

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....04
Minimum today.....49
Precipitation......03

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Tonight and Tomorrow—
Probable Showers.

Forty-Ninth Year. Daily—Fourteenth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1919

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NEW DRAFT OF LEAGUE EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS

Redrawn Instrument Safeguards Monroe Doctrine—Council of Foreign Ministers Formed to Speed Up Peace Treaty—Important Results Achieved in Settlement of Disputes.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Publication of the amended draft of the League of Nations covenant within a few days with a provision safeguarding the Monroe doctrine among its new clauses is expected by administration officials here as a result of informal advice received today from members of the American party at Paris.

Officials express entire confidence that President Wilson will insist upon such a provision being in the final draft when it is passed upon.

It is understood here that the amended covenant will be given to the public simultaneously in all the associated countries.

Official Statement

PARIS, March 28.—These announcements were made in an official communique given out today as follows:

"A meeting at which Mr. Lansing, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Pichon, Baron Sonnino and Baron Makino were present took place on the 28th of March at 11 a. m.

"In regard to the blockade of German-Austria it was agreed that all restrictions on commerce should be raised in that region as soon as the necessary machinery had been established in order to prevent re-export to Germany.

"A commission was appointed to study the removal of servitude of Morocco established by the act of Algiers.

"The council then considered the question of the frontiers of Schleswig."

Foreign Ministers Council

PARIS, Mar. 28.—A council of the foreign ministers and foreign secretaries of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy has been created to work simultaneously with the premier and President Wilson, but on different branches of the great technical questions involved in the peace settlement.

This action has been taken in the interest of speed. Japan is not given representation in the new council because its delegation does not include its foreign minister.

It is believed the council of foreign ministers will consider the Italian and probably the Russian question as well as the feasibility of arranging a peace treaty to include all the belligerent nations.

Boundaries Discussed

Today's Paris newspapers declare that extremely important problems directly connected with Germany's future boundaries were discussed by the council of four in an excellent spirit of understanding yesterday. The Petit Parisien says important results were achieved.

According to the Matin, the territorial questions involved and the problems of protecting France adequately have been satisfactorily solved.

As to financial problems, the solution reported adopted provides for payment by Germany of yearly installment on the indemnity of which France would receive a portion sufficient to lighten the burden of her budget.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WRANGLE OVER MONITOR

BOSTON, March 28.—A breach of unity has occurred between the board of directors of the Christian Science mother church and the board of trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society, according to a suit in equity on file here today. As a result, the board has filed a bill in equity to enjoin the board of directors from establishing a new publishing establishment or from interfering in it or injuring the present one.

The plaintiffs, who were appointed trustees under a deed of trust made by Mary Baker Eddy, are Lamont Rowland of Pievone, Miss, Herbert W. Easton of Boston and David R. Ogden of Brookline, Mass. The defendants are Adam H. Dieck, James E. Neal, Edward A. Moritt and William R. Rathvon, who were appointed by Mrs. Eddy as the board of directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. By a supplementary deed of trust, John V. Dittmore and Annie M. Knott both claim to hold positions on the board of directors.

BOOTH REMAINS ON HIGHWAY COMMISSION UNTIL CONTRACTS LET

SALEM, Ore., March 28.—It. A Booth of Eugene, will remain a member of the state highway commission until all contracts covering operations for this year have been let. He made this known today after a conference with Governor O'Leary. Whether he will remain on the commission longer than that, he said, was not settled.

AUSTRIA DEPRIVES HAPSBURG HOUSE OF ROYAL RIGHTS

VIENNA, March 27.—(Havas.)—The government has introduced in parliament a bill dealing with the former reigning house of Austria-Hungary in which the abolition of the rights and privileges of the house of Hapsburg-Lothringen in perpetuity is decreed, together with the banishment of all members of this house as well as the house of Bourbon-Parma (the family of former Empress Zita). The German-Austrian republic is proclaimed as the owner of the real and personal estate of the former imperial house, the net proceeds of which may be used for the benefit of citizens whose health was impaired thru the war, or of families which have been deprived of their bread winners.

MAY ACTING AS ADJUTANT-GENERAL

PORTLAND, March 28.—Although he will not formally take over the position of adjutant general of Oregon until Tuesday, Colonel John L. May nominally took up the work yesterday, in the absence of General Charles E. Beebe, the retiring adjutant-general.

Colonel May announced that his first appointment will be to make Lieutenant Schur a major in the quartermaster corps. Lieutenant Schur made a splendid record overseas with the 162nd regiment and was in charge of the supply company as it returned to the United States. Colonel May declared. Sergeant Byron Thompson, who was a member of Colonel May's headquarters company, has been made a clerk in the adjutant general's office.

Colonel May declared he was greatly pleased with the national guard organization as he found it and is the nucleus for a splendid guard body.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE LAWS REFERENCED

FARGO, N. D., Mar. 28.—The North Dakota referendum election of laws passed by the last legislature was today assured when Theodore G. Nelson, secretary of the North Dakota Independent Voters' association announced receipt of petitions containing 23,114 names.

"The referendum is spreading like wild fire, in the face of drastic efforts of Non-Partisan League leaders to prevent the people of the state from voting on the laws enacted by the last legislature," Nelson said this morning.

LENINE AND TROTSKY ASK RECOGNITION

PARIS, March 28.—A rumor was current last night that the United States had received a note from Premier Lenine and War Minister Trotsky of the Russian soviet government asking recognition for the government, says Marcey Hutin in the Echo de Paris today. M. Hutin adds that he "cannot say that President Wilson is disinclined to give the request favorable consideration."

BOLSHEVIKI PLAN REVOLUTION TO SEIZE AUSTRIA

Communist Elements Seek to Gain Control as in Hungary—Reds Warn People to Respect Foreigners—Soldiers to Elect Company Commanders—Karolyi Enjoys Liberty.

PARIS, March 28.—The communist elements in Austria are planning a movement to gain control of the government, the correspondent of the Matin at The Hague says he learns from Vienna. The movement if launched would begin simultaneously in Vienna, Linz and Graz.

LONDON, March 28.—Premier Lenine has sent a wireless message to the Hungarian government urging it to send an army against Vienna, according to a Budapest dispatch received in Berlin and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph company. Lenine promised to advance 100,000,000 kronen to finance the project.

Hope for Peace

COPENHAGEN, March 28.—Emissaries of the Hungarian revolutionary governing council handed their credentials to the president of the German-Austrian national assembly at Vienna yesterday, says a Budapest dispatch. Hopes for continuance of amicable relations between Hungary and German-Austria were mutually expressed.

The revolutionary government has ordered entente flags hoisted on the hotel where the entente missions have been stopping and the dispatch says posters will soon be issued warning the people to respect all foreigners in Budapest.

Join Red Army

COPENHAGEN, March 27.—The invitation for recruits to enter the Red army in Hungary has met with an encouraging response according to a Budapest dispatch. The soldiers will elect their company commanders, by the higher officers will be appointed by the commissary of war. A reserve army is also being formed among workmen.

LONDON, March 28.—Count Michael Karolyi, former Hungarian premier, is enjoying complete liberty in Budapest, as are other members of the government who were compelled to resign when the soviet uprising took place, according to a Hungarian government wireless dispatch.

48TH ARTILLERY AT CAMP LEWIS

TACOMA, Wash., Mar. 28.—One hundred and fifty-seven men from the 48th Coast Artillery, one of the five regiments of regulars, National Guardsmen and selective service men taken from the three forts at the entrance to Puget Sound and sent to France, arrived in Camp Lewis at 6 o'clock this morning from the Atlantic coast. All the men live within the demobilization area of which Camp Lewis is the discharge point and will be released in a few days.

Twenty casualties from other parts of the country came for discharge today.

MRS. GATT HEADS LEAGUE OF VOTERS

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, was this morning elected temporary chairman of the League of American Voters, Miss Catherine Pierce of Oklahoma was elected temporary secretary.

Delegates from states having presidential suffrage were admitted to the league.

SEATTLE, March 28.—Miss Ruth Garrison, 18, who, according to the police, confessed she poisoned Mrs. D. M. Storrs, her rival for Storrs' love, was to be arraigned here late today for pleading. Her attorneys said she would enter a plea of not guilty.

SAILOR KILLS SELF WHEN SWEETHEART STOLEN BY BROTHER

PORTLAND, March 28.—After the body of a man found dead in a hotel here several days ago had been identified as that of William Hogan of Union, Ore., and sent there for burial, it was learned here today that the dead man was J. C. Overture of Seattle, the coroner's office announced today. Arrangements have been made to send the body to Seattle.

Poison caused the death of Overture, the coroner said, and an unmailed letter to his mother, just discovered, showed he had been discharged recently from the navy. The letter indicated that when he discovered that his brother Earl C. Overture, had won the love of a girl named "Isabel," whom the sailor had hoped to marry, he found life no longer worth living.

PRICES HIGHER THAN YEAR AGO SAYS DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Wholesale prices, though showing a downward trend this year, remain much higher than those of a year ago, it was disclosed today by the March issue of the Monthly Labor Review of the department of labor. Food, clothing and metal products were reported as showing the greatest declines in the last two months.

