

The Weather
Maximum yesterday... 48
Minimum today... 30
Precipitation... .02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Rain tonight and Friday—
Strong southerly winds.

Forty-eighth Year. Daily—Thirteenth Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1919 NO. 252

NATIONAL PROHIBITION REALIZED

United States Completes Legislative Process of Voting Itself Dry—36 State Legislatures Ratify Constitutional Amendment Forbidding Manufacture, Importation or Sale of Liquor for Beverage Purposes—Country Dry in Year.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—The United States today completed the legislative process of voting itself dry. When word was flashed over the wires that the thirty-sixth state, Nebraska, had ratified the prohibition amendment, prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world. Later Missouri and Wyoming legislatures also ratified the amendment, making 38 states.

Passed During War

Congress passed the resolution submitting the amendment to the various state legislatures in the midst of the seething preparations for war in 1917. The senate adopted the resolution August 1 by a vote of 65 to 20, and the lower house on December 17, by 282 to 128.

Meanwhile a distiller's committee, through Levy Mayer, chief of their counsel, announced that in twenty-two states the constitutions require a referendum. Mr. Mayer today named these states as follows:

South Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Arkansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Ohio, Nebraska, Washington, North Dakota, Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana and Utah.

The text of the congressional resolution follows:

"Section 1.—After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the transportation thereof into, the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

"Section 2.—The congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

"Section 3.—This article shall be unoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by the legislatures of the several states, as provided in the constitution, within seven years of the date of the submission hereof to the states by the congress."

The states which have ratified the amendment are as follows:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Missouri and Wyoming.

To Convert Plants

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Distilling interests of the country, anticipating enforcement of nation wide prohibition a year hence, have completed plans for the conversion of their manufacturing plants and for export of the whiskeys and other spirits now in bond, Norman R. Stern, president of the Trans-Oceanic commercial corporation, newly organized export subsidiary of the Distillers' Security corporation, declared here today.

POWELL TO DIRECT RAILROAD OUTLAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—T. C. Powell, former vice president of the Southern and of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, was appointed director of capital expenditures of the railroad administration today by Director General Hines. Mr. Powell has recently served as the railroad administration's representative in the priorities section of the war industries board.

DR. LIEBKNECHT TAKEN PRISONER BY GOVERNMENT

Spartacan Leader Captured By Mounted Guards—Red Snipers Continue Active at Berlin—Order Restored—Proclamation for National Assembly Issued.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.) Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Spartacan leader, has been captured, it was learned late tonight, by officers and men of the division of mounted rifle guards who arrived in Berlin today.

The Spartacan leader is said to have been seized and taken to the fashionable Hotel Eden in the western part of Berlin.

Spartacan snipers continued their activities last night especially in the newspaper section.

Hot but futile firing went on all night around the Stettin railway station.

Order Restored

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 15.—Order has been restored in Berlin, it is announced by an official wireless appeal to the German nation sent out by the German government today. The appeal refers to the coming elections under the "freest suffrage in the world to determine the constitution of the German state" and adds that the present government is preparing a draft of a constitution which protects the free right of self-determination of the nation "against all counter-revolutions."

Efforts are being made, it is said, to "arrive at a peace safeguarding the freedom of the German nation and which will render possible the foundation of a union of nations which will give protection against the danger of a fresh war."

To Fight Bolsheviki

After declaring there is necessity of defending the nation against Polish annexationists, the appeal concludes:

"No less is it our task to protect our frontier against fresh Russian military despotism, which wants to force upon us, by means of war-like power, its anarchistic conditions and unchain a new world war of which our country would be the theater. Bolshevism means the death of peace, of freedom and socialism."

THOMAS FORCES ROAD PROGRAM

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—With the recommendation that the highway commission present its road program to the senate and house highway committees in joint session Thursday evening in the house chamber instead of the two houses, the senate committee on resolutions today reported out Senator Thomas' resolution calculated to insure the enactment of highway legislation that will be free from the grip of the paving trust and political jokers. It constitutes a decided victory for the senator for it insures the passage of the resolution in the senate.

The committee appointed upon joint resolution of the 1917 session to investigate the state aided commission to ascertain if state aid should be removed and if compensation should be compulsory today reported in favor of removing state aid.

