

**FORECAST**  
Partly Cloudy. Stationary Temperature.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**WEATHER**  
Maximum yesterday, 43;  
Minimum today, 15.

Forty-sixth Year.  
Daily—Fifteenth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1917

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## BEAN BILL FOR HIGHWAY BONDS PASSES HOUSE

**Measure Calling for Issuance of Securities to Enable Oregon to Take Advantage of Federal Good Roads Measure Through Lower House—Will Enable Construction Highway.**

SALEM, Jan. 18.—The Bean bill, providing the issuance of state highway bonds to enable Oregon to take advantage of the co-operation of the federal government in highway construction, passed the house today by a vote of 21 to 9, without amendment.

Will G. Steel, Crater lake park commissioner, and Engineer Allen of the federal bureau of highways, who are here in the interests of the Crater lake highway, express themselves as satisfied that the provisions of the bill will enable state co-operation in building of the highway. The bill is as follows:

**The Bean Bill.**  
“Whereas, under the apportionment of the federal fund provided under said act made by the secretary of agriculture, there is and will be available during the next five years for the state of Oregon the sum of \$1,180,310.55 (see senate document No. 548, sixty-fourth congress, first session), for the construction of rural post roads, under the provision of section 6 of the above set out act; and there will also be available during said period of time the sum of \$638,970 for the construction or maintenance of roads and trails within, or partly within, the national forests in this state, under the provisions of section 8 of said act.

“Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

### Provisions Accepted.

“Section 1. That the state of Oregon hereby accepts the provisions of said act and agrees to co-operate with the federal government in carrying out the provisions thereof.

“Section 2. That the state board of control of the state of Oregon is hereby authorized, empowered and directed each year during the next five years to sell the bonds of the state of Oregon in an amount sufficient to raise enough money which, taken together with any money available from appropriations from other funds of the state of Oregon, if any there be, to equal the amount required of the state of Oregon in order to fully meet the requirements, conditions and provisions of said federal statute, and the federal officials operating under said statute.

### Board to Make Contracts.

“Section 3. That the state board, commissioners or officers having control of the state highways in the state of Oregon, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into such contracts, appoint such officers and do any other act or thing necessary to fully meet the requirements of the United States and the officers acting under said federal statute.

“Section 4. That the attorney general shall, under the direction of the state board of control, prepare a form of bonds of the state to be sold as above required, which bonds shall be payable absolutely twenty years from the date thereof, and shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at the office of the state treasury of the state of Oregon, and if said board shall so direct, said bonds may also provide for payment at some other place. Said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present value of weight and fineness at the date of issue thereof, and shall be in a form

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## RAIN INTERFERES WITH AVIATOR HUNT

CALEXICO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Heavy cold rain interrupted today the scouting of airplanes over Lower California and Sonora in their search for the two army aviators, Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, missing eight days ago. It was impossible to see for any distance.

## LEAK PROBERS UNABLE TO AGREE UPON COUNSEL

**Administration Leaders Favor Samuel Untermyer—Others Favor Garrison—Democrats Charged With Caucusing Without Consulting Republicans on Committee.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The conference of the rules committee declared today to select counsel for the leak investigation developed that strong administration forces were at work to have Samuel Untermyer chosen. Two democrats were reported to have urged his selection.

Postmaster General Barleson and Solicitor General Davis conferred with the committee and the members declined to discuss a report that Mr. Barleson had come to Untermyer's interest.

Opposition to Untermyer as counsel has arisen both in the committee and on the floor of the house. Yesterday during the debate those who opposed him pointed out that he recently took a trip to South America with Secretary McAdoo as a personal guest.

The conference broke up without deciding anything.

### Republicans Indignant.

Representative Campbell, after a conference with his colleagues and with Republican Leader Mann, issued a statement assailing the democratic members for seeking to agree upon counsel without consulting republican members. He charged such methods were partisan and would discredit counsel to be employed in advance.

“To the astonishment of the republican members of the committee,” said Representative Campbell, “the democratic members met behind closed doors; it is said, for the purpose of agreeing upon the counsel and experts the house directed the committee to employ. The minority members were surprised on arriving at the hearing room to find a placard on the door announcing that the hearings had been indefinitely postponed. This investigation must not be smothered or strangled. It must be made and every available source of evidence must be exhausted.”

### Garrison Favored.

Lindley M. Garrison, former secretary of war, it became known, is being urged upon the committee to act as counsel in the inquiry by many members of the house.

Thomas W. Lawson has left Washington, but will return whenever desired. Doubt was expressed in some quarters whether the hearings would be resumed before next week.

Out-of-town witnesses, including Frank A. Vanderbilt, Pliny Fisk and other New York financiers who appeared yesterday in response to subpoenas, were permitted to return home by order of the committee under direction to come to Washington at once if summoned.

