

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 58
Minimum today 37
Precipitation .01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions

Rain.

Daily—Fourteenth Year.
Forty-ninth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1920.

NO. 298

I. W. W. CASE
WILL GO TO
JURY 13TH

Both Defense and State Declare Fate
of Alleged I. W. W. Murderers Will
Be in Hands of Jury Saturday—
Centralia Barber Testifies Shoot-
ing Started Before Any Rush Was
Made on Hall—Made His Way to
the Ice Box.

MONTESANO, Wash., Mar. 10.—
Continuation of rebuttal testimony
today in the trial of ten alleged I.
W. W. here for the murder of War-
ren O. Grimm during the Centralia
Armistice day parade brought out
further evidence to the effect that
the American Legion men did not
break ranks until several shots had
been fired. Three marchers in the
parade testified to the effect that
the column of Centralia men had halted
and were either at rest, at ease or
marking time when the shooting
began.

The prosecution expected to com-
plete its rebuttal today and it was
expected part of tomorrow would be
devoted to sur-rebuttal by the de-
fense.

Both counsel for the defense and
state, an dthe court expected the
case to be given to the jury by Sat-
urday noon.

Barber Testifies

MONTESANO, Wash., Mar. 10.—
Walter E. Jordan, Centralia barber,
testified today at the trial of ten
alleged I. W. W. here for the murder
of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia
Armistice day parade victim, that he
walked right into the hall and ran
back to the ice box where several of
the defendants were captured. Jordan
was walking down the street at
the time the shooting started, he
testified. He heard three or four shots,
started to walk quickly and then to
run, he said.

Jordan's testimony fixed the time
of the beginning of the shooting some
moments before the uniformed march-
ers rushed toward the hall. He saw
McClure fall, he said, and then
began to run toward the hall. Before
he reached the hall he stopped
momentarily and helped undo the
tunic of the fallen legion member.
When the shooting started, Jordan
testified, all of the soldiers in the
line were in formation. He asserted
no soldiers rushed toward the hall
before the shots began. When Jordan
reached the hall, he said, he saw
two or three uniformed men at the
door. The door was pushed open, he
testified and he followed the soldiers
in.

Jordan said he "got clean back to
the ice box." It was in the ice box
that Ray Becker, Mike Sheehan and
James McNeer were captured after
the shooting.

N. J. BOOZE MEASURE
INTRODUCED IN N. Y.

ALBANY, N. J., Mar. 10.—A bill
defining intoxicating beverages as
those containing more than three and
a half per cent of alcohol by weight,
was introduced in the legislature to-
day by Assemblyman Maurice Bloch,
democrat, of New York. The measure,
according to the introducer, is
"Governor Edwards' New Jersey bill
adapted to this state."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Presi-
dent Wilson today took his third
automobile ride since he was ordered
to bed last October. An open car
was used and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Mar-
garet Wilson and Rear Admiral Gray-
son, his physician, accompanied him.

SOUTH AFRICA VOTING ON WHETHER
TO STAY IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE

LONDON, Mar. 10.—Parliamen-
tary election being held today in the
Union of South Africa will, it is
believed, decide the fate of the gov-
ernment held by Jan Christian Smuts,
which is contending against strong
Dutch nationalist elements, aided by
the labor party. The result may de-
cide whether Cape Colony, the Trans-
vaal, Orange Free State and Natal
are to continue British or are to
form a South African Dutch repub-
lic under its own flag and with an

AMERICAN FEDERATION
LABOR STARTS DRIVE
ON POLITICAL ENEMIES

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 10.—
Decision of American Federa-
tion of Labor officials, reached
in Washington two weeks ago,
to oppose all candidates for pub-
lic office who are regarded as
foes of organized labor, bore
fruit here today in the opening
of a campaign against twenty-
five Pennsylvania and seven
New Jersey members of the
house of representatives.
In a bulletin issued by the
Philadelphia Camden advisory
boards of the federation, atten-
tion is called to the railroad bill
recently passed by congress and
approved by the president and
the defeat of all congressmen
voting for it is urged.
"See that neither you nor your
friends or acquaintances ever
again vote for those who gave
labor a 'slap in the face,'" said
the bulletin.

10 MILLION TIMBER
FORECLOSURE SALE
COOS BAY AVERTED

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—Litigants
in federal court have reached an
agreement, it was announced today,
whereby a proposed foreclosure sale
of the property of the Coos Bay Lum-
ber company, valued at \$10,000,000
or more, will not be made, and the re-
ceivers company will have opportu-
nity to pay off the indebtedness now
existing against the property.
The suit started a year ago, when
the Continental and Commercial
Bank and Trust company of Chicago,
holders of about \$3,000,000 in mort-
gage bonds of the Coos Bay Lumber
company, filed foreclosure proceed-
ings in federal court and procured
the appointment of two receivers to
handle the affairs of the concern
pending the outcome. The receivers,
it was shown, had succeeded in set-
tling aside a reserve fund now avail-
able for meeting interest and prin-
cipal payments. That this stipulation
will have a far-reaching effect on
the northwest lumber industry was
admitted by the attorneys had it failed,
as it would put the present lumber
market in a precarious condition, it
was asserted.

