

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 53
Minimum today 23

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Tonight and tomorrow,
Fair.

Forty-eighth Year,
Daily—Thirtieth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1919

NO. 264

65TH COAST ARTILLERY WELCOMED

Philadelphia Heartily Greets Overseas Contingent From Pacific Coast—Medford Boys Among Veterans—Only Organization to Fire Big British Howitzers in Action—Regiment Fired 15,000 Tons of Steel and Explosives.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Philadelphia today extended a hearty welcome to 2,197 men of the American expeditionary force, first of the overseas contingent to arrive at this port. They came on the liner Havreford, which sailed from Brest on January 15.

After being entertained at a stand-up luncheon by women of the various war organizations, the veterans of many battles on French soil marched to the Pennsylvania railroad downtown station and entrained this afternoon for Camp Dix. Most of the returning soldiers were members of the 65th regiment, coast artillery.

Organized on the Pacific coast, the 65th regiment is composed mainly of men from Washington, Oregon and California. Colonel Benjamin H. Kerfoot of Kansas, is in command.

The regiment claims the honor of being the only organization of American troops to fire the British 9.2 inch howitzer in action and is said to have handled the heaviest mobile mounted guns, used by the American First army. The regiment fired 15,000 tons of steel and explosives at five different points in the German line of defense, all within a period of 70 days and nights.

Colonel Kerfoot said today that in the 70 days his regiment was in action, either firing or changing its position, the casualties amounted to only three men killed and 99 wounded in action. His records show that since the regiment's inception there had not been a court martial of either an officer or enlisted man. Conduct of all under fire and in most trying circumstances was most exemplary, he said. The good fortune of the regiment in keeping out of reach of the enemy's shell fire was attributed by Colonel Kerfoot to the proficiency attained in the art of camouflage.

Circus Artillery
In artillery circles the army units were termed "circus artillery" because of their many moves. The case of the 65th the enormous amount of equipment carried on each change of position made the title especially applicable.

The 65th moved on each change the following equipment:

Twenty-four British howitzers, each weighing 29,000 pounds, 24 anti-aircraft tractors for hauling the heavy guns, each weighing 25,000 pounds; 161 three-ton trucks; 26 touring automobiles, used for reconnoitering and transporting officers from one position to another; four observation cars built to carry a large number of soldiers and 32 motorcycles.

Sent to Fort Dix
According to latest information obtainable the 65th coast artillery, which reached Philadelphia today from France, will be sent to Camp Dix New Jersey for a short stay.

From Camp Dix the men will be sent to their homes in small detachments. Efforts already have been made by the Oregon committee to have these boys routed through Portland on their journey to Camp Lewis.

The Sixty-fifth coast artillery, which includes many Jackson county boys, including members of Company Seven of Medford, was formerly located at Fort Stevens and Fort Columbia. The troop consists of mostly Portland men and includes two companies of University of Oregon men. The left Fort Stevens February 26 and arrived in San Francisco March (Continued on page two.)

BUTTER AND EGGS TAKE A TUMBLE

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—New efforts to cultivate friendship with the consumer were made today on behalf of leading food products. The price of butter, wholesale, was subject to a fresh cut of three to five cents a pound, according to grade. At the same time eggs, wholesale, were reduced two to two and a half cents a dozen.

No Large Indemnity For Huns

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The peace conference has settled one important point with regard to the indemnity question, the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard says he has reasons for reporting. The conference, he declares, has eliminated any intention of calling upon Germany and her associates to pay the allied countries the cost of the war, or to impose heavy indemnities upon the enemy nations.

SHELDON'S TRUST BUSTING MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Jan. 30.—The joint roads and highways committee has reported favorably on Representative Sheldon's bill, one of the sharpest blows at the paving trust yet introduced in the course of the reconstruction program.

The bill makes unlawful any paving contract providing for a 10-year maintenance provision, or for any other length of time. Heretofore, according to those behind the bill, the Warren Construction company has been grabbing choice paving contracts at its own price because it was the only paving concern in the state financially able to guarantee its pavement for the 10-year period. Competition with the smaller contractors was stifled.

"People who think this 10-year guarantee a fine thing for the state," said Representative Sheldon, "should bear in mind that they pay for it, not the contractor. The upkeep cost for the period of the guarantee are added into the original bill."

ASK STATE TO SEND CHILDREN AWAY

SALEM, Jan. 30.—Four children, all under seven years old, were left orphaned with meager support by the death of Representative J. R. Stannard, and Representative T. J. Thrift of Coos county, was before the ways and means committee last night to ask a small appropriation for transportation of the children to the home of relatives in New York. Mrs. Stannard died a few days after her husband. The committee has not yet acted on the request.