## REFUSE TO REDUCE BAIL FOR BROWER

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The supreme court today refused to reduce the bail, fixed recently at \$15,000, of Oliver Brower, indicted with Harry K. Thaw, on the charge of conspiracy to kidnap Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City.

Justice Colahan ruled today that this was “not an ordinary case” and that he was convinced that there had been excellent reason for stipulating high bail.

## THAW DETECTIVE ALSO GOES CRAZY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—The condition of Harry K. Thaw, who is in a hospital here recovering from razor wounds self-inflicted a week ago today, is reported as satisfactory by his physician.

A private detective on duty in the house where Thaw attempted to commit suicide, became hysterical today and began shooting around the room where Thaw was found, the police say. He claimed someone was about to attack him.

## SUPREME COURT MAKES POSSIBLE REAL PROHIBITION

**After Years of Lawmaking and Unmaking, Tinkering and Agitation, State for First Time Has Power to Banish Demon Rum From Its Borders, Barring Federal Control.**

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—After all these years and years of lawmaking, law tinkering, revoking, unmaking, agitation, appeals and oratory in so many states, it remained for the supreme court to enact prohibition.

You can look at that fact from six different angles, and from each of them it will appear one of the biggest of these times.

Does any state really want prohibition? Does it want, in fact and not merely in allegory, to seize the Rum Fiend by the neck and beat off his hideous, horrible head? Does it want in reality, and not in words, to banish from among us this blight, cancer, stain, stigma, abomination and the rest?

### Here's the Chance.

Does it want prohibition for the rich as well as the poor, for the club man and the worker, in residences as at the tenement house corner?

### Here's its chance.

Up to this point any prohibition state had a good, workable excuse for suffering liquor to exist within its borders. It might pass all known kinds of prohibitory laws, annihilate the grog shops and put an end to manufacture or open sale. It could not stop importation from other states.

The supreme court of the United States stood in the way.

It had planted across the road its famous “original package” decision and there was no getting around that.

Liquor shipped from one state to another, the court held, came under the head of interstate commerce. The control or regulation of interstate commerce was strictly a federal function. No state could interfere with it.

### Can Be Truly Dry.

In any dry state, therefore, you could bring in liquor from a wet state until your head went around and nobody could say you nay.

The court has now reversed that celebrated decision and held exactly the other way.

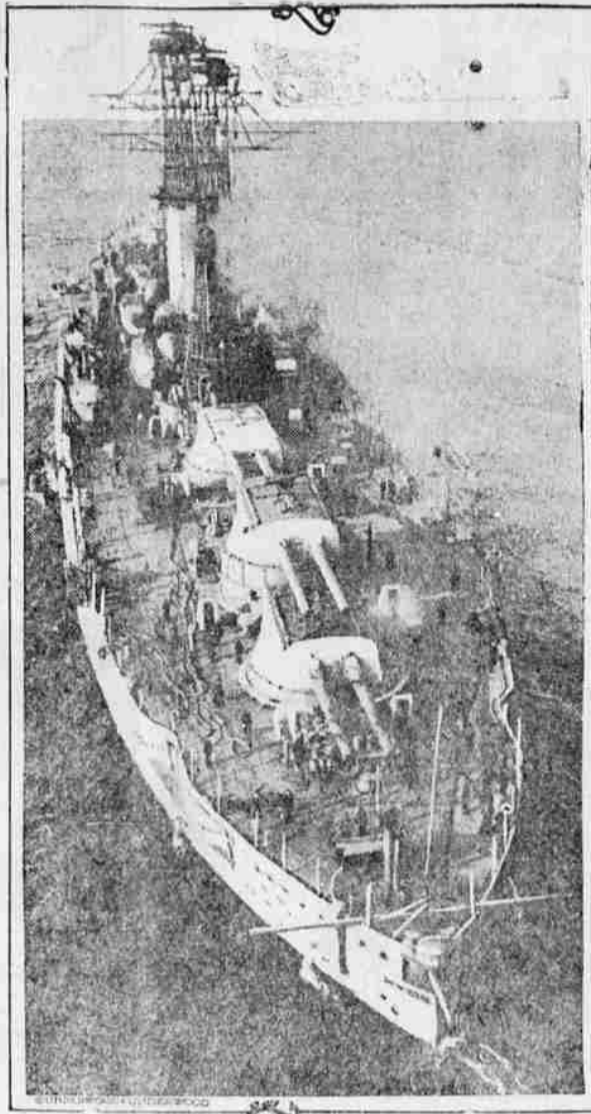
A state may now interfere with interstate commerce to the extent of shutting out the booze, original package or no original package, and federal control has nothing to say about it.