BIG SHIPPING REVIVAL
REPORTED IN HAMBURG

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Revival
of activity at the Port of Hamburg
was reported in official advices today
to the bureau of foreign and domestic
commerce. Thirty-seven shipping
services have been definitely re-es-
tablished and initial sailings made. Of
these four are to the Atlantic and one
to the Pacific coast of the United
States, to Great Britain seven, France
one, Holland four, Belgium two, Cuba
and West Indies three, Mexico and
Central America one, South America
eight, Africa one and Asia four.
Regular steamer service between
Japan and Germany has been inau-
gurated. Sailings of the German steam-
er Hans for Havana and Vera Cruz
with mail, marked the formal re-
opening of the Hamburg-Vera Cruz
service.

Two Killed, Plane Smashes.
MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 10.—Charles
Simms, Pilot, and Mechanics Earle and
Blanchard, of New York, were killed
when their airplane crashed to the
ground en route to Miami last night.

ARMY PLANES BOMBARD
SUSQUEHANA ICE FARM

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Mar. 10.—
The aerial bombardment of the ice
jam in the Susquehanna river which
extended several miles below here, will
be resumed this afternoon by the
army aviators who all days yesterday
dropped bombs in their attempt to
dissolve the gorge.
The army officers today expressed
themselves as satisfied with their
work thus far.

WILLIAMS FREE
NO RANSOM IS
PAID TO VILLA

Latest Victim Mexican Bandits Re-
leased—Chicago Mining Company
in Sonora Blown up by Mexican
Bandit Renegades.

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 10.—Joseph
Williams, of El Paso, an employe of
the American Smelting and Refining
company captured and held for ran-
som by Francisco Villa when the band-
it wrecked a train on the Mexican
Central railroad Thursday last, has
been freed, according to a telegram
from Williams to his employers re-
ceived today.

The message merely said Williams
arrived in Torreon last night and
would leave there tomorrow, arriving
here March 13 and that he was in
good health.

From the message it was believed
no ransom had been paid. It was
reported by fellow travelers on the
train Williams was being held for
\$5000 ransom but officials of the
smelting company said no demand
was made on them.

Report that Williams' health was
good relieved friends here of consid-
erable anxiety as he was suffering
from the effects of a wound and gas
poisoning suffered in France. He
was enroute here for treatment when
captured by Villa.

In the fight for the train it was
reported more than a score of train
guards, passengers and train crew
were killed. Two other Americans
on the train with Williams were rob-
bed. A Syrian passenger was said to
have been hanged. Williams was a
native of Henry, Va.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico,
Mar. 10.—Buildings and the mine
shaft of the Chicago Exploration and
Development corporation near Ton-
tichi, Sonora, were wrecked by dynamite
two weeks ago by renegades,
said Franklin D. Harding, consulting
engineer of the company, who ar-
rived here today. He says the loss is
\$125,000.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—James
M. Arthur, manager of the Mexican
Consolidated Mining company, has
not been kidnapped by Mexican band-
its, but is safe near Nogales, Mexico
the American consul there reported
today to the state department.
Mrs. Arthur who is in Nogales,
Ariz., telegraphed her father, F. E.
Avery at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday,
saying that her husband needed
\$2000 and this was said to have led
to the reports that he had been kid-
naped.

RAYMOND ROBBINS WILL
TAKE STUMP IN FAVOR
OF SEN. HIRAM JOHNSON

STOEX FALLS, S. D., Mar.
10.—Raymond Robbins will spend
10 days speaking throughout
South Dakota in the interest of
the candidacy for nomination
for president of Senator Hiram
W. Johnson of California, it
was announced last night by
Johnson headquarters.
Senators Norris, Nebraska;
Kenyon, Iowa; and Borah, Idaho
are anxious to get into South
Dakota in the interest of John-
son's candidacy and will prob-
ably come as soon as the peace
treaty is ratified or definitely
set aside in Washington, it was
stated at Senator Johnson's
headquarters today.

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FAILURE U. S. NAVY COST HALF
MILLION LIVES SAYS ADMIRAL



ADMIRAL W. S. SIMS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Failure
of the navy department to fully co-
operate in the war during the first
six months after America's entry cost
half a million lives, fifteen billions
of dollars, 2,500,000 tons of shipping
and prevented a victory over Ger-
many by July 1918, Rear Admiral
Sims told the senate investigating
committee today in presenting doc-
umentary evidence in support of his
charges of delay against the depart-
ment.

The officer read to the committee
recommendations he had made to the
department immediately upon his ar-
rival in London in 1917. A cable-
gram sent late in April, 1917, said
the critical area where the war would
be won or lost was in the eastern At-
lantic at the focus of all lines of
ocean communication to England and
France. Admiral Sims told the com-
mittee that although he repeