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The Weather

Maximum yesterday...40  
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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain Tonight and Tomorrow.

Forty-eighth Year  
Daily—Thirteenth Year.

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## WILSON SIGNS SIX BILLION WAR TAX BILL

### PRESIDENT APPROVES MANY BILLS

Six Billion Tax Measure, 400 Million Postoffice Bill, With 200 Million Famine Relief, Urgent Deficiency and Mrs. Roosevelt's \$5,000 Pension Bill Among 26 Measures Signed—Conferences on Labor and of Governors Planned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson today signed the \$6,000,000,000 war revenue bill, the bill providing \$100,000,000 for food relief in Europe and the urgent deficiency bill. Final executive action was taken today on the \$400,000,000 postoffice appropriation bill which carries \$200,000,000 for road construction during the next three years. The senate adopted the conference report without a record vote and the measure now goes to President Wilson.

In all, 26 bills and joint resolutions were approved by the president today. Among them were the measure granting a pension to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, the invalid pension bill and the bill to extend the provisions of the homestead laws touching credit for the period of enlistment to soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and officers who served in the Mexican border of in the world war. Most of the bills related to public buildings or projects such as extension of time for the construction of bridges across navigable streams.

**Back at His Desk**  
Back in the White House after an absence of nearly three months, President Wilson was working away at his desk this morning when surprised members of the staff of the executive offices began to report.

His first act, without waiting for the office force, was to send a telegram to Theodore E. Burton, president of the league of nations union at New York, reiterating his confidence that the people of the United States, with practical unanimity would support the league of nations. Mr. Burton, republican and former senator from Ohio, had telegraphed a welcome to the president as recognized leader of the league of nations movement.

**Presidential Trip**  
The president's train from New York reached here at 5 o'clock after an uneventful run from Boston, where the executive received his notable welcome home yesterday on his arrival from France. At 8:40 the president and Mrs. Wilson left the train, passed through a cheering and hand clapping crowd in the station and drove quickly to the White House. A few minutes later Mr. Wilson was in his office, surveying the tasks that he ahead of him before March 5, the day set for sailing again for France. There may be one or two conferences on important domestic matters before the president meets the members of the foreign relations committees from the senate and house at dinner tomorrow night to go over the constitution of the league of nations. Plans for an address to a joint session of congress are expected to take shape in a day or two.

**Cabinet Meeting Today**  
The only engagement made for the president today was the cabinet meeting at 2 o'clock. Vice President Marshall, who has presided at the meetings during the president's absence, was invited to be present again and take part in the deliberations. It was said that the president had not made up his mind about the appointment of an attorney general to succeed Mr. Gregory or the calling of an extra session of congress. Mr. (Continued on page two.)

### POLES AND UKRAINIANS SIGN ARMISTICE

WARSAW, Monday, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press.) The Polish foreign office has received a telegram from Lemberg saying that an agreement was reached there Sunday for the cessation of hostilities between the Poles and the Ukrainians, beginning at 6 o'clock Monday evening. The agreement can be denounced by either party on twelve hours notice.

### MUTINEERS NOT AIDED BY YANKS IN EAST SIBERIA

Newspaper Attacks Alleging That American Troops Protected Cossack Denied By Commander—Mutineers Disarmed—Stories Aimed to Create Discord With Japanese.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Attacks by certain newspapers on the attitude of the American troops in eastern Siberia with the evident purpose of attempting to arouse Russian sentiment against the Americans and to create discord between the Americans and the Japanese have been answered by Col. Henry D. Styer of the American army. The attacks were based on the fact that the Americans had given protection at Khabarovsk to 1,500 Cossacks who had mutinied against General Kalmikoff, their commander. An alleged wireless dispatch from Panshahi, (near Tokio) reproduced in the Vestnik, says that only the presence of the Japanese troops at Khabarovsk prevented part of the mutineers from joining the mutineers. The Dalny Vostok, the organ of General Kalmikoff, declares that the mutiny was arranged in territory under American control and that American soldiers took part in the plans. It refers to the general attitude of the Americans toward the Russians as one of arrogance and condescension.

"It is not the habit of American officers," says Col. Styer in his statement, "to pay attention to absurd gossip and newspaper criticism. However at the following official explanation: "The American troops have no intention of defending or sheltering political parties or groups whether they are called Bolsheviks or other names. The Americans recently disarmed the Cossack deserters for the sole purpose of avoiding bloodshed and disorder. We are keeping them under guard while the allied military council at Vladivostok decides what is to be done with them."

### SPARTACAN RIOTS SPEND THEIR FORCE IN GERMAN CITIES

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The attempt of Bavarian Spartacists to organize a revolution in Baden has failed except at Mannheim. Action of the Baden government which marched government troops into Karlsruhe, arrested radical leaders and proclaimed a state of siege apparently halted the movement.

The Mannheim outbreak, organized by the Bavarian communist leader, Muehsam, was more successful. The Spartacists were in possession of the city.

