

The Weather

Maximum yesterday... 49  
Minimum today... 29  
Precipitation... .20

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Tonight and Tomorrow  
Rain.

Forty-eighth Year.  
Daily—Thirtieth Year.

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BOSCHE REJECT ALLIED DEMAND TO LOAN SHIPS

Negotiations at Spa Temporarily Broken Off—Germany Demands Guarantee of Adequate Food Supplies Before Agreeing to Allied Proposal to Turn Over Fleet.

LONDON, March 7.—The negotiations at Spa relating to the shipping question have been temporarily broken off, according to a German wireless message received here today.

Assurances Demanded

The allies, the message says, demanded that all the remaining German merchant ships be handed over unconditionally, without being willing to undertake the obligation of supplying Germany with foodstuffs. The German delegates, it is added, received instructions from their government that the question of shipping, finance and food supply must be dealt with only as a whole. The German message continues:

"The question of handing over the mercantile fleet can only arise if adequate food supplies, say 2,500,000 tons of foodstuffs, are assured Germany until the new harvest. The entente would not agree to this.

"As the instruction of both sides did not go beyond this, a French delegate proposed that negotiations be broken off, whereupon the two special delegations left Spa."

Reject Proposals

PARIS, March 7.—Germany has refused the proposition for the use of her merchant ships by the allies, made to her delegates at Spa, the armistice commission's headquarters.

The counter proposition is made by the Germans that they will release the German shipping desired in return for a definite assurance that enough food will be sent into Germany to enable the government to withstand the Bolshevik movement.

When the allied commission went to Spa it was believed that the release of the ships was merely a question of days. It was proposed to the Germans that in return for the use of the ships, a rental be paid, this to be entered to their credit against their food account.

The Germans, however, replied this would be inadequate and that there must be a guarantee of a steady, uninterrupted supply of food. No country was in position to supply this food, under the German conditions, so the question of credit remains unsettled.

BASEL, March 7.—The rupture of the negotiations of the committee on financial and food questions at Spa, according to a telegram from Berlin, does not affect the negotiations of the armistice commission. It is added that the armistice negotiations continue.

DANIELS AND BAKER TO VISIT EUROPE

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Secretary Daniels will leave next week for Europe. He will be accompanied by Rear Admiral Griffin, of the bureau of steam engineering; Taylor, of the bureau of construction and repair, and Earl of the bureau of ordnance.

Secretary of War Baker will sail for France about April 1 to be absent a month, it was learned authoritatively today, in order to close up the business operations of the expeditionary forces. There are many big problems remaining to be settled as a result of the presence abroad of millions of American soldiers.

COLORADO SENATE ENDORSES LEAGUE

DENVER, Colo., March 7.—The senate of the Colorado legislature by a strict party vote today adopted a resolution favoring the adoption of the league of nations plan outlined by President Wilson. The house last week by a party vote tabled a similar resolution. The democrats control the senate, the republicans the house.

FORBID MANUFACTURE OF NEAR BEER IN NEVADA

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 7.—The manufacture and sale of near beer is prohibited in Nevada under a decision handed down this morning by the state supreme court.

Bullet in Clemenceau Unmoved

PARIS, March 7.—(Havas.) Another X-ray photograph was taken yesterday of the bullet in Premier Clemenceau's lungs. It was found that the bullet had not moved and the premier's physicians said they were greatly pleased with the result of the examination.

UNITS OF 91ST DIVISION LANDED AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 7.—With 2504 troops, of whom all but 262 are members of aero squadrons, the steamship Mexican arrived here today from St. Nazaire. A detachment of the 71st regiment coast artillery corps and 7 first casualties were aboard.

Four thousand, four hundred troops arrived on the steamship Moncloa from St. Nazaire. About 1,000 of these were convalescents from sickness or wounds. Units included the following: Detachments from the 87th division; three officers and 160 men of the 316th trench mortar battery, 91st division (National army troops of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming); to Camps Lewis, Dodge and Dix.

