

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....59
Minimum today.....46
Total precipitation for
storm......18

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and tomorrow
Rain

Forty-eighth Year.
Daily—Thirteenth Year.

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P. & E. CEASES OPERATION ON COURT ORDER

Order for Discontinuance of Service On Pacific and Eastern Railroad, Part of Hill System, Issued By Federal Judge Wolverton at Portland—Effective in 10 Days—Cost of Operation Exceeds Income—Big Timber Owners Fail to Operate.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—An order for the discontinuance of operation of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, a part of the Hill railroad system, a line running between Medford and Butte Falls, Ore., was issued by Judge Wolverton in the federal court here today. The road will discontinue operations in ten days. Application for a receivership for the road was granted last week and W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad, was named receiver.

The application for discontinuance was made by Receiver Turner. Representing a total investment of about \$2,000,000, the scrap value of the road, according to careful estimates made by engineers, is about \$438,000. The company has \$500,000 capital stock, all owned by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, which advanced the necessary funds to cover the deficits occurring under private ownership. But when the roads passed under federal control this became impossible, as the federal government is taking all of the revenue produced by the larger system and the small road was left to fight its own battle.

There are about 15 persons now actively employed in the service of the railway. It was employing 25 up to a short time ago, when it became apparent that no relief was forthcoming to maintain the road and the force was reduced as much as possible.

Protest to Be Made
The Medford Commercial club will probably protest the order ordering the Pacific & Eastern's discontinuance and will do everything possible to bring about a situation whereby the road will be operated permanently and with better freight and passenger patronage.

This can possibly be done, it is pointed out, by the big timber interests along the line guaranteeing so much freight patronage and the people and business interests of Eagle Point falling in line and giving the road their passenger and freight traffic.

The discontinuance of railroad services would be a bad blow to the development of Butte Falls and Eagle Point, as well as Medford.

Hits Local Concerns
The court's order hits the Applegate Lumber company with a payroll of 25 men, and the Tomlin box factory, both of which concerns are in the midst of building new and larger plants at the Crater Lake junction of the Pacific & Eastern and the Southern Pacific roads. The Applegate Lumber company plant is practically completed and work was to start there within a short time. The old plant had been dismantled and the machinery moved to the new plant. The Tomlin box factory's new plant was started a short time ago and was to include a saw mill. The old plant of this factory is still in operation. The lumber problem will be a difficult one to solve.

The people of Eagle Point section are partially responsible for the Pacific & Eastern's failure to pay operating expenses and the consequent discontinuance by order of the federal court, thru their preferring to patronize jitneys between Eagle Point and Medford, and having their freight hauled by auto trucks between the two points.

HOMESTEAD LAWS TO BE MODIFIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A senate bill modifying homestead laws to shorten the period of residence required of settlers in mountain regions of the west was passed today by the house without amendment. The present law requires seven months' residence a year for three years, but the bill would permit land office registers to require six months for four years, or five months for five years, in regions where climatic conditions make the longer period impracticable.

RUSSIA SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT PEACE MEET

French Ambassador Recently Back From Archangel Addresses Supreme Council Upon Conditions—Progress in Plans for League of Nations reported.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The situation in Russia was taken up by the supreme council of the peace conference today, Joseph Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, was present. The next meeting of the council will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock.

The text of the official communique making that announcement is as follows:

"The president of the United States of America and the prime ministers and foreign ministers of the allied governments, assisted by Baron Makino and the Japanese ambassador in Paris, met at the Quai d'Orsay this morning between 10:30 and 12 o'clock.

"M. Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, who returned a few days ago from Archangel, addressed the meeting and gave particulars of the situation in Russia.

"The next meeting will take place on Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock in the morning to hear the remarks of M. Seavins, the Danish minister in Petrograd, who left the Russian capital very recently."

10 Members Present

Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, was accompanied to the meeting by Lord Robert Cecil, who has been placed especially in charge of the subject of a League of Nations, on behalf of Great Britain. Baron Nobuaki Makino, chief of the Japanese mission, attended the council for the first time, representing Japan together with Baron Matsui, the ambassador to France.

Lord Robert Cecil remained at the foreign office, where the meeting was held, for only a few moments and did not enter the council chamber where the session today was an executive one.

Orlando Arrives

The council as it met today comprised 10 members—two from each of the five great powers—President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing representing the United States. The three additional members from each power did not attend, as full meetings of the membership of 25 are assembled only when subjects of special importance are under consideration by the council.

