

FORECAST
Rain and Moderate South-west Wind Sunday.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 45; Minimum Today 32.

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TROOPS UNDER PERSHING START FROM MEXICO

United States Expeditionary Force Begins Homeward Hike Out of Colonia Dublan Towards Border—All Troops in Field at Headquarters Ready to Start.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico has been ordered by the war department and officials here expect that by Monday morning the entire column will be moving north.

The exact time of the withdrawal is left by the department's orders to the discretion of General Funston, the border commander, and will be determined by his facilities for transportation.

The war department made no announcement of its order for withdrawal, in line with the decision reached after General Carranza refused to accept the Atlantic City protocol, that future moves in Mexico should be made known rather by action than through formal announcement. Officials also declined to comment beyond reiterating that the withdrawal movement meant no change in policy.

A Week Required. It is expected here that about a week will be required to bring the entire command to the border. Of the 12,000 men about 10,000 have been concentrated at the field base at Colonia Dublan and the others are scattered along the line north.

The expectation here is that the movement will be along the communication line and without use of railroads. As soon as the regulars reach the border, a large proportion of the National Guardsmen still at the border and possibly all of them, will be relieved and sent home for muster out.

March Is Begun

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 27.—American troops were marching out of Colonia Dublan toward the border at 7 o'clock this morning, according to a message which was received at Casas Grandes. The message did not give the extent of the troop movement, but it was predicted in Casas Grandes that the entire expeditionary force would be on the road northward during the day.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 27.—American troops started north from the field headquarters at Colonia Dublan at dawn today, according to reports from Columbus, N. M., which were brought here early today by passengers arriving overland and which were considered reliable. The troops which left were believed to be the advance guard of the punitive expedition.

Troops on the Way.

The troops which left field headquarters early today included cavalry, infantry and artillery, accompanied by motor lorries and wagon trains, according to the passengers from Columbus. All of the troops at the field headquarters camp were ready to move toward Ojo Federico, eighty miles distant, where temporary field headquarters will be established. Major General Pershing was expected to be among the last to leave the headquarters for the north, it was added.

Villa followers were in the wake of the American expeditionary forces as they withdrew from El Valle, San Joaquin and Charcos, according to a reliable report received here.

Villa Forces Follow.

When the last of the fifth cavalry centered out of El Valle Wednesday morning, the Carranza garrison there.

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PEACE RUMORS CAUSE BREAK IN WHEAT

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 27.—Severe breaks in the price of wheat resulted today from heavy selling, due largely to peace rumors. The sharpest decline was in the May option, which fell to some cents more than 7 cents, touching \$1.74 1/4, as against \$1.81 1/4, to \$1.83 1/4, at yesterday's finish. Remarkable absence of export buying contributed in a notable way to the weakness.

GERMAN FRONTIER AT SWITZERLAND CLOSED TO EXPORTS

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—It is announced that the German frontier will continue closed to Swiss exports until January 30. Fresh vegetables alone are allowed to pass. Closing of the frontier usually precedes heavy troop movements by the Germans, and it is reported a great offensive is being prepared for Alsace.

TWO CONVICTED IN FRAUD TRIAL BUTTE, MONTANA

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 27.—R. R. Sidebotham and J. G. G. Wilnot, the founders of the Northwestern Trustee company, who, with five others, were on trial in the federal court on a charge of using the mails to defraud, were found guilty on the sixth count of the indictment by the jury today. The other defendants, A. M. Alderson, former secretary of state; W. C. Rae, former state treasurer; D. G. Bertoglio of Butte; J. W. Speer, former mayor of Great Falls, and Miss M. A. Cort, former assistant treasurer of the company, were found not guilty on all counts of the indictment.

Judge G. M. Bourquin set Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock as the time for passing sentence on Sidebotham and Wilnot.

The sixth count of the indictment charges that on October 1, 1914, Sidebotham and Wilnot mailed to S. Durand, at St. Ignace, a letter, wherein it was stated that at a meeting of the board of directors of the company the selling price of the company stock was advanced from \$20 to \$30 a share, but that provision had been made for the old stockholders to purchase within fifteen days a small amount of the stock at \$20 a share, inasmuch as it had been increased without prior notice to them of the increase. The letter said the stock could be purchased at \$20 a share on a cash basis or on easy terms as low as 10 per cent cash and the balance on monthly, quarterly or semi-annual payments, having as long as one year for the payment of the same.

LEGISLATURE IS VISITING EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 27.—A delegation of 100 persons, including members of the Oregon state legislature, arrived here today and were guests at the University of Oregon. The legislature was invited to come here to consider the needs of the university.

President P. I. Campbell, in an address, declared that the work of the university is upon an exceedingly high plane and that some of its graduates are today faculty members in large eastern universities.

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of the board of regents, made a plea for the women of the university and their building project.

Regent Milton A. Miller, Nicholas Juacoguy, president of the student body and Senators John Gill of Multnomah county; A. M. LaFollette of Marion; W. P. Lafferty of Benton, were speakers.

Later the legislators were the guests of the chamber of commerce.

APPEAL TO POLES TO DONATE GOLD

LONDON, Jan. 27.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the Polish press has appealed to the Polish nation for gold. The papers suggest that the Polish treasury can be replenished by gifts given by every Pole according to his means. It is also announced that a loan will probably be launched in which gold will be exchanged for notes.

LEAK PROBERS RECEIVE RECORDS FROM BROKERS

Several Days Will Be Occupied in Examination of Data Submitted—No Important Witnesses Likely to Be Summoned for Some Days—Names of Customers Submitted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The rules committee of the house will launch at once into the operations of the larger stock exchange houses during the period of the alleged "leak" on the president's peace note at the reopening of its inquiry here Monday. This was announced today by Sherman L. Whipple, the committee's counsel, who said it is the big transactions and the operators on a large scale that the committee would look into first and representatives of the big houses would be first called.

"Brokers representing probably 50 per cent of the trading during the period under the investigation, have expressed their willingness to furnish promptly all the information asked by the committee," Mr. Whipple said. "I have been engaged in conversations with brokers every minute and without exception everyone has promised to comply. I am confident it all will be in our hands during the course of next week."

Records Submitted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Records of stock brokers' transactions during the period covered by the investigation of the congressional "leak" committee began to reach the representatives of the committee here today. Brokers were assured that the committee expected to make no modifications in its demands.

"This question being settled, interest in the inquiry to be resumed next Monday turned to the personnel of witnesses. It is believed that some time may elapse before any important witnesses are summoned, since several days may be occupied in the examination of brokers' accounts. Thomas W. Lawson, who figured prominently in the investigation at Washington, said in Boston last night that he was leaving the "leak men" to others and that he intended to go soon to his Oregon ranch for a few months' vacation.

As the committee's requirements now stand it will not be necessary for the brokers to submit trial balances of their condition at the close of business December 9, nor to show how the accounts of the customers stood in dollars and cents. It will not be necessary to show accounts of customers who traded in less than 1,000 shares. Brokers must, however, submit the names of all customers whether they were "long" or "short" and the data must be in such form that if the committee finds reasons to do so it will be able to connect names and accounts.

The committee's first search, according to its counsel, Sherman L. Whipple, will be for the names of government officials among the customers who traded last month. Mr. Whipple believes that if he can find out who were the big winners in the market that was influenced by the president's peace note, it will be easier to learn what traders, if any, received advance information and where the information came from.

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO GET TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Continued failure of democratic senators to agree on a legislative program led some administration leaders today to believe that the only measures which can be passed before adjournment on March 4 are railroad labor regulation, mineral land leasing, revenue and appropriation bills. They expressed the opinion that the president would not call an extra session if these subjects were disposed of.

The senate interstate commerce committee has postponed final action on the railroad bill until next week. The corrupt practice act, water power and flood control bills and the collective foreign agency measure are still matters of wide disagreement.

SNOW BLOCKADES UNION PACIFIC MAIN LINE IN WYOMING

LARAMIE, Wyo., Jan. 27.—The snow blockade of the main line of the Union Pacific railroad had not been broken this afternoon. At that hour the railroad company issued orders to bring all westbound trains enroute between Laramie and Rock River back into Laramie. One thousand coal miners employed by the Union Pacific Coal company at Hanna, Wyo., today were ordered to quit work and engage in shovelling.

\$2,500,000 LOSS FROM BLAZE IN HEART PITTSBURG

PITTSBURG, Jan. 27.—Fire which swept through a section of the retail business district here today destroyed the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand opera house, the Hilton clothing company and a dozen or more smaller buildings, with a loss estimated at from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were removed to hospitals.

The fire ate its way down Fifth avenue from Smithfield street toward Wood street, and breaking windows in buildings across Fifth avenue, drove scores of guests from their rooms in the Newell hotel. The Park building, the oldest skyscraper in the city, also was threatened, as were a number of moving-picture theaters.

At one time the flames leaped across Diamond street and damaged the Solomon department store and the Harris theater, but were soon extinguished. It then became evident that if the fire wall which formed the east and south side of the Grand opera house would hold the fire could be confined within bounds that would permit the saving of no less than half the square.

The buildings were among the oldest in the business section, with the exception of the Grand opera house, which was modern in every way. The principal losses, it is said, will fall on the Frank & Seder company, the Hilton company and the Davis enterprises, which owned and operated the opera house.

After several outbreaks during the forenoon which threatened a further spread of the flames, fire chiefs declared shortly after 1 o'clock that the walls were holding and the fire was under complete control.

Revised estimates of the losses placed the total amount at about \$2,500,000. Four hundred uniformed policemen drawn from every station in the city were on guard in the burned district.

VILLA DEFEATED NEAR LA JUNTA

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 27.—Government agents here received a report from local Villa sources today that Villa had been defeated by General Francisco Murguia's troops in the vicinity of La Junta, Chihuahua. He was said to have lost his trains and 200 killed and wounded men.

From the same source it was reported that Jose Ynez Salazar and Villa had broken again and that Salazar had gone to the mountains with 1,500 men.

TO BUY MONTICELLO AS NATIONAL PARK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A committee of senators and representatives will go to Charlottesville, Va., tomorrow to inspect Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, in connection with the proposed government purchase of the property as an historical landmark.

HUNGER STRIKE BRINGS COLLAPSE OF MRS. BYRNE

Forcible Feeding Resorted to by the Prison Authorities to Save Propagandist Who Is in a Serious Condition and Unconscious—Food Refuses Victim.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Ethel Byrne, birth control propagandist, whose "hunger strike" in the Blackwell island penitentiary was interrupted today when prison physicians forcibly administered food, is in a serious condition, according to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, who said she had learned of it "on reliable authority."

Mrs. Byrne lapsed into a coma at 4 o'clock, a few hours after having nourishment forced upon her. Mrs. Sanger said, and was still unconscious at noon.

Forcible Feeding. A bulletin issued by the prison authorities at 10:30 a. m. described Mrs. Byrne's condition as "slightly improved." She had been fed one pint of milk, two eggs and a stimulant. It was denied, in response to Mrs. Sanger's allegation, that there was basis for any statement that Mrs. Byrne's condition was serious.

The prison authorities resorted to forcible feeding after Mrs. Byrne collapsed, while maintaining her hunger strike in her cell on Blackwell's island, where she is serving a thirty-day term.

The woman did not resist. According to physicians, she was too weak to do so. A tube was inserted in her mouth and nourishing liquid food was administered. The patient was then put to bed.

To Continue Force. It was announced that the involuntary method would be continued unless she consented to abandon her intention to starve herself as a "martyr" to her cause of publicly circulating birth control ideas with the support of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, who is facing trial.

The decision to feed Mrs. Byrne was announced after the prison physicians came to regard her condition as dangerous. Eggs and milk constituted her first diet since Monday night.

STRIKE THREATENS ILLINOIS CENTRAL

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A recently formed organization of employees in the maintenance department of the Illinois Central railroad has threatened a strike to cover the entire system if demands for an increase in wages and a standard wage scale are not granted, it was learned today.

Labor leaders asserted that they have strength enough to cause about 10,000 men to stop work if the demands are not granted.

Following a conference with officials of the railroad, C. H. Markham, president of the company, made public a statement which, in substance, said that the road does not intend to give sanction to the organization or to meet its demands in any form.

TWO YEARS OLD CHINESE EGGS SHIPPED

SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—Assistant Commissioner J. J. Higgins, of the state department of agriculture, is awaiting the arrival of 1000 cases of Chinese eggs shipped from Shanghai to Seattle via San Francisco and detained in the latter city two years by previous proceedings, but released by a court order yesterday. Mr. Higgins says the eggs will be condemned if brought here. He has condemned 15,000 cases of eggs in the past two years.

STRANDED STEAMER AT CANNERY: BLIZZARD RAGES

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 27.—The Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince John has been drifted from the point where she was beached yesterday to the Tanaka cannery. The tug Pioneer is standing alongside. A blizzard is raging along the Alaska coast.

CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY PROMOTED GENERAL OF INFANTRY

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The German crown prince has been promoted to be a general of infantry, says a Berlin dispatch today, forwarded by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm has been a lieutenant general in command of an army group which includes the Verdun sector on the French front.

RUSSIANS STEM TEUTON ADVANCE IN RIGA SECTOR

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.—An attempt by the Germans to cross back the Russian line in the vicinity of Kalkin in the Riga region, was frustrated by the Russians yesterday, the war office announced.

The Russians are holding on tenaciously to the mile of trenches they reported yesterday having taken from the French in the Verdun region on the French front. No headway has been made in the attempts to recapture the lost ground, Berlin declares. The Russians are pouring reinforcements into the Riga region, where the Germans have been pressing northward over the frozen marsh lands and apparently have resumed the German advance for the time at least.