Three officers and 178 men of the 116th battery trench artillery, to Camps Unton and Dodge.

Also the following: Meteorological detachment signal corps, 801st aero squadron, 482nd aerial construction squadron, 467th and 468th engineer pontoon trains, 401st pontoon park and Tenth anti-aircraft sector, together with 149 casual officers of various branches of the service.

THIRD OREGON DUE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, March 7.—First units of the 162nd Infantry, formerly the Third Oregon, to reach Portland from overseas, will be detachments of Companies D, L and M, comprising 213 men and two officers, due to arrive here between 7 and 8 o'clock tonight. All the returning soldiers are Oregonians. Their welcome home will be as inspiring as the scenes marking their departure, according to entertainment plans of the reception committee. A parade, dinner and dance will feature the program. The men will remain until 6 o'clock tomorrow morning when they leave for Camp Lewis.

The date upon which the 20th Engineers will return to this country is problematical, according to word received here by Lieutenant Colonel George H. Kelly. The engineers now are engaged in construction work on roads of devastated France, 75 miles south of Bordeaux. They were to have sailed for home in January, but plans were changed.

OREGON WINNER OF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 7.—University of Oregon basketball players will be hailed as Pacific coast champions when they return here tomorrow from Berkeley, where they took the measure again last night of the University of California quintet, by a margin of two points, 20 to 28. Oregon won the first game by a 35 to 37 score. No third game will be necessary due to Oregon's two straight victories.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERS SECURE \$50,000

NEW YORK, March 7.—Robbers, operating in a brilliantly lighted corridor of the Adams Express company building on Lower Broadway, robbed a broker's messenger of \$50,000 worth of Liberty bonds and other securities today. The messenger, a boy, was said to have been severely beaten.

INTERVENTION CONDEMNED AS UNFAIR, UNWISE

Raymond Robins Says Russians Want Bolshevism and Are Entitled to It—Discredits Stories of Massacres in Reign of Terror—Menace of Democracy.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Intervention in Russia was condemned by Raymond Robins, former head of the American Red Cross mission in that country, testifying today before the senate committee investigating lawless propaganda, as unfair to the Russians and unwise from the standpoint of the United States and the allies.

Mr. Robins said American soldiers and munitions should not be used to crush a revolution which, he declared represented the wishes of the Russian people.

It was his opinion that intervention would solidify Russian factions in support of the Bolshevik government, strengthen Bolshevik tendencies in England and France and materially assist in laying a ground work for the spread of radical doctrines in this country.

Russians Want Bolshevism  
Recognition of the Bolshevik government was advised against, but the witness repeated that if the Russians wanted Bolshevism they should have it, and he gave it as his opinion that the Russians did want it. At the same time he reiterated his belief that Bolshevism constituted the greatest menace that had ever threatened the democratic governments of the world.

Mr. Robins denied statements by previous witnesses that Russian peasants had no arms and were unable to overthrow Lenin and Trotsky. As a matter of fact, he said, there were 12,000,000 rifles available in Russia and many of the communities and towns possessed machine guns.

Responding to questions by Senator Nelson, the witness said he agreed that intervention should be resorted to if it was true that thousands were being slaughtered in a Bolshevik reign of terror, but he entered a plea against such action being taken simply because there was a prejudice and lack of understanding of what he claimed to be the actual conditions in Russia.

Hames Czech-Slavs  
The witness thought the Russian people could get rid of Lenin and Trotsky at any time they desired.

Mr. Robins emphatically denied that the Bolsheviks had treacherously attacked the Czech-Slovak forces after the latter had been disarmed. He said the conflicts grew out of designs which had not been "laid on the table" and in this connection declared he knew that France had tried to keep the Czech-Slovaks in Russia after offering to assist in getting them out, as a means of overthrowing the revolution "at any cost." He charged that Czech-Slovaks took Bolshevik villages and shot some Bolsheviks without trials.