BASEL, Feb. 24.—The Christian socialists of German Austria have agreed to a union here with Germany on condition that the capital of the united countries be in central Germany, according to a dispatch from Vienna.

BASEL, Feb. 24.—A telegram from Carl Cuhre reports fighting at Mannheim with varying success, for the possession of the newspaper Volke Timme. As everything is quiet in Baden with the exception of Mannheim, the state of siege has been raised.

BERLIN, Monday, Feb. 24.—Spartacan forces have prevented municipal elections from being held at Dusseldorf. Lively fighting is reported in some election precincts.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25.—Herr Scheid has been named Bavarian premier in succession to Kurt Eisner, who was assassinated last week. Herr Seigitz, a majority socialist, has been appointed Bavarian minister of the interior, succeeding Herr Auer, who was shot at Munich, according to Munich dispatches to the Politikan.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—(By Associated Press.) Herr Fuldzennek, Spartacan leader in the Bottrop district, in Westphalia, has been killed.

### CHALLENGE TO LEAGUE CRITICS ISSUED BY TAFT

Poin Dexter, Borah and Reed Asked to Point out Clauses of Constitution Violated—"Let Him Who Objects to Plan Suggest Another Remedy" Says Ex-President.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—William H. Taft, speaking today at the opening session of the mid-continent congress for a league of nations, challenged Senators Poin Dexter, Borah and Reed to put their fingers on the clauses of the constitution which forbids the United States to assume the obligations of the covenant of a league of nations. "Let him who objects to it suggest another remedy (to prevent war) or hold his peace," he said. "The fundamental weakness of the attitude of Senator Poin Dexter and Senator Reed and Senator Borah is that they confine their arguments to pointing out the dangers of this covenant of the United States, which I think are comparatively slight, while they utterly fail to tender any constructive suggestions to the conference for a method by which peace can be maintained and the just results of the war can be secured. "If the United States does not enter the league of nations the refusal will leave a mere offensive and defensive alliance of countries and constitute armaments, followed inevitably by a more offensive and more horrible in its destructiveness of armies and peoples and civilization as this one was more horrible than any previous war."

### CLEMENCEAU OUT OF ALL DANGER

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Premier Clemenceau's progress is such that he is now classified as a convalescent. Later reports indicate that he will soon return to work. The greatest difficulty now experienced by his physicians is in keeping him in his apartment. Emile Cottin, the premier's assistant, will be interrogated today by Captain Bouchardon of the Paris military court. Several arrests were made yesterday, those taken into custody having political inclinations similar to those of Cottin.

### HURLEY HOLDING SHIP CONFERENCES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board met business men here today in the first of a series of conferences which he declared would be held in every section of the country with the object of obtaining producers and shippers cooperation in the formation of a permanent operating policy for the American merchant marine.

### KING AND QUEEN OF RUMANIA



King Ferdinand of Rumania was shot while fleeing with the queen from mobs which threatened the overthrow of the Rumanian government. Hunger has been the moving factor with the masses and discipline in the army is said to be failing. Throughout the war Queen Marie was blessed by the soldiers as an angel of mercy because of her work in hospitals.

### PHONE WORKERS VOTE ON STRIKE SENT BURLERSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The result of a referendum strike vote of 6000 telephone linemen and other electrical workers and 9000 telephone girls in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada, following the reported failure of Postmaster General Burleson to answer their wage demands, is to be forwarded to the international officers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Springfield, Ill., tomorrow for action, it was announced here today. Officials of the brotherhood here indicated today that strike action would follow the vote. L. C. Grasser of Piedmont, Cal., is now in Springfield. When he receives the vote he will take it to Washington and will attempt to lay it before President Wilson and Mr. Burleson, together with new demands that the workers be granted increased wages. It was announced here today by F. B. Robbins, assistant to Grasser. The male workers demand an increase of from \$4.75 to \$6.40 a day and the girls from basic wages of \$9 and \$14 a week to a flat wage of \$4 a day. Recognition of their union organizations by the federal wire authorities is desired particularly it was said.

### SEVERE FIGHTING RAGING AT PRAGUE

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.—Severe fighting took place all day Saturday in Prague, the capital of Bohemia, in which the national guard and students drove the anti-government communists from public buildings which they had occupied, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

### RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL AGREED TO BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The house today adopted the conference report on the rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$33,000,000.



Each new invention of the war evolved some other new thing and here is one of the newest, the supply tank, sent to the front just before the war's end. Its cargo safe from bursting "shrap" and machine gun bullets, it took food and ammunition right to the front without loss.

### FLOAT ACROSS NORTH POLE ON ARCTIC ICE PACK

Storker Storkerson and Party of Five Explorers, Who Boarded a Floating Ice Pack in the Polar Basin Last May Land Safely in November—No details Yet Available of Voyage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Advises received here today from Alaska state that Storker Storkerson and a party of five explorers who boarded a floating ice pack in the Polar Basin last May in an effort to float across the North Pole, had "landed safely" November 7. No details were given.

