

The Weather
Maximum yesterday 53
Minimum today 43
Precipitation .03

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and tomorrow
Rain.

Forty-eighth Year,
Daily—Thirteenth Year.

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PEACE DELAY DISAPPOINTS PRESIDENT

Influence of United States to Be Exerted to Force Action—Little Progress so Far Made—General Principles Only Discussed—Wilson Plans Safeguarding of Rights of Minority Nationalities in Countries With Mixed Races.

PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 9.—It is probable that there will be eighty delegates at the peace congress if the program presented to the delegates today by the French government is approved by the supreme council. There will, in addition, be extra delegates from most of the nations represented.

Conversations which will lay the foundation of the actual peace congress are about to start. Suggestions have been made that the French and American delegates go ahead while awaiting the arrival of the British plenipotentiaries Saturday. President Wilson, however, vetoed that plan.

The first few conferences between the Americans, French and British probably will develop just how much progress may be expected before President Wilson goes home next month. Some Americans here are agreed that the most Mr. Wilson can hope to report at home probably will be a general undertaking of the widest sort.

President Disappointed
President Wilson's feeling, on coming to Europe as early as he did was that all the entente governments had made their preparations to get down to talking peace. It is not an over-statement to say that Mr. Wilson and the American commissioners have been disappointed in meeting with delays. Various elements are recognized as reasons for deferring the start toward peace but it seems plain that the influence of the United States is about to be exerted for steps which without further delay will permit a start.

Up to the present, all the progress that has been made has been in President Wilson's conferences with French, British and Italian statesmen, the most that can be said is that the conferences have approached only broad principles. The conversations about to begin will probably take on the nature of a round-table at which the progress that has been made with individual countries will be brought into the discussion and general agreements sought.

Safeguarding Minorities
PARIS, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press.) President Wilson is giving considerable attention to the problem of safeguarding the rights of minority nationalities in the peace treaty. The territories in question are occupied by mixed races. The race having a majority will determine the future of the regions in question, but when that is done the peace settlement, it is held, must also include complete guarantees for the protection of minority races.

BLAME DELAYS SOLDIER'S MAIL UPON THE ARMY

Post Office Department Declares War Department Responsible—Most of Trouble Due to Carelessness On Part of Military Officials—Carloads of Mail Undelivered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Blame for delays in transmission of mail to and from soldiers overseas was placed on the war department today by Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger in testimony before the senate postoffice committee. Most of the trouble, he said, was due to "carelessness" on the part of military officials in the war department's failure to co-operate with the postal authorities.

"Thousands and probably millions of letters addressed to soldiers overseas which have accumulated and have not been delivered will arrive in New York within a few days," Mr. Praeger said, "and will be sent to the dead letter office, where an attempt will be made to return them to the writers."

Mr. Praeger said a report from a postoffice inspector in France said that "carloads and carloads" of mail in France have not been delivered. The witness was unable to recall the exact number, but said there were between eight and 10 carloads.

TRANSPORTS LAND 6600 TROOPS AT AMERICAN PORTS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 10.—The transport Madawaska today landed more than 2200 troops from France. Almost every man had been gassed or wounded and many had won decorations or been cited for bravery and gallant conduct. Brig. Gen. Walter A. Harris of Macon, Ga., commander of the 174th infantry brigade, 87th division, was a passenger.

Transport Ulna Arrives
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The British transport Ulna arrived here today from Brest with 1003 American troops. The units on board consisted of 15 officers and 421 men of the 6th anti-aircraft section; 9 officers and 266 men of the 12th anti-aircraft section; 2 officers and 49 men of casual company No. 322; 5 officers and 118 men of the 109th trench mortar battery and 9 casual officers and 9 civilians from the Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. field forces. The 109th trench mortar battery is from the middle west.

TYPHOID DEATH RATE DECREASED

SECRETARY, Calif., Jan. 10.—Since 1915 the rate at which typhoid deaths were being reduced in California has been accelerated 200 per cent and a loss to the state in vital capital of \$1,400,000 has been avoided, said the report of the sanitary engineering bureau included in the biennial report of the California state board of health.

