

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....57
Minimum today.....20

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Tonight and Friday
Fair.

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GIRL CONFESSES TO POISONING HER RIVAL

NEUTRALS AIR VIEWS ON LEAGUE

Delegates Present Opinions and Amendments to Peace Conference—Warning Sent Ukrainians in Galicia—International Labor Bureau Denied Power to Invoke Aid of League to Enforce Decisions. Rendered By That Body.

PARIS, Mar. 20.—(By Associated Press.) Marshal Foch and other generals were called in during yesterday's prolonged session of the supreme council to give their advice as to action which should be taken in Galicia, where Ukrainian forces are besieging Lemberg, which is threatened from three sides. It was decided that a sharp warning should be sent to both sides asking for a suspension of hostilities. The warning will take the form of an "injunctio" to the two armies.

Neutrals Given Hearing
Neutral countries of Europe, Asia and South America will be given opportunity today to express their views and propose amendments to the League of Nations plan. Nearby neutrals have sent delegates while more distant countries will be represented by ambassadors and ministers residing in Paris.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel de Crillon, the American headquarters, and it is proposed to continue the session as long as necessary to complete all neutral proposals and prepare them for submission to the commission of the League of Nations.

Lord Robert Cecil of Great Britain will be chairman. The claims of neutrals will be heard directly or by memorandum, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Persia, Guatemala and most of the South American neutrals having some suggestions to make.

The three Scandinavian countries will present virtually identical proposals. It is understood, these being in the main favorable to the league and asking that neutrals be admitted to membership.

Wilson Chairman
President Wilson will act as chairman at the meeting of the League of Nations commission which will be held Saturday when all proposed amendments and changes will be considered and the plan put into definite form.

Lord Robert Cecil and Thomas W. Gregory, former United States attorney-general, are among those who have sought to draft a proviso relative to the Monroe doctrine in such form that it will meet the approval of legal experts.

Labor Legislation
The commission on international labor legislation, today decided against the International Labor Bureau, when constituted, invoking the aid of the League of Nations to enforce its decisions. This decision was mainly due to difficulties which would be encountered in the United States, where state constitutions would require alterations before they would permit such outside interference.

MILLIONS LOANED AMERICAN FARMERS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Loans totaling approximately \$14,799,800 were made to 4,200 farmers throughout the United States by the federal land banks on long time first mortgages in February, according to a monthly statement of the Farm Loan board given out today.
The Federal Land bank of Omaha, Neb., led in amount of loans closed with \$3,895,400. Other banks closed loans as follows: Houston, Tex., \$1,863,213; St. Paul, \$1,506,600; Spokane, \$1,251,720; Wichita, Kas., \$1,019,800; Berkeley Calif., \$473,800.
The total amount of loans closed since the establishment of the federal land banks was \$182,807,964 on March 1, distributed among 75,384 borrowers. Altogether 179,134 have applied for loans aggregating \$471,455,302.

ALLIES PLACE EMBARGO UPON FINISHED GOODS

France and Italy Follow British Lead—Only Raw Materials and Machinery Wanted From America—Make Own Articles—Field for American Finance in Europe.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Imposition by the French government of an import embargo similar to the British is regarded by government officials here as evidence that the allies have completed their plans for industrial reconstruction and now are proceeding to put them into effect.

Great Britain and France have established a pool in this country to control whatever purchases they need to make and Italy is cooperating with them to a limited extent. As a result, trade experts do not think there will be much sale for American finished products in the European countries for some time to come, it being the announced policy of the allies to do without those articles which they can not manufacture at home. Basic materials still will be obtained in the United States and probably much machinery, into the making of which technical skill and scientific knowledge enter, but it is believed the great bulk of American goods will continue to be marketed elsewhere.

The allies' dependence on this country for basic materials and machinery to start their commercial life anew may develop a new role for American capital in financing European industries, reversing the condition which prevailed until the war began.

America has more surplus gold than any other country, officials say, and can relieve the European scarcity by taking industrial bonds at a profitable rate of interest or government bonds at a lower rate, in either case contributing to a revival of business which would mean greater value for the millions of foreign securities now held in the United States.