The joint ways and means committee last night made a tentative cut of \$10,000 from the budget submitted by Oregon normal school of Monmouth, leaving the amount \$88,730, or \$14,442 in excess of the continuing millage appropriation of 1-25 of a mill. In tentative action on the budget of the state fish and game commission, the full amount of \$69,400 requested was allowed.

NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Abandonment of 14 of the 16 National Guard camps and purchase by the government of the sites of all National Army encampments was urged today by Secretary Baker and Assistant Secretary Crowell before the house military committee. Camp Kearney, Calif., and Camp Sevier, S. C., would be the two guard camps acquired by the government, with the others returning to land owners at the expiration of present leases.

NO ALARM FELT OVER ALLIED WITHDRAWAL

ARCHANGEL, Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The northern Russian government in a proclamation to the population warns the people against any unnecessary alarm over the recent events which resulted in the evacuation of Shenkursk by American and allied forces.

WILSON'S PLAN FOR COLONIES TO BE ACCEPTED

British and French Accept in Principle Scheme Concerning Mandatories From League for Administration of Captured Territories—No Word Yet Received From Russia.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The British and French governments have accepted in principle President Wilson's plan concerning mandatories from the League of Nations for the administration of captured territory. It was stated by Captain Andre Tardieu of the French peace conference delegation today. The acceptance, however, is subject to learning under what conditions the plan will be carried out.

This plan in its practical application now is under examination before the supreme council of the peace conference.

Agreement Reached
As a result of individual conferences regarding colonial questions, it was learned today that prospects are bright for an early and complete agreement on a colonial policy.

It is admitted that the general principles agreed upon are based on international control by means of mandatories.

Important details remain to be adjusted with the possibility of disagreement or delay of the general plan if some power proves refractory. This contingency, however, is not expected to arise.

No Russian Reply
As yet the peace conference has received no informal reply from the Russian soviet government regarding the invitation sent to all the Russian governments to meet conference representatives at the Princes Islands, but the Russian committee in Paris probably will make a formal response in a few days on behalf of the various other Russian governments.

This committee now is considering the proposals, but the prospects seem to be that it will decline to sit in conference with any representatives of the Bolsheviks.

Members of the Russian committee state that all the Caucasus governments, as well as the Omak government, now are in complete unity and are giving the Paris committee their unqualified support. President Tchekalovsky, of the government of North Russia, who sailed from Archangel January 1, is expected to reach Paris within a few days.

ALBERS ADMITTED WAS GERMAN SPY

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—In an attempt to show that J. Henry Albers, former president of Albers Brothers Milling company, now on trial here for disloyalty and sedition, made numerous pro-German statements besides those for which he is now on trial, the government today introduced the testimony of Miss Olga Gomez, manager in a San Francisco hotel. She declared that the wealthy miller, in an automobile between San Francisco and Palo Alto, in April, 1918, told her he was "the kaiser's man from head to foot," and was a spy. Jack O'Neal of Portland, now a bondsman of Albers, and another young woman were present, Miss Gomez said.

The prosecution announced its intention to prove, by this testimony, Albers' seditious intent and to disprove the claims expected to be made by the defense that the miller's alleged violation of the espionage act occurred while he was intoxicated and that the charges against him were the result of his careless utterances on only one occasion.

SPARTACAN UPRISING WILHELMSHAVEN FAILS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—The Spartacan uprising at Wilhelmshaven has been put down, according to Berlin advices to the Hamburg Nachrichten.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The German government contemplates strong measures to combat the growing strike wave there and will soon bring forward a bill compelling men to work and severely punishing strikers, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILROAD CEASES OPERATION TONIGHT TO BE SOLD IN FORTNIGHT

Receiver Orders Operation Stopped

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—W. F. Turner, receiver for the Pacific & Eastern railway, announced here today that he would comply with the order granted by the federal court to cease operating the railroad, and would make no effort to continue train service over the thirty-three mile line out of Medford, Ore., after tonight. Mr. Turner said he understood that the state public service commission had determined it had no power to test the court's jurisdiction and that unless the business interests of Medford succeeded in their efforts to raise a fund to make up the deficit between the road's revenues and operating expenses, there was slight chance of again providing train service on the line.

Tentative offers have been made, it is understood, to buy the railroad for scrap and also with a view to taking it over and extending it to a connection with the Southern Pacific's Klamath Falls branch, but none of the offers has reached a stage that would indicate definitely favorable negotiations.

