

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....45
Minimum today.....32
Precipitation......07

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and Friday,
Fair.

Forty-eighth Year,
Daily—Thirteenth Year.

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WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS GRIPS MIDDLE WEST

Nebraska and Kansas Isolated By Severe Storm—All Wires East of Denver Down and Train Traffic Demoralized—Heavy Wet Snow Falls Over Vast Region.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 13.—A heavy sleet storm accompanied by severe winds throughout western Kansas and Nebraska late last night practically isolated the western part of the country today. All wire communication with the east was severed early this morning when telephone and telegraph wires went down in western Kansas and Nebraska.

The storm in its severity struck in Nebraska, around Hastings and west of there, while in Kansas it seemed to spend its fury around Ellis and Newton, Kas., where the Union Pacific to Kansas City and the main line of the Santa Fe ran into blizzard conditions.

Wires Prostrated
Train service into Denver is being maintained, although no regular schedules on trains from the east can be carried out. All mails from the east are delayed from one to three hours into Denver, according to post-office authorities.

The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies suffered the same fate as railroads and telephone companies are without communication with the eastern points.

"The worst blizzard in years," is the way Charles H. Jett, chief operator of the Postal Telegraph company here, described the storm. "We have just been in communication with our linemen at Grand Island, Neb.," he continued. "He describes the storm as so heavy that he is unable to see the wires to ascertain whether the snow is sticking to them. We are all down east of Grand Island."

"Kinsley, Kas., reports similar conditions—a wet snow and high wind. "The storm began shortly before 10 o'clock last night. The flakes came down swiftly and by 1 o'clock this morning we lost our eastern wires."

SHIPYARDS CEASE DEALINGS WITH STRIKING UNIONS

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—Telegrams made public today by owners of all the big shipyards whose metal trades workers are on strike included one to A. J. Berres, of the Macy wage adjustment board, and secretary of the metal trades department, American Federation of Labor. The message to Berres said the shipyard owners here had decided not to deal further with the Seattle Metal Trades Council "in consideration of the continued misrepresentation of union labor and the unwarranted conditions which they have imposed upon us for some time."

Another telegram, sent to Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet corporation, by C. W. Wiley, president of the Todd Drydock and Construction company, of Tacoma, said the Tacoma striking metal trades workers would return to work within 48 hours if given a definite day after March 31 when their request for higher wages would be considered. A message from Mr. Piez in reply said he would take no action until the men returned to work.

"After their return," Mr. Piez's reply said, "I will be glad to call a conference for the purpose of determining what machinery if any shall be set up to adjust the wages after the Macy board ceases to exist."

GASOLINE TAX BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

SALEM, Feb. 13.—The house this morning passed the bill introduced by the joint roads and highways committee placing a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline and other motor vehicle fuels with the exception of distillate, which is to be taxed one-half cent a gallon. The total amount to be raised from the tax will go toward financing the road program is estimated at \$350,000.

STRIKERS BOMB HOME OF BUTTE MINE WORKER

Portion of Porch Blown Off From House of Man Who Refused to Go Out—Pinned on Door Was Number "3-7-77"—Foreigners Rounded Up for Obstructing Tenders.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—The home of C. H. Nolan, a miner living on Gaylord street, in the eastern section of Butte, was dynamited early this morning. No one was injured altho the house was occupied at the time.

A portion of the rear porch of the house was blown down and a shed in the yard was demolished. Nolan is employed at the St. Lawrence mine here and has continued to work since the strike of miners was declared last Friday.

Pinned to the front door of the Nolan home was a piece of paper bearing the figures "3-7-77." These same figures were found pinned to the body of Frank Little, I. W. W. leader who was lynched here a year ago last summer. Nolan and his family have received threats over the telephone, according to the police.

Received Warning
According to the police Mrs. Nolan told them that she had received warning over the telephone last Monday evening from some unknown person that if her husband did not refrain from working at the mine "something would happen to his family."

