

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....50
Minimum today.....48
Precipitation......08

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and Tomorrow,
Rain.

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ALLIED ARMIES PUSH FORWARD INTO GERMANY

British and French Advance Outposts
From Limits of Present Bridgehead
at Cologne and Mainz—Acute Unrest
in Westphalia Causes Action
to Maintain Order.

BERLIN, Saturday, Mar. 15.—(By Associated Press.) British and French forces, according to reports received here, have advanced their outposts from the limits of their present bridgeheads at Cologne and Mainz, respectively. The French are reported to have penetrated into the corporate limits of Frankfurt.

A special dispatch from Frankfurt says the French have occupied the Hilda bridge across the Main in the western part of the suburb of Rodenheim. The French are said to have posted notices saying the passage was closed to all traffic.

Another report says the authorities of Remscheid, northeast of Cologne, and Kronenburg, northwest of Remscheid, have forwarded a protest to the German government at Weimar and also to the German armistice commission against the occupancy of the towns by British forces.

The Daily Mail of London on Saturday printed a dispatch from its correspondent with the British army to the effect that acute unrest prevailed in the whole Westphalian industrial region. The correspondent said that it probably would be necessary to enlarge the British bridgehead in that direction.

PATRIOTISM FIRES YOUNG KOREANS

PEKING, March 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Advises reaching this city from Korea indicate that the younger generation there has been stirred by Paris dispatches dwelling upon the prominence given at Paris to the principle of self determination of peoples. Japanese papers received here charge mission schools students with participating in disturbances throughout Korea.

Reports are being circulated by the Koreans that the death of former Emperor Yi Hui was due to suicide which was committed as a protest against the projected marriage of the heir of the Korean throne to a Japanese princess. The impression prevails that lack of arms will prevent a serious insurrectionary movement. The Japanese are forbidding the Koreans to own any weapons. American missionaries are said to be observing Japanese laws scrupulously and refraining from any participation in political movements.

QUIET FOLLOWS TSIEN-TSIN RIOT

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Minister Reisch at Peking advised the state department today that all was quiet at the Tsiensin, where there was trouble last week between American soldiers and Japanese, and that he was sending a full report of the incident by mail. The department instructed him to report all important facts by cable immediately.

BOLSHEVIKI PLAN INVASION OF CHINA

PEKING, March 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese government is alarmed over a report from Petrograd relative to the formation of a Chinese workmen's organization, with 60,000 members, for the object of carrying on revolutionary propaganda and establishing soviet in China. Inquiries are being made by the authorities as to measures to check such activities.

FAMOUS PRINCESS PAT REGIMENT RETURNS

HALIFAX, N. S., March 17.—The famous "Princess Pats" Canada's first troops to fight on French soil, returned home today, arriving here on the steamer Carmania from England.

Poles Plan To Attack Germany

BERLIN, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dispatches to Berlin newspapers from Mrazdenz allege that the Poles are preparing for a general advance against the Germans and have notified the German outposts that the armistice is no longer in effect. The dispatches say that the Poles are charged with 84 violations of the armistice.

OEHLER AGAIN IN JAIL FOR ISSUING WORTHLESS CHECKS

PORTLAND, Mar. 17.—Irvine Oehler, young proprietor of a plumbing shop here, was arrested yesterday by police and detectives, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The authorities said today that Irvine paid his employees Saturday night with checks which were returned as worthless. They stated that Irvine was on parole from the Oregon penitentiary and that he attempted suicide less than a year ago while he was in jail at Medford, Ore., on a charge similar to the one now filed against him.

Oehler a year or so ago appeared in Medford with a striking young woman and passed a number of forged checks on Medford merchants. He obtained possession of a new automobile from the C. E. Gates Auto company, giving a bogus check as a down payment, and with the woman fled in the car towards California. Sheriff Jennings was out on the chase in the Six-livous where the auto had become mired in the mud. While awaiting trial Oehler made a desperate attempt to end his life in the county jail at Jacksonville, but recovered. He was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary. After serving a part of his sentence he was paroled. His father was a wealthy Portland contractor.

