

Maximum yesterday 50
Minimum today 34
Rainfall .02

Unsettled weather.

Daily—Fourteenth Year,
Forty-ninth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1920

NO. 257

SEMENOFF FORCES ATTACK U.S. TROOPS

ANTI-REDS GET WORST OF BATTLE

Americans Suffer 3 Casualties While Russians Lose 5 Killed, 1 Wounded, General, 6 Officers 48 Men Captured—General Graves Reports Serious Clash in Siberia January 10th—Russian Anti-Reds Attack U. S. Armored Train.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—As a result of the clash between a detachment of American soldiers and Semenov forces on January 10 near Posolskaya, one general, six officers and 48 men of the Russian forces were captured and still are held, the war department was advised today by Major General Graves, commander of the Siberian expedition.

General Graves described the attack as entirely unprovoked. The American casualties were one man killed, one man died of wounds and one severely wounded, while five Russians were killed and one severely wounded.

The opposing forces were manning armored trains. General Graves said the Russians attacked thirty-three Americans, who fought off the Russians and then in turn attacked. The Russian car and its crew was captured.

General Graves expressed the opinion that the matter could be "adjusted peacefully with Semenov, who could not have been responsible."

NEW PREMIER OF FRANCE WANTS TO KEEP ALLIANCES

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Maintenance of the "alliances that have saved the world" will be one of the chief aims of the new cabinet in France, Premier Millerand announced in his ministerial declaration of policy today.

The declaration began with a graceful reference to Georges Clemenceau, the retiring premier. M. Millerand pointed out that he had been called "to the formidable honor of succeeding a ministry presided over by a great patriot who in the eyes of the world is the incarnation of victory."

The declaration continued: "The execution of all the clauses of the treaty of Versailles will be law to us. We shall pursue it without violence or feebleness, with unshakable firmness. It includes the close and cordial maintenance of the alliances which have saved the world. Without our allies, those of the first as of the last hour, what trial would not have been in store for us? What would have been the fate of our allies if France had not served four long years as the cover to civilization?"

Italian Strike Falls. ROME, Jan. 22.—(Havas.)—Energetic steps by the Italian government and the adverse attitude of the public seemed to have brought about a failure of the railway strike. The national congress of employees in the postal, telegraph and telephone services has voted to resume work.

EIGHT LIVES LOST WHEN TRANSPORT'S BOAT SWAMPS

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 22.—Eight lives were lost when a boat from the transport Northern Pacific overturned yesterday in an attempt to transfer passengers from the disabled transport Powhatan, according to officers of the steamship Bardic which arrived here this morning.

WILSONITES MULTNOMAH OUTNUMBERED BY G.O.P. BY OVER THREE TO ONE

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Only 71,179 voters of Multnomah county had registered up to January 7 for the primary election in May, according to figures compiled by James Gleason, deputy county clerk. This was 28,589 less than were registered for the 1918 elections. Registration closes April 21. Of those registered thus far 42,461 were men and 28,718 women. They were divided as to political parties as follows: Republican 20,538 men and 19,572 women; democratic 8711 men and 7000 women; prohibition 354 men and 652 women; independent 256 men and 599 women; socialist 375 men and 195 women; no party, 491 men and 309 women.

GOVERNMENT MUST REDUCE EXPENSES OR GO BANKRUPT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Immediate reduction in governmental expenditures and appropriations, to "avert financial ruin," was urged in the senate today by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota. Denouncing the government's "wild orgy" of spending, Senator McCumber said the high cost of living was due to governmental extravagances.

Immediate dissolution of the shipping board was recommended by Senator McCumber, who said "the most shameful of all of our criminal extravagances have been the expenses of building our ships."

Reductions in appropriations for fortifications, and the navy, elimination of appropriations for public buildings, rivers and harbors improvements and public works together with cuts in the estimates for the various government departments should be made, Senator McCumber said, adding that a saving of \$2,250,000 could be accomplished in this way.

FOOD COMMISSIONER WILL QUIT SOON

SALEM, Jan. 22.—John D. Mikel, state dairy and food commissioner, announced today that he will retire to private life at the expiration of his present term of office.

BERLIN VILLA BOUGHT FOR U. S. AMBASSADOR

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—Grünwald villa, in an exclusive suburb of Berlin, has been bought by Americans, according to the Tageblatt today. The price paid is said to have been 4,000,000 marks. One report has it that the premises will be the permanent residence of the American ambassador.