MONTENEGRINS STARVING TO DEATH

ROME, Mar. 7.—The commission sent by the American peace delegation to inquire into conditions in Montenegro passed thru Rome toward Paris today. It reported the situation in Montenegro as desperate and it was said that the population is actually dying from starvation. As an instance of the suffering there, it was said that of a family of eight children, five had died from lack of food and the other three had been reduced almost to skeletons. These were seen scratching the earth to find roots or gathering nettles for food. The American Red Cross is busily engaged in trying to save the people from starvation.

TACOMA WELCOMES BOYS OF THE 69TH

TACOMA, Wash., March 7.—Tacoma welcomed the 6th coast artillery today in an enthusiastic fashion; the soldiers being feasted at the cantee, greeted with cheers in the parade to the soldiers and sailors club, and whirled about the city in automobiles before entraining again for Camp Lewis, where they will be discharged.

Utah Puts Ban 'Gainst Cigarettes

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 7.—The senate of the Utah legislature today passed 11 to 6 an anti-cigarette law which it is said will absolutely prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes or material for their manufacture in the state. The measure now goes to the house for action.

NEW MEMBERS ASSIGNED UPON BIG COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Representative Hadley of Washington was one of nine new members of the house ways and means committee by the republican committee on committees today.

Other new members are: Conley, Illinois; Young, North Dakota; Tilson, Connecticut; Mott, New York; Frear, Wisconsin; Bacharach, New Jersey; Bowers, West Virginia and Timberlake, Colorado.

Hold over republican members are: Chairman Fordney, Michigan; Moore, Pennsylvania; Green, Iowa; Longworth, Ohio; Hawley, Oregon, and Treadway, Massachusetts.

The interstate and foreign commerce committee, which will have charge of railroad legislation was filled by election of six members: Denison, Illinois; Ellsworth, Minnesota; Merritt, Connecticut; Sanders, Indiana; Watson, Pennsylvania, and Webster, Washington. Republican holdover members on this committee are: Chairman, Esch, Wisconsin; Hamilton, Michigan; Winslow, Massachusetts; Parker, New York; Sweet, Iowa; Stines, Rhode Island, and Cooper, Ohio.

Six vacancies on the appropriations committee were filled by the election of the following: Crampton, Michigan; French, Idaho; Magee, New York; Ogden, Kentucky; Shreve, Pennsylvania, and Tinkham, Massachusetts. Republican holdover members include Chairman Good, Iowa; Mondell, Wyoming; Davis, Minnesota; Vore, Pennsylvania; Cannon, Illinois; Slem, Virginia, and Wood, Indiana. Husted, of New York and McCulloch of Ohio, were unsuccessful candidates for new places.

ROBBERY PLOT CAUSE OF MURDER

TACOMA, Wash., March 7.—Back of the murder of Robert Davis, a foreman in the Todd shipyards here who was shot and killed at his home last night, is a plot to rob a bank in Olympia, according to the statement of Davis' wife to the police this afternoon.

Hamilton was caught by deputy sheriffs on the mountain road about 20 miles south of Tacoma at noon today.

The man who murdered my husband posed as his brother, but in reality his name is Brownie Hamilton," said Mrs. Davis. According to his own statements to me and my husband he robbed a bank in the east before coming out here a few months ago and murdered a man in doing it.

"He has been trying to get my husband to rob a bank in Olympia with him. My husband had refused and last night when Hamilton started an argument about Bolshevism, ordered him out of the house. I guess he thought Robert knew too much about him so he figured the best way to shut my husband's mouth was to murder him. I think the crime was premeditated."

FIRST FOOD SHIP ARRIVES AT DANZIG

BERLIN, March 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—A Danzig dispatch reports the arrival there of the first food ship since the raising of the Baltic blockade. It carries a cargo of vegetables from Holland, consigned to Danzig by Dutch merchants.

