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The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....48
Minimum today.....37
Precipitation 28

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Tonight and tomorrow, Rain or Snow.

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WILSON URGES PROMPT ACTION ON POWER BILL

President Goes to Capital to Urge Speed on Vital Measures and Republicans Organize Opposition—Asks No Vote of Approval of League of Nations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Wilson will go to the capitol today if his engagements permit to meet senators and discuss the legislative situation with them.

In addition to urging prompt action at this session on the big appropriation bills, President Wilson will endeavor to expedite passage of the oil leasing and water power bills and the provision continuing the United States employment service.

Republican opposition to the president's program lost no time in taking shape. Republican Leader Lodge and other naval committee members announced plans to oppose the naval bill's building program, approved by the committee today.

Republicans Oppose

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania said: "The president's plan is made without adequate knowledge of the situation."

Republicans generally declared it was physically impossible to pass all of the measures. Attention was called to the fact that remaining appropriation aggregated more than $5,000,000,000, while only five working days remained before adjournment.

An official denial was made today of reports that the president desired a vote of approval for the principle of the league of nations. It was pointed out that the league was to be a constituent part of the peace treaty, which would come up for ratification at the next session.

Deadlock Broken

The deadlock between the house and senate on the bill legalizing informal war contracts was broken today with a compromise agreement limiting the amendment providing for settlement of claims growing out of the stimulation of mineral production to manganese, chrome, yprties and tungsten.

Under the compromise provision mineral claims adjusted by the secretary of the interior are to be limited to $8,500,000.

The bulk of the contracts which will be validated by the bill aggregating more than two and a half billion dollars, were made and will be adjusted by the war department.

Loan Bill Passes

The victory liberty loan bill was passed by the house with just three dissenting votes today after a republican attack had failed to eliminate a provision continuing the war finance corporation with authority to make loans to finance export trade.

FOOD CONTROL IN BRITAIN EASED

LONDON, Feb. 26.—George H. Roberts, food controller, announced yesterday that government control in Great Britain of prices and the distribution of imported bacon, hams and lard would be suspended from March 31.

This decision does not affect bacon, hams and lard produced in the United Kingdom, concerning which a further announcement will be made later.

The food controller reserves a right to re-impose control if selling prices to the consumer rise above the present price, or if adequate supplies are not forthcoming. In connection with this, the board of trade, at the request of the food controller is issuing a general license, permitting the importation of bacon, hams and lard arriving on or after March 10. Consignments imported under this general license before March 31 may not, however, be sold until after that date.

STRIKE SITUATION IN SPAIN SERIOUS

MADRID, Feb. 26.—Reports from Barcelonia show an aggrevation of the strike situation there. The electrical workers in the province of Lerida, adjoining Barcelona, are threatening to strike in smypathy with workers in the electric plants of the Canadian company in Barcelona who have been out for some time.

THOMPSON WINS NOMINATION IN CHICAGO AGAIN

Republicans Rename Pro-German Mayor — Democrats Nominate County Clerk Sweitzer—Complete Socialist and Labor Tickets Placed in the Field.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—William Hale Thompson, incumbent, won the republican nomination for mayor in the primary yesterday by a plurality of 39,946.

Robert M. Sweitzer, county clerk, became the democratic nominee for mayor.

Excepting aldermanic candidates in four wards the socialists placed a complete ticket in the field, headed by John M. Collins as the mayoralty candidate.

Laboring men were advised by their leaders to remain away from the primaries, in order that they might sign the petition by which it is planned to place a full labor ticket on the ballot at the April election. This ticket is headed by John Fitzpatrick for mayor. He is president of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Friends of Carter H. Harrison, five times mayor, took steps today to induce him to return from France, where he is engaged in Red Cross work with a view of having him head a non-partisan ticket.

Maclay Hoyne, democrat, states attorney, who announced his candidacy for mayor several months ago but kept aloof from the primary, said today he still was an independent candidate.

CONVICTION FOR SEDITION UPHELD IN FEDERAL COURT

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—The conviction of Julius Rhuberg, rancher from Kent, Sherman county, Oregon, for violation of the espionage act, was affirmed on every ground on which appeal was taken, in a decision received here today. The ruling was made by Federal Judge Morrow of the circuit court of appeals for the ninth judicial district. Rhuberg was sentenced to serve fifteen months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $2,000.

The decision, according to United States District Attorney Bert E. Haney, "is largely determinative of all espionage cases pending in this district," including those of Dr. Marie Equi, local woman physician, which was appealed on grounds similar to those taken in the Rruberg case, and of J. Henry Albers, Pacific coast milling man. No appeal has yet been filed in the Albers case, but according to exceptions taken by Albers' attorneys, will take the same course as the others, the federal attorney believes.