TAX UPON BEVERAGE TO YIELD \$450,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Tax rates on beverages in the war revenue bill were agreed to by senate and house conferees today, the latter accepting substantially all of the senate's rates, estimated to yield about \$450,000,000 in revenue.

CROSSBY RESIGNS AS FINANCE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Oscar T. Crosby has resigned as special commissioner of finance for the United States in Europe. Secretary Glass will accept the resignation soon, but Mr. Crosby intends to remain in Europe to advise the American peace delegation on financial questions.

GOVERNMENT RELEASES SHIPS FROM SERVICE

All American Ships Requisitioned By United States During War With Exception of Army Transports—American Shipping to Be Able to Compete With Other Nations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—All American ships which were requisitioned by the United States shipping board during the war have been released to their owners with the exception of those actually engaged in army service, it was announced by the shipping board here today.

Other Ships Allocated

In addition to the return of requisitioned ships to their owners and replacement of vessels in government service, 34 steamships of 275,194 deadweight tons, owned by the shipping board were today allocated to various lines for operation in American trade, it became known here. The assignment was made by shipping board officials at Washington.

A report of the shipping board of January 9 showed that there were under requisition on that date 248 American ships of a total of 1,219,283 gross tons. Of these, possibly 75 are in the service of the war department as troop and supply transports.

Able to Compete

PARIS, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—American shipping will be able to make rates in successful competition with other maritime nations under the provisions of a shipping policy adopted by the United States government, it was learned here today.

Formulated by E. N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, this policy, which has been officially approved, proposes to write off virtually \$1,000,000,000 from the cost of American shipping built during the war and possibly a proportionate write off from the valuations of American shovards. This write-off, according to the plan, would apply to ships worth approximately \$3,000,000,000.

It is said the moral force of the government in making such a reduction will bring privately owned shipping into the plan. This reduction in shipping values to an after the war basis has been chosen rather than plans calling for reductions in wages. Officials were convinced, after exhaustive study, that one of these alternatives was necessary if the United States was to compete with foreign nations under the high standard established by congress for maritime labor.

CANADIANS AT VLADIVOSTOK

VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 15.—(By the Canadian Press.) Ninety-six officers and 1669 non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Siberian expeditionary force arrived here today aboard the troopship Proteuslaus.

The Proteuslaus made port with no difficulty despite the fact that she lost one of her propeller blades while several days out from here.

After leaving Vancouver late in December the vessel encountered a severe storm January 1. Rifleman Butler of Petersburg, was killed when struck by falling debris aboard the boat during the storm.

The troopship sent no wireless distress calls when her propeller broke, as was first reported. The message received here was relayed by the Proteuslaus from another vessel in distress off the Japanese coast.

NEXT LIBERTY LOAN TO BE VICTORY LOAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The name of the next liberty loan will be "The Victory Liberty Loan," Secretary Glass announced today.

The honor flag of the loan will bear a blue "V" on a white field, surrounded by a red border, the "V" indicating both five and "Victory."

PRESIDENT POSTPONES VISIT TO INVADED REGIONS

PARIS, Jan. 16.—(Havas.)—President Wilson has indefinitely postponed his visit to the invaded regions of France in order to keep in touch with the peace conference activities in Paris.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR PACIFIC AND EASTERN BY THE BOND-HOLDERS

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—A petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Pacific & Eastern railway, a thirty-three mile road running between Medford and Butte Falls, Ore., was filed in federal court here today by eastern bondholders. Inability to pay operating expenses and meet its obligations was charged against the railroad. Most of the bonds of the road are held by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad.

NO REPRESENTATION FOR COUNTY UPON BIG COMMITTEES

SALEM, Jan. 16.—None of the Jackson county representatives drew trump cards in the organization of the house. Each has a chairmanship, as is customary, but of relatively unimportant committees, and the county is without representation on the powerful ways and means, judiciary or other vital committees. Both Sheldon and Westerland are members of the committee on horticulture, and Gore is on highways, but the county has no representation on the fish and game committees, and none on the irrigation committee. The county has fared worse in committee assignment than at any session in recent years.

The assignments are: Westerland—Military (chairman), agriculture, horticulture. Gore—Banking (chairman), mining, roads and highway. Sheldon—Resolutions (chairman), corporations, horticulture.