Vittorio Orlando, Italian premier, arrived from Rome today.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—As the supreme council of the peace congress resumed sittings today marked progress was being made in the business of comparing various plans for the formation of a League of Nations and harmonizing them into a unity of ideas which can be taken up as a concrete proposition. Much headway was made last night at the conference at the Murat residence, which was attended by Mr. Wilson, Lord Robert Cecil, the British representative charged with working out a plan for a League of Nations; Leon Bourgeois, the French proponent of a plan for such an organization, and General Jan Christian Smuts, who has formulated a plan for a league.

League of Nations

Preliminary conversations over the structure of League of Nations are strictly speaking, still in the stage of being discussed in meetings of the supreme council, and are not technically before the peace congress as a whole, but the fact that the congress has advanced this question to the foremost place in its program is taken to indicate that such progress is being made in the supreme council as to warrant expectation that a definite and somewhat detailed program will be soon evolved. This program, it is believed, will present the common thought of the leaders of the United States, Great Britain and France, and therefore may furnish a starting point from which all the peace delegates may participate. President Wilson is personally pressing forward

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SIBERIAN RAILROAD CONTROL ARRANGED

SALONIKI, Friday, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nikolai P. Pachitch, the Serbian premier, has resigned. Prince Regent Alexander has asked Stoyan Protitch, the finance minister in the Pachitch cabinet, to form a new cabinet for the Serb-Croat-Slovene kingdom.

LEGISLATURE TO VALIDATE BILL TO AID EX-YANKS

Amendment to \$100,000 Appropriation Necessary—Highway Committees Meet Commissioners Tonight—Carkin in Salem to Consolidate Government.

SALEM, Jan. 20.—An amendment validating the bill passed last week by the legislature, providing one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of discharged Oregon soldiers, was expected to be passed by both houses here today. The measure was declared unconstitutional because it failed to vest in the secretary of state the power to draw necessary warrants.

There was some sentiment expressed among legislators today in favor of reducing the appropriation but leaders expressed themselves against any change.

The state highway commission and the highway committees of the two houses will meet tonight to formulate a working basis for employment of returned soldiers on road work. One thousand men are to be given immediate work.

Carkin on Scene

With a bill carrying out the recommendations of the consolidation commission, John H. Carkin of Medford, the lawyer member of the commission, arrived upon the scene today and it is anticipated that the measure will be one of the storm centers of the session, for in one way or the other it strikes at almost every state department and commission.

Immediately following the introduction of the bill it will be referred to the joint consolidation committee of the two houses. Altho the commission does not expect that the legislature would embody all of its recommendations into law, it is confident that many of them will be adopted. The consolidation committee will have probably to adopt such as it considers feasible and those considered impracticable will be discarded.

Joint Memorial

The house this morning passed joint memorial No. 5, introduced by Representative Burdick, memorializing congress to pay the Sinnott reclamation and drainage bill. The bill will make available funds to complete the Deschutes project, affecting 200,000 acres of land in Oregon, and giving employment to thousands of returned soldiers.

PRINCE JOHN OF ENGLAND DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 20.—President Wilson has sent a telegram of sympathy to King George on the death of his youngest son, Prince John.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The death of Prince John, youngest son of King George, came so quickly and unexpectedly Saturday night that there was no time for nurses to summon the king and queen to his bedside before he expired.

The delicate health of Prince John had made it necessary that he always have an attendant. He was never seen on public occasions with other members of the royal family.

PLAN TO EXTEND FOREIGN MARKETS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Preparations for a combined effort under the Webb act to extend the foreign market for American textiles were completed today by the Textile Alliance Export corporation of New York, which filed papers of organization with the federal trade commission as required by law. The four great textile associations formed the new combination.

ITALY ASKS HUGE AMOUNT OF COAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Italy was the worst sufferer from fuel shortage among the allied nations, according to the report of the commission sent to Europe by Fuel Administrator Garfield. Italy, the commission said, asks an annual national supply of 12,000,000 tons.

The Clown Prince



Gosh, folks, he wears wooden shoes! This shows Friedrich Wilhelm Hohenzollern, poor simp, as he looks to look in Choimany au as he looks today in Holland. Yesterday, spic and span; today, down and out; tomorrow—who knows? And notice that the corners of his mouth, which used to turn up, now turn DOWN.

CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY AS DRAWN-UP

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Details of the proposed new constitution for Germany drawn up recently are given in an official wireless dispatch from Berlin.