The Rhuberg appeal was based partly on the contention that testimony should not have bee nadmitted, regarding the defendant's acts and speech during a period ante-dating America's entrance into the war.

IMPROVED MAIL SERVICE FOR YANKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—General Pershing sent the war department today a more detailed explanation showing the method of handling mail for the American expeditionary force, calculated, he said, to guarantee delivery of letters and packages addressed to every soldier. No piece of mail is considered dead, he reported, until at least one separate search through the central records has failed to furnish an address.

The suggestion of the department that commanding officers obtain the names of their men who failed to receive mail will be adopted, in the hope of improving the service.

GIRL SLASHED TO DEATH IN MINNEAPOLIS STREET

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 26.—Nellie Chappel, 14 years old, was slashed to death early this afternoon in the business section of Maple Plain, a suburb of Minneapolis. The girl was returning to school when a middle aged man, seemingly demented, attacked her, according to the report received by the sheriff. A possee of deputies has been sent to Maple Plain.

Germany to Repent Sins Says Kaiser

LONDON, Feb. 26.—"Germany will soon repent of having overthrown the monarch," is the statment attributed to the former German emperor by the Mail's Copenhagen correspondent quoting a recent conversation the royal exile had with Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German foreign minister.

"All that is happening in Germany goes to my heart," the ex-emperor is reported as saying. "I did not will it. There are still good patriots in Germany who will ont allow her to become bankrupt."

Herr Hohenzollern is described as being very cheerful and hopeful.

WILSON URGES THREE YEAR NAVAL BILL BE PASSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—At a conference today between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels and Chairman Swanson of the senate naval committee, the president again urged provision for the new three-year program at this session.

The senate committee increased the permanent strength of the navy from 225,000 to 250,000 while that of the marine corps was increased from 17,400 to 26,000.

The seven hundred and twenty million dollar naval appropriation bill, wit hits new three year building program, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate naval committee without a dissenting vote. Republican members reserved the right to oppose a provision empowering the president to suspend the program in his discretion.

There was no opposition to the expansion feature, but the provision for suspension was adopted on a strict party vote of 8 to 6. This authority was written into the bill by the house with a view to its use if developments toward disarmament in the peace conference made it desirable.

3000 PRISONERS UNACCOUNTED FOR

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(Reuters.)—Replying to a question in the house of commons, Captain Guest said that the number of officers and other ranks officially accepted as war prisoners who had not yet been accounted for by the Germans approximated 3,000, including the imperial and colonial troops and the navy, but excluding the Indians. It was not expected that many were alive. As a result of recent search in Germany 16 sick and wounded prisoners were reported and remained because it was not advisable to move them. Three medical orderlies were left to attend to them while their quarters were comfortable and in charge of the Anglo-French medical authorities, American Y. M. C. A. and the Danish Red Cross. There was also a small number of men desirous of remaining in Germany for various reasons.

FAVORABLE REPORT FOR SOLDIER FARMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A favorable report on the bill to appropriate $100,000,000 to make reclaimed public lands available for settlement by discharged soldiers and sailors was ordered today by the senate public lands committee. A similar bill has been reported to the house.

By means of this measure, which provides for loans to men who served with the armed forces during the war, Secretary Lane said jobs could be assured 100,000 persons within sixty days.

With the proposed appropriation the committee was told, at least 25,000 farms in forty states could be made ready for permanent occupancy by the men who helped clear them.

CUMMINS TO LEAD DEMOCRATS IN 1920 FIGHT

Connecticut Man Chosen Chairman of National Democratic Committee to Succeed Vance McCormick—Plans Aggressive Campaign—First Woman Sits in Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Homer S. Cummins of Connecticut was elected chairman of the national democratic committee today, and the committee voted a complete program for an aggressive campaign in 1920.

The reorganization contemplates that the standing officers of the committee shall include in addition to the chairman, two vice chairmen; a secretary who shall be a member, a legislative secretary who may or may not be a member, a treasurer who shall be a member, a director of finance, who may or may not be a member, and a sergeant-at-arms, who may or may not be a member.

J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, Mont., and Samuel B. Amidon of Wichita, Kans., were named as vice chairmen; E. G. Hoffman, of Fort Wayne, Ind., secretary, W. R. Hollister of Jefferson City, Mo., executive secretary; W. D. Jamieson, of Shenandoah, Iowa, director of finance.

Wilbur W. Marsh, of Waterloo, Ia., and Colonel John I. Martin remain as treasurer and sergeant-at-arms.

The selection of vice chairmen from western states was pointed to as indicating the purpose of the committee to conduct a vigorous campaign in that section.

Mrs. Geo. Bass of Chicago, chairman of the women's bureau of the national committee, sat with the committee with a proxy and thus gained the distinction of being the first woman to participate in the proceedings of the committee.