PUNISH GERMAN GIRLS FOR TALKING TO YANKS

CORLENZ, Jan. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twenty German girls at Andernach, near here, have been arrested, charged with a violation of General Pershing's order forbidding them to talk with American soldiers. Approximately the same number have been proven guilty of violating the order and have been deported to points within the German lines.

The provost guard or military police are certain to interfere should an officer or soldier attempt to talk to a woman on the street or in a cafe.

SENATE VOTES TO DROP LA FOLLETTE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate today adopted the resolution of its election committee recommending that no action be taken on the disloyalty charges brought against Senator La Follette of Wisconsin because of statements in his speech September 20, 1917, before the Non-Partisan league at St. Paul, Minn.

The vote was 51 to 21, twenty democrats and one republican voting in the negative.

TURKS SURRENDER MEDINA TO ARABS

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Turks who have been holding out in Medina, Holy City of the Mohammedan faith, have capitulated to the King of the Hedjaz under the terms of the Turkish armistice, says an official statement today.

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF BRAZIL DEAD

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 16.—Dr. Rodrigues Alves, president elect of Brazil, died today. He had been critically ill for some time. Under the constitution an election will be held to choose a new president.

ORDER ALL UNITS ARMY OVERHERE TO DEMOBILIZE

General Marsh States That Disbanding of Combat Units in United States Ordered. Except Two Regular Regiments—Transports Arrive With Troops From France.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Demobilization of combat units in the United States has been ordered. General March, chief of staff, told the house military committee today. This means, he added, that every unit of the army in the United States, with the exception of two regular regiments held for police duty at each camp has been ordered demobilized.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The British steamer Belgic arrived today from Brest, with more than 3,000 soldiers, 107 of whom were sick. The largest contingent included 36 officers and 2,436 men of the 490th regular infantry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Additional units comprising a total of more than 300 officers and about 10,000 men have been assigned to early convoy from France.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 16.—The battleships Virginia and Rhode Island arrived here today with 2,000 troops from France.

WHEN DRY BILL GOES INTO EFFECT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A question as to the effective date of the national prohibition amendment was raised today by a statement by Senator Sheppard of Texas, author of the resolution, that the country would go dry one year from today. Other students of the question held that ratification would not be completed until one year from formal certification by the 26th state.

Mississippi, the first state to ratify the amendment, has not yet certified its action to the state department, altho the affirmative vote on the amendment was taken more than a year ago.

Senator Sheppard said today he soon would introduce a bill to make the amendment effective.

OREGON RATIFICATION LEGAL SAYS BROWN

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Commenting on the contention of attorneys for distillers that the national prohibition amendment ratified by the legislature of Oregon would have to be submitted to a vote of the people before it would be legal, Attorney General Brown declared today that the ratification as made is legal from all viewpoints. He said there is nothing in either the federal or state constitution requiring its submission to the people.

EXPECT BREAD LINES IN INDUSTRIAL CENTERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—"When the men in the army are demobilized" said Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor today before the house immigration committee, "we are going to have bread lines in every industrial center by May 1. After that date it is hoped that building will pick up and take some of the men."

COLORADO RAILROAD TO BE DISMANTLED

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 16.—The Colorado public utilities commission today issued an order permitting dismantling of the Colorado Midland railroad. The commission announced it had found that there was no public demand for further operation of the road.

RUSH PASSAGE OF RELIEF BILLS FOREX-SOLDIERS

Joint Resolution Instructs Highway Commission to Begin Promptly Enough Units of Road Work to Employ 1,000 Soldiers—Another Creates Commission for Relief Work.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—As a result of the meeting last night of a Portland delegation with members of the ways and means committee of the legislature in the governor's office here, two measures for immediate relief of discharged soldiers were presented in the house and senate today and the proposed adjournment for the remainder of the week was abandoned.

One measure is a joint resolution instructing the state highway commission to begin promptly enough units of road work to employ one thousand discharged soldiers. This was passed by the house today 10 minutes after it convened. The other is a bill creating a soldier's and sailors' commission of five members and placing \$250,000 in the hands of the commission for immediate relief work.

At last night's conference, James B. Kerr, of the American Red Cross at Portland, declared: "If we do not aid the thousands of discharged soldiers now walking the streets of Portland, there are other forces that will. The I. W. W. do not refuse them beds, food and clothing. Last week in Seattle that organization raised \$30,000 dollars to care for the soldiers and incidentally to make converts of them and embitter them against the government for which they put up such a good fight."

