

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....53
Minimum today.....32

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Tonight and Sunday,
Rain.

Forty-eighth Year.
Daily—Thirtieth Year.

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WILSON SAILS FROM BREST FOR HOME

EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO FRANCE

President Says Farewell to French People—Little Ceremony Marks Departure—Goes on George Washington, Escorted by Warships—Will Land at Boston Where He Speaks on Work of Peace Congress Upon His Arrival.

BREST, Feb. 15.—President Wilson left Brest on his return to the United States on board the United States ship George Washington shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The George Washington weighed anchor at 11:15 o'clock.

The president arrived in Brest from Paris at 10:30 o'clock and went direct to the dock where he embarked on a French gunboat which took him and his party to the George Washington.

The president was received at Brest by Admiral Moran of the French navy, General Helmick, the military commander of Brest, Charles M. Schwab and civil officers. There was no ceremony except a salute of 21 guns.

Escorted by Warship
From the railroad siding to the dock were drawn up a battalion of American soldiers, and a French marine band played the Star Spangled Banner as the gunboat left its moorings.

All the ships in the harbor displayed the American flag and all traffic was suspended while the president's party was transferred to the George Washington.

A French naval escort acted as a guard of honor for the George Washington. This escort with the American battleship New Mexico will accompany the president out to sea and then return. The New Mexico had as companions four American torpedo boats.

George Leigues, the French minister of marine, and Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, accompanied the president on board the George Washington to bid him good-bye.

Expresses Gratitude
BREST, Feb. 15.—In a farewell message to the French people before leaving Brest today President Wilson said he had been received and treated as a friend, as he had most desired to be treated. He added that he would be happy to return to France to assist in completing the best settlements of the peace conference.

The president's statement reads: "I cannot leave France without expressing my profound sense of the great hospitality of the French people and the French government. They have received and treated me as I most desired to be treated, as a friend, a friend alike in spirit and in purpose. I am happy to say that I am to return to assist with all my heart in completing the just settlements which the peace conference is seeking and I shall carry with me during my absence very happy memories of the two months I have spent here.

"I have been privileged to see here at first hand what my sympathies have already conceived—the sufferings and problems of France—and every day has deepened my interest in the solution of the grave questions upon whose proper solution the future prosperity of France and her associates and the whole world depend. May I not leave my warm and affectionate farewell greetings?"

At Peace Meet
PARIS, Feb. 14.—With today's plenary session of the peace conference. (Continued on Page Six.)

FEHRENBACH ELECTED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Konstantine Fehrenbach, Centrist, former president of the German reichstag, has been elected president of the German national assembly, according to a Renter's dispatch from Basel, quoting Weimar advices.

URGES GERMANS TO SAVE KAISER FROM DISGRACE

Urgent Appeal Printed in Government Organ By League Headed By Hindenburg to Prevent Trial of Herr Hohenzollern as an Insult to Germany.

WEIMAR, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—An urgent appeal to all Germans to unite to prevent former Emperor William from being delivered up for trial was published tonight in the Landes Zeitung Deutschland, a new government organ being issued here. The appeal is headed "League of German Men and Women for the Protection of the Person, Freedom and Life of William." Field Marshal Van Hindenburg is sponsor for the league. The appeal reads:

"The life of a German citizen is endangered by the shameless demands of our opponents that Emperor William II shall be delivered up for execution. This would constitute a new and deeply humiliating insult on the honor of Germany. To guard against such a delivery there shall be created a gigantic league of German men and women who intend to save the German people from this everlasting disgrace."

Confiscate Wealth
WEIMAR, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—There will be a share seizure of the fortunes of the wealthy, according to a prediction made before the German national assembly today by Dr. Heim, a socialist, in discussing the socialist program. He did not believe, however, that the government would be able to get the great sums needed by seizing fortunes and he thought the balance necessary must be taken from the war profits. Luxuries will not be permitted and inheritances will be taxed so everything more than a certain moderate sum will be taken by the government.

PROBE ORDERED OF VALIDITY OF PAVING PATENT

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The house, this morning under a suspension of the rules, unanimously passed a resolution by Hare and Smith directing the attorney general of the state to investigate the validity of the Warren Construction company's paving patents. The \$10,000,000 road bonding bill has been made a special order to be taken up by the house at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. The bill is by the joint committee on the roads and highways and is entered as H. B. 427.

Due to parliamentary maneuvering by Elmore, Schuebel and L. M. Graham, vote on the final passage of the McFarland boxing bill was temporarily deferred this morning. Despite the fact that the measure is said to be assured of passage, these legislators hope to down the bill. Possibilities of the senate and house deadlocking over the pending highway legislation caused leaders in both houses today to pour oil on the troubled water and it is believed now will agree upon a constructive \$10,000,000 bonding bill, and also enact anti-trusting legislation that will insure free and open competition in highway construction.