Nothing more was thought of the matter, the police say. Mrs. Nolan told them, until the explosion early this morning. Mrs. Nolan and an infant son and a cousin were sleeping in the house, but beyond a shaking up were not injured. Windows in adjacent houses were broken by the force of the explosion.

Foreigners Arrested
Chief of Police J. J. Murphy early today arrested a man giving the name of Albert Brawdy, who was alleged by a clerk at the Finlen Hotel here to have threatened to blow up street cars if attempts were made to resume service today.

Despite the fact that additional union organizations in Butte have either endorsed the strike of the two miners' organizations, Butte Metal Miners Union (Independent) and the Metal Mine Workers Industrial Union No. 800 I. W. W. who are striking in protest against the recent cut in wages of \$1 a day, more men appeared to have gone to work at the mines today according to observations of policemen guarding approaches to the mines.

Three men, all foreigners, were arrested during the morning on charges of obstructing men from going to their work. The arrests were made by members of the police force, it not being necessary to call upon the military for aid. The military forces here were increased last night when two companies of infantrymen from Fort Lawton, Wash., under command of Major General Halloran arrived here.

BAVARIAN FLAGS USED FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

MUNICH, Feb. 13.—Bavaria is so short of material for children's clothing that the government has issued an order confiscating all flags measuring more than 20 by 20 inches so as to use the material in them for the manufacture of children's underwear. A call has been issued to the public to donate unnecessary flags for the same purpose. It is presumed that the colors will be extracted from the flags before they are manufactured into clothing.

The manufacture of flags of any size is forbidden.

EARL READING TO RETURN NEXT WEEK

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Associated Press is authoritatively informed that Earl Reading, British ambassador to the United States, will return to America in about a week's time. The ambassador had intended to sail on the Olympic, but owing to an indisposition which is confining him to his room, he is compelled to postpone his departure. If he is sufficiently improved, it is stated, he will sail on the Aquitania.

UNITED STATES TO KEEP ARMY OF HALF MILLION

Under Society of Nations Plan American Forces Can Be Used Wherever Necessary Upon Authorization of Senate—Britain Demands Indemnity Covering Cost of the War.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The United States under the society of nations plan, as it now has been amended, will maintain an army of not less than 500,000 men which after authorization of such action by the United States senate, could be used wherever necessary, according to a Havas agency announcement today regarding newly-adopted features of the plan.

British Ask Indemnity
The British delegates at the peace conference have been definitely instructed to claim an indemnity which will include the cost of the war as well as the damage actually caused. It was announced in the house of commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader, in reply to a question.

A commission is now considering the amount to be claimed, the method by which payment should be made and means of enforcing the payment, Mr. Bonar Law added.

The commission on the society of nations resumed its sessions at 10:30 o'clock this morning with a full attendance of the members to receive the report of the drafting committee. It was hoped to reach a final adjustment at today's meeting. If this hope is realized it may be possible to submit the plan to a plenary session of the peace conference on Friday.

Settle Labor Issue
The commission on international labor legislation of the peace conference agreed yesterday to accept article four of the British draft of measures to settle the future status of international labor. This marks the safe passing of an obstacle which the labor leaders expected would provoke a bitter contest, for the reason that it is the most radical of the projects organized labor is seeking to graft upon the constitution of the society of nations.

This article provides that after the proposed international labor conference the representatives of the governments, the employers and working people shall be entitled.

THOMAS ARRAIGNS WARREN COMPANY

SALEM, Feb. 13.—Arraignment of the Warren Construction company was resumed in the senate this morning when Senator Thomas took the floor in support of the four paving bills. Prior to the opening of the session an order had been issued that representatives of the paving trust be kept from within the bar of the senate. Senator Eddy took up this matter at the opening and moved that such lobbyists be arrested. This motion carried.

"I feel," said Senator Thomas, "that we are concerned with the very vitals of the bonding bill of \$10,000,000. There are two issues instead of one. The four simple words contended for by the minority, if put into this act, would absolutely destroy the purpose of the bill." The words referred to were "considering quality and durability."

"Those words had their inception in the mind of Mr. Montague, the attorney for the Warren Construction company," said Mr. Thomas.

YAKIMA SOVIET NOW ORGANIZED

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—A soldiers' and sailors' council was organized here this morning in the Labor Temple. Alex Mackel, former Butte attorney and Seattle shipyard worker, issued the call for the meeting, apparently sponsored by organized labor. Mackel proposed that only persons willing to join be allowed in the room and the selection of a door tender to bar all persons not in sympathy with the council from future meetings. He claimed 60 members, but refused to make the names public. Ira Green, United States army, private, was elected chairman. Yakima already has a general organization of war veterans in the Yakima Service club.

RENEWAL OF WAR FAVORED BY WILSON IF HUNS FAIL TO CARRY OUT AGREEMENTS

PEACE CONGRESS SNAPSHOTS



President Wilson as he leaves the meeting of peace delegates in the Palais D'Orsay, without his customary smile and apparently in deep thought. Lloyd George, waving his stick to a friend and Bonar Law, holding his arm, as they leave Lloyd George's house in Rue Nitot Passy for the meeting place of the peace congress. In the circle, arrival of German representatives sent to Paris to inform the delegates of conditions in Germany.

SIX ALIENS HELD FOR DEPORTATION IN TACOMA JAIL

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Six foreigners, whose names were not given out for publication but whose revolutionary actions have resulted in their arrest, are being held in the county jail as federal prisoners awaiting deportation, it became known today.

The men have all been taken quietly in custody in Tacoma in the past few days by the United States secret service operatives and their arrest and confinement accounts in part for the disappearance of several well known radicals whose influence was used to bring on a general strike in Tacoma and Seattle.

None of the arrests were made except on evidence obtained by operatives, who have been in attendance at numerous secret and open meetings held in Tacoma and Seattle where revolution and the taking over of the industries of the northwest were advocated.

None of those arrested is a citizen, it was said today by Immigration Inspector Alex S. Fulton, who stated the men would be deported to the countries from which they came as soon as transportation is available.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS WANT \$20,000,000

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 13.—Further announcement of plans for the holding of the World's Sunday School convention in Tokio, Japan, next year and for the raising of \$20,000,000 as a special fund by the Sunday schools of North America, were the principal items before the executive committee of the world's Sunday School association and the international Sunday school meeting here yesterday. A dollar per scholar or \$5,000,000 for the next four years is the objective of the special effort which is to be made by North America for the extension of Sunday schools in non-Christian lands.

COLLAPSE CAUSES LISTER TO RETIRE FROM STATE HOUSE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Reports from the Western Washington hospital at Fort Steilacoom today showed that Governor Ernest Lister appeared somewhat improved by the absence of business pressure. Yesterday the executive gave over his office for the time being to Lieutenant Governor L. F. Hart, because of the serious state of his health.

Governor Lister's acceptance of the advice of his physician, Dr. W. N. Keller, to abandon his executive duties, it was said today, came after Dr. Keller bluntly told the governor that he was facing death and his life would be brief unless he heeded his orders. It also became known that Lister previously had refused to give up his interest in current events. This, coupled with overwork on war problems, worries concerning the strike situation at Seattle and Tacoma, and legislative matters, brought on the final collapse.

Governor Lister's name has been consistently mentioned as a probable democratic candidate for the United States senate in 1920. His illness, however, is now said to have eliminated the possibility of his attempting to make the race.

STATE OF SEIGE RULES HAMBURG

BASEL, Feb. 13.—A state of seige has been declared at Hamburg, Germany, until the people of that city have surrendered all arms in their possession. Patriots demanding the arms are taking action against those who resist. Gustave Noske, minister in charge of military affairs in the Ebert cabinet, has telegraphed to the president of the soldiers' council at Hamburg saying that he will not take military measures against that city as the soldiers' and workmen's council is restoring order.