COAST ARTILLERY REGIMENTS SAIL FOR HOME PORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The United States cruiser Frederick arrived here today from Brest with 1,547 troops. These included 24 officers and 1,022 men of the 83rd division (Ohio and West Virginia) and the 46th and 492nd aero squadrons, together with a number of casual officers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Three regiments of coast artillery troops are included in army units announced by the war department today as having sailed for home. The transport Agamemnon, due at Newport News, February 4, has the 51st regiment complete, and the 44th and 60th regiments are on the Cedric scheduled to arrive at New York the same day. There are 450 officers and 86,000 men on the two ships.

The Agamemnon is bringing also base hospital No. 2, en route to Camp Meade, two New York casual companies, 92 casual officers, 550 sick and wounded and 43 naval officers. The transport Peerless will arrive at Newport News February 4, with a casual company of Californians, a small medical detachment, and seven casual officers. Other vessels announced today as due to arrive with small detachments are the Western Ocean at Baltimore February 3, and the West Haven at Newport News, February 4.

REMOVE BARS TO OFFICERS PROMOTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Secretary Baker has removed the restriction which has held since the armistice was signed on promotions in the army. A cablegram sent to General Pershing authorizes him to "make such promotions among officers of the line up to and including the grade of colonel as will give the officers who, in his judgment deserve it, rank equal to the command exercised by them."

It was announced that the same policy would be carried out with respect to the army in the United States. Promotions will be made when necessary to give officers rank commensurate with the command being exercised and in the staff corps when appropriate to the work remaining to be done by such corps.

BAN ON ANTHRACITE COAL IS REMOVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—An order removing all restrictions, including price and zone regulations, on anthracite coal, has been prepared at the fuel administration and awaits Administrator Garfield's signature to make it effective. An official announcement is expected shortly.

CHENOWETH REPRESENTS CURRY COUNTY INTERESTS

SALEM, Jan. 30.—George B. Chenoweth, of Denmark, Ore., arrived this morning to occupy the desk of Representative Stannard, deceased, of Coos and Curry counties.

ANTI-RED FLAG BILL PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—The "anti-red flag" bill, by Representative Herbert Gordon of Portland, making a display of any emblem in defiance of the American government a felony, passed the lower house of the legislature today, after a prolonged battle, by a vote of 40 to 3. It was opposed by labor representatives.

The criminal syndicalism bill, attaching heavy penalties to all forms of sabotage or the setting in motion of crime or violence in the pursuit of political or economic ends, went to the governor today, after passing both houses. The measure also strikes at the teaching or spreading of propaganda to incite to such methods of violence.

Opponents of the bill declared its passage was desired by the radicals, as it indicated a spirit of persecution which would strengthen their organizations. Governor Withycombe immediately signed the bill against criminal syndicalism. The measure carried an emergency clause and now is in effect as a law.

STRIKE ON CLYDE MORE SERIOUS

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The situation both on the Clyde and in Belfast, where strikes are in progress with widespread paralysis of industry became more serious today. In Belfast, manufacturing firms generating their own electric current for power had to close down their plants, as their workers joined the strikers. The blacksmiths, boilermakers and shipwrights decided to notify employers that the conditions of the settlement they asked should embody an increase of thirty per cent in the gross earning powers of pieceworkers.

Along the Clyde many corporation electricians struck, compelling the corporations to stop the current for public works, retaining such current as they were able to generate for the use of the hospitals and street lighting.

MANN MISTAKEN DECLARES DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In reply to the speech of Republican Leader Mann in the house yesterday declaring Secretary Daniels should be impeached for purchasing radio stations after authority had been refused by congress, Mr. Daniels said today the navy department had not proceeded in any way toward the acquisition of high power commercial radio stations or the building of a new naval plant since congress failed to authorize these projects.

Local Committee Decide That \$25,000 Cash Bond to Cover Cost of Continued Operation as Asked By Receiver. Would Only Postpone Day of Reckoning—Efforts Will Be Concentrated Upon Organization of Purchasing Company to Take Over Project—Quick Action Necessary as Property Will Be Sold in Fortnight—Receiver Makes Reasonable Offer of Sale, \$270,000. With \$50,000 Cash, Balance at 5 Per Cent. Interest Payments Assured By Bond.

According to orders received from Receiver W. F. Turner, operation on the Pacific & Eastern railroad, owned by the Hill interests, ceases tonight and the railroad will be sold within a fortnight.

