

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....59
Minimum today.....35
Precipitation......04

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and Tomorrow,
Probably Rain.

Forty-eighth Year,
Daily—Thirteenth Year.

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SENATE DEBATES LEAGUE OF NATIONS

NATIONS' RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED SAY HITCHCOCK

America Not Deprived of Right of Self Defense in Any Sense—Lodge's Assertions Denounced as Preposterous—False Reports of President's Conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Sharp differences of opinion over the league of nations constitution were voiced in the senate today by Chairman Hitchcock of the foreign relations committee, and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who will be chairman of the committee in the next congress when the republicans take control.

After Senator Lodge had delivered a prepared speech before crowded floor and galleries, warning the American people to weigh the constitution and insist upon revision, Mr. Hitchcock took the floor and denounced as preposterous the Massachusetts senator's suggestion that the league would deprive the United States of its right of self defense.

No Loss of Rights
"I desire," said Mr. Hitchcock, "to repudiate the suggestion that the league would in the slightest degree limit the privilege and the duty of any nation, the United States or any other, to defend itself when attacked, and to protect its territory and rights when invaded, either by a member of the league or not."

Senator Lodge replied that the committee chairman was entitled to an honest difference of opinion. The conflict, Senator Lodge declared, illustrated and emphasized the necessity of redrafting the league charter to make dispute of construction impossible.

"Let's have it stated in the contract just what it means," said Senator Lodge.

Attacks New York Sun
Senator Hitchcock devoted himself chiefly to an attack upon an account in the New York Sun of the White House conference Wednesday night in which some senators were quoted as saying the president showed an amazing lack of familiarity with the league plan. He denied that any such statements had been made by any member and labeled them as "preposterously false," saying the senator had gone to the White House dinner as guests of the president and had found the president "generous, frank and sincere."

Reading from statements attributed to Republican Leader Lodge, Senator Brandegee of Pennsylvania, the Nebraska senator said: "I renew my statement on behalf of the senators named that they never used any such language."

Japanese Question
When Senator Hitchcock said every nation would keep its jurisdiction over domestic questions, Senator Poindexter of Washington, asked whether he regarded Japanese immigration as a domestic question. Mr. Hitchcock replied that he believed it was "purely domestic," whereupon the Washington senator retorted that the league "must be construed from its language and not by what the president says."

Senator Hitchcock declared that Japan made a "mighty effort" in the Paris conference to secure the indorsement in the league of race equality and had been "overwhelmingly and unanimously voted down."

"And when Japan failed in that," he added, "she lost the last shred of hope of bringing the immigration question before the league."

Referring to the Sun's account, which he said charged the president with stating "with finality" that Chinese and Japanese exclusion "go into the hands of the league" Senator Hitchcock pounded his desk and said: "The exact opposite of that was the unqualified declaration of the president."

GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The general deficiency bill, appropriating \$27,771,000 and carrying various legislative riders, including one for investigation looking to the establishment of a national budget system, was passed today by the house.

LODGE WARNS PEOPLE AGAINST NATIONS' LEAGUE

Massachusetts' Senator Sees Grave Consequences—Declares League Would Deprive United States of its Right of Self Defense—Many Amendments Needed He Asserts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, solemnly warned the American people today to weigh carefully the constitution of the League of Nations as presented to the peace conference at Paris and to insist upon its fundamental revision. Speaking in the senate, the republican floor leader declared that instead of safeguarding the peace of the world, the league as now planned would engender misunderstanding and strife.

He vigorously opposed the plan and made specific recommendations for amendment. He declared that as now drafted the constitution would contravene the Monroe doctrine, strike at American sovereignty, involve us in all European disputes, substitute internationalism for nationalism, and be of benefit principally to Europe.

Solemn Warning
Senator Lodge urged that the nation think well before departing from the policies of Washington and said the paramount duty now is to conclude peace with Germany.

"Much time has been wasted," he said. "The delays have bred restlessness and confusion everywhere. Germany is lifting her head again. A whimpering after defeat is changing to threats. She is seeking to annex millions of Germans in German-Austria. She is reaching out in Russia and reviving her financial and commercial penetration everywhere. Germany is again threatening and the only source of a great war is to be found for the future as far as the past in Germany. She should be chained and fettered now."