BOMBED BANKER'S WIFE GIVEN PRESENT BY UNKNOWN FRIEND

OAKLAND, Calif., March 20.—A few minutes before Mrs. George D. Greenwood, wife of a San Francisco banker, was killed by a bomb at her home here Tuesday evening she had in her possession a small, mysterious package which a friend known only as "Phyllis" tried to persuade her not to open, according to evidence uncovered by the Oakland police today.
"Phyllis" succeeded in persuading Mrs. Greenwood not to open the package in the house, and left in haste when the explosion announced her intention of going to the garden to examine it, according to the police information. Relief was expressed that "Phyllis" would be completely identified and questioned before night.

Suspicion today centered around a gardener formerly employed in the Greenwood neighborhood, and the police looked for his arrest. The mysterious stranger, said to have been seen by two school teachers loitering around the place were identified further today by a restaurant keeper a short distance away, who said they had a meal in his place a short time before the bomb explosion.

WARN PUBLIC AGAINST OIL STOCK OPERATORS

SALEM, March 20.—Because of renewed activity of "fly-by-night" operators in oil stocks in Oregon since the conclusion of the war, State Corporation Commissioner Schulerman found it necessary today to issue a warning in the form of a poster that will be placed in conspicuous places to prevent the public from being cullied by the agents. The stock salesmen are said to have come into the state in considerable numbers recently. They have operated among shipyard workers and in other places.

WAR NITRATES TURNED OVER TO USE OF FARMERS

Nearly Three Billions of War Contracts Cancelled—Explosives to Be Used in Road Building and Land Clearing—Nitrate Surplus Goes to Agriculture as Fertilizer.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Settlement of claims involving detailed inventories and reviews of accounts is slowing up cancellation of war contracts, the war department announced today in a statement which showed that of \$2,941,000,000 in contracts recommended for cancellation the actual closing out had reached a total of \$185,132,968 on February 27.

It was disclosed also that explosives valued at \$12,000,000 had been transferred from surplus stocks to the interior department for land clearing, road building and similar work; and that more than half of the billion and a half pounds of surplus sodium nitrate valued at \$57,000,000 would be disposed of for agricultural and commercial purposes. The remainder is to be held for the present by the ordnance department.

The nitrate surplus represents acquisitions since the beginning of the war. The department of agriculture is to acquire from the army 284,000,000 pounds for use as fertilizer, paying cost price, while the remaining surplus in the United States will be handled thru the nitrate board and the American nitrate pool. The surplus in Chile, representing about a third of the total, will be handled thru the British pool at not less than cost price.

The explosives acquired by the interior department will be stored temporarily at war department magazines at Fort Wingate, N. M.; Sparta, Wis., and Charleston, S. C., the interior department being prepared to store itself about 5,000,000 pounds. Storage of explosives is giving the war department some trouble.

Attention again was invited today to the fact that all claims growing out of informal contracts and agreements must be presented before June 30.

BRITISH SUSPEND EXCHANGE PURCHASE

NEW YORK, March 20.—Receipt of instructions to suspend the purchase of sterling exchange in this market in behalf of the British government, undertaken by J. P. Morgan and company during the war to stabilize financial relations between this center and London, were announced today by the Morgan firm. It was explained that this was "simply another step designed to permit business to resume its normal course."
Soon after the announcement sterling exchange began to sag off, demand sterling dropped to 4.7150 and cables to 4.7250, representing in each case a decline of about four cents since yesterday's close.

FRENCH TO OCCUPY GERMAN CITIES TO EAST OF RHINE

GENEVA, Mar. 20.—(Havas) French troops have occupied Mannheim and Karlsruhe on the east bank of the Rhine, on account of Spartacan outbreaks there, the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says.
The newspaper adds that the French also occupied Rhetlau, five miles south of Mannheim and Winhabfen.

LONDON, March 20.—The Royal Geographical society has awarded the Back Grant to Archdeacon Hudson Stuck of the Yukon in recognition of his travels in Alaska and his ascent of Mount McKinley in 1913.

LOVE CRAZED SEATTLE MAID ADMITS POISONING COCKTAIL KILLING HER LOVER'S WIFE

GOING INTO ACTION



NEW POLAND GIVEN OUTLET TO BALTIC SEA

PARIS, March 20.—In making his report to the supreme allied council yesterday on the Polish question, Jules Cambon, head of the peace conference commission on Polish affairs, set forth the purpose of the commission to create a Polish state which would have a firm foundation for its future welfare and at the same time to respect the principle of nationality, despite the difficulties resulting from the geographical feature of the problem.