GENERAL STRIKE FOLLOWS RIOTS IN ARGENTINE

Food Supplies Effected By Disturbance—Serious Disorders Follows Funeral of Five Killed in Rioting—Passenger Train Burned By Mob and Tracks Torn Up.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—A general strike was declared throughout the Argentine republic at midnight last night.

At one o'clock this morning a thunderstorm and a heavy rainfall cleared the city's streets of idlers and within half an hour the business center was as quiet as if the disorders of the day and the evening had not happened.

Those in close touch with the situation believed that the respite was only temporary.

Food Supplies Held Up
Early this morning there already were indications of disturbance in the flow of food supplies and other commodities, especially ice. The temperature of the last three days has been nearly 100 degrees in the shade, adding to the suffering of the public, which has been forced to walk because of the transportation shutdown.

Serious disorders followed the funeral yesterday afternoon of five persons killed in Tuesday's disturbances. A thousand or more strikers burned a passenger train on the Pacific railway which runs near the cemetery, then tore up the tracks, paralyzing traffic on the trans-Andine line.

They later burned a Catholic church and the girl's school adjoining, throwing images and pianos into the street and leaving the 400 girl pupils without dormitories. The mob then burned a fire department automobile carrying firemen to the scene of the disturbances.

Disorders Continue
The district police station at the Vasena iron foundry was captured by armed strikers, but it was asserted that the station had been recaptured. During the night the strikers entrenched themselves around the Vasena plant.

The official socialist party organ La Vanguardia will say this morning that all the unions have decided to continue the strike indefinitely as a protest against Thursday's events and that the government has disembarked marines and sailors because it has no faith in the army.

BRITISH ENVOYS TO PEACE CONFERENCE CHOSEN BY CABINET

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer; A. J. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs and George Nicoll Barnes, privy councillor, have been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace congress by the British cabinet, according to the Express and the Mail.

LUXEMBURG CROWD DEMANDS ABDICATION OF GRAND DUCHESS



METZ, Jan. 10.—(Havas.) A large crowd paraded before the Grand Ducal palace in Luxembourg today, requesting the abdication of the Grand Duchess Marie and the proclamation of a republic. A committee on public safety has been appointed and quiet is being maintained everywhere in Luxembourg.

"FLU" SITUATION WORSE THAN EVER ABOUT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—New, stringent measures to combat the influenza were resorted to here today as a result of a conference last night between representatives of the city, county and the school board. A physician has been made director general of the fight against the epidemic and has been given complete charge of operations. An emergency hospital has been opened and a call sent to the surgeon general in Washington for additional nurses. Quarantine regulations are being more strictly enforced.

All the local hospitals are jammed to the doors, sufficient nurses can't be obtained, and physicians, working day and night, are unable to promptly respond to calls of new sufferers due to the alarming spread of the disease.

A prominent doctor summed up the situation this afternoon as "appalling." Three hundred and twenty-seven new cases and 11 deaths were reported yesterday.

225,000 ENLISTED MEN FOR NAVY FOR COMING YEAR

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—Since December 10, 1918, influenza has caused 336 deaths in Seattle, the city health department announced today. Yesterday 134 new cases were reported, the highest total since December 21. Today the number was lower, 44 new cases being reported at noon.

PORTLAND BANK BANDIT IS GUILTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Arthur C. Davis, arrested several weeks ago in San Francisco by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, Portland police woman, pleaded guilty today to the robbery of the East Side bank here of approximately \$40,000 and his bail was set at \$10,000. He will be sentenced Monday.

NO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT SISKIYOU ROAD

State Highway Commission Proposes to Waste \$50,000 in Makeshift Macadamizing—\$25,000 for Green Spring Mountain Road—\$92,500 for Central Point-Gold Hill Paving.