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—Storker Storkerson, lieutenant of Valhalmur Stefan-son, Canadian Arctic explorer, began his unique venture of floating westward from the Pacific on an ice pack last May, staffing about 150 miles northwest of Herschel island. Storkerson expected to leave his ice pack when it reached the new Siberian Islands, when he and his party were to come ashore and make their way back to Alaska. Authorities credited with knowledge of the Arctic current believed Storkerson would reach the islands early this year. The New Siberian Islands—possibly where the Storkerson party has landed—just out of the Arctic ocean off the mouth of the Lena river in Siberia.

### TACOMA TYPOS LEAVE COUNCIL

TACOMA, Feb. 25.—Typographical Union No. 170 registered its disapproval of the manner in which the Central Labor Council called the so-called general strike several weeks ago by voting Sunday to withdraw from affiliation with the council. It further indicated its disapproval of the character of the articles and editorials appearing in the Labor Advocate, official organ of the council, by voting to withdraw its subscription from the paper. The Typographical union is the second to withdraw from affiliation with the council since the general strike fiasco, the Railway Clerks having taken similar action. The typographical workers are said to resent being called "unfair" while employed in plants thoroughly unionized because they refused to join in a strike they believed illegal and that was not sanctioned by their international officers.

### 18 DIVISIONS TO SAIL BEFORE JULY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Announcement by General Pershing's chief of staff that 18 national guard and national army divisions were scheduled to sail from France before July 1, confirms reports current here that the expeditionary forces were to be reduced to a total strength of 300,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The announcement from France indicates that in addition to the seven regular divisions now in France and into which presumably men desiring to remain temporarily are being transferred, the American forces after July will include the 29th national guard and the 75th and 81st national army divisions. This would give a nine division strength for the combatant forces and allow one division for employment as a depot unit.

### LUDENDORFF LEAVES SWEDEN FOR GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 25.—General Ludendorff, former quartermaster general of the German army, left Sweden for Germany Sunday night, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. His permit to stay in Sweden expired Sunday.

### LEGISLATURE TO FINISH LABORS ON WEDNESDAY

Adjourn at Midnight Tomorrow Night—Special Election June 3—Coast Road Bill Passes—Fight On Oleo-Margarine Bill—Rogue River Fish Bill Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Plans made today called for adjournment of the Oregon legislature at midnight tomorrow night, when the work of both houses is expected to be finished.

The senate today passed a bill providing for special election June 3, when the people will vote on nine measures. The bill is assured of passage in the house, legislators said. A \$2,500,000 bonding bill providing for a bond issue to build the proposed Roosevelt highway along the Oregon coast, passed the senate. It will be one of the measures referred to the people. The senate also refused to take the oleomargarine bill, placing a tax upon the manufacture, wholesaler, retailer and restaurant dealing in oleomargarine, to protect dairymen by raising the price of the substitute for butter. The bill was placed on the calendar for tomorrow when it is expected to be the center of a fight. The court of domestic relations bill providing such a court in Multnomah county (Portland) went to the governor today for his signature. Five thousand dollars was appropriated for the retention of returning soldiers in New York by a bill passed in the senate yesterday.

**Anti-Trust Bill Passes**  
The final link in the chain of protective legislation, designed to keep the tentacles of the alleged paving trust from the \$10,000,000 to be expended on road roads was forged last night when the house of representatives passed H. R. 518.

The bill provides that when any firm desires to market the rights of a patented pavement, it shall file with the state or county officials an open tariff on its royalties. Each contractor who desires to bid on the paving will know exactly how much he will have to pay in royalty, and he will be sure that his competitor through some standing with the patent holders is not getting the royalty for a fraction of what he has to pay. It also provides that open agreements entered into between the contractor and the patent owner will hold until the paving job is finished and is a body blow at bitumalthite. It provides that whenever bids are desired on patented paving, the state or county shall at the same time offer plans and specifications for a non-patented pavement of equal strength and durability and call for bids on both types.

**Rogue River Bill Passed**  
Maps and pieces of fishing nets were exhibited by Senator I. I. Smith last night, in his argument before the senate on the Rogue river fishing bill, designed to prevent seining in the Rogue river except with certain kinds of nets. After a lengthy debate which brought out strong opposition, the bill passed.

Senator I. I. Smith asserted that the legislature and not the vote of the people had opened the river, and that the bill would not prohibit seine fishing, but would only require a larger meshed net. Senator Handley declared the bill was for the purpose of putting the seines out of business, while Thomas, who supported the bill, said the whole question was one of monopoly against the people.

### PLEADS FOR ACTION ON RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Enactment before adjournment of congress of the house bill giving the railroad administration \$750,000,000 for its revolving fund was vigorously urged today before the senate appropriation committee by Director General Hines and Secretary Glass. Of the original half billion dollar fund, Mr. Hines said, probably about \$200,000,000 would be lost to the government, but that a large part of the \$300,000,000 balance—which already has been spent—might be salvaged. Part of the loss, Mr. Hines explained, was due to small returns during the costly winter operating season. A favorable report by the committee is expected tomorrow.