"There is an issue involved in the league constitution presented to us which overshadows all others," continued Senator Lodge. "We are asked to depart for the first time from the foreign policies of Washington, toward the other end of the line at which stands the sinister figure of Trotsky, the champion of internationalism."

Government by Others
"We have in this country a government of the people, for the people and by the people, the freest and best government in the world, and we are the great rampart today against the anarchy and disorder which have taken possession of Russia and are trying to invade every other peaceful country in the world. For Lincoln's government we are asked to substitute, on many vital points, government for and by other people. Pause and consider well before you take this fateful step."

"We must build no bridges across the chasm which now separates American freedom and order from Russian anarchy and destruction. We must see to it that the democracy of the United States is not drawn by any hasty error or by any glittering delusions, thru specious devices of supernatural government within the folds of international socialism and anarchy."

Amendments proposed by Senator Lodge included a specific provision excluding the Monroe doctrine from the league's purview. This, he said, could be done in three lines.

HARBOR WORKERS IN NEW YORK STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A strike of 16,000 harbor workers, effective at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon was voted today by the executive council of the Marine Workers Affiliation, as a result of dissatisfaction with the award of V. Evert Macy, umpire of the National War Labor board granting an eight-hour day without increased wages.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—When informed today of the new strike call issued for the New York harbor workers, Joint Chairman Manley of the war labor board said the board had exhausted its resources in dealing with the situation. Officials think any further governmental action must be taken by the president.

ITALIANS JOYFUL AT PROSPECT OF NATIONS' LEAGUE

Premier Orlando Cables Personal Message to Wilson Declaring the "Whole Italian People Comprehend and Acclaim With Joy the High Value and Significance of League."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Premier Orlando today cabled a personal message to President Wilson declaring "that the whole Italian people comprehend and acclaim with joy the high value and everlasting significance" of the league of nations.

The Italian premier's message follows: "In Paris, the heart of heroic France, through the high and persevering desire of a great leader of a great people, the nations who have fought together for the liberty and justice of the world, have also determined together in the sanctity of a solemn covenant, and in the name of liberty and justice of all peoples, to establish a peace which shall reign supreme over the future destinies of the world."

"To this covenant which shall be the intangible charter of humanity, Italy, who in the past and in the present has always championed the cause of right and proclaimed and consecrated it with her laws and with her blood, brings the contribution of her assent with fervid expression and deep conviction."

"Our hearts, with sincere faith, celebrate this event which should be and remain one of the most memorable in human history, and it is fitting that the whole Italian people comprehend and acclaim with joy its high value and its everlasting significance."

PRESIDENT TO SAIL FOR FRANCE ON WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Preparations for President Wilson's return to France were completed today at the White House. He will sail on the transport George Washington Wednesday morning, after speaking Tuesday night on the League of Nations with former President Taft at New York.

The close of Congress will find the president at the Capitol signing legislation. He will go direct from the capital to the train, leaving Washington about 2 p. m.

Preparations for the meeting in New York are in the hands of Governor Smith, who will open the meeting and introduce some prominent republicans. The addresses by President Wilson and former President Taft will follow.

The president will leave Washington on a special train Tuesday afternoon after the adjournment of congress and will stop for an hour and a half at Philadelphia to see his daughter, Mrs. Savre, and his new grandson. He will reach New York at 8:30 in the evening, and after speaking will go directly aboard the transport to spend the night.

ORDER CUT IN RATES IN FUEL

SALEM, Feb. 28.—Reductions in wood fuel rates in carload lots between Oregon points have been ordered by the railroad administration, according to information received here by the public service commission today. The reduced rates are to be effective after ten days' notice. The new schedule is not yet known to the commission.

Annexation Of Klamath Petitioned

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 28.—A joint resolution memorializing congress to take steps necessary for the annexation of Klamath county, Oregon, to California, was introduced in the legislature today by Assemblymen Ream and Doran.

SALEM, Feb. 28.—A joint resolution, introduced by Senator George T. Baldwin of Klamath county, Oregon, to memorialize congress to take steps necessary for the annexation of Klamath county to California, was voted down in the Oregon legislature several days before the close of the legislative assembly.

DENY PERSHING REFUSED TO SEND COURT RECORDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In making a formal denial today that General Pershing had refused to obey a general order relative to the revision of court-martial cases in France, as asserted in the house yesterday by Representative Johnson of South Dakota, the war department disclosed that the commander-in-chief had protested against the order involved as tending to take from him control of disciplinary measures in his forces. The protest is now being considered by Major General Crowder, judge-advocate-general, and the order may be revoked.