MORE BILLS ARE KILLED BY OLCOTT

Total Now Nears 40 Mark—Asteria Port Bill Among More Important Measures—Killed—Game Commission Bill Authorizing Purchase of Game Farm Also Gets Executive Ax—25 Bills Out of 94 Left to Be Passed Upon.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—The governor signed 12 bills today, mostly appropriations, and sent four to the secretary of state to be filed and become laws automatically. These included the \$10,000,000 road bonding act, carrying an emergency clause. Those signed were senate bills, 11, 37 and 28, and house bills 48, 63, 64, 67, 80, 81, 83, 84 and 25. The others filed without signature were senate bills 1 and 33, and house bill 41.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—Governor Olcott yesterday brought the total list of bills vetoed since the special session of the legislature, up to 37. He has approved 32, leaving 25 of the 94 bills passed still to be acted on.

One of the more important bills vetoed yesterday was senate bill 18, by Senator Norblad, amending the code relative to powers of municipal corporations designated as ports. The governor contended that this was not an emergency measure, though assented under that guise.

Another measure vetoed was house bill 42, introduced by the game commission, authorizing the state fish and game commission to purchase land for game farms. House bill 20 by Edwards, giving authority to the state to construct a bridge across the Nestucca river, senate bill 14 by Hurley, regulating the grazing of non-resident owned livestock upon unenclosed lands and house bill 85 by the house committee on roads and highways, relating to the tax on motor vehicles in the hands of dealers, also were vetoed.

"Hands Off" Ballot. Only the people of the state should be permitted to tamper with the ballot, according to Governor Olcott's message returning the straight party ticket bill to the senate with his veto.

"Any such vital changes as this in the ballot vitally effects every voter in the state of Oregon," the governor's message reads. "Such vital changes which go toward the heart of our form of government should be finally passed upon by the people alone. As a matter of principle I would be unalterably opposed at any time to allowing such legislation to be enacted into a law without its first receiving the sanction of the electorate."

Road Bills Meet Fate. The 11 local road measures which have come under the bene of the executive office, were stemm rolled through the two houses Friday and Saturday in one of the most eventful pieces of horse play ever witnessed in the history of the Oregon legislature. Little or no consideration was given to any of the measures in either the house or senate after the passage of the Gallagher bill designating a road in the Jordan valley of Malheur county as a part of the state system of highways had opened the way to the flood of road legislation which marked the last two days of the special session.

After the passage of the Gallagher bill which was only effected over the strenuous protest of the members of the legislature who were against opening the state road map to any further additions at this time all local road bills which followed were out through the mill with a speed that recognized none of the usual precedents usually accompanying the enactment of new laws.

The first list of vetoed bills includes the following: S. B. 52, by Ira S. Smith—Designating certain roads in Coos county, as part of the state system of highways.

S. B. 52, by Thomas—Creating a post road in Jackson county.

S. B. 55, by Eddy—Creating a post road in Douglas county.

S. B. 56, by Patterson—Creating a post road in Polk county.

QUIT FLIRTING WITH BOOZE OR GET OUT BRYAN TELLS HOMER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Chairman Cummings of the democratic national committee has not determined today whether he would reply to W. J. Bryan, who in addresses yesterday at Norfolk and Richmond, referred to Mr. Cummings' attendance at the inaugural dinner for Governor Edwards of New Jersey, and said Mr. Cummings either must separate himself from the governor or resign from the committee.

CARTER CHOSEN AS ARBITRATOR ON FISH BOARD

Ashland Banker Is Reported the Selection by Members Double Jointed Fish and Game Commission to Act as Mediator Between Commercial and Sporting Interests.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—E. V. Carter of Ashland has been agreed upon as the "arbitrator" of the double jointed fish and game commission elected by the special session of the legislature.

Under the terms of the law creating that commission, there are three commissioners representing the commercial fishing interests of the state and five representing the anglers and sportsmen of the state. The act also provides that these eight men shall elect, by a unit vote, a ninth commissioner, who shall be the "arbitrator" and have the deciding vote as between the two factions in case they deadlock on questions of administrative policy. The selection of Carter for this position has been determined upon by the electees of the new commission, according to those who are close to them.

Banker at Ashland. Carter is one of the best known citizens of southern Oregon. He has been prominent for many years as a banker at Ashland and was formerly active in state politics, having served in the legislature from Jackson county for several sessions. He was speaker of the house during the session of 1905.