BADEN PEASANTS REVOLT AGAINST WORKMEN'S RULE

BERLIN, Feb. 26—(By Associated Press.) Special dispatches from Mannheim today report that peasant revolts are breaking out in various districts in Baden as the result of friction between the workmen's councils and the peasants.

The peasants, it is reported are resentful of the dictatorship of the soviet.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—A dispatch received here from Mannheim by way of Berlin says:

"After two days of negotiations the majority and independent socialists agreed to rescind the proclamation of the soviet government and to abolish martial law. The independent communists consented to evacuate public buildings and surrender their arms. They are being guaranteed immunity."

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—A fresh revolt broke out at Mannheim today, Spartacan forces occupied the post-office, the telegraph office and the railway station and communication with the city is interrupted.

ALIENISTS EXAMINE CLEMENCEAU'S ASSASSIN

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Captain Bouchardon of the Paris military court yesterday heard the evidence of persons who were eye witnesses of the attempted assisssination of Premier Clemenceau. He asked Dr. Roubanowitch, a widely known alienist, to examine Emile Cottin, Premier Clemenceau's assailant, to determine his degree of mental responsibility. Captain Bouchardon will call at Premier Clemenceau's home tomorrow to take the premier's deposition.

VOTE CONFIDENCE IN FRENCH MINISTRY

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The French senate gave a vote of confidence by acclamation, following gan address by Victor Boret, minister of procisions, during which he outlined the activities of his department relative to meeting the high cost of living throughout the country.

Russia Paid For Revolt in Hungary

BASEL, Feb. 26.—Seventy-six communists have been arrested on charges of rebellion against the Hungarian republic at Budapest, according to advices from that city. It is reported that during their examination they admitted that money to set up an anti-republican government came from Russia and that during the past month the expenses amounted to 300,000 crowns. They refused to reveal where the funds are being kept.

CONGRESS ASKS BAKER FOR REPORT OF RICE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Over the opposition of democratic members, republicans in the house today forced adoption of a resolution calling on Secretary Baker for a report of a war department investigation of charges of malfeasance made against certain army officers by E. L. Rice of Spokane, Wash., an army officer said to have invented an aircraft gun.

Representative Johnson of Washington, author of the resolution declared the weapon was "first known as the Rice gun, later as the Rice-Webster gun, and finally as the Webster gun, and then Rice was told by superior officers to go take a long furlough." A report of the department investigation was made by the inspector general of the army about October 1, 1918, having been ordered previously by the president, according to Mr. Johnson's resolution.

"I could name the three officers that this report hits," declared Representative Johnson, "but if we get these papers before the house we will see if effort has been made to cover up certain officials."

Chairman Dent of the military committee asserted that Secretary Baker had informed him of his willingness to appear before the house committee in executive session to reveal certain details of the report and Representative Caldwell of New York, a member of the committee, said he thought Rice was "unbalanced," being "unable to give one single statement of fact."

GREEKS ADVANCING NORTH OF ODESSA

ATHENS, Feb. 26.—Greek troops operating with detachments of French and Rumanians have advanced north of Odessa, pursuing Bolsheviki forces along the Dneister river. After a short fight they occupied the fort and town of Tiraspol, on the right bank of the Dneister, 53 miles from Odessa, according to a Saloniki dispatch. The retreating Bolsheviki abandoned many dead and wounded and left guns and munitions in the hands of the allied forces.

YELLOWSTONE PARK ENLARGED A THIRD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Increase by one-third of the size of the Yellowstone National park was approved today by the senate public lands committee which ordered reported the house bill to add 1,265 square miles of forest reserve land in Wyoming.

SUFFRAGETTES FAIL IN HUNGER STRIKE

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Sixteen women suffragists in jail following refusal to pay fines of $5 each for their demonstration Monday today broke the hunger strike they started last night.

Deputy Sheriff Casey later said that all the suffragists ate the noon meal offered them. He said they probably would not be compelled to wear jail clothing.

REVOLUTION IN SAXONY BEGUN BY SPARTACANS

Radicals Launch Movement for Overthrow of Government. Proclaim General Strike. Seize Industrial Centers and Cut Railroads—Seek to Proclaim Soviet Republic.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Spartacans and radical socialists have launched a movement to overthrow the existing government in Saxony, where the newly elected diet was to assemble today. A general strike has been proclaimed and railway communication with Halle, one of the principal junction points in Saxony, has been broken. The Spartacans are reported to have taken possession of Plauen and other industrial centers.

Independent socialists in Leipsic have issued a amnifesto demanding the retirement of the Weimar government, declaring that it is "an impediment to socialism and the liberation of the proletariat."

The independent socialists are reported working feverishly for a proclamation of a soviet republic in Saxony.

After radical demonstrations at Perna and Plauen, the radicals seized the plans of non-socialist newspapers and ordered the officers of the seized plans to leave. Work has been stopped in many Saxon factories by the seizure of power stations and the interruption of overland transmission of electric power. The break in railway communication at Halle suspended through service between Berlin and Weimar and Munich for the time being, as the only expresses running have been routed through Halle.

STRIKERS VOTE UPON CALLING OFF SHIPYARD STRIKE

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—Forty thousand shipyards workers will vote on a referendum proposing to call off the strikes in Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Anacortes which began January 21, last, if assurances are given the strikers that a conference to adjust wage demands and other differences scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., not later than March 17 is transferred to the Pacific coast.

A resolution to this effect was passed by delegates representing the unions comprising the metal trades councils of the four cities at a joint meeting here this morning. On every side this action was taken to indicate the strikes in the four cities soon would be called off.

The conference proposed will be of government representatives, shipyard workers and employers. It will take up questions of wages and other problems looking toward a new agreement between workers and employers to replace the awards of the Macy board which expire April 1.

The demands of the metal trades council will be telegraphed immediately to Dr. L. C. Marshall of the emergency fleet corporation at San Francisco. Dr. Marshall was appointed personal representative of Chas. Piez, director general of the fleet corporation, in the Washington strikes. Should Dr. Marshall or his superiors refuse the request for holding the conference on the west coast another joint meeting of the delegates will be held to decide on further action by the unions.

Should the workers vote to return to work almost immediately they will be called upon to vote on a proposition for a coastwide strike of ship workers which would become effective April 1 upon expiration of the present schedule.

CZECHS EVACUATE TESCHEN MINES

WARSAW, Feb. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Under the auspices of the inter-allied mission to Poland, the Czech troops began today evacuating the Teschen mining districts which are in dispute between Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, and the Czechs are withdrawing to the line fixed by the peace conference of February 3.

LEGISLATURE TO FINISH LABORS AT MIDNIGHT

Maintainance Guarantees In Paving Contracts Eliminated—Gore Opposes Unionism—Military Training In High Schools Killed—Voting Machines in Elections Provided.

SALEM, Feb. 26.—Legislative leaders declared today that the thirtieth legislative assembly of Oregon would be finally adjoured late tonight, after a session of 45 days.

Governor Withycombe indicated that he would sign, sometime today a bill passed yesterday by both houses, providing for the appointment of a commission of five members to make preparations for a welcome in New York City for returning Oregon soldiers. The measure carries an appropriation of $5,000. O. C. Leiter, formerly a Portland newspaperman, now in New York, would be named head of the commisison, it was said.

Guarantees Eliminated

With not more than three votes against the Sheldon bill prohibiting maintanence guarantees in road paving contracts passed the senate yesterday and the finishing wallop was effectively landed on the alleged paving combine. The vote was not preceded by any argument.

About a week ago the bill was tabled in the senate pending action by the house on the Lachmund-Thomas bill of the same character which was held up in the lower house. The Sheldon bill was removed from the table in the senate without protest. As originally drawn it provided that there should be no maintnance guarantees for periods of more than one year, but an amendment was later made to the effect that there should be no guarantee whatever.

Gore Opposes Unionism

Representative Horne's labor bill came safely into port last night after a perilous day, when at 11:45 p. m. the house finally decided to concur in the senate amendments and send the bill to the governor. The measure, originally introduced in the house, passed the senate yesterday by the narrow margin of a single vote and was returned to the house last night for a concurrence in amendments.

Immediately upon its reintrodnction, Representative Gore moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The bill declares labor unions lawful organizations and protects them from being enjoined.

The house this morning adopted a joint resolution by J. G. Richardson, so amending the six per cent tax limitation, that the state may raise any amount desired to meet joint offers by the federal government.

Senator Hurley's bill for miliary training in high schools and colleges was killed in the house yesterday.

The house last night adopted Senator Bank's measure providing for the use of voting machines in elections.

OWEN URGES LEAGUE SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma, democrat, speaking today in the senate declared that while not perfect, the proposed legislation of the league of nations is "wise, sound and just," in its fundamental prinicples. The senator who has just returned from France, urged the senate to consider the league plan constructively rather than "exciting vague suspicions and arousing the hostility of our people on the theory that this instrumentt is full of pitfalls and dangerous."

AUSTRIA REQUESTED TO PAY DEBTS DUE

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The supreme council of the peace conference has decided, according to a Havas report, to telegraph to Vienna asking that coupons of the Austro-Hungarian debt falling due on March 1 be paid.

The telegram to be sent to Vienna, it is said, will specify that payment to be made on the coupons will not affect the apportionment o fthe Austro-Hungarian debpt among the different states, which formed the dual monarchy.