

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....88
Minimum today.....68

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Tonight and Wednesday
probably showers.

Daily—Fourteenth Year.
Forty-ninth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1919

NO. 20

START DRIVE TO FINANCE THE P. & E.

ROAD TO BE JUNKED UNLESS SUPPORT IS GIVEN BY CITIZENS

Timber Interest Offers to Subscribe \$30,000 If People Will Equal Their Subscription

Final word has been received in Medford indicating that unless immediate arrangements are made for the purchase of the P. & E. railroad, it will be junked without further delay and as the result of this possibility a meeting of the business men was held at the Library Monday afternoon to discuss ways and means of saving the situation.

Operation of the above road ceased January 31st, 1919, and since that time several of Medford citizens have appealed to the large timber owners, whose holdings are directly served by this line, with the view to getting them to purchase and operate the road, but with two exceptions nothing has been accomplished.

The Pacific & Eastern was built at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000. This road can today be junked with a net return to the owners of approximately the price asked, which is \$270,000.

The Butte Falls Lumber company last year expended in excess of \$100,000 preparing for an operation of considerable magnitude, which operation was just getting under way when the road stopped running.

The Applegate Lumber company had just completed the removal of its mill to the junction of the P. & E. and Southern Pacific lines and delivery of logs from the Big Pines Lumber company's camp near Butte Falls was on its earnest.

The Tomlin Box company had purchased a site for a modern box factory in Medford and construction started.

\$1000 Pay Roll Lost
Now these industries are idle and a daily pay roll in excess of \$1,000 has been lost to this community.

Do the citizens of Medford realize what this means?

A conservative estimate by one thoroughly familiar with the P. & E. based on the tonnage now in sight, shows a substantial earning capacity of the road over and above all operating and fixed charges, including interest on proposed purchase price.

Medford citizens for years have stated that the timber resources tributary to this city, were sufficient to support a town twice its present size, and now that we are about to realize this prediction are we to lose this opportunity? Certainly not.

5 Billion Feet Timber
Butte Falls and tributary timber holdings are conservatively estimated at over five billion feet, which would support an operation of 200,000,000 feet per annum for 25 years.

Should this operation be realized it would mean an annual pay roll to Medford and Butte Falls of \$3,000,000.

Thousands of cords of fuel line along this road which would have been available for the use of every household in Medford had the road remained in operation. What was the result? Wood \$12.75 per cord and a scarcity at that.

Lumber Company to Aid
The P. & E. Railroad company have offered the road for \$270,000—terms \$50,000 cash and the balance they will carry for a long term of years at 5 per cent.

A definite and what is thought very satisfactory proposition has been made by one of the large timber interests to purchase the road on the following basis:

Sixty thousand dollars to be raised, \$50,000 of which will be used to make the initial payment, leaving \$10,000 as a working capital.

Of this the above mentioned company agrees to take \$30,000 of the stock if Medford and vicinity will take the balance of the capital stock.

This is of vital concern to every citizen of Jackson county, and a committee has been appointed to sell this \$30,000 of capital stock, which must be accomplished within 48 hours, or the opportunity will be lost.

This stock must be sold and it is up to you, Mr. Reader, to buy and buy liberally. Be ready for the committee when it calls.

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BIPLANE TUNING UP FOR FIRST FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 15.—Weather conditions had improved sufficiently today to lead Aviator Harry Hawker, Australian pilot of the Sopwith biplane team, to express the opinion that Hawker and Commander Grieves, his navigator, might start their attempted trans-Atlantic flight late this afternoon. High winds had carried away the fogs of the last 48 hours and clouds were forced to higher levels. A drizzle was falling this morning after the heavy downpour of last night but Lieutenant Lawrence Clements, meteorologist of the Royal Air forces, predicted clear weather this afternoon.

Hawker plans "to take off" from the soft ground at Mount Pearl plateau if there is no other obstacle to the start.

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President Wilson States Treaty of Peace Will Be Signed in a Short Time—All Important Terms Agreed Upon—Means Unrest Throughout Europe Increases.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, April 15.—Prospects of peace have suddenly become brighter as the result of agreements reached by the council of four at Paris, announcements from which indicate that within a short time the war-worn world will begin to return to something like normal international conditions.

On April 25, which will be 165 days after the last gun of the great war was fired, allied and German delegates will gather at Versailles, to discuss the treaty.

