, four cars of provisions and one car of uniforms and many other elements, according to this same message.

## COURTS ASKED TO SEAT ONE OF TWO GOVERNORS

**Arizona Boasts Two Chief Executives—Governor Hunt Refuses to Recognize Credentials of Governor Campbell and Holds the Fort in State Capitol.**

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 2.—When Thomas E. Campbell, governor-elect, went to the state house today to take over his duties, Governor G. W. P. Hunt, incumbent, refused to surrender the office. Governor Hunt told Governor Campbell he could not recognize Governor Campbell's credentials. After a formal demand for possession of the executive offices, Governor Campbell withdrew and will maintain his headquarters in a downtown office building pending the outcome of legal proceedings to force Governor Hunt to give up the office.

**Meeting Is Formal.**  
When Governor Campbell went to the capitol the executive chamber was occupied as usual by Governor Hunt. The meeting between the two governors was strictly formal and the conversation was conducted principally by the attorneys. Governor Hunt replied to Governor Campbell's demand for possession of the office that he considered he had been elected to the office and could not recognize Governor Campbell's credentials. The Campbell forces then withdrew. Proceedings have been commenced in the supreme court to secure a writ of peremptory mandamus restraining Governor Hunt from exercising the functions of the office pending a determination of the contest. The matter will be heard by the court Thursday. Meantime Governor Campbell has appointed Malcolm Fraser, formerly secretary of the El Paso chamber of commerce, to be his secretary. It is expected that he will name a board of control today.

**Stick by Their Jobs.**  
All of the Hunt appointees say they will not give up their jobs. Some are arranging to set up light housekeeping in their offices and remain continuously at the capitol. Each side will attempt to organize the legislature which meets next Monday. Hunt leaders claim that he will be able to force an adjournment pending the contest, but this is denied by the conservative democrats.

## DRIFTING STEAMER KLAMATH PICKED UP BY CELILO

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—The lumber steamer Klamath, which drifted propellerless in a gale off Cape Arago, Oregon, all last night, today was picked up by the steamer Celilo, which was holding her in tow pending the arrival of the tug Wellua from Astoria, which will tow her into Portland.

At no time was the Klamath in any great danger, according to reports received here. She was about ten miles off the coast when her propeller dropped and during the night ran before an off-shore gale.

When picked up by the Celilo the disabled vessel was proceeding seaward with sails set at the rate of about two miles an hour. During the night fear was expressed that the wind would veer before help could arrive and the vessel would be driven onto the rocky coast.

The Klamath's passengers will not be put on board the Celilo, according to the Charles R. McCormick company, Portland, which owns the two vessels.

## ENDORSEMENT PEACE POLICY IS POSTPONED

**Senate Tomorrow to Act Upon Hitchcock's Resolution for Approval of President's Peace Note to Belligerents—Says It Is Duty Owed the People to Take Stand.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Senator Hitchcock's resolution to have the senate endorse President Wilson's peace note was discussed in the senate today and action was postponed until tomorrow by unanimous consent. Republican leaders wanted the resolution to go to the foreign relations committee, but Senator Hitchcock pressed for immediate action.

"It is desirable that the senate should express itself on this important matter," said Senator Gallinger, republican, "I think it should accept the judgment of the foreign relations committee in the matter."

**Wants Indorsement.**  
"I have considered that," Senator Hitchcock replied, "but I think that the moral effect of the action by the senate would be greater. It is the only legislative body in the world that has functions and powers relating to international affairs. The senate has reputation and standing in the world similar, if not equal, to that of the president. In my opinion, the senate has a duty to perform. The president has performed his. Now that the president has taken this step with the object and purpose of showing that the United States as a great neutral nation desires the belligerent nations to state terms upon which peace might be reached, surely the senate ought to act, and act at once."

**No Argument Needed.**  
"It would not be necessary to involve the senate in any argument over the war situation. Our indorsement would be merely an approval of the request for a statement from the belligerents of the possible terms of peace. In all these countries there is a growing sentiment toward action looking toward peace. That will be given a great impulse if the senate should act."

Senator Gallinger then repeated his request that the resolution go until tomorrow, when he hoped adequate time for its consideration would be given.

## MYSTERY VEILS STRANGE MURDER MAIZIE COLBERT

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Miss Maizie Colbert, also known as Mrs. Riberts, whose terribly bruised body was found in an uptown apartment house late Saturday night was still unsolved today. A man and a woman are being watched and arrests are expected before the day is over. The victim had many admirers who were received in her apartment and much evidence in the shape of letters, photographs and clothing has been found.

According to the detectives, a man and a woman are under surveillance, the man as the actual murderer, the woman as his "best friend," who, it is believed, knows something about the crime.

Captain of Detectives Tate said today: "The mystery requires a process of elimination, a weeding out of all of the dead woman's friends. She was acquainted with so many lawyers, newspaper men, physicians, business men, detectives, theatrical people, hotel men and others that we do not want to jump at any rash conclusion. I am cautioning my men to be absolutely certain of their ground before they do anything."