Receiver Turner offered to keep the railroad in operation for several months longer, provided Medford citizens and Butte Falls timber owners put up a \$25,000 cash bond to insure against loss in operation. The railroad has been operated at a loss since its construction, the timbermen, upon whose promise to manufacture it was built, failing to keep their word.

After several days consideration, the Medford Commercial club committee, which includes the local lumbermen, decided that an indemnifying bond would only postpone the final day of reckoning and probably handicap, rather than help the organization of a purchasing syndicate to take over the railroad. Closure brings about a crisis which it is expected will speed up affairs and may jar the large timber owners, who are the principal ones affected, into active co-operation. As most of the timber owners reside in the east, the committee is handicapped in securing immediate action.

A very reasonable offer has been

received from Receiver Turner by the local committee. The railroad, which cost \$2,000,000, and is 33 miles in length, will be sold for \$270,000, of which \$50,000 must be cash, the balance at 5 per cent, with a bond guarantee of interest being paid. Formation of a purchasing company will be actively undertaken as soon as replies are received from the timber owners as to the extent of their cooperation.

An effort has also been launched to interest the Southern Pacific in taking over the P. & E. as a feeder, inasmuch as nearly all freight originating in the timber district would furnish a long haul for the Southern Pacific as well as the long haul and the profits of the long haul would offset any loss incurred in operation.

The assistance of Colonel Frank H. Ray, of New York, who financed and built the California-Oregon Power system and numerous other enterprises in the valley, and who is still one of the largest property owners has been sought by the committee.

It is felt that Medford citizens will do their full share in helping to finance the railroad, which for the first time offers a large amount of traffic in sight and whose continued operation is essential to the future growth of the community and development of the lumber resources.

MANN ATTACKS SECRETARY DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Republican Leader Mann in the house today attacked Secretary Daniels for purchasing wireless communication systems, saying the secretary had violated the law and "ought to be impeached."

Secretary Daniels recently told the house merchant marine committee that the shore stations and radio ship sets of the Marconi Wireless and Federal Telegraph company had been bought for about \$3,000,000 from funds of the last naval appropriation bill.

"Utterly regardless of law," said Mr. Mann, "in violation of the law for which he ought to be impeached and removed from office—and it is not unlikely that he may be—he has gone ahead and spent money out of the appropriation for the purchase of radio systems."

"He came before this congress and asked authority to make these purchases and was refused."

BRITISH EMBARGOS APPLY TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 30.—The Canadian war trade board has been notified that restrictions imposed by Great Britain on her imports will apply to Canadian exports. It is expected that the Dominion cabinet will make representations to the imperial government with a view to securing preferential licenses for Canadian products.

VALIDATION BILL SENT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Legislation designed to validate and permit settlement of informal war contracts aggregating several billion dollars was sent to conference today by the senate, which without a record vote passed the military committee's substitute for the measure recently passed by the house.

MILITARY TRAINING COMMISSION MEASURE

SALEM, Jan. 30.—To establish a central officers' training camp at the University of Oregon, a military training commission and military training in the high schools of Oregon, is the purpose of a preparedness bill introduced yesterday by Senator Hurley.

TO LIFT BAN ON SHIP BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—By unanimous vote the senate commerce committee today ordered favorably reported a bill by Senator Jones of Washington, taking from the shipping board authority to restrict construction of ships in American yards to foreign account. Senator Jones read a letter from Acting Chairman Donald of the Shipping Board stating that officials of the board here were favorable to lifting the restrictions on steel ship construction, but at the direction of President Wilson it had not been done. Restrictions on wooden ship construction in American yards already have been lifted, it was said.

COST OF WAR TO BRITAIN 40 BILLIONS

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The cost of the war to Great Britain was approximately \$1,280,000,000, declared Sir E. H. Holden today at the annual meeting at the London City and Midland bank, of which he is managing director. Of this sum \$1,107,000,000 pounds was loaned to the allies.

Germany's war cost, he said, was 7,750,000,000 pounds, of which only 450,000,000 pounds was loaned to her allies. In addition to this there were the debts incurred by the several German states.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS A SEWING CIRCLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In urging immediate naval expansion today before the house naval committee which votes tomorrow on the administration's new naval building program, Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, said: "The League of Nations is rapidly getting down to a sewing circle with no means of enforcement and no international police force. Now is the time to go—the limit in expanding our navy."

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS SALES EXCEED BILLION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The treasury reported today a total from sale of war savings and thrift stamps in 13 months of \$1,049,000,000.