NEW CONTRACTS FOR SHIP BUILDERS

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Pacific coast shipbuilders again are urging the shipping board to relax restrictions against the acceptance of foreign contracts by yards in this country. It was reiterated today at the shipping board, however, that as the prohibition against construction of steel vessels for other countries than the United States was in effect at the direction of President Wilson, any changes made in the regulations effective during the war would have to be dictated by him.

Cancellation of shipping board contracts, pending revision of the building program to obtain vessels more suited to peace needs, has revived dissatisfaction of western yards, which are further ahead on their contracts than yards in other parts of the country and therefore fear a period of idle ways and idle labor, with corresponding unrest. Shipping board officials said today that additional contracts undoubtedly would be let before any yards finished all their work.

VICTORY LOAN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—Belief that the Victory Loan, consisting of short-term notes, will meet as wide distribution as past issues of longer term bonds, was expressed by the federal reserve board in its March bulletin issued today. The discussion was written before Victory Loan act was passed by congress and before Secretary Glass announced definitely that the forthcoming loan would consist of notes.

HUNS THREATEN REPUDIATION OF PEACE TREATY

Erzberger Says National Assembly Will Refuse to Sign and Submit It to Referendum of German People—Disclaims Obligations for Compensation After First Peace Offer.

COPENHAGEN, March 17.—If the allies loaded the peace treaty with conditions going beyond President Wilson's fourteen points, the German national assembly would have to refuse its assent to the treaty, Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, declared in an address at a Berlin meeting in favoring the formation of a real league of nations, according to a dispatch from the German capital today. The matter then would be left to a referendum of the German nation, he said.

Disclaims Obligations

Herr Erzberger disclaimed any obligation upon Germany to give compensation for acts she committed after her first peace offer in December, 1918.

The speaker declared that the only means of ending a halt on Bolshevism was the abandonment of the "mailed fist policy of the allies."

The German people, said Herr Erzberger, had almost unlimited confidence in President Wilson and he hoped that the league of nations covenant as promulgated February 14 would not be finally adopted, as he declared, it was a compromise of the ideals of President Wilson with the imperialistic aspirations of some of the allies. The American president, Herr Erzberger insisted, was under obligations to advocate the immediate admission of Germany to the league.

Germany Always German

Herr Erzberger asserted that Germany was prepared to accept the vote of Alsace-Lorraine as to its future, but he referred to the reported aspirations of France respecting the Rhineland and to Poland's claims to Danzig as "crimes," adding: "What is German will remain German."

As far as the demands for compensation were concerned, Herr Erzberger declared there was no moral obligation upon Germany regarding compensation aside from the case of Belgium. In that case Germany would act honestly, he said.

AITCHISON NOW CHAIRMAN I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Clyde B. Aitchison, former chairman of the Oregon state public service commission, on which he served as a member for eight years, today became chairman of the interstate commerce commission. The commerce commission is soon to assume greater importance than ever before by reason of proposed new legislation providing for the return of the railroads to private ownership and the restoration of all powers possessed by the commission prior to the enactment of the wartime federal control law, together with greatly enlarged powers.

Mr. Aitchison was the youngest man ever appointed to the commission and is likewise several years younger than any of the other distinguished men who have presided over the deliberations of this body. Well known men who have occupied this place are: Thomas M. Cooley, Martin A. Knapp, now on the United States circuit bench; Charles A. Prouty, present director of valuation for the commission; the late Judson C. Clements; Secretary of Interior Lane and Winthrop M. Daniels, former professor of political economy at Princeton university.

MAIL AIRPLANES TO VISIT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—If a suitable landing ground for airplanes can be found in this city by next June, Portland will be on the air map and will be visited regularly by mail airplanes. Colonel Milton F. Davis of the air service of the war department today advised Erie V. Hauser, of the Portland rose festival committee. Requests had been made that an air fleet be sent to Portland during the festival and this will be done, if possible, Colonel Davis said.