WILSON STATES WILL RETURN TO FRANCE IN MARCH

PARIS, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—In a written reply to a declaration of the French Association on the Society of Nations which recently called upon him, President Wilson makes known formally for the first time his intention to return to France after going to Washington for the closing session of the American congress.

In this reply, the president says that he accepts the suggestion that after his return to Paris a great public meeting be arranged in celebration of the conclusion of the work of the peace conference.

Arrangements will be completed for President Wilson's prospective departure from Paris Friday and his embarkation at Brest on Saturday. It is known that he is planning to return to France on March 15. There is some belief in official circles that the peace conference will be able to complete its work by June.

GERMANS CAPTURE BOLSHEVIK EMISSARY

BASEL, Feb. 13.—Karl Radek, the Russian Bolshevnik emissary, who has been accused by the German authorities of being an instigator of numerous radical outbreaks in Germany, has been discovered and arrested by Berlin police, according to a Berlin dispatch today. His whereabouts had been a mystery for some time.

ESTHONIA CLEARED OF BOLSHEVIK FORCES

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 13.—A Liban dispatch reaching here by way of Berlin says the entire territory of the Esthonian republic has been cleared of the Bolshevnik through the Esthonian and Finnish advance movement.

ARMISTICE WILL BE RENEWED FOR BRIEF INTERVAL

President Will Not Hesitate to Order American Army to Take Up Arms Again If Necessary to Enforce Armistice Terms.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—(Havas.)—Non-execution by Germany of the terms of the armistice, President Wilson is understood to have declared in conversation yesterday, would be an incident of such a nature as to justify the resumption of war. It is said that the president asserted he would not hesitate in that case to order the American army to take up arms again.

On the other hand, it was said that President Wilson regards resumption of hostilities as a grave eventuality to which he would agree only on the most absolutely essential considerations, and not for any secondary motive.

A Brief Renewal
The supreme war council has decided that the armistice with Germany will be renewed on February 17 for a very brief period, with the allies reserving the right to suspend it at any time in the event of Germany's failure to carry out the new clauses or those which have heretofore not been executed. It is stated the terms will provide that the Germans must cease hostilities against the Poles and maintain their forces within fixed limits.

During the brief period of the renewed armistice a special commission will draft the conditions of an armistice which will last till the signing of the peace treaty. These conditions which the supreme war council is reported to have approved in a rough form yesterday afternoon, have in view, it was stated, the demobilization of the German army and the disarmament of the allies. These terms, it is understood, will be communicated to Germany so that the national assembly at Weimar will have time to discuss them until the provisional armistice expires.

Foeh Off for Treves
Marshal Foeh, who was to leave for Treves today, was to interview Premier Clemenceau at Paris this morning and began drafting the armistice provisions which the supreme war council probably will examine this afternoon.

Premier Clemenceau made an impressive speech at yesterday's sitting of the council, showing the necessity of taking all desirable precautions against Germany.

At the afternoon session President Wilson is said to have taken the same viewpoint, affirming that all the allies were agreed on that point and that differences, which cropped up during the previous discussions here on the most suitable methods of obtaining the necessary guarantees.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLANS CONTROL OF AERIAL FLIGHTS

PARIS, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace conference commission on international control of ports, waterways and railways is considering a proposed assertion of jurisdiction over aerial international flights. The British air ministry has already prepared an elaborate convention which will be submitted to the peace conference.

The international aviation conference soon to meet in Paris will also take up questions of great importance, such as how far national control of the air may go, passports, customs, reciprocal landing facilities, aerial police and the settlement of damages. Civilian flights between nations are now impossible, because of the absence of essential regulations. Many enterprises, such as that of preparing a Paris to London air service, have been delayed in consequence.

Rear Admiral H. S. Knapp will represent the United States in the aviation conference.