ATTACK BEGUN IN BERLIN UPON RADICAL FORCES

Government Troops Assault Reds From All Sides of Center of City and Make Brilliant Progress in Relieving Besieged Police Headquarters—Red Cross Endangered.

BERLIN, March 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Government troops began an attack today from all sides of the center of the city and made brilliant progress. The attack was for the purpose of relieving police headquarters. A column from the west progressed to within a block of police headquarters in two hours.

Red Cross Endangered

LONDON, March 7.—When Spartacist forces captured the main telegraph office in Berlin Thursday, the members of the American Red Cross mission were endangered by the shooting, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin. Colonel Taylor ordered the women with the mission to seek safety in the Palace Hotel.

The American mission to look after the welfare of prisoners entrenched itself in the Hotel Adlon behind a battery of machine guns.

The battle for the telegraph office, the dispatch adds, was the worst Berlin has seen.

Badly Battered

COPENHAGEN, March 7.—Police headquarters in Berlin, which has been besieged by the Spartacists for two days, was cut off from all communication with other government forces in the German capital late Thursday when the Spartacists cut the telephone wires, according to a telegram from Berlin. Eight persons were killed and a number wounded in the fighting there Thursday.

The police headquarters building has been damaged severely. The Spartacists having used machine guns and artillery against it.

Scheideemann Resigns

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 7.—Chancellor Scheideemann has handed his resignation to President Ebert to enable the president to have a free hand to deal with the present situation, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin. Ebert declined to accept the resignation and requested Scheideemann and cabinet to remain in office.

LONDON, Mar. 7.—A German wireless dispatch received here states that in addition to the volunteer marine division and a portion of the republican militia, parts of the Second Guards regiment and the Guard Fusilier regiment went over to the Spartacists on Wednesday.

Owing to the strike of printers and compositors, the Wolff bureau is said to be unable to circulate its printed bulletins.

A Berlin dispatch to the Mail sent Wednesday mid-night asserted it was reported that as a result of a compromise reached at Weimar the strike might end today.

I. W. W.'S INVADDED UNIONS TO BRING ABOUT UPHEAVAL

OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 7.—Industrial Workers of the World and Bolsheviks have invaded Pacific coast labor unions for the purpose of bringing about an industrial upheaval, Representative G. W. Thompson, Tacoma, himself a union electrical worker, declared in the legislature here today.

"They came for the purpose of splitting things open and they pretty near succeeded in doing it," the representative asserted. He said that in many instances the radicals had swamped the decent reasonable and fair-minded American element in the unions.

Fair-minded labor members are satisfied with the recent award of the Macy federal wage adjustment board. Representative Thompson declared in answer to questions. The present Seattle shipyard strike was called to express dissatisfaction with the Macy award.

Representative Thompson spoke in support of a concurrent resolution addressed to Postmaster General Burleson asking telegraph and telephone workers be permitted to share in the Macy award. The house adopted the resolution, and sent it to the senate.

Irish Plan Coercion of President

PARIS, March 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—If the Irish question is not settled by the peace conference, friends of Ireland will stop ratification of the league of nations in the American congress, Sean O'Callaigh (John O'Kelley), the delegate of the provisional Irish republic to the peace conference, declared in a statement today. He expressed doubt that any league of nations could be formed and said that the Irish "have spoken ventily to President Wilson long enough."

NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW ARMISTICE ON POLISH FRONT

PARIS, March 7.—A Havas dispatch from Posen, dated Wednesday, tells of the meeting of allied and German missions at Kreuz, where negotiations for a new armistice between Germany and Poland will be carried on.

After the German delegates had declared that their government retained full authority over the German troops along the Polish front, the armistice terms bearing on the Polish boundary were examined. A line of demarcation will be fixed by a sub-committee which will be given power to maintain a neutral zone between German and Polish forces there.

The allied commission demanded formal guarantees for the landing of Polish troops at Danzig and their passage as far as the Polish frontier. The Germans telegraphed the details of this demand to Berlin. The Germans declared they were ready to continue the deliberations at Posen and the allied delegates assented, undertaking to answer for the good behavior of the population during the negotiations.