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BREWERS RESUME MAKING PRODUCT DEFY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, March 17.—The lager beer brewers board of trade of New York, representing 42 brewing concerns in New York and New Jersey, announced today that on advice of counsel its members would resume at once sale of beer containing two and three-fourths per cent alcoholic content. This was forbidden by a ruling of the internal revenue department which interpreted President Wilson's proclamation effective December 1 last.

Upon a representation by the board to Elihu Root and William D. Guthrie, counsel for the organization, that beer of the alcoholic strength specified was not intoxicating, the attorneys advised the organization today that sale of the two and three-fourths per cent product would not be contrary to law.

The opinion held that the internal revenue department had acted without authority in decreasing that sale of beer containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol was contrary to the president's proclamation for hiding the use of foodstuffs in brewed products except those which were non-intoxicating.

RENNER CHANCELLOR OF NEW AUSTRIA

COPENHAGEN, March 16.—The new German-Austrian government according to a telegram from Vienna, includes Dr. Renner as chancellor, Herr Jodofink as vice chancellor, Herr Schumpeter as minister of finance, Dr. Julius as minister of war, and Otto Bauer as minister of socialization. Herr Bauer also continues temporarily as minister of foreign affairs.

The main committee of the Austrian national assembly unanimously charged Chancellor Renner to form a new cabinet.

The national assembly has passed bills relative to parliament and the state government and also has approved a measure calling for the socialization of the latter.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM GOLD HILL. PRISON LIME CAMP

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SUPPRESSION OF SPARTACANS DUE TO MONARCHISTS

Press Correspondents Assert That Ebert Government is Puppet in Hands of Reactionaries and Militarists Who Appear as Organizers of New Republican Army.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Special dispatches from Berlin report that the suppression of the recent Spartacan outbreak there has shown that a military and monarchist reaction is growing and overshadowing the new government.

The Berlin correspondent of the Mail who on February 27 sent a dispatch outlining plans for a monarchist uprising in Germany has arrived in London, having left Berlin on March 14 after a residence there of three months. He reiterates the statements in his dispatch saying President Ebert, Chancellor Scheidemann and Minister of War Noske are merely puppets. He declares that for the purpose of retaining power they have allowed members of the military caste to reappear as organizers of the new republican army.

"These men are the real governors of Germany," he says. "They make the edicts and Chancellor Scheidemann and his colleagues willingly sign them."

Similar testimony is given by other correspondents in telegraphing from Berlin, some stating that the capture of the suburb of Liechtenberg has been intentionally prolonged with a view to exterminating the Spartacans, whose treatment at the hands of government troops is said to be sharply condemned. While alleged atrocities are attributed to the Spartacans, details which have been given are doubted or denied.

According to a dispatch to the Mail, the Spartacan revolt will certainly recur in ever-increasing force unless a miracle happens. It adds that Herr Noske's forces have been recruited by bribes and promise of big ration and that to this may be attributed some of the food shortage in Berlin.

MAY FIX PRICES UPON HOG PRODUCTS

CHICAGO, March 17.—It was learned today that the food administration, somewhat alarmed at the mounting price of hog products favors fixing a maximum price on the product, rather than the live animal. Decision rests entirely with the food administration.

The packers' committee allied with the administration held a conference here last Saturday at which representatives of the food administration were present. The packers were of the opinion that hogs should not sell at more than \$17.50 or \$18.00 at the outside, and that the maximum price of product, if fixed, should be fixed on that basis. Thomas E. Wilson, one of the "big five" packers, was chairman of the conference. He said that decision was up to Washington and that any announcement must come from there.

TWO THOUSAND TROOPS ARRIVE ON PATRIA

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—With 2110 troops, the steamer Patria arrived here today from Marseilles. Units included the 304th brigade tank corps complete, 65 officers and 1456 men, for distribution among 13 camps throughout the country; and casual company number 1905 of Texas and 1914 of South Dakota.

