

FORECAST
Fair Tonight; Thursday
Probably Snow; Warmer.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 36;
Minimum Today 20.

Forty-sixth Year. Daily—Eleventh Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1917. NO. 266

GERMANY IN NOTE DECLARES FOR UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE

WAR SHIPS TO KEEP OUT WAR ZONES

Germany Serves Notice Upon All Neutrals That All Restrictions on Naval Warfare Have Been Removed in Its Struggle for Existence—Ships to Be Sunk Regardless of Nationality or Cargoes, in Barred Zones.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The official statement issued today by the German government announces that neutral ships plying within the new barred zones will do so at their own risk. Precautions will be taken to protect neutral ships, which sailed for those zones prior to February 1.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Germany has transmitted a new note to the United States government. The note refers to the president's recent speech before the senate. The note, which was handed to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, reads: "Your excellency had the kindness to communicate on the 22d of this month the message which the president of the United States on the same day addressed to the American senate. The imperial government took knowledge of the contents of the message with that earnest attention which is becoming to the explanations of the president, inspired by his sense of responsibility."

Freedom of Seas Sought. "It affords her great satisfaction to state that the general lines of this remarkable manifestation in the widest sense agree with the principles and wishes of Germany and her allies. To those belonging in the first place, the right of self-government and the equal rights of all nations. Recognizing this principle, Germany would gladly welcome it if nations like Ireland and India, which do not enjoy the blessings of an independent state, should now obtain liberty."

Precautionary Measures. "Germany, in the peace to be concluded with Belgium, merely wanted to take precautionary measures so that that country with which the imperial government wishes to live in good neighborly relations, could not be exploited by adversaries for the purpose of..."

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141 PERISH ON ALLIED TRANSPORT

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Official announcement was made here tonight that the transport Admiral Magon, which was taking 950 soldiers to Saloniki, escorted by the destroyer Arce, was torpedoed by a submarine on January 25. Of those on board 809 were saved. A statement from the German admiralty on Monday said that on January 25 a German submarine at a point about 250 miles east of Malta, sank an armed hostile transport steamer which was proceeding eastward, convoyed by a French torpedo boat. The steamer, which was filled with troops, was said to have gone down in ten minutes.

ELLIS, AUTHOR OF WARNING WIRE, IS SUBPOENAED

Hutton Ignorant of Origin—Treated It as Mere Rumor—Neither Customers Nor Firm Profited by Advance Knowledge, to Which Little Importance Was Attached.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Finding further examination today of E. F. Hutton barren of result as far as showing the origin of the information on which the stock brokerage firm of E. F. Hutton and company warned its customers that President Wilson's peace note was to be issued, the congressional "leak" investigating committee today decided to subpoena George A. Ellis, Jr., the member of the firm, who wrote the warning telegram. Ellis, according to the telegram, is ill in Georgia, but the committee nevertheless decided that he must appear.

F. A. Connolly of F. A. Connolly and company, the Washington brokers, who furnished the Hutton firm with the information, was expected to take the stand later today. "Connolly, on his arrival from Washington, denied that information came through R. W. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law and a member of his firm. He said it was gathered merely from general talk about Washington."

Hutton today said that although in possession of the information as to the president's note at least two hours before the market closed on December 20, neither he nor any of his eight partners had taken advantage of it. His customers had an hour's leeway to sell before the market closed. They were long in the aggregate about 240,000 shares. He was of the opinion that few heeded the warning, but promised the committee to furnish the exact amount of selling orders that came in.

Hutton said that information he had on the peace note made little impression on him. "What killed the market was Secretary Lansing's 'verge of war' statement," he said, "the day the president's note was forwarded."

Customers of the Connolly firm during the "peace period" in the market lost \$40,000, it was brought out.

Leak Is Traced. The telegram was dispatched from the Wall street brokerage house of E. F. Hutton and company to its scores of correspondents throughout the country more than ten hours before the note was released for publication. Bolling's firm, F. A. Connolly and company, is one of these correspondents. The information on which the message was based, E. F. Hutton, head of the Hutton firm, testified yesterday, originated with F. A. Connolly and came to New York over a private wire between the two houses.

Hutton finally fixed the time of the receipt of the Connolly message as between 12:57 and 1:15 p.m. He said this must be the time, as the "H. G." message of 12:57 was based on rumor in New York, while the message sent at 1:15 referred to advice being received from Washington.

Changes in Wording. Whipple developed that the word "leak" was changed to "rumor" in the message sent to the public.

BRITAIN TO KEEP GERMAN COLONIES

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The colonies captured from Germany during the war will never be returned, said Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking as a representative of the Overseas dominions in an address today. "We require possession of different German colonies in various parts of the world as a consequence of this war," he said. "Let no man think those territories will ever return to German rule."

CONSPIRACY TO MURDER LLOYD GEORGE FOUR SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST

Three Suffragettes and Objector to Compulsory Military Service Given Hearing at Derby—Mother, Two Daughters and Son-in-Law Are Accused.

DERBY, Jan. 31.—Four persons were arraigned quietly in the police court at the Derby Guild hall this morning, charged with plotting the murder of Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, the premier's right hand man in the war council. The accused persons indignantly denied the charges, declaring they had been trumped up as punishment for their conscientious objections to compulsory military service.

Proceedings Formal.

Proceedings at the Guild hall, over which the mayor presided, were merely of a formal nature. No details of the charges or evidence were divulged, although gossip has been busy with rumors of various details since the news of the arrest was received late yesterday. The accused persons, who are well known here, are Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters, Miss Ann Wheelton and Mrs. Alfred George Mason, and the latter's school teachers. The prisoners made no formal defense move at today's hearing, merely pleading not guilty.

No Bail Requested.

They did not demand release on bail, apparently realizing that the charges were too serious for consideration by the court of such a request. They were returned to their cells to await resumption of the case next Saturday. For the man in the street the case was a great sensation, particularly as the accused persons belonged to two classes—suffragettes and conscientious objectors.

Both Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson are known as very democratic and accessible. Recently there has been some agitation for better protection of the nation's leaders.

DERBY, Eng., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred George Mason, were charged at the Guild Hall here today with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the house committee and the war council.

Information laid by an inspector of Scotland Yard charged that the defendants on diverse days between December 25 and the date of laying this information "did amongst themselves unlawfully and wickedly conspire, confederate and agree together against the Right Honorable David Lloyd George and the Right Honorable Arthur Henderson, with malice aforethought to kill and murder, against the peace of our lord, the king, his crown and dignity."

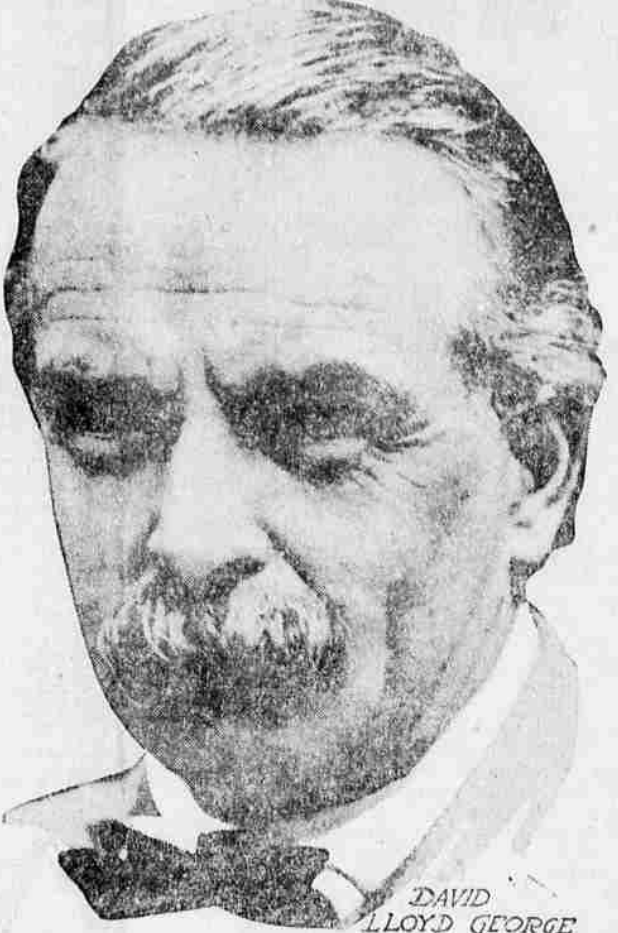
Information is signed by A. H. Rodkin, prosecuting on behalf of the crown.

After formal evidence concerning the arrest had been given the case was adjourned until Saturday.

Mrs. Wheelton, who is 59 years of age, resides in Derby with her

PEACE PREVAILS IN COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 31.—Peace remains undisturbed throughout the country, notwithstanding the deposition last Saturday of President Gonzalez. All the bands have offered their full credit and support to the presidency of Federico Tinoco, who was minister of war in the Gonzalez cabinet. The provisional government today issued a decree for elections on April 1 for a congress which will meet on May 1 to draw up a new constitution.



RUSSIANS GAIN ON NORTH END RUMAN FRONT

The Russian offensive on the northern end of the Rumanian front has been renewed with some measure of success. New ground has been gained along the Kinjoling-Jacobeni railroad where the Russians are pushing southwestward.

Berlin today concedes the capture of the Austro-German forces of a point of support in the vicinity of Vale Putna. The previous advance here was effected by the Rumanians in a battle fought last Saturday when Teutonic positions on a front of two miles were pierced, according to Petrograd and some 1,150 men and 12 machine guns were captured.

On the northern end of the Rumanian front, the Germans again took the offensive and stormed a Russian position on the east bank of the River Aa, southwest of Riga, taking more than 900 prisoners and capturing 15 machine guns.

There has been sharp fighting on the Lorraine frontier on the French front. The French penetrated two lines of German trenches here, Paris reports.

DANISH CAPTAIN BLUFFS U-BOAT

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 31.—According to the Ekstr. budet, the captain of the Danish steamer Iris, which arrived at Copenhagen on Tuesday, defied a German submarine which threatened to sink his ship and compelled the submarine commander to permit him to pass. The Iris encountered the submarine while it was engaged in sinking another boat. The Danish craft was ordered to stop and was boarded by the submarine captain, who inspected its papers and ordered the crew to take to the small boats. The Danish captain refused, saying that the Iris was bound from one neutral country to another, and had no contraband on board. He added: "You may sink us, but I and my men will remain on board." After threats and arguments had failed to alter the determination of the captain of the Iris the submarine commander returned to his own ship and allowed the steamer to proceed.

THIRD SEATTLE BANK CLOSED BY DEPOSITORS RUN

German-American Mercantile Bank Fails to Open—Runs in Progress on Other Banks—Payments Are Promptly Made—Clearing House and Federal Reserve Bank Aid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Sixty-eight million dollars was offered today by the federal reserve bank of San Francisco to six member national banks in Seattle, in case they should need it, in connection with bank failures there yesterday and today.

The federal reserve bank of San Francisco stands ready to act instantly in supplying money in exchange for the commercial, industrial or agricultural paper of the member banks of Seattle if they should desire it. Besides \$20,000,000 of gold, we have \$20,000,000 of federal reserve notes in San Francisco and \$28,000,000 additional available for immediate shipment from Washington.

THOMAS' ROGUE RIVER FISH BILL MEETS DEFEAT

SALEM, Jan. 31.—House bill 248, submitted by the majority of the house fish committee as a substitute for the Thomas bill, barring seines and set nets from the Rogue river and its tributaries was defeated in the house today. Representative Thomas, of Jackson, who is leading the fight in the bill's behalf, will move for a reconsideration, but prospects are that it will not secure passage of the measure. The vote stood 29 to 27.

A lobby, consisting of W. F. Isaacs and Chris Gottlieb of Medford, C. D. Briggs of Ashland, and C. H. Barrington of Gold Beach have been acting in behalf of the measure.

Senator J. C. Smith of Grants Pass is leading a fight to extend the Josephine county fishing season from 66 days as at present, to four months.

WAR ON HOSPITAL SHIPS DECLARED BY GERMANY

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The admiralty today made the following announcement: "The German government has convincing evidence in hand that hostile hospital ships frequently are misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. The government has communicated these proofs to the British and French governments by diplomatic means. At the same time it declared that hospital ships plying on the military route of the hostile army engaged in France and Belgium, within the lines of Flamborough Head-Terschelling on the one hand and the Thames-Landend on the other, shall be no more treated as such. Hostile powers are free to use hospital ships for the transportation of wounded and sick members on ways outside these districts. The barring of other sea routes is resorted in case of further misuse of hospital ships in violation of international law."

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—Cold weather was reported from all sections of western Oregon today. In Portland at dawn the thermometer registered 2 degrees above, the lowest mark of the winter. Sections of the city were still covered with snow from a recent fall. At The Dalles the temperature was 10 above.

BLIZZARD RAGES WITH COLD WAVE IN CENTRAL WEST

Worst Storm of Winter in Nebraska and Dakota—Most Frigid Temperatures of Year Over Rocky Mountain Region—Snow Blockade Again Broken—Traffic Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A severe and prolonged cold wave in nearly all districts east of the Rocky mountains was forecast today by the weather bureau.

Hayre, Mont., reported 26 degrees below zero this morning; Helena, 26 below; Yellowstone Park, 12 below; Sheridan, Wyo., 26 below; Williston, N. D., 36 below; Rapid City, S. D., 20 below; Valentine, Neb., 18 below; and Moorhead, Minn., 16 below.

BLIZZARD IS RAGING

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 31.—One of the worst storms of the winter is raging all over northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota. Trains arriving over the Chicago & North Western are about four hours late. A high northwest wind accompanied by about two inches of snow and temperatures around 20 degrees below zero is making conditions serious. Winner, S. D., reports 20 degrees below zero, while at Chamberlain it is 24 below. At Deadwood and Rapid City there are indications that the storm is abating, but around Minner it rages so fiercely that it is impossible to see across the street.

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ABERDEEN, S. D., Jan. 31.—The worst storm of the season is still raging in northern South Dakota early today. All traffic is demoralized.

Blockade Broken

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 31.—All trains were running on the Union Pacific lines through Wyoming again, following a brief recurrence of the snow blockade. The blockade, which was small, was cleared away early today. Trains now are less than four hours late.

Blockade Broken

SPOKANE, Jan. 31.—Temperatures below zero were reported in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana today by the weather bureau. The coldest reported from Montana was 36 degrees below at Hayre, Helena reported 26 below zero and Billings 32 below.

Cold in Montana

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 31.—With a minimum temperature of 10 below zero during the night, and with 6 below at 10 o'clock this morning, the outlook is for colder tonight. Railroad traffic is seriously handicapped. Trains are running many hours behind schedule and a gang of yardmen are stationed at the Northern Pacific station as each passenger train comes in. These men use a steam hose to play upon the cars to keep the trains from freezing to the tracks. One train was delayed nearly an hour during the night because the brakes had frozen to the wheels and only the steam hose could loosen them.

COLD WEATHER ALL OVER OREGON

CHANCELLOR HOLLWEG BACK FROM FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman have returned to Berlin from headquarters at the front, where a complete agreement on armistices to be taken by Germany on land and water was reached, according to a Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent.

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