To Consult Hoover  
Queen Mary expressed deep appreciation of the work done by the American Red Cross. She will confer with Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the supreme food council tomorrow and expressed confidence today that the council will aid Rumania.

The queen called attention to the French war cross, with a pain which she wears.

"I was given that cross by the French government," she said, "because officials said I was a good soldier."

LLOYD GEORGE CONFERS WITH COLONEL HOUSE

PARIS, Mar. 7.—Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and Colonel E. M. House conferred for an hour before the meeting of the supreme council today in an effort to adjust the differences of the three nations over the military, naval and economic questions connected with the preliminary peace terms. Army and navy experts of the several countries, it is said, have been unable to agree on the terms.

TACOMA STRIKERS RETURN THE POORER

TACOMA, Wash., March 7.—Union machinists and sheet metal workers in the shops of Dowd McFarland and company, Puget Sound Iron and Steel Works and other contract shops have returned to work at the wages prevailing January 21 when the strike was called. Nearly all the men were given their jobs back. Machinists say they have lost hundreds of dollars by the strike and have gained nothing.

GENERAL TENDENCY TO NORMAL PRICES

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A general tendency toward the restoration of a normal price level was foreseen today by Secretary Redfield in the discontinuance of price fixing for hogs, lowering of steel prices and prospective reduction of freight rates on road materials.

The first meeting of the government's industrial board, which is to determine fair prices for various commodities, was held today.

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SUFFERINGS OF RUMANIA TOLD BY QUEEN MARIE

Queen Visits Clemenceau—Fate of Rumania Worse Than That of Belgium—No Danger of Bolshevism If Food Is Forthcoming—No Railroads or Locomotives Left.

PARIS, Mar. 7.—Premier Clemenceau this forenoon received privately at the war ministry Queen Marie of Rumania. The queen was received with full military honors. The premier and the queen conversed together for half an hour.

Queen Marie of Rumania declared today that in spite of the plight of her country and the sufferings of the people in the war, there is no danger of Bolshevism there if supplies of food can be secured. Speaking of conditions in Rumania during the war, the queen said:

Depicts Sufferings  
"We suffered even worse than did Belgium. She had England and France by her side and behind them stood America, while we had only Russia to depend upon. When the Russians came to assist us, all they did was to eat our food. They were never of any real aid. German plotters saw to it that when Russia broke we were absolutely isolated.

"I have no fear of Bolshevism in Rumania if food is provided immediately. We are used to being shabby and can go without clothes and shoes but must have food. It is very difficult to distribute food in my country because of the wholesale destruction of railroads and the theft of locomotives, cars and horses. We have no iron to rebuild ruined bridges, but are using wood to repair these structures. The imperative need is locomotives. Our oil fields are producing oil, but we have no means of moving it."

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BILL TO SPEED ELECTION COUNT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 7.—Senator M. F. Carr completed today a draft of amendments to the election laws to provide for a quick count of ballots at general elections in this state.

Under the terms of amendments which Carr will submit to the senate elections committee next Tuesday morning membership of election boards in each precinct would be increased from six to eight. The ballots would be counted every two hours after the polls open.

Provision has been made in the amendments for secrecy of the count by making disclosure of progress of the count by election officials punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$1000 or imprisonment of three to twelve months. The proposed law would make it a misdemeanor for persons to endeavor to obtain from election officials information as to the progress of the count. An oath of secrecy is provided for election officials.

Senator Carr said in most instances the count would be complete by nine o'clock, the night of election day.

SEATTLE STRIKERS VOTING UPON RETURN

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—Striking Seattle shipyard boilermakers, numbering about 12,000 met here today and voted on the question of returning to work pending the announcement of findings of a wage conference to be held in Washington, D. C. The result of the vote will be announced Saturday night.

One faction at the meeting wanted to continue the strike without submitting the question to the membership. A stormy debate marked the meeting.