This is a great and sweeping victory for prohibition, and no wonder the anti-saloon men rejoice. Behold, their ancient enemy is in the dust.

## MACEDONIAN LEADER DEAD FROM CANCER

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 18.—Dr. Vlachoff, a former chief of the Macedonian movement, has died in Sofia of cancer, a dispatch from the Bulgarian capital today announces.

## UNCLE SAM'S \$15,000,000 BATTLESHIP OFF TO SEA



The New York, one of Uncle Sam's latest and most powerful battleships, is on the way to Guantanamo for maneuvers. The New York cost about \$15,000,000, carries ten 14-inch guns and four torpedo tubes, and has a speed of 21 knots an hour.

## FOURTH MINISTER OF WAR FOR CZAR SINCE WAR BEGUN

LONDON, Jan. 18.—General M. A. Belfaef has been appointed minister of war in place of General Chowavlev, who has been made a member of the council of empire, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuters. General Belfaef was formerly assistant minister of war and chief of the general staff.

General M. A. Belfaef is 54 years old. He was educated in the classical schools of Petrograd and received his military instruction in the artillery school and the academy of the general staff, from which he was graduated with high honors. During the Russo-Japanese war General Belfaef was chief staff of the first Manchurian army and acting chief of staff of the commander in chief. For his services in the war he received a number of special distinctions in addition to the regular military decorations.

General Belfaef is the fourth minister of war Russia has had since the outbreak of the war.

## BRITISH NOTE MOST ENCOURAGING AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Great Britain's supplementary note amplifying the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note has given much encouragement to American officials, who are looking forward to some sort of league of nations to preserve peace.

Although the principal portions in Foreign Minister Balfour's note, delivered to the state department yesterday are destined to justify the severity of their reply to the note of President Wilson, the formal acceptance in principle of some sort of national sanction on a force behind treaties and international law is regarded as of great importance.

It has been stated officially that President Wilson's next step has not been determined upon. Many officials believe the terms of the British note may afford the opportunity for a move toward the establishment of some such national sanction, even if it be with the view of having it come into force after the close of the war.

## RUMANS STILL ON OFFENSIVE ALONG SERETH

**Mackensen's Aggressive Apparently Halted—British Near Loos Driven Back After an Advance in Connection With Mine Explosion—Raiding Operations in Galicia.**

The Rumanians apparently still are on the offensive along the Rumanian front. Berlin, in its official report today, records no aggressive activities by the Teutonic forces, except for a raiding operation on the Moldavian frontier, while mentioning the repulse of a strong attack by the Rumanians in the Oltuz valley region.

On the Franco-Belgian front, the driving back of the British near Loos after an advance in connection with a mine explosion is reported by the German staff. The recent British attack near Serre was made upon an advance position, which had been evacuated by the Germans. It is declared.

### Teutons Repulsed.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 18.—The repulse of Teutonic attacks along the northern Rumanian front is reported in today's official announcement, which follows:

“Enemy attempts to take the offensive against the heights south of the River Oltuz were arrested by our fire. The Rumanians repulsed a German attack south of Monestakachin, on the River Kasino.

“Southwest of Pralva, the Rumanians surrounded a height occupied by the enemy and took a great number of prisoners and four machine guns.

“On the remainder of the front as far as the Danube and along that river, there has been an exchange of fire.”

### Raiding Operations.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Raiding operations and artillery activity along the front in Russia and Galicia are reported in today's army headquarters statement on the situation in this war area, which also says:

“North of Krashin, Russian raiding detachments of tenfold numerical superiority entered an advanced post. The outpost is again in our possession.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—(By wireless to Sarville)—An attack made by the Rumanians yesterday on the northern Rumanian front south of the Oltuz river, broke down under the German fire, the war office announces.

### On Somme Front.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Evacuation of German positions near Serre on the Somme front was announced by the war office today. A British attack near Loos was repulsed after violent fighting.

### The statement reads:

“The explosion of a British mine near Loos was followed by a brief engagement during which the enemy, who had advanced, was speedily repulsed in violent hand to hand fighting.

“After engagements near Serre, portions of an advanced position held by us were evacuated in an orderly manner on the night of January 12-13 without molestation by the enemy. Since then each day a heavy fire had been directed against the abandoned trenches. Yesterday a British attack upon them which was expected by us was launched into the air, causing severe losses to the enemy.

## TWO OKLAHOMA TEACHERS KILLED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 18.—Miss Nellie M. Dunn, a school teacher, was shot through the head while in the main corridor of the Wheeler school building here today.

Shortly after Miss Dunn was killed, Rowland D. Williams, vocal teacher and prominent in local music circles, was shot and killed by an unknown man in his studio.

Police began working on the theory that the man who killed Miss Dunn and the slayer of Williams was the same person, and a search was made for John M. Couch, Miss Dunn's brother-in-law.