Cotton, corn, oats, hides, tobacco, butter, eggs, lard, bacon, woolen goods, bar iron, copper, steel, oak and poplar lumber, were listed among important articles whose prices were less in January than the preceding month. Cattle, potatoes, soap and whiskey averaged higher, while hogs, canned goods, beef, sugar and milk were among those that remained practically unchanged.

"Comparing prices in January, 1919, with those of a year ago," said the review, "it is seen that the index number of farm products increased from 205 to 220, that of food articles from 188 to 204, and that of clothes and clothing from 209 to 231."

The index number for wholesale prices for January, 1919, was 202 compared with 206 for December, 1918.

POWER HEARING SET MEDFORD, APRIL 11

SALEM, March 28.—The following cases have been set for hearing by the state public service commission: April 3, at Mill City, investigation of water and electric utility of Hammond Lumber company.

April 10: At Cottage Grove, application of the state highway commission for elimination of a grade crossing.

April 11: At Medford, Hilton et al vs. California-Oregon Power company et al relative to join user of poles.

MISSIONARIES DENY KOREAN CONSPIRACY

SEOUL, Korea, March 14.—(By Associated Press.) The representative body of Korean missionaries declares that the missionaries are entirely free from any complicity in or foreknowledge of the present troubles in connection with the independence movement. The contention of the missionaries seems to be borne out by the reports of the judicial inquiries.

PARIS, March 28.—The blockade of German-Austria will be lifted as soon as measures can be perfected for preventing imports back into that territory being exported to Germany, it was decided at a council of the foreign ministers of the powers held here this morning.

EXTEND PRESENT SCALE OF WAGES FOR SHIPYARDS

No New Working Agreement Signed But Proposed Plan to Be Submitted to Union for Referendum—Continues Present Wages Until October—Creates Conciliation Board.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—No new working agreement between Pacific Coast shipbuilders and the Metal Trades Unions will be signed by the conference of shipowners and union delegates in session here. Representatives of the unions today informed the employers that they would have to submit the proposals to their unions for final consideration.

Pacific union delegates took the position that their craftsmen must be consulted while the employers presented their final terms of agreement and prepared to leave Washington immediately. Meanwhile the union men held their final session to determine whether they would make any recommendations to their locals in submitting the proposals.

President O'Connell of the Metal Trades department of the American Federation of Labor, said the final terms of the shipbuilders provided for the continuance of existing wages and working conditions from April 1 to October 1, next, extension of the 44-hour week to the San Francisco yards and the creation of a conciliation board of five union men and five employers to act in labor disputes. These provisions were said to be acceptable to the workers, but insistence that preference in employment be given union men was said to have blocked an agreement.

While the Pacific coast union men were holding a final meeting today, delegates of the Atlantic and Gulf coast yards completed drafting of an agreement which is to be submitted to the employers. The two agreements would affect about 200,000 workers on the east coast and 125,000 on the west coast.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS GOTHAM

NEW YORK, March 28.—New York experienced a somewhat exciting early morning today due to a heavy wind, blinding snow and icy sidewalks and streets. Surface cars collided, signs and fences were blown down and trees uprooted. Pedestrians were knocked over by street cars, automobiles and mail trucks, a woman was blown into the East river, but was rescued, an ice covered rail caused a short circuit that set fire to an elevated train and the morning rush hour traffic generally was hampered. A dozen persons were injured, several being removed to hospitals.

HURLEY IN FAVOR OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Recommendation of Chairman Hurley of the shipping board in a speech in New York last night for private ownership of the new American merchant marine with a government regulation has been submitted to President Wilson. White House officials said today it was expected the president would make the merchant marine the subject of a message to congress.

GENERAL RICHARDSON TO COMMAND YANKS

LONDON, March 28.—Brigadier General W. P. Richardson, U. S. A., who has been given command of the American expedition in northern Russia, will leave London in a few days with a fair sized detachment of engineers, sanitary workers and replacement officers for Archangel.

OWN YOUR OWN HOME CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

WASHINGTON, March 28.—"Own your home" campaigns have been inaugurated in 18 cities, it was announced today by the bureau of public works department of labor. Among the cities are Billings, Mont.; Denver, Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City, Seattle and Spokane.

RUMANIAN ARMY CROSSES FRONTIER TO ATTACK HUNGARY

PARIS, March 28.—(French Wireless Service.)—The Rumanian and Czechoslovak governments have taken military measures against the Hungarian revolutionary government, a Geneva dispatch to the Petit Parisien says. Two Rumanian army corps are said to have crossed the frontier of Eastern Galicia.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOANS OFFERED ON INSTALLMENTS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Terms of payment in the new Victory Liberty loan announced today are the most liberal ever offered by the government. Deferred payments may be extended over a period of six months from May 10 to November 11.