A statement by President Wilson last night indicated that the treaty with Germany would be completed in a very short time and that meanwhile settlement of the conflicting claims of Italy and Jugo-Slavia to territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic would be given preferential consideration.

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WILSON PLANS TO SAIL HOME ON APRIL 28TH

President to Depart After Attending Opening Meeting of Versailles Conference—Col. House to Take His Place—Peace Delegates Take Up Questions of Italy and Adriatic.

PARIS, April 15.—President Wilson intends to sail for the United States April 27 or 28 after being present at the opening meeting of the peace conference at Versailles, the Echo de Paris says today. After his departure, Colonel E. M. House will act for him, the newspaper adds.

PARIS, April 15.—The council of four of the peace conference went into session again this morning with the session of the Adriatic before it.

Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary for foreign affairs, took the place at the council session of Premier Lloyd George who went to London yesterday.

The supreme economic council is considering the question of permitting Germany to have certain raw materials before the peace treaty becomes effective, with a revision of the blockade regulations to that extent, and it is understood the prospects are good for favorable action.

The economic council members are also considering a plan for the conservation of Italy's coal supply.

Belgium has been asked to name a delegate to sit on the economic commission.

BOYS 'WILD WEST' DIVISION RETURN TO HOME SHORES

NEW YORK, April 15.—Nearly 3,500 troops of the 9st. (Wild West) division, which arrived yesterday on the transports Edward Luckenbach and Texican were disembarked today and sent to camps around New York preparatory to being sent to camps nearer home for demobilization. Most of the men were from the 361st and 362nd infantry regiments, organized from drafted men of the far west.

Their first saw action in the St. Mihiel offensive and later took part in the final Meuse-Argonne operations of the war.

Officers of the 362nd regiment reported that on October 29 it sustained 905 casualties in 45 minutes when it was sent to take the town of Gesmes. The total casualties of the 362nd infantry was 1,354 enlisted men of whom 259 were killed and 63 officers, of whom 18 were killed.

The casualties of the 361st regiment were 37 officers and 1,226 men.

SOVIETS ONCE MORE CONTROL IN MUNICH

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BIG POWERS TO GET 85 PER CENT OF INDEMNITY

Fifteen Per Cent Will Be Divided Between Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Roumania, Russia and Others—Belgium Not Content—Russia's Share Goes to Her Debtors.

PARIS, April 15.—(By Associated Press.) The problem of reparation settlements still has troublesome times before it in connection with the question of the distribution of the war indemnity. Smaller powers are still to be heard relative to their shares of the reparation fund, particularly Belgium, the claims of which are entitled to first consideration, under various pre-conference pledges.

The tentative scheme of distribution which Great Britain and France have advanced apportions between 80 and 90 per cent, probably 85, of the total sum realized to these big powers leaving perhaps 15 per cent to satisfy the demands of Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Roumania, Russia and others. This is a smaller proportion than the secondary powers expected. It has been suggested among the experts on the reparations commission that Roumania, Serbia and other nations have received reparations through the acquisition of territory, but this reasoning will scarcely appeal to Belgium.

Reparation to Russia
A share of the reparations fund will, according to the present understanding be assigned to Russia for damage to invaded Russian territories but probably will be turned over to Great Britain and France to apply on advances made to the old Russian government during the war.

Altho the contributions payable by Germany are characterized as reparations, the very considerable part of the first \$5,000,000,000 will not be available for reparation purposes, since it has been assigned to the payment of the expenses of the armies of occupation and ship supplies as must be furnished Germany. Since the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine will continue during the entire two years covered by this first payment, the expenses, particularly of the French occupation army will eat deeply into the \$5,000,000,000.

American Claims
No announcement has been made regarding the classes of damages for which Germany is required to pay. It can be stated, however, that the five categories adopted comprise reparation for actual damage to life and property; pensions for crippled and families of slain soldiers; compensation for enforced labor exacted of inhabitants of occupied regions, including work done by deported Belgians; remuneration for illegally exacted labor by prisoners of war and payments for German requisitions in occupied territories. It is understood that no offset has been allowed Germany for the maintenance of prisoners of war in Germany during the war, the associated governments holding that the prisoners were chiefly supported at their own expense thru food parcels by which alone the prisoners were able to maintain existence during captivity and that the surplus has been covered by work the prisoners performed for Germany.

Another financial question requiring settlement between the allies is that of repayment of advances made by Great Britain and America to the associated powers. A sub-committee was appointed to consider this question, but the British and American representatives have thus far not participated in its deliberations.