Asked whether the son of a wealthy brewer up-state, the son of a baseball magnate of this city and others whose names have been linked with that of Miss Colbert as acquaintances are to be questioned, Captain Tate said: "We will question every person who knew Miss Colbert."

## MADE MILLIONS THROUGH "LEAK"



Thomas W. Lawson.  
Author of "Frenzied Finance."

## MADRAS RAIDERS SEIZE RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Governor James Withycombe today declined a request from Sheriff Ira Black, Jefferson county, that he send a company of Oregon militiamen to recover county records taken by force in a raid yesterday by a party of about 100 Madras people from Culver, county seat of Jefferson county, and carried to Madras, which claims it is the county seat, as the result of a recent election. The Madras party was led by W. S. O'Keefe, a Portland attorney. It is alleged some of the raiders were armed. Several newly elected county officers are said to be Madras sympathizers.

Sheriff Black telegraphed the governor in part as follows: "Mob of about 100 came to Culver and forcibly removed county office equipment and records from Culver to Madras without any court order. Could not prevent without great danger of life. Sheriff-elect has no bond approved and I have not been checked out of office. Want militia assistance to return books and equipment. Mob was armed."

The answer said the governor's office could do nothing, as the matter would have to be decided in the courts.

W. P. Meyers, who was district attorney until yesterday, telegraphed Attorney General George Brown asking if he could take any legal steps against the raiders. He was informed he had passed out of office and could do nothing. His successor, it is claimed, is a Madras sympathizer.

## STRANGLER LEWIS TO WRESTLE JOE STECHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—"Strangler" Lewis of Kentucky and Ad Santele, heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, will meet here tonight in a return wrestling match which will be in the nature of a preliminary to determine who will wrestle Joe Stecher of Nebraska for the championship of the world.

The men will wrestle until a time limit of two and one-half hours, best two falls out of three. In the event there is no fall, the referee is to render a decision. Stecher already has agreed to meet the winner here on February 22.

## FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS PART VALDEZ, ALASKA

**Pioneer Town, Entirely of Wooden Construction, Is Soon Razed by Flames—As Far as Known, No Loss of Life—Half Million Dollars Loss in Stocks of Merchandise.**

VALDEZ, Alaska, Jan. 2.—Valdez is burning. The business section has been destroyed. The Keystone warehouse and dock are in danger.

The Seattle hotel and S. Blum's store, the largest in Valdez, were destroyed. The cable office, at the outer end of the Lathrop dock, has not been injured.

The loss on the general merchandise stock of Samuel Blum is estimated at \$75,000.

Valdez is situated on Port Valdez, on the northeastern shore of Prince William Sound. Valdez is entirely of wooden construction, the tallest building being only two stories in height.

The huge glacier discharges near the town, which gained its importance from the fact that the glacier supplied a road into various placer gold districts and into the Tanana valley. In 1898 Valdez had 1800 population. It now has 650. The placer gold diggings gave out, and the selection of the Seward route to Fairbanks destroyed the hopes of Valdez. Lately the temperature at Valdez has been below zero, which would make fighting fire difficult. Aid has been summoned from Cordova and Seward.

So far as known there has been no loss of life. Although the business buildings in Valdez are flimsy in construction, they contained valuable stocks, the loss on which may reach \$500,000.

## NATIONAL PARKS CONFERENCE OPENS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A national parks conference was opened here today by the department of the interior to continue throughout the week. It brought together many persons from throughout the country interested in national park development and was arranged as a celebration of the creation by congress last August of a national parks service.

Secretary Lane opened the session. Creation of the Grand Canyon and Mount McKinley as new national parks and the enlargement of the Sequoia national park to include the Tehipte valley, the Kings river canyon and Mount Whitney were among the new projects advocated by speakers.

## BRIDEGROOM OF 91 TAKES BRIDE OF 55

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—Charles R. Post, 91 years of age, father of C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., manufacturer, was the oldest bridegroom recorded in the county today, following the New Year's marriage yesterday of himself and Mrs. Nellie J. Moore, 55 years old.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The marriage of Earl Curzon of Kedleston and Mrs. Grace Elvina Duggan took place privately in London today. A small luncheon party followed.

## SEND FLETCHER TO MEXICO CITY; RECALL TROOPS

**Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador, Requested by His Government to Return and Confer With Carranza—American Ambassador to Go South and Forces to Be Withdrawn.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The sending of Henry P. Fletcher to his post at Mexico City as American ambassador and the subsequent withdrawal of the American expedition are expected among the next developments in the Mexican situation. Official confirmation or comment is being withheld at this time.

The outcome is bound up with the decision of General Carranza's latest communication in regard to the protocol, which gives indications of being of such a nature as not to close the negotiations. It is understood it will not be affected by the absence of General Carranza's ambassador, Mr. Arredondo.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, announced late today that he had been requested by his government to come to Mexico City and confer with General Carranza and his advisers over relations with the United States. He said he expected to return here in about three weeks and to resume his duties as diplomatic representative of the de facto government.