AFRICAN CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 15.—A pan-African congress is to assemble in Paris on February 19 for a three day session, with the declared purpose of securing the protection of the natives of Africa and the people of African descent in other countries. Fifty delegates will attend, representing the United States, the West Indies, South and Central America, Africa, Great Britain, Portugal, France, Liberia and Abyssinia.

BATTLE DEATH RATES IN ARMY EXCEED DISEASE

For First Time in History, More Men Slain By Enemy Than By Illness—But for Influenza Epidemic Disease Rate Would Have Been Cut In Half—In A. E. F. Rates Were 57 to 17.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Battle death rates in the American army during the great war exceeded the death rates from disease, General March announced today in making public statistics prepared by the general staff. In past wars disease killed many more men than lost their lives under fire.

The battle death rate for the entire American army in this war was 29 per thousand per year. In the expeditionary forces it was 57 per thousand per year. The disease death rate was 17 per thousand per year. In the expeditionary forces, and 16 in the army at home.

Among the American forces the tables showed the battle death rate was only half that of the British expeditionary forces, which was given as 110 per thousand per year. General March said that but for the influenza epidemic the disease death rate would have been cut in half.

The table of comparative battle and disease death rates per thousand per year for wars in which the United States has engaged since 1812 follows:
Mexican war—Battle death rate, 15; disease death rate, 116.
Civil war (North)—Battle death rate, 33; disease death rate, 65.
Spanish war—Battle death rate, 5; disease death rate, 25.
Present war (A. E. F.)—Battle death rate 57; disease death rate, 17.

WARRENS TO PAY A FINE OF \$1500

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—V. E. Warrens, charged by the liquor importing ring of which Harry and Owen Baker, convicted of white slavery, were members, pleaded guilty in federal court today of conspiring to bring liquor into Oregon from California. He was fined \$1,500 and sentenced to serve 10 days in the county jail.

Warren protested his innocence and sought to stand trial in California, but the federal court at San Francisco, ordered him tried at Portland. The evidence against him, he alleged, was a "frame up" by bootleggers, who sought by confession to secure a mitigation of sentence.

UNITED STATES DELEGATES TO RUSSIAN PARLEY



White and Herron are the American delegates to the conference with the Bolshevik and such other Russian factions as may accept President Wilson's suggestion for the parley at Princes' Islands. White is a well-known Kansas publisher. Herron is known as a Socialist lecturer and writer, former president of Grinnell College, Iowa, and in recent years has been living in Italy and Switzerland. When the war began in 1914 Herron ceased to be a pacifist Socialist and conducted a counter-propaganda to the work of the Germans in middle Europe.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REFERENDUMS SET FOR JUNE 3

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—The special election in Oregon, which Governor Withcombe will be asked to call to submit to the people referendum measures and appropriation bills of the present legislature, exceeding the six per cent tax limitation which is effective in this state, will be set for June 3, if the recommendation of the ways and means committee is accepted. A resolution requesting the governor to call the election is to be introduced by the committee.

The senate judiciary committee reported adversely today on a joint resolution to submit to the people a constitutional amendment to make the workmen's compensation act compulsory on all industries. It is declared that about 95 per cent of the industries now are operating under the act. The report was adopted by the senate and the resolution postponed indefinitely.

Legislative sessions in Oregon would be of 60 days' duration instead of 40 days as at present, under a joint resolution introduced by Senator Jones of Lane county.

1,174,545 SOLDIERS DISCHARGED FROM ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Army discharges in demobilization in the United States had reached a total yesterday of 1,174,545 officers and men and the total number assigned for demobilization was 1,501,000. Of those discharged 71,235 were officers.

BLIZZARD ABATES TRAFFIC RETURNING TO NORMAL BASIS

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—With the blizzard which has been sweeping Nebraska and Kansas for the last three days abated, railroad and telephone and telegraph officials today were endeavoring to return to their normal schedules.

Wire communication with the east has been resumed partially, altho the telegraph and telephone companies still are experiencing difficulty in certain sections of Nebraska where the storm was the worst.

The first train from the east to arrive in Denver since Thursday night came in today at the Union Pacific's Kansas City line. The train had been stalled near Russell, Kas., for 36 hours. The Burlington and the Rock Island roads expect trains from the east to arrive late tonight. The Santa Fe has been able to move but one trans-continental train west of Dodge City, Kas., since Thursday morning. The Union Pacific has been sending trans-continental trains thru many hours behind schedule. The Union Pacific's trans-continental trains do not enter Denver.

BUTTE CARMEN RETURN TO WORK; STRIKE FAILING

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Street car men of Butte will report for work at noon. Manager of the system here says he hopes to have half of the lines in operation by tonight. Work will be started at once to clear lines of ice and snow accumulated since the service was suspended.

BURNETT ADMITS SLAYING WIFE AND CHILDREN

Attorney for Accused Man Thrills Court Room at Trial By Confession That Client Murdered Family in a Fit of Insane Rage Following a Quarrel—Used a Shot Gun.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 15.—Starting the whole court room Attorney Yantis this afternoon injected a thrilling anti-climax in the famous murder trial at Olympia by admitting, on behalf of his client, N. E. Burnett, the murder of Mrs. Burnett and the two children on Hawkes Prairie.