The order was issued on September 11 last. It provides that court-martial cases in the A. E. F. shall be passed on for review to the office in France of Brigadier General Edward A. Kreger of General Crowder's office.

The protest of General Pershing, it was said at the war department, was in no sense a case of insubordination.

TO BRING U-BOATS TO AMERICAN PORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Four or five U-boats are expected to start across in the near future. Officers assigned for the task include Lieutenant Commanders Kenneth R. Wallace, George B. Judkin, James R. Webb and Jesse B. Olderdorff, Lieutenant Willis Dixon and a number of officers of lower grade.

While the primary purpose of bringing the submarines is to permit technical examinations by navy experts, the navy plans also to put them on exhibition in various harbors.

It is understood that vessels of each type represented in the German submarine fleet, from mine planters to the great deep sea cruisers, some of which raided shipping during the war in American waters, will be brought to this side.

ANOTHER SUFFRAGE EFFORT IN SALEM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Chairman Jones of the woman suffrage committee, announced today that before congress adjourns another effort will be made to secure adoption of a resolution authorizing submission of an equal suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. In making the announcement Senator Jones introduced a modified resolution giving states initial authority to enforce the proposed amendment.

CLEMENCEAU RESUMES WORK—HEALTH RESTORED

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Premier Clemenceau resumed his usual work today and appeared to be completely restored to health.

IOWA IN GRIP OF WORST STORM OF THE WINTER

Third Blizzard of Season Sweeps Over Middle West—Temperatures Below Zero Prevail—Huge Drifts of Snow Block Railroads and Street Car Lines Stalling Trains.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 28.—Whirling in from the northwest, the worst blizzard of the winter gripped Iowa today, greatly interfering with traffic. The temperature was gradually nearing the zero mark. Some abatement in the storm is looked for by tonight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 28.—The third blizzard of the winter swept over Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma today, piling snow and sleet into huge drifts which is blocking railroads and street car lines. Near zero temperatures prevail and livestock is suffering because of difficulty in feeding.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 28.—Temperatures in Nebraska today ranged from 16 degrees below zero at Valentine in the northwestern part of the state to two below at Lincoln and Omaha. The cold wave is extending eastward.

A Minneapolis and Omaha train is stalled in a snowdrift with twenty-five passengers near Wausa, Neb., as a result of a blizzard which was general in northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota last night.

WILSON DENIES QUOTATION UPON IRISH QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Tumulty issued a statement at the White House today denying formally on behalf of President Wilson that the president told members of the congressional foreign affairs committee Wednesday night that the Irish question was a matter between Ireland and England and that Ireland would have no voice in the peace conference at present.

A statement to this effect made by at least one of the committee members after the White House conference was characterized as "a deliberate falsehood." Mr. Tumulty refused to discuss what the president did say about the Irish question.

The denial follows: "In the last few days the following quotation has appeared in the press under a Washington date line as part of the report of the dinner given by the president at the White House Wednesday evening, February 26, to the members of the committee on foreign relations of the senate and the committee on foreign affairs of the house."

"The president told the committee that the Irish question was a matter between Ireland and England and that Ireland would not have any voice in the peace conference at present."

"The president wishes me to say that this statement has no foundation in fact and is a deliberate falsehood."

TOTAL DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY URGED

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Total disarmament of Germany, as a guarantee against future German aggression, is urged by Deputy Renaudel, in a letter he has sent to the heads of the parliamentary groups of the chamber of deputies.

HOLD RAILROADS UNTIL CONGRESS DECIDES FUTURE

Government Not to Relinquish Control Until There Has Been an Opportunity to See Whether a Constructive Program of Legislation Is Enacted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Director General Hines announced today with the approval of President Wilson that the railroads would not be relinquished from government control until there has been an opportunity to see whether a constructive permanent program of legislation was likely to be adopted within a "reasonable time."

The administration's attitude was stated in a letter sent by Mr. Hines to Senator's Smith and Martin, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce and appropriations, and to Representative Sims and Shirley, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, and appropriations. The letter follows:

"As you are aware, there has been some inquiry as to whether there might be an immediate or precipitate return of the railroads to private management. The railroad administration has indicated whenever this inquiry has been made that it would not recommend that any such step be taken."