**Sign of Displeasure.**  
When General Carranza sent his recent appeal for modifications in the protocol drawn by the American-Mexican commission, it was reported that he would withdraw Mr. Arredondo as a mark of his displeasure at the action of the American commissioners in demanding a final decision on the agreement by December 26.

Mr. Arredondo denied then that he was to be withdrawn, and declared that if he left Washington it would be to confer with his chief, as he did recently. Information about his departure was denied at the Mexican embassy, where it was said a statement would be issued later.

Mr. Arredondo is General Carranza's nephew and has represented the de facto government here longer than any of his predecessors.

## TURKS REPUDIATE GUARDIANSHIP OF GREAT POWERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—American Ambassador Eikus has forwarded from Constantinople an apparently authentic article from a semi-official newspaper in the Turkish capital giving the Turkish repudiation of the guardianship of the great powers which was created by the treaty of Paris of 1856 and the treaty of Berlin of 1878.

One of the motives of the repudiation, it was said here, was to permit Turkey to enter a peace conference as an entirely independent power.

The United States will take no action in the matter, as this country was not a party to either treaty and does not consider that its rights are more particularly involved through this specific action than thru the whole general Turkish situation.

## PROHIBITION LAW ISSUE IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—The Minnesota legislature convened today with the prospect of acting on state-wide prohibition, woman suffrage, reorganization of various state departments and repeal of the boxing bill before adjournment by time limitation on April 19.

## LAWSON FAILS TO GIVE NAMES TO PROVE LEAK

**Senator Stone Denounces Accusations by Sensational Fakers—If Anyone at Fault, Some Employee, Not Official—Lawson Does Not Give Names of Speculators.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note involving other charges that somebody made profits on it in the stock market, gained further official attention when Senator Stone, democrat, spoke on the subject in the senate and Thomas W. Lawson of Boston conferred with Chairman Henry of the house rules committee about a proposed congressional investigation.

Senator Stone said that confidential communications concerning the honor of the nation had fallen into improper hands, but said he had no information as to whether a "leak" occurred as recently reported. If so, he believed it would be traceable to departmental employees.

"If it be true that any public official has or did use any secret or confidential information as alleged," said Senator Stone, "he is an unspeakable scoundrel. If any senator did it, which I believe to be absolutely impossible, he ought to be dismissed."

**Betrays Frequent.**  
"I do know," Senator Stone continued, "that things have occurred in the departments, which ought not to be possible. I know that confidential communications with foreign governments to the state department have by some means found their way into hands of men not authorized to have them. They did not concern stock market speculation, but did concern the honor of the nation. How this has happened I do not know, but it could have happened only through the instrumentality of employees. I fear that this betrayal of public confidence is in some way traceable to our civil service."

Senator Stone then denounced Thomas W. Lawson for his recent declaration that members of congress would shrink from an investigation into the stock market "leaks."

**Lawson Denounced.**  
"I despise these sensational fakers who are always talking about public bodies and public men," said he. "I am sorry that the newspapers should take up the following of this ass."

After conferring with Mr. Lawson for two hours, Chairman Henry of the house rules committee issued this statement:

"Mr. Lawson charged that there was a leak from the state department to Wall street some days ago and that through such an alleged leak certain individuals, by speculating in Wall street, cleaned up \$60,000,000 or more."

**Refuses Information.**  
"I have asked him for the name of the individual giving information constituting the leak and the names of those speculators profiting by such alleged leak. He has not furnished the names in either case. And so there is at this time nothing yet furnished me even approaching information that would warrant me in calling together the committee on rules."

Upon leaving Mr. Henry's office Lawson declared that he had given enough information to warrant "any intelligent man in proceeding with an investigation of the entire stock exchange situation."

Representative Campbell of Kansas, ranking republican of the committee, notified Chairman Henry that republican committeemen would insist on an investigation.

## ALLIES ANSWER IS FORWARDED GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Lansing said today that the English text of the entente reply to Germany's peace proposals probably would be forwarded to the central powers today without waiting for the official French text. That will be sent direct to the central powers by the American embassy in Paris.

MEDFORD WEATHER FOR 1916										
MONTH.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Moisture.	Wind.	Clouds.	Days.	Part.	Fair.	Snowfall.
January	54.12.5	41.5	27.5	28	2	1	1.99	6.5		
February	72.24	59.9	39.5	9	6	14	1.51			
March	78.26.5	62.3	37.7	13	8	10	1.76			
April	78.29	66.57	37.46	12	4	14	1.66			
May	85.28	69.52	40.64	16	9	12	.69			
June	101.55	80.4	47.3	14	3	13	.74			
July	97.44	84.09	50.55	5	5	21	1.15			
August	100.46	87.64	50.32	4	8	19	.66			
September	96.36	84.63	46.1	7	4	19	.37			
October	84.25	69.77	33.48	8	4	19	.28			
November	68.19	52.46	29.9	14	3	13	1.99			
December	58.9	38.81	26.16	28	2	1	1.71	0.6		
Total rainfall, 14.51 inches.										