Yantis in dramatic tones told the horror-stricken jurors and spectators how Burnett in a sudden fit of rage and mental derangement discharged a shot gun at his wife and two children as the little family group huddled in mortal fear stood with their backs against a tree in the woods on Hawkes Prairie.

Followed a Quarrel
Yantis told how the Burnett family made the journey to Hawkes Prairie on a summer's day; how Mrs. Burnett immediately began quarreling with her husband and demanded that he turn all his money over to her.

Then the attorney for the defendant related how after a heated controversy Mrs. Burnett turned to her husband and flamed: "You always suspected that our youngest child was not yours and now I'm going to tell you that another man is its father."

"Then Burnett completely lost his mind," Yantis cried. "He flew in a wild rage and grabbed up a shot gun which he had brought to the woods to try out. When his wife saw that she had driven him to desperation she ran from his side to a spot near a tree where the two little children were standing.

Shot Down Family

"Burnett through eyes of fury and with brain deranged fired pointblank at the family group."
Yantis then told how Burnett related to him the incidents that followed. Burnett told Yantis, the latter said, that he examined the bodies in a half dazed way and saw spots of blood on the mother and children.

"Then he says he believes he fired another shot," said Yantis. "This last shot he believes did the work. Then wrapping the bodies of the two children and the mother he buried them."

OREGON SENT 30,116 TO ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A table showing the number of men furnished to the army by each state during the war was made public today at the war department. New York led with 367,864, and Nevada stood last with 5105 in the total of 3,757,624 men obtained by draft, voluntary enlistment or thru the National Guard.

The figures are compiled up to November 11, and the grand total includes the overseas garrisons in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, and in Alaska, as well as the American expeditionary force and the army at home.

MEXICO TO EXCHANGE PROFESSORS WITH U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Arrangement for an interchange of professors and students between the University of Washington and the National University of Mexico was announced here today by the Mexican embassy. The languages, histories and social evolution of the two countries will be the objects of special study to promote friendship between them.

CONSTITUTION NATION'S LEAGUE PLEASES TAFT

Former President Expresses Himself as Well Satisfied With Organization Framed By Peace Conference—Contains Within Its Terms Provisions for Its Own Growth.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 15.—"As lovers of your country and as lovers of mankind I ask you to use all your influence with our senators to have the treaties embodying the League of Nations idea ratified."

This was the message William Howard Taft, former president of the United States delivered to the crowd that greeted him and his League of Nations party this morning at the Union station upon their arrival from the east. The train was held 30 minutes. Because he had "lost his voice upon the way" as the former president phrased it, he only spoke a word or two, and then Governor S. V. Stewart, who presided introduced George Grafton Wilson, professor of international law at Harvard university, and advisor to the navy department, and Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, who elucidated just what such a league would do and the reasons why its creation was necessary.

Is Well Pleased
The Taft party left New York Feb. 6 and has spoken in all the principal cities of the country, organizing local congresses to get behind the League of Nations movement and create a sentiment that will insure ratification by the senate of treaties embodying the idea. The party stops in Spokane over night and goes from there to Portland, thence to Salt Lake, from there to St. Louis and then to Atlanta, Ga.

Commenting upon the text of the articles agreed to at the peace conference for a society of nations, former President Taft said in an interview:

"It is a real league of nations. It is not all that I wished but it comes near it and it is a great deal better than I hoped. It contains within its terms provisions for its own growth. Indeed, the exigencies of the European situation in the sphere of the league will probably require additional and more stringent provisions in some respects than appear in the present plan, but on the whole I am quite gratified over the unanimous agreement on the subject.

Should Be Approved

"There should be no doubt of its approval by the senate if it is embodied in the treaty."

"You hope, of course, that the senate will not treat this as it did our arbitration treaties with France and England?" It was suggested to the former president.

DICKMAN LIVES AT HISTORIC SPOT

COBLENZ, Jan. 15.—Major General Joseph Dickman, commander of the Third American army is "billeted" today within a stone's throw of the spot where King Wilhelm of Prussia was standing July 14, 1870, when he heard of the declaration of war by France against Prussia. The spot, now overgrown by a clump of shrubbery and marked by a suitably carved granite tablet, is in the Kaiserin Augusta promenade in Coblenz, on the west bank of the Rhine where the king had just landed after crossing the river from Ems.

General Dickman's "billet" is a three-story house—one of the finest residences in Rhenish Prussia. The home is the property of Wilhelm von Oswald, an extensive mine owner, who has "gone away for the winter."

BEST PICTURE OF NEW BOLSHEVIK ARMY



Here's a regiment of Bolshevik soldiers marching through the square near the Kremlin in Moscow, shown in the background. Note the mounted Cossack officer in the foreground and the line of motor cars at the left, showing that gas is still to be had in Moscow and not everybody walks. The picture is the best yet to reach America.