No permanent work is to be done on the Siskiyou highway this year, but the \$50,000 on hand, provided by the Vawter bill, is to be expended in graveling the present macadam according to a statement received from State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn by Senator Thomas, \$92,500 is to be expended in paving the Pacific highway from Central Point towards Gold Hill, and \$25,000 in Jackson county on the Green Spring Mountain road, forest funds for the Crater Lake road, from the national forest line towards Prospect, \$72,372 are also available, making the total expenditure of government and state in Jackson county for highway work in 1919 \$239,872. Nothing was spent in 1918. Mr. Nunn's letter follows: Mr. C. M. Thomas,

Commissioner's Policy
Medford, Oregon,
Dear Sir:
A part of the program of the state highway commission for 1919 was outlined at the last regular meeting. Some funds still remain to be appropriated from the quarter mill and \$6,000,000 money. There is also considerable money left in the post road and forest road funds.

During 1917 \$56,252.98 was expended on the Siskiyou mountains under the 25 per cent clause in the quarter mill tax—I believe known as the Vawter bill—and \$50,000 more was appropriated for expenditure in 1918. This, however, was postponed with other work on account of the scarcity of labor. This money is still available and will be expended on the Siskiyou this year. No moneys have been expended on the Siskiyou from the general bond bill.

Highway Paving
At the last meeting of the commission \$92,500 was set aside for paving from Central Point north as far as the money would go. This will not be less than five miles and we hope to get six miles out of it.

\$25,000 was set aside for commencing the work between Ashland and Klamath Falls on the Green Spring mountain grade, to be expended immediately, and \$25,000 was set aside to start the work from Klamath Falls toward Ashland over the same route and \$60,000 was set aside by the Klamath county court for cooperation with the state highway commission. I can not say at this time how much this will be used on the Green Spring mountain road from the county fund.

A Six Per Cent Grade
It is the intention of the commission to complete the work between Ashland and Klamath Falls during the years 1919 and 1920, with a standard six per cent grade, as that is the best we can get down from the summit on the Ashland side. The location, however, is a very excellent one, having a southern exposure and will shorten the distance materially. We have reasons to believe that it will be at least as good a grade as the Siskiyou mountain work. The state highway commission contemplated some work between Ashland and the foot of the Siskiyou and the state highway engineer is now instructed to take this matter of a new grade up with the county court and design the necessary overhead crossing.

You are, of course, familiar with the work being done in Douglas county—the elimination of Pass creek and Cow creek canyons and the 22 miles of new road eliminating Roberts mountain and Rice hill. The state has expended approximately \$185,000 on this work as against about the same amount of county money. The Cow creek canyon is a post road project.

In Josephine county, Wolf creek—
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COUNTY COURT SWINGS AX ON ROAD BUILDERS

Only Five Out of Fourteen Road Supervisors Reappointed—Veteran Constructors Like John Greive of Prospect, Garrett of Applegate, Dutton of Eagle Point Let Out.

The new county court has swung the axe vigorously upon the county road supervisors, only five of the fourteen being reappointed. Among the decapitated are the veteran road makers of the county, among them John Greive, who has built all the roads in the Prospect and Crater Lake section and whose work was so good that he has been appointed by every court for a score of years, regardless of politics. So anxious was the new court to oust him that, having no suitable applicant they appointed Tom Carlton, formerly of Ashland, who resides on the old Gordon farm, who was not a candidate.

Other veterans to get the axe were Nick Kime, of the Medford district, A. W. Beebe of Agate, W. R. Garrett of the Applegate, Frank Nell of Derby and E. P. Dutton of Eagle Point, while appointment of supervisors for the Rogus River district, now held by Arthur Earhart, and the Talent district, have been postponed.

The new supervisors are as follows:
Ashland district—Jack True.
Eagle Point—Nick Young.
Willow Springs—O. S. Welscher.
Medford—C. F. Watson.
Little Butte—F. Spence.
Derby—Thomas Stanley.
Gold Hill—J. E. Davidson.
Prospect—Tom Carlton.
Applegate—Dave Dorn.
Beagle—George Stacey.
Agate—J. S. Quackenbush.
Trail—Dave Pence.

FEDERAL AID FOR THE EXTENSION OF FOREIGN TRADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Aid in the extension of American foreign trade is provided in the annual legislative and executive appropriation bill for 1919, reported today to the house. The measure carries appropriations carrying \$96,318,000, approximately \$7,000,000 more than the 1919 bill, and provides for 19,435 salaries, a decrease of 178.