It is a generally accepted opinion that the arbitrator of the new commission will have to be an iron man to fill the position created by the new law, unless by some miracle harmony is brought into the fish and game controversy. In spite of the membership of nine, the commission, so far as the voting is concerned, is a commission of three. The commercial wing of the commission has one vote, the sportsmen's wing one vote and the arbitrator has one vote, which throws the chairman into the position of voting on all questions either with the commercial interests and against the sportsmen or with the sportsmen and against the commercial men.

Rumors of Resignation. Incidentally, it was the current rumor when the fish and game fight was at its height during the session that the members of the old commission, Warren, Jack, Stone and Fleischer, were seeking vindication by election to the new commission, and that when this had been accomplished they intended to resign within a short time to permit new men to take their places on the commission. Should this prove true prior to the convention of the 1921 legislature, it would devolve upon the governor under his constitutional power of interim appointment, to fill the vacancies with men of his own choosing. They would serve pending the meeting of the legislature, which could either ratify their appointment by election or elect others to fill their places.

Mr. Carter this noon had received no notice of his appointment, official or unofficial.

Among guests at the Holland are F. L. Orr of Rogue River, John E. Day of Butte Falls, W. G. Miller of Etna Mills, Calif., and Donna Reddick of Grants Pass.

CARRANZA RAID PLOTS AGAINST U.S.

Senate Sub-Committee Told That Mexico Believed State of War Existed With United States—Raids Across Border Particulated in by Carranza Forces—Many U. S. Soldiers Killed and Property Burned—Carranza Approved of Attacks.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 22.—It was because "a state of war" existed between the United States and Mexico that Mexicans once convicted of murder and bridge burning on the American side of the border were restored to their own country as free men, John A. Valls today told the senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation.

Valls is the district attorney of the forty-ninth district of Texas. He presented those Mexicans captured after the raid on San Ygnacio in 1916 who were convicted and sentenced to death. The court of criminal appeals on April 19, 1917, decided the lower court had no jurisdiction since at the time of their assault and capture "a state of war existed between the United States and Mexico."

Judge Valls declared the raids were directed under the provisions of the "plan of San Diego," which had for one of its objects the separation of six states from the United States. He submitted documentary evidence to show the raids were planned and carried out by men of Carranza's army and that a portion of the recruiting was done by Nicerfo Zambrana, of Monterrey, then treasurer general of the republic of Mexico.

Frederico de La Rosa was stated by Valls to have been the chief commander of the raiding forces.

Documentary evidence which was produced in the trial of the captured raiders and resubmitted to the committee was that Zambrana came from Mexico City to Monterrey and there openly recruited the raiding parties and afterward publicly and in the midst of applauding crowds made the recruits farewell at the railway station.

The raid on San Ygnacio, in which several American soldiers were killed and bridges were burned was preceded by an interview by Lieutenant Kyle Rucker of the American garrison and Frederico Gutierrez Zapata, commander of the Carranza garrison just across the border line.

Zapata promised to send a force to intercept the bandits that were known to be moving toward the border. The evidence, Valls said, showed Zapata himself led the raiders the next night. Other officers with the party, he testified were Colonels Ruiz and Ferion, both officers in the Carranza army.

"This thing was done," the witness said, referring to the carrying out of the plan to raid the American border, "with the knowledge, approbation and consent of the Carranza government and not a finger was raised to prevent it."

He added that the raiders "sponsored freely" with the men of the Carranza garrison and that De La Rosa's forces were openly recruited at Victoria, Tamaulipas, as well as at Monterrey.

General Emilio Naffarete, a Carranza army officer at the time of the raids, was subsequently killed, Valls testified that it had been reliably reported soon afterward that he was assassinated by orders of Carranza after Naffarete had threatened to reveal the facts concerning the border raids.

AUSTRIAN OFFICERS ARE IN A SORRY PLIGHT

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The plight of retired Austrian officers is illustrated by an incident reported from a fashionable suburb of Vienna. A house owner was in search of a porter and made his want known to the Officers League. Among the applicants were a major general, three colonels, two lieutenant colonels, seven majors and eighteen captains.

"FLU" EPIDEMIC HITS BURNS OREGON, PEAK CHICAGO WAVE PASSES

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—Sixty cases of Spanish influenza have been reported at Burns and the nursing department of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross today dispatched three nurses to the aid of the health authorities of the town following an urgent call for assistance. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The influenza epidemic in Chicago today was believed by the health department officials to have passed its peak. There was a decrease in the number of new cases reported, but the death list for the last 24 hours reached 61, the largest during any day since the outbreak began.