The 304th brigade tank corps came home in command of Colonel George Smith Patton Jr., a regular army officer, of San Gabriel, Calif., who went to France in May, 1917, to serve as an aid to General Pershing.

Twenty-one men of the 304th received the distinguished service cross and two won the medal of honor. One of the D. S. C. recipients was Private Joseph Angelo, of Camden, N. J., who when Colonel Patton was wounded, stayed by his commander under heavy fire and dragged him into a shell hole.

Major S. E. Brett of Portland, Ore., another D. S. C. winner, earned this honor through disobedience of orders in not restraining the tanks' advance; instead they chased snipers from a church tower and captured a town.

YANKS DEFEAT BOLSHEVIKI IN NORTH RUSSIA

Attempt to Cut Line of Communication Repulsed With Heavy Loss in Archangel Sector—Machine Guns Annihilated Attackers—Only One Casualty Suffered By Allies.

ARCHANGEL, Saturday, March 15.—(By Associated Press.) The futile attack which the Bolsheviki delivered yesterday on the allied and American forces comprised the first serious attempt to cut the line of communications of the Dvina and Viga columns. The attempt was not only frustrated, but the Bolsheviki forces suffered a severe defeat and sustained heavy losses.

Enemy Repulsed
Moving from the Kadish-Tarevo sector, the first battalion of the 6th soviet regiment, 500 strong, attacked at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon the allied position in the village of Gorka which is 25 miles north of Berezanik at the junction of the Vaga and Dvina. The American-Russian detachment at Gorka was well entrenched and it decisively repulsed the enemy, capturing five prisoners and five machine guns during the fighting. After the attempt the bodies of 67 Bolsheviki were found. The allied force suffered only one casualty—a man wounded.

The Vaga sector in the vicinity of Kitisa is quiet, as are the other fronts.

Heavy Losses Sustained
American officers who returned today from the Vaga front declared that the Bolsheviki sustained exceedingly heavy losses last week. All the defensive troops withdrew with the exception of a squad of Americans who lay concealed in a partly destroyed blockhouse with machine guns. The enemy scouts advanced and were permitted to cut the barbed wire entanglements. On doing this, they shouted back to their comrades that the village had been abandoned.

When the first column of the Bolsheviki walked unsuspectingly up to the entanglements the Americans inside the blockhouse turned their machine guns loose and mowed down the entire enemy party. After this the defensive forces went back into Vistavka.

Of the total of 26 Americans listed as missing since the beginning of hostilities on this front it has been reported that ten are prisoners in the Bolsheviki has pit at Prinsk. This was given to an American Red Cross worker who questioned Bolsheviki deserters on the Vaga front.

YANKS DESTROYING ZEPPELIN BOMBS

TREVES, Germany, March 17.—Zeppelin bombs of uncertain age and manufacture have been destroyed by the hundreds recently by American soldiers engaged in "cleaning up" after the withdrawal of the enemy. These bombs, of no practical use owing to long exposure to the weather, were found near a hangar in the region of Treves when the American Army of Occupation crossed into Rhenish Prussia from the Luxembourg border.

The task of destroying thousands of tons of old, and in many instances, worthless, German shells began several weeks ago, the explosives being placed in great pits and covered with steel rails and wood and piles of earth and fired by electricity.

Thousands of anti-aircraft shells also have been destroyed on the summit of a ridge of hills skirting the Moselle in this vicinity and ordnance in charge of the work expect to finish their work here soon and then move on to other German ammunition dumps awaiting their attention along the Rhine and other parts of the occupied territory.

DREADNAUGHT TO PASS PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—The battleship North Dakota is the first warship of the dreadnaught class to go through the Panama canal. Governor Harding reported to the secretary of war today that the North Dakota had passed across the Isthmus without accident and in but little more time than is required for the small cargo ships.

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