NO FEARS EXPRESSED FOR U.S. AVIATORS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Confidence was expressed at army air service headquarters today that no harm had befallen Lieutenants Otto and Parker and Mechanician Hornby, from whom no report has been received since they left Bluefields, Nicaragua, Sunday, on the second lap of a flights from the Panama canal zone to Key West. The officers are flying in the DS-2, a big plane of the latest type, driven by two motors. From Bluefields they were headed for Havana, but they had not landed there last night.

DENY 2 AMERICANS KILLED BY JAPS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Investigation of the clash between American soldiers and Japanese at Tien Tsin is still in progress with every indication that the incident soon will be adjusted satisfactorily, it was said today at the state department. In regard to a cablegram from Shanghai to the San Francisco Chinese World saving the Japanese government had paid \$270,000 for the killing of two Americans in the disturbance, officials said no Americans were killed so far as information in the department showed.

JAP ENVOY RECALLED TO TOKIO

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The state department was advised formally today of plans of Viscount Ishii, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, to leave here next month for Tokio. At the Japanese embassy it was said that the ambassador was returning for conferences with his government.

State department attaches were informed several weeks ago of Viscount Ishii's plans and it was said today that recent international developments were not a factor. Also it was said there has been no suggestion of retirement of Viscount Ishii, except as political affairs in Japan may bear upon his personal plans.

There will be no official announcement for the present as to the ambassador's return to the United States. It is understood that will depend entirely upon developments after he reaches home. He is expected to sail from San Francisco about the middle of May.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS IN RETREAT

LONDON, April 15.—A retreat of 10 miles in the Murmansk region is admitted by the Russian soviet government in a wireless message received here today. The message says: "In the direction of Murmansk our troops have retreated 10 miles to the south of Uros station and Uras lake."

General Maynard, the allied commander in the Murmansk region, according to a British war office statement issued Sunday, on April 11, had forestalled a Bolshevik attack with an attack by his own forces at Uros Ozero. The Bolsheviks lost prisoners, three guns and material in addition to 50 killed.

LOGGING CAMP STARTS UP AT COOS BAY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 15.—The Smith-Powers logging camps at Coos Bay started this morning after a shutdown of nearly two months. The first work will be principally the delivery of logs cut before the camps closed. The company's camp at Summer opens tomorrow and the Bay City mill will resume sometime this week.

GET 1,000 JACK RABBITS IN DRIVE NEAR BEND

BTND, Ore., April 15.—One of the most successful rabbit drives held in Central Oregon this year was reported today from Tumalo where more than 1,000 jack rabbits were killed. Hunters extending in a line two miles long, rounded up the jack rabbits for the slaughter.

BURLESON TO BREAK STRIKE OF OPERATORS

Postmaster General Directs Telephone Manager to Replace Strikers and Maintain Service at Any Cost—Walkout Ties Up Telephone Communication in New England.

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BAVARIAN SOVIET GETTING DESPERATE

BERLIN, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The communist government in Munich apparently realizing that its days were numbered, issued a long list of orders more radical than its previous decrees. One order provided for the communication of women, "including wives." Another order displaced all managers and directors of industrial establishments, and gave their places to the workmen.

BOLSHEVIKI DRIVE INTO BESSARABIA

LONDON, April 15.—Russian soviet troops, after heavy fighting, have compelled the Rumanians to begin a general retreat into Bessarabia from the line of Kamenez-Mohilev along the Dniester in Podolia, a Russian wireless message says.

Further north, in western Ukraine, the message adds, the troops of General Petlura have been driven from the line of Kamenez-Prosukrov-Shepietovke.

MONTANA CYCLONE INJURES WHEAT

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 15.—Reports coming from all sections of Northern Montana regarding the heavy windstorm of Thursday night and Friday are to the effect that the damage will run into an unestimated amount through winter wheat being swept out of the ground, as well as spring wheat where sown. The wind was almost a hurricane and the dry condition of the cultivated soil aided in making the destruction possible, it is declared.

DIVIDE PEACE TREATY INTO TWO PARTS

PARIS, April 15.—(Havas.) The peace treaty will be divided into two parts, according to the latest information in the French press. The first part will concern Germany and will include a clause by which she will pledge herself to comply with all agreements to be concluded with her former allies. The second part will be concerned Germany directly and will be signed only by the Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish delegates.

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