A Rumanian official report today, the first received for a long period, announces a Rumanian victory in the Kasino valley on the Moldavian frontier, where the Austro-German forces are declared to have been driven, after an eleven-hour battle south of the Kasino and Suchitza valleys.

PRINT PAPER TO REMAIN COSTLY

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Newspaper publishers who have been forced by the price of news print paper to charge 2 cents for papers cannot hope to go back to the 1-cent rate, was a warning which a hundred or more newspaper publishers took home with them today after a conference here yesterday with several manufacturers of print paper. The warning was offered by Alexander B. Smith, managing director of the Alford Paper company of Elgin, Ill., Canada.

At the conference an informal meeting of the publishers and the paper manufacturers, representing the American Newspaper Publishers' association and the Print Paper Manufacturers' association, voted to appoint a committee to meet immediately after the delivery of the report on the print paper situation next week by the federal trades commission to see if knowledge gained from the report does not point out a way to an adjustment of the problem of the high price.

PUTS POSTMASTERS IN CIVIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—An attempt to have strikers from the legislative, executive and judicial bill provision making all postmasters non-political and placing them on the civil service list will be made in conference, according to several sources today. This provision of the bill which passed the senate yesterday is objected to on the ground that it is not genuine by the measure.

Other provisions of the bill, which now go back to the house for approval, would increase government clerical salaries and prohibit layoff of education employees from receiving pay from private educational institutions. The measure carries \$40,000,000, an increase of a million dollars over the bill as it passed the house.

U. S. TROOPS IN BATTLE WITH MEXICAN BAND

Forty Members of Utah Cavalry Indulge in Long-Distance Shooting at Mexicans—No One Killed or Injured—Fight Begun by Mexicans, Who Are Not in Uniform.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying in rocks close to the international line, five miles south of Ruby, Arizona, forty members of Troop E, First Utah Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Arns, were keeping up an incessant firing at Mexican bandits across the line today. The Mexicans were returning the shots.

As far as known none of the American troops have been killed or wounded. Reinforcements from Nogales are being rushed to the scene. Soldiers and civilians returning from the line report they saw several Mexican soldiers fall during the fighting. Firing kept up until 2 o'clock this morning when the cavalrymen in the rocks were relieved by a detachment from Arivaca, fifteen miles distant, where Utah troops have been stationed.

The clash resumed at daylight. Mexican bandits opened fire on the American cowboys who were trying to round up a herd of cattle on the American side, it is alleged. The cowboys, although outnumbered, returned the fire, and sent for reinforcements from among the Utah command.

American civilians are being kept back from the scene of fighting by Lieutenant Arns, who is holding them in reserve until it appears that the troops are unable to cope with the situation.

A party of civilians headed by N. G. Bernard, rancher and county supervisor, left Arivaca at dawn for the scene of the fighting.

Supervisor Bernard will telephone Sheriff Rye Miles at noon whether he needs assistance. Miles is ready to respond, leaving Tucson by automobile with a posse. The scene of the fighting is 75 miles from Tucson by fair automobile road.

Not in Uniform. Mexican soldiers who are firing across the line near Ruby are not in uniform but the Carranza garrison stationed at Sasabe were not uniformed. The party of civilians headed by Supervisor Bernard, who left Arivaca at dawn had not returned there at 6 o'clock.

After getting full details of the fighting near Ruby on the telephone from Sheriff Rye Miles at Tucson, the Mexican constable at Nogales advised him that he would see that orders were immediately issued to the Carranza soldiers to cease firing and cover the scene of the trouble.

Sheriff Miles sent Deputy Sid Simpson, who killed a Mexican at Nogales last spring, who was trying to hold him from \$10,000 ransom, and Constable Panger Hurts to represent him at the scene of the fighting.

Peyna's Bandit Band. NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 27.—A late message this afternoon to the sheriff's office from an Arivaca store said fighting still continued. This message said it was thought the Mexicans engaged were followers of Francisco Regan, a bandit who boasted he had taken part in the Santa Ysabel massacre. Regan is a leader who was said to have opened recruiting headquarters at Sonoyta some time ago. At that time the Mexican general, Camarago, was sent from Nogales, Sonora, to the Sonoyta district, and Regan and his band vanished.

SHELDON BILL CHANGES PRISON SENTENCES

SALLEM, Or., Jan. 27.—Under the provisions of house bill 399, introduced by Representative Sheldon of Jacksonville, indeterminate sentences for convicts are done away with and in their place comes the minimum and maximum sentence. The sentencing judge is given the right to parole the convict until the expiry of the sentence has passed to the warden of the penitentiary. There are several revisions of the code increasing the sentences of prisoners included in the bill.