"For your further information, I am glad to say that I have now discussed the matter with the president and he has authorized me to state that not only will there be no sudden relinquishment of the railroads but further that it is not his purpose to relinquish the railroads until there has been an opportunity to see whether a constructive permanent program of legislation is likely to be considered promptly and adopted within a reasonable time."

PRESIDENT TO TALK TO GOVERNORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Addresses by President Wilson, Secretaries Baker, Daniels, Lane and Wilson and Senators Kenyon of Iowa and Owen of Oklahoma are on the program of the conference of governors and mayors here next week. The sessions Monday and Tuesday will be held in the East room of the White House and Wednesday at the department of interior.

Forty-five minutes is allotted for President Wilson's speech beginning at 10:45 a. m. Monday. Reports by governors will be presented in the afternoon.

Public and private buildings, good roads, foreign and domestic trade, public land and other developments, including river and harbor improvements, will be considered Tuesday and Wednesday.

HUNGARIANS JAILED FOR PLOTTING REVOLT

BASTI, Feb. 28.—Seventeen persons, including Major General Alexander Von Szarmy, former minister of national defense; Joseph Szerenyi, former minister of commerce and Herr Methlen and Heer Somich, former members of the Hungarian cabinet, are under arrest at Budapest charged with counter revolutionary propaganda, according to advices from the Hungarian capital. It is added that Dr. Alexander Wekerle, former premier and minister of finance of Hungary, owes his liberty to his advanced age.

SURPLUS COPPER TO BE SOLD AT MARKET PRICES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Reports that surplus stocks of copper were to be sold to producers at 11 or 12 cents a pound were denied today by the war department. Such stocks, it was explained, will be sold at market prices, allowing the trade only the actual cost of handling government surplus property.

BAVARIAN MOBS SEEK TO FORCE SOVIET RULE

Spartacans Demand Proclamation of Republic—Two-thirds of Miners in Central Germany on Strike—Communist Activity Increasing—Bourgeoisie to Strike Also.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28.—Rioting broke out anew in Munich on Thursday, according to the correspondent there of the Politiken. Three thousand Spartacan soldiers marched to the parliament buildings in an effort to force the diet to proclaim a soviet republic in Bavaria.

BASEL, Feb. 28.—More than two-thirds of the miners in central Germany are on strike and the strikers everywhere have begun to occupy the railroads and postoffices, according to Berlin advices. The government, however, hopes to re-establish order by the use of large military forces. The Frankfort Zeitung says communist activity is increasing in Koenigsberg and the whole of East Prussia, where a large number of Russian Bolsheviks are reported to be.

Bourgeois Strike
BASEL, Feb. 28.—Business and professional men in several German towns have been urged to meet the strike of the working classes by going on strike themselves say Berlin dispatches.

At Merseburg, southeast of Magdeburg, the bourgeoisie have gone on strike. The bourgeoisie committee at Leipzig, Saxony, has appealed to business men, officials, doctors, druggists and professors to call a general strike.

At Brunswick the former premier of the Brunswick government has announced his adhesion to communism.

Hamburg Occupied
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28.—German government troops yesterday occupied the town of Hamburg, in the Ruhr industrial region, after a fight in which a number of Spartacans were killed. The government troops captured 116 prisoners.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28.—The town hall and the stores in Leipzig, Saxony, have been closed as a result of a strike by the bourgeoisie, says a Berlin dispatch.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—(By Associated Press). Magdeburg is shut off as a result of a railway strike. Both socialist parties and trade union officials are endeavoring to prevent the spread of the strike at Leipzig.

TILDEN, WINNER OF INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—William T. Tilden II, Philadelphia, captured the middle Atlantic indoor tennis championship by defeating Vincent Richards, New York, in the final round of the senior singles here today 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Tilden gained the victory by his brilliant playing in the last two sets. His spectacular smashing and volleying attack, coupled with great court covering and sensational "gets" stood out conspicuously. He used his straight bullet delivery to advantage and varied this with his tremendous reverse twist which proved too much for Richards.

TROOPSHIP SINKS FREIGHTER IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The troop transport Aquitania collided while coming up the harbor this afternoon with the freighter Lord Dufferin, and the freighter immediately began to sink. The crew was taken off by a police patrol boat.