## NEW ARMY FOR EACH YEAR IS HARLLEE'S PLAN

**Plan for Adequate Defense Without Compulsion Outlined by Head of Marine Corps—Americanize Army by Abolishing Snobbery and Legalized Caste.**

By GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—An army with less snobbery and legalized caste is the purpose of a bill now being drafted for Senator Chamberlain's sub-committee on military affairs. Plans for such an army were outlined to the committee by Major W. C. Harllee of the United States marine corps. The committee was so much interested in what Major Harllee told them of his experience and ideas that they asked him to submit a bill embodying his plan.

As outlined to the committee, the Harllee plan is:

### Harlee Plan Outlined.

“A new army each year. Its period of training to be not over six months, perhaps shorter, to accommodate the vacation period of colleges. Have no oath of enlistment. Pay its lowest grade respectable pay, but withhold all except a nominal monthly sum until the end of the period. If anyone wants to quit, let him quit, but without compensation. On the other hand, if anyone is not desirable, simply discharge him and not resort to jails, etc., to try to reform him or make him obedient. One month at barracks rendezvous for individual instruction, the remainder of the time in the field. At the end of the period after marching back to the rendezvous, discharge everybody. Tie no strings to the men.

“Equip this force with nothing but working clothes, a gun, some ammunition, a bay for carrying rations, suitable cooking utensils, a water bottle and a blanket.

### Reappoint Leaders.

“At the time of discharge reappoint the leaders for the next year. Rearrange the present grades so that the commander of ten men will be an officer in as strict a sense as any other commander and as proud of his job. Appoint him in the same way and give him a respectable salary. I would have the other commanders appointed at the same time, each grade selected by the next higher commander under whom they are to serve, and to be selected from the next lower grade so that an officer must advance a grade each year or go out.

“This would send into civil life each year officers experienced in all grades, who would have been through the process necessary when we have to form volunteers into armies. It would furnish rapid advancement to young men of demonstrated capacity. Those who select their own subordinates may be relied on to select the proper men because their own chances for future selection will depend upon the work of these men.

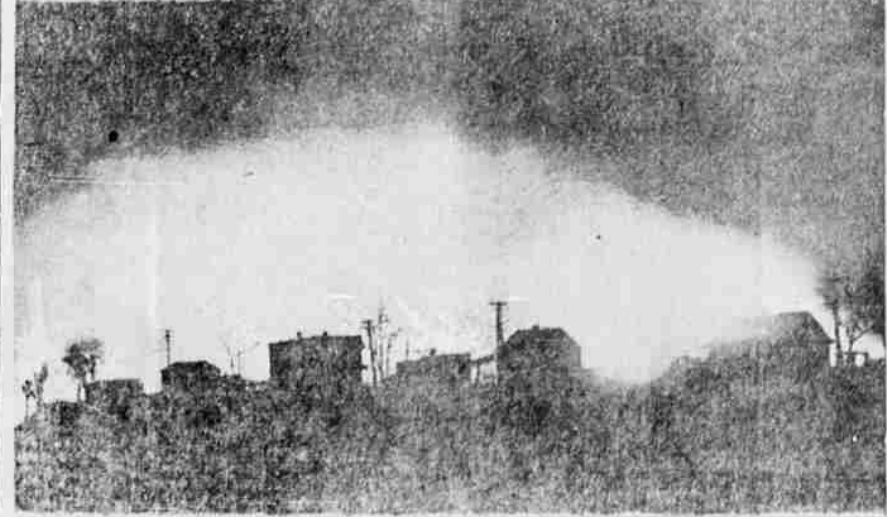
### Organize Leaders.

“After the discharge of the army and the selection of the next year's leaders, these leaders could be organized in a school and taught special subjects and advanced military work; and when it came time to organize the next year's army these would be the force to recruit this army.

“After one month of individual instruction I would have the different parts of the army move out without any tents and spend the remainder of the time in bivouac and on the march, assembling with other bodies, forming larger bodies and moving toward the government reservations where first exercises with actual arms.

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## SHELLS BOMBARD CITY IN EXPLOSION



Close-up view of explosion of war munitions in the plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., at Kingsland, N. J., which caused shells to bombard the city, killing many and wrecking buildings. This picture was taken at a point within 200 yards of the plant. The loud was so intense the photographer fled from the spot as soon as he had shot the picture.

## ROBBER AND SHERIFF KILLED IN BATTLE

OKEMAH, Okla., Jan. 18.—One deputy sheriff and one alleged bank robber were killed and a second robber wounded and captured early today by an Oklahoma county posse of ten men. The men are believed to be two of those who held up the State Bank of Harrah Friday last, and since then have been pursued and engaged in several clashes with possemen.