PALMER OPPOSES BOTH SEDITION BILLS NOW UP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Disapproving both the Sterling and Graham sedition bills, Attorney General Palmer, in a letter today to Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee, proposed a new measure which would provide fines not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment of not more than 20 years for persons convicted of attempting to overthrow the government or of acts of violence against the government or its employees or agents while in the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Palmer did not appear before the committee. His letter was read after Samuel Gompers had vigorously assailed the Sterling and Graham measures, which, he declared, would stifle any move to change the constitution.

Even organization by orderly mass meetings he said would be punishable.

"I oppose all activities of the so-called reds," he said, "and there is no one who is so opposed to these people."

"Standpatters, reactionaries and fools in congress may hate me, but none hate me or vilify me as these people whose activities have been branded as 'red.'"

"What do you mean by fools in congress?" Chairman Campbell asked.

"I am afraid I would be guilty of les majeste if I mentioned any names," Gompers replied.

ENGLAND PLANS TO GROW OWN COTTON

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Plans intended to result in the production within the British empire of enough cotton to supply the bulk of the nation's needs are outlined in a report of the empire growing committee of the board of trade, made public here today.

The report of the committee said the cotton industry in the empire drew four-fifths of its supply from the United States and expressed the belief that it was dangerous to be dependent so largely on the climatic vagaries of one portion of the world. It also pointed out that the United States is requiring every year an increasing proportion of its own cotton crops for home consumption.

charge of grand larceny. The forgery charge is based on alleged efforts of the two women to cash a check declared to have been in McNutt's possession at the time of his death, and the alleged theft of McNutt's automobile after he was killed is the basis of the grand larceny charge.

FULL DEBT LOCAL CLUB PAID OFF

Enthusiastic Meeting of Medford's Organization Held—Name Changed From Commercial Club to Chamber of Commerce—New Blood On Board of Directors—President Treichler's Annual Report Shows Marked Progress in Past Year.

The old time Medford spirit prevailed at the annual meeting of the Medford Chamber of Commerce last evening, everybody was enthusiastic over the wonderful comeback of Medford and the valley the past two years, the splendid work of the chamber the past year and the prospects for the best year in the history of the city and valley this year.

The meeting was held in Moose hall, there was a good attendance and after the meeting at 11 p. m. light refreshments were served.

The meeting was called to order by President Geo. Treichler who made his annual report showing progress of the club during the past year.

Secretary Will G. Steel told of the increase in membership from 100 to 190 and reported the total amount collected for February 1, 1919 to Jan. 1, 1920, \$4,184.04, total disbursements \$4,050.02, balance on hand \$134.02. One year ago the club owed about \$500.

C. W. McDonald, the treasurer, set out of the city and did not make a detailed report.

Vernon Vawter, chairman of a committee to draft new by-laws, submitted the same and they were discussed and adopted, section by section.

It was decided that hereafter the club will be known as the Medford Chamber of Commerce and everyone in referring to the same in anyway is asked to use this name.

The question of having the Farm Bureau, Merchants association, Home Organization work and other organizations of the city and valley, associated with the club, and increasing the annual dues, were discussed and left with the new directors.

In selecting the directors for 1920 the names of a number of members were written on the board and each member present voted for 15. Those chosen as directors are Geo. Treichler, W. F. Isaacs, Vernon Vawter, H. A. L. Walker, A. L. Hill, D. M. Lowe, S. S. Smith, Rawles Moore, T. E. Daniels, Geo. Collins, Geo. Manafield, J. W. Wakefield, C. S. Butterfield, John Carlin, W. G. Tait. They meet tomorrow night to organize.

The president's address follows: Debt Is Paid Off. Gentlemen: It seems to me that this club should be well pleased with its work for the past year, when we consider conditions of twelve months ago. At that time we had a debt of nearly \$500 and a much smaller membership, whereas at this time there is no debt, but we have a small balance on hand. The present revenue is barely sufficient to meet running expenses and will not permit us to do any of many things that are of vital importance to the community. This must be remedied by the club will be a failure. An increased membership and more money are of the first importance. This club must either be dead by the wayside, or throroly awake and intelligently aggressive. Its course must be so directed as to justify the confidence of the community, then it can get results. The secretary must be aggressive.

(Continued on Page Eight)

SPOKANE MURDER SUSPECTS ACQUITTED ARRESTED AGAIN

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 22.—Verdicts acquitting Marie Fay and Ted McDonald of the murder here last June of W. H. McNutt were returned by a jury in superior court here this forenoon. The defendants were immediately re-arrested, Marie and Fay on a charge of forgery and Ted on a