Poland, M. Cambon pointed out, was half enclosed by German territory and had an imperative need of an independent outlet to the sea by a route easy of access, to ensure her national autonomy. Therefore, he said, it was necessary to incorporate in the new state some German elements which, he reminded the council, had been introduced there by Germany herself with deliberateness and in conformity with her colonizing system.

Premier Lloyd George argued that Germany must not be given a pretext for organizing a sort of irredentist movement, especially east of the Vistula, where the Germans were rather numerous. The plan of the commission gives to Poland boundaries which render her territory more restricted than it was in 1772. It puts in her possession an outlet to the Baltic which along a considerable distance spans the Vistula to Danzig but excludes the Allenstein territory, to determine the position of which a plebiscite is proposed.

Mr. Lloyd George also remarked that by connecting Danzig with Thorn and Warsaw by two independent railroads it probably would be possible to make Poland economically independent.

The commission's report probably will be discussed by the supreme allied council Friday when the question of sending to Warsaw the Polish army divisions which had fought on the French front also is expected to come up.

ATHENS, March 20.—Information from what is considered a trustworthy source describes the condition of the Greeks in the Smyrna district as extremely critical. Bands of Turkish soldiers and civilians are overrunning the region, murdering and pillaging, advices state.

DEMOCRATS OF MISSOURI ASK REED TO RESIGN

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—United States Senator James A. Reed today in commenting on the action of the 500 democratic members of the Missouri house of representatives, who yesterday adopted a resolution calling on him to resign and run for reelection, as a means of determining public sentiment on his views, said he had no objection to the men passing the resolution, but he did object to their saving he spoke disrespectfully of President Wilson, and the text of the speech would show he did not.

"I am not conducting this campaign as some are, by abusing anyone who does not agree with me," he said, "but I make no denial of the fact that I do not agree with President Wilson."
"I will not resign, of course—not unless all these other fellows with views for and against the league of nations resign. In that case, I will go with them and we can have a general election with the document as the paramount issue."
"I believe it is coming to a general referendum, for the United States senate will not ratify the document."

BOLSHEVIKI FORCE FRENCH GARRISON TO LEAVE ODESSA

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Virtually all of the Ukraine is now in the hands of the Bolsheviki, according to advices reaching London today. In heavy fighting at Nikolaiyev, northeast of Odessa, the Bolsheviki lost between 5000 and 8000 men, but forced the French garrison after fierce fighting to withdraw to Odessa.
Further east, the advices add, the Bolsheviki have reached the isthmus of Perekop leading to the Crimea.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH ALLIED PREMIERS

PARIS, Mar. 20.—President Wilson spent this forenoon in work at the Paris "White House" in preparation for another conference this afternoon with Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George. The conference will take place at Mr. Lloyd George's residence.

18 Year Old Ruth Garrison Invited Rival in Love Triangle To Dine and Calmly Watched Her Death Agonies

SEATTLE, March 20.—Dudley M. Storrs, Okanogan, Wash., automobile mechanic, whose wife died here Tuesday after eating a poisoned fruit cocktail, was expected to arrive here today.
Miss Ruth Garrison, police announced yesterday, confessed she stirred the poison into the cocktail because Mrs. Storrs was her rival for the affections of the husband. Early this week, Miss Garrison returned from Okanogan where she visited Storrs.

Interviewers and jail attendants today expressed surprise at the calmness and ease with which Miss Garrison discusses her confessed crime. Miss Garrison, who is but 18, was arrested early yesterday at the home of her uncle, J. D. Esary, president of the Island Transportation company. Only once or twice since the murder has she cried, "Not bad, only foolish and young," was the comment at the jail.

Crazed by Love
"I was crazy," she declared. "I didn't think of anything but wanting to be with him. The impulse came to me Tuesday morning and I carried it out on the spur of the moment."

"What matters most is not what I have done—it is too late for that—but whether he still cares for me. The main thing I want to know is whether I will be allowed to see him when he arrives. I love Dudley Storrs with all my heart and soul."