Secretary Glass announced today that 10 per cent of subscriptions would be due with application on or before May 10, another 10 per cent on or before July 15, and four subsequent installments of 20 per cent each on or before August 12, September 9, October 7 and November 11. Accrued interest on deferred installments will be due with the last payment.

Payment in full can be made May 20, if desired, the 10 per cent with application having been paid prior to May 10. Payment also can be completed on any installment date with accrued interest.

RAILROAD STRIKE TIES UP AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Mar. 28.—A railroad strike has been called and threatens to spread to all the roads in this country. The strike was called partly for higher wages and partly because of sympathy with the Hungarian revolution. It is feared it may lead to the establishment of a soviet republic in German-Austria.

The trouble began last night when men employed by the Southern railroad walked out. All traffic over this road is at a complete standstill, even allied food trains from Trieste being stopped. As a result of this interruption of transportation of supplies, Vienna is threatened with famine. The situation is considered extremely grave.

AMERICANS THWART SPARTACAN PLOT

LONDON, March 28.—(German.)—Action by American troops looking after Russian prisoners in Germany is believed to have nipped in the bud an important Bolshevik plot, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin dated Thursday.

The Spartacans in Spandau, the message states, had planned a big rising for Thursday, intending to arm several thousand Russians from the Rubleben camp. The Americans, however, rushed the Russians on board trains Wednesday night and scattered them under the Americans throughout Germany.

ELKS ORDER HOLDS NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 28.—Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from practically every state in the union were here today to attend the "Three Big Days in Elksdom." The celebration was formally opened with a reception to grand lodge officers headed by Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell of East St. Louis.

The feature of the celebration will be a parade Saturday and initiation of more than 2,000 candidates secured during the recent nation-wide competitive drive.

BRITISH PLAN TO CREATE MINISTRY FOR OIL INDUSTRY

Government Profits By Costly Lessons of War and Adopts Clearly Defined Oil Policy to Develop Most Powerful Oil Producing, Refining and Transportation Enterprise.

LONDON, March 13.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Profiting by the costly experiences of the war, when it was commended to send enormous sums into other countries in payment for petroleum and petroleum products, the British government has adopted a clearly defined oil policy, and is already credited with financially backing and is expected here to develop into the most powerful oil producing, refining and transportation enterprise in the history of the industry.

Stories concerning the government's policy have been in circulation on a number of occasions and recently received by reports that Royal Dutch-Shell oil interests were about to take control of the Mexican Eagle Oil company, an important member of the Lord Cowdray group.

Ministry of Oil

The government's first important movement, it was stated by authorities here, will be the creation of a permanent ministry which will be charged with the task of acting as petroleum advisers for all departments. It will have control over concessions for the development of possible oil territory within the empire and will advise and assist British companies or individuals in obtaining concessions and leases in foreign countries, as well as help them to conduct their oil business in countries outside the empire. The importance of the ministry will be better understood when it is realized that a large part of the undeveloped oil territory of the world lies under British dominion and according to British law the capital of every oil company operating in British territory must not be less than 60 per cent British owned, and all the control must be in the hands of British citizens.

Government Protection

The next move in the development of this policy, it is asserted, is the combination under the protection of the government of the most important oil companies operating in British and neutral countries, if they are wholly or partly British owned. These include such concerns as the Royal Dutch, the Shell and the Lord Cowdray interests.

It recently became known that the British government was buying the holdings of British citizens in the Royal Dutch, the ownership of which was then conceded to be 60 per cent Dutch and 40 per cent British. Accompanying these statements were equally interesting stories concerning the Shell transport and trading company's securities, whose ownership was closely allied to that of the Royal Dutch.

This Royal Dutch-Shell group controls immense production in many lands, including many properties in the Oklahoma-Kansas-Texas, California and Wyoming fields and has a foreign department which takes note of all that is going on in the oil world.

4000 ALIEN ENEMIES HELD DURING WAR

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Attorney General Palmer, disclosing today that about 4,000 enemy aliens were interned during the war, said paroles would be granted to some 600 of the harmless class, others would be repatriated, and 900 dangerous persons would be held indefinitely, including about 200 professed members of the I. W. W. or anarchistic organization, whose cases will be referred to the department of labor with a view to their deportation.

UNITS ASSIGNED TO EARLY CONVOY

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Units assigned to early convoy were announced by the war department today as follows: Ambulance company No. 161; field hospital No. 163; headquarters, first corps sanitary train; bakery company No. 326; ambulance company No. 333; evacuation hospital No. 32; convalescent camp No. 10.