It states that the empire is to consist of its former component states, besides any territories which by virtue of the right of self-determination desire to be received into the empire.

The dispatch declares the people have the right, regardless of former frontiers, to erect new German free states within the empire providing any such free state has a population of 2,000,000. If the people of a border country wish to join the German empire the assent of the German people shall be required.

The imperial president, who is to be elected by the people, must be 35 years old and must have been a citizen of Germany for 10 years before his election. He will be elected by an absolute majority of all the votes. The president will represent the empire, but declarations of war or conclusions of peace rest with the reichstag. Treaties for foreign states require assent of the reichstag. As soon as a League of Nations, the object of which is the exclusion of secret treaties has been formed, all treaties with the league shall require the assent of the reichstag. The imperial president's tenure of office will be for seven years and his reelection will be permissible. The imperial government will be composed of chancellor and ministers who will be chosen by the president of the reichstag. The government must have the confidence of the house of deputies and shall be responsible to the reichstag.

SEATTLE SHIPYARD WORKERS TO STRIKE

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Seattle shipyard workers numbering 25,000, according to their leaders today had all plans made to strike tomorrow at 10 a. m. to press their demands for higher wages.

All the Seattle yards were open today. Reports circulated yesterday said it was thought some of the yards would close of their own accord today.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT VALLEJO

VALLEJO, Calif., Jan. 20.—A diesel earthquake shock was felt here at 1:30 a. m. today, but as far as is known, caused no damage.

SERVICE MEDALS FOR ALL ARMY CORPS AND DIVISION CHIEFS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Practically all army corps and division commanders of the American expeditionary forces, together with the heads of the staff departments, have now been awarded distinguished service medals by General Pershing for conspicuous service. The war department today made public citations of 27 officers in addition to the list of 24 given out yesterday. Major General William H. Johnson, commander of the 91st division, is on today's list.

Among the officers decorated were Major General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the 27th (N. Y. National Guard) division, the only guard division commander to retain his command throughout the war, and Major General John A. LeJeune of the Marine corps, commanding the 2nd division of Marines, Major General E. M. Lewis, commanding the 30th (Wild Cat) division, also was decorated. The 27th division and helped to smash the famous Hindenburg line.

Two other officers on today's list Major General Ireland, surgeon-general of the army, and Major General Clarence C. Williams, chief of ordnance, were formally decorated Saturday by Secretary Baker under these citations.

PROSECUTE SALES OF FLAVORING EXTRACTS

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 20.—Montana grocers and druggists who are selling flavoring extracts and other preparations will be prosecuted for violation of the prohibition law, declared Attorney General S. C. Ford today. The attorney general said the merchants who are selling these articles with a view to testing the law will attain their ends. "It is clearly a violation of the law," he said, "and the dealers will lose not only their cases but their entire stocks of goods and store fixtures. The law provides for confiscation, not only of the alcoholic preparations, but of all else in the store."

SUE EX-EMPEROR FOR MILLION SUBSCRIPTION

GENEVA, Jan. 0.—The Commercial Bank of Budapest has decided to sue former Emperor Charles for \$1,000,000 crowns, which he subscribed to the eighth war loan and which he refuses to pay.

NEW WORLD DAWNING BASED UPON COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WILSON TELLS FRENCH SENATE

Poincare, Foch, French Cabinet and Senate Hear President Praise France and Plead for Her Cooperation in Arranging for Future at Luncheon Tendered Him—Eulogistic Greeting Extended by Antonin Dubost Says France Has Earned Brotherhood of World, and Mankind Turns to Her to Champion Liberty of Those Who Love Freedom.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—President Wilson, guest of the French senate at a luncheon today, delivered an address in reply to the eulogistic greeting extended him in the name of the senate by Antonin Dubost, its president.

President Wilson began by expressing his pleasure at the cordiality of the welcome. "A new world is coming into life," he said, adding that the world has awakened "to its community of interest and it knows its future depends on this community of interest."

The future of free institutions and of civilization, he added, depend upon it.

Poincare and Foch Present
President Wilson drove directly from the foreign office, where he had been attending the meeting of the supreme council, to the Luxembourg palace, where the luncheon took place. He was accompanied by Premier Clemenceau.

President Poincare was one of the guests as were all the French cabinet members, the members of the senate, Paul Deschanel, the president of the Chamber of Deputies and Marshal Foch.

President Wilson as he arrived at the Luxembourg palace was received with great ceremony. The Republican Guard in dress uniform, was drawn up in the court of honor. A fanfare of drums and trumpets marked the president's appearance. This was followed by the playing of the American national anthem.

President's Speech

President Wilson said: "Mr. President of the senate, Mr. President of the republic:

"You have made me feel your welcome in words as generous as they are delightful and I feel that you have graciously called me your friend. May I not in turn call this company a company of my friends, for everything that you have so finely said, sir, has been corroborated in every circumstance of our visit to this country. Everywhere we have been welcomed not only, but welcomed in the spirit and with the same thought, until it has seemed as if the spirits of two countries came together in an unusual and beautiful accord.

At Frontier of Freedom

"We know the long period of peril through which France has gone. France thought us remote in comprehension and sympathy and I dare say there were times when we did not comprehend as you comprehend, the danger in the presence of which the world stood.

"There was no time when we did not know how near it was, and I fully understand, sir, that throughout these trying years, when mankind has waited for the catastrophe, the anxiety of France must have been the deepest and most constant of all, for she did stand at the frontier of freedom. She had carved out her own fortunes through a long period of eager struggle. She had done great things in building up a great new France. And just across the border, separated from her only by a few fortifications and a little country whose neutrality it has turned out the enemy did not respect, lay the shadow east by the cloud which enveloped Germany, the cloud of intrigue, the cloud of dark purpose, the cloud of sinister design. This shadow lay at the very borders of France.

France Did Not Tremble

"And yet it is fine to remember here that for France this was not a peril, but a challenge. France did not tremble. France quietly and in her own way, prepared her sons for the struggle that was coming. She never took the initiative or did a single thing that was aggressive. She had prepared herself for defense, not in order to impose her will upon other people. She had prepared herself that

no other people might impose its will upon her.

"As I stand with you and as I mix with the delightful people of this country I see this in their thoughts: 'America always was our friend. Now she understands. Now she comprehends, and now she has come to bring us this message; and that, understanding, she will always be ready to help.' And while as you say, sir, this danger may prove to be a continuing danger, while it is true that France will always be nearest this threat, if we cannot turn it from a threat into a promise, there are many elements that ought to reassure France.

New Awakened World

"There is a new awakened world. It is not ahead of us, but around us. It knows that its dearest interests are involved in its standing together for a common purpose. It knows that the peril of France, if it continues, will be the peril of the world. It knows that not only France must organize against this peril, but that the world must organize against it.

"So I see in these welcomes not only hospitality, but only kindness, not only hope, but a purpose, a definite clearly defined purpose, that men, understanding one another, must now support one another and that all the sons of freedom are under a common oath to see that freedom never suffers this danger again. That, to my mind, is the impressive element of this welcome. I know how much of it, sir, and I know how little of it to appropriate to myself.

Won Brotherhood

"I know that I have the very distinguished honor to represent a nation whose heart is in this business and I am proud to speak for the people I represent. But I know that you honor me in a representative capacity. I delight in this welcome, therefore, as if I had brought the people of the United States with me, and they could see in your faces what I see in the tokens of welcome and affection.

"The sum of the whole matter is that France has earned and has won the brotherhood of the world. She has stood at the chief post of danger, and the thoughts of mankind and her brothers everywhere, her brothers in freedom, turn to her and center upon her. If this is true, as I believe it to be, France is fortunate to have suffered. She is fortunate to have proved her mettle as one of the champions of liberty and she has tied to herself those who love freedom and truly believe in the progress and rights of man."

ELECTION DODGERS SHOWER BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—(By Associated Press.) The streets of Berlin today were virtually buried under a deluge of election dodgers, while fronts of houses and available windows were plastered with huge posters hung up by campaign workers during the morning, frequently without the knowledge of house or store proprietors.

The spectacle was one wholly new to Berlin, where the billboard privileges are strictly confined to the familiar columns on the street corners, while the distribution of hand bills is ordinarily severely restricted by police regulations.

NEW PHONE RATES IN EFFECT TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—W. H. Lamar, solicitor of the postoffice department, and a member of the wire control committee, said today that new long distance and toll telephone rates established by Postmaster General Burleson would be put into effect at midnight tonight despite efforts of state regulatory bodies to suspend or otherwise modify application of the rates.

PALESTINE OPEN TO AMERICAN TRADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Palestine was thrown open again to American export and import under an order today by the war trade board. Figs, dates and tobaccos are among the most generally known articles of commerce made available by this new order.