Franklin T. Griffith of Portland, declared that six thousand discharged soldiers now are tramping the streets of Portland looking for work. The situation, he said, threatens to bring about a state of "near anarchy."

Passes House at Once

Within 34 minutes after it was introduced in the house, the emergency bill providing for \$250,000 to be drawn from the general funds of the state and placed in the hands of a "soldiers' and sailors' commission of five for immediate aid of discharged men, had been passed, under suspended rules. The senate was expected to pass the bill later today.

It is claimed by legislative leaders that Oregon is the first state to provide financial aid for its returning soldiers.

SUIT TO FORCLOSE COOS BAY FIRM

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—A suit to foreclose against the Coos Bay Lumber company, said to be a ten million dollar concern, near Marshfield, Ore., was filed in the federal court here today by the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, as trustee. The petition asks for the appointment of a receiver for the lumber company, which it is claimed, has been unable to pay interest on a bonded mortgage of three million dollars, due January 1. It was said that officials of the lumber company declared failure of the government to pay promptly for material furnished to it, is a contributing cause to the company's inability to pay.

Lucius K. Baker, of California, another creditor of the lumber company, joins in a second petition for appointment of a receiver.

LAIRD SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—John Cyril Laird, convicted of the murder of Frank Twombly, a traffic officer, following the robbery of the bridge tender of the interstate bridge near here November 19, was sentenced today to life imprisonment. Laird's mother declared to the court that her son is insane. She then collapsed in hysteria, following his sentence.

SALANDRA TO REPRESENT ITALY AT CONGRESS

ROME, Jan. 16.—Antonio Salandra, the former Italian premier, will be one of the Italian delegates to the peace conference, according to the Giornale d'Italia.

CLAMP LID UPON PEACE QUARRELS

News of Preliminary Proceedings of Conference Limited to Official Statements—Silence Imposed Upon Delegates to Conceal Dissensions During Debate—Sessions Will Probably Be Open When Further Advanced.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The supreme council today after considering the matter of the relations between the conference and the press, decided to call a meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon to be attended by the members of the press and representatives of the various nations to conference to interchange views on publicity methods.

The official communique after announcing the calling of the press conference, added: "The meeting then took up the question of the situation in Russia and agreed that the governments should acquaint each other with the latest information at their disposal with a view to the joint examination of the question."

Next Meeting Friday

The next meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 10:30 a. m.

At the session today there were present for France, Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pinchon; for the United States, President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing; for Great Britain, Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour; for Italy, Foreign Minister Sonnino, and for Japan, Viscount Chinda and Baron Matsui. Vittorio Orlando, Italian premier, still is detained in Rome.

President Wilson arrived at the meeting place accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and her secretary, Miss Benham.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—No one outside of the delegates to the peace congress know anything about the discussion which preceded today's decision to keep proceedings of the congress secret and to limit information divulged to official statements. This decision will preclude the American delegates, even Mr. Wilson himself, from discussing the formal announcements that are issued. It will likewise stop the practice of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain from discussing with British correspondents English affairs for the purpose of guiding them in forming public opinion in England.

It has been believed by persons close to President Wilson that he would content for open sessions as far as possible. That he still feels the same way, is the opinion generally expressed here tonight.

Curiously enough the question of whether deliberations were to be open or secret had reached a stage before today's decision where some authoritative statement on the subject was sought. Just before today's meeting Secretary of State Lansing authorized the following as his view:

American's Policy

"The American policy is that fullest publicity consistent with the rapid and satisfactory discharge of important business which must come before the peace congress should be accorded. It is possible that sessions should be open when business is advanced to a point where it can be regarded as ready for final action. It may be, however, that in the earlier stage, when subjects are being discussed between groups or in committees or in meetings of all the delegates, with a purpose of reaching agreements on controversial phases, it would be inadvisable to conduct these discussions openly. There might never be an agreement otherwise."

"That would not be secret diplomacy in any sense, however, for no agreement so arranged could be effective until approved by all the delegates in open session."

FAVORABLE REPORT ON FAMINE RELIEF BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—With little opposition a favorable report was ordered today by the senate appropriations committee on the house bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 requested by President Wilson for food relief in Europe.