For the expansion of America's foreign trade an appropriation of \$903,500 would be given the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce. The appropriation, which is double that made for 1919, contemplates sending of agents throughout the world to investigate opportunities for American business. The home personnel of the bureau also is increased under the bill.

Assistance also would be given American firms engaging in foreign trade, through the state department, additions being provided for the department's staff of trade advisers.

In providing for state department needs, the bill abolishes the title of councillor of the department and substitutes the title of under secretary of state.

SPARTAGANS LOSE BATTLE FOR BERLIN

Ebert Government Wins Upper Hand Against Revolutionists According to Fragmentary Reports—Radicals Lose Heavily—Government Secures Control of Railways and Brings in Large Forces of Loyal Troops Reach Capital.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—(Havas.) The latest news from Germany, altho fragmentary and sometimes contradictory, indicates that the Ebert government has won a victory over the Spartacists owing to the sudden impetus given the government's cause by the support of the loyal elements, whose numbers increased with the prospects of the government's success.

In the sanguinary fighting of the last five days the Spartacists are reported to have suffered very heavy losses.

Government Winning
LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Ebert government is steadily gaining control in Berlin and the Spartacist element is losing ground the still showing great determination, according to the latest news. Fighting raged thru Tuesday night and up till noon Wednesday in Berlin and there were a number of casualties.

Gustave Noske, in charge of the government's defensive measure, has gained control of the railways and is bringing large forces into the city, where a state of siege has been declared.

Great difficulty is found in establishing the sequence of events at Berlin with any accuracy owing to the fact that a great number of the dispatches received have been without dates.

Spartacists Losing Out
According to the Neueste Nachrichten of Leipzig, the government has the upper hand in the center of the city but the Spartacists hold the east end and the suburbs. The newspapers say a division of guards, 8000 strong, has arrived in the city.

An important statement comes from the Frankfurt Gazette, which says that the republican guard, consisting of 3000 men, which was Chief of Police Eichenhorn's guard, has placed itself at the disposal of the government and the Berlin garrison, which has been holding a neutral position, has also placed itself on the side of the government. Another semi-official statement from Frankfurt says the government has at its disposal 50,000 loyal troops.

Street Car System Stops
One bad sign is the complete suspension of the street car system of Berlin owing to a dispute over wages. It is said that if the claims of the workers' council are conceded, the increased charges to the system would amount to 30,000 marks daily.

There have been various reports of the Ebert government resigning and the possible occupation of Berlin by entente and American troops. None of these rumors has been confirmed. The Spartacists apparently are losing hope. They failed to summon a mass meeting of their supporters today and the streets are almost deserted.

SINN FEIN PLANS FOR AN ASSEMBLY

DUBLIN, Jan. 10.—A constituent assembly will determine the terms of a constitution for Ireland. Sinn Fein plans for the assembly are delayed because 34 of those recently elected to the British parliament are in jail.

WILSON IN FRANCE SIGNS FIRST BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Notice of the signing by President Wilson in France of the first bill sent to the White House by congress after the president sailed last month was cabled today to Secretary Tamm.

TRY AGAIN TO PASS FAMINE RELIEF BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Administration leaders, after a canvass today of the house rules committee, decided to make another attempt tomorrow to obtain a rule for the immediate consideration of the \$100,000,000 famine relief appropriation bill. They said they had sufficient votes to overturn the action of the rules committee yesterday in refusing a favorable report.

RADICAL ATTACK AT MUNICH FAILS

LONDON, Jan. 10.—A demonstration of the unemployed in Munich Thursday was taken in charge by ultra-radicals favorable to the Berlin Spartacists who led them to an attack on the foreign office. The effort was repulsed. Two persons were killed and six wounded.

THURINGIA WANTS TO BE REPUBLIC

ERFURT, Germany, Thursday, Jan. 9.—(By Associated Press.) The formation of a separate Thuringian republic, with Erfurt as the capital, was demanded in resolutions adopted at a meeting here. The socialist demand for a united Germany was voted down.