Mrs. Storrs partook of the poisoned cocktail while she was the guest of Miss Garrison at luncheon Tuesday. The wife, for some time it was said, knew of the relations between the husband and girl. Miss Garrison said she invited Mrs. Storrs to the lunch to discuss with her the question of Storrs getting a divorce. She bought the poison on the way to the lunch room, arrived there first, ordered the meal and placed the poison into the food before the guest arrived.

Watched Her Die
Soon after Mrs. Storrs took the cocktail she gasped and fainted. The tea room was in a department store and she was carried to the store's emergency hospital where she died.

"Didn't you want to scream when you sat across the table from Mrs. Storrs and watched her die?" Miss Garrison was asked.

"No," she said. "I didn't feel a thing after I thought of doing it that morning."

Witnesses said Miss Garrison asked "are you ill?" as Mrs. Storrs fainted. Miss Garrison's mother, the prisoner said, does not know of the murder yet as she is away from Seattle. Miss Garrison formerly was a clerk in the Seattle city county building. While there she met Storrs, then a deputy sheriff.

Smiling and Cheerful
Miss Garrison today, according to jail officials, was smiling, bright and cheerful after a sound sleep. She showed no signs of a breakdown. The prisoner, it became known today, was a junior in a local high school a year ago.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John D. Carmody today said a formal complaint charging Miss Garrison with first degree murder probably would be filed before tonight and arraignment probably would come tomorrow.
Miss Garrison's confession, it became known today, came after the girl for hours had protested her innocence who said she sat near Miss Garrison in the tea room, had told the authorities of her observations of the girl's actions.

Witness Tells Story
The witness said Miss Garrison arrived early and ordered lunch for two. When the cocktail arrived, she said, the girl reached across the table and stirred it on top, not deeply. The woman did not see anything dropped into it. Later, the girl, according to the witness, walked around the table and leaned Mrs. Storrs' chair forward to signify that the place was reserved. Shortly after Mrs. Storrs arrived.

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"Now don't say 'no' again, Ruth, because that is just the way it happened, isn't it?" the prosecutor asked.
The girl's chin quivered, her head sank and she nodded "yes."
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Husband Claims Suicide
WENATCHEE, Wash., March 20.—Dudley M. Storrs left last night for Seattle, arriving here in the afternoon from Okanogan. He knew nothing of the sensational developments in the death of his wife until he reached Wenatchee. He expressed doubt as to the confession of Ruth Garrison, saying that if she made a confession, it was only to escape the tortures of the police third degree methods.
"I am satisfied that my wife took her own life, fulfilling the threat which she had repeatedly made," he said.

Storrs denied that the girl, Ruth Garrison, had spent any time in Okanogan. He was calm and collected and apparently unmoved by the developments in the love triangle. Storrs registered here yesterday under an assumed name and kept to his room until train time last night in order to escape interviewers.

Sane, Says Alienist
SEATTLE, Mar. 20.—Dr. D. A. Nicholson, alienist, who today spent over two hours examining Miss Garrison, reported to Prosecuting Attorney Fred C. Brown that he believed the girl perfectly sane.

"I'm a boob for being caught at it" the girl told Dr. Nicholson, Mr. Brown said. This was the only expression of regret that she uttered. "The doctor told me that at no time did Miss Garrison express the least regret for her deed or sympathy for her victim or those she has bereaved."

Dudley Storrs will be taken into custody for investigation when he arrives here from Wenatchee, police declared today.
Altho Miss Garrison asserts that her one hope is that she will be allowed to see Storrs, officials said her desire would not be realized for some time.

MORMON BISHOPS RELEASED BY VILLA

JUAREZ, Mex., March 20.—A telegram was received here today from Bishop A. B. Call of the Mormon settlement at Colonia Dublin stating Bishop J. C. Bentley, Head Missionary James T. Whetten and Albert Tietjen, another Mormon, had been released by Francisco Villa's troops and had arrived at a logging camp 60 miles south of Colonia Dublin and 185 miles below the border.

48 MILLIONS FOR ARTILLERY PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Artillery projects for the army which will be completed contemplate expenditure of \$48,243,855 for guns of various types, the war department announced today. Among other items are 74 carriages for 12 inch sea-coast mortars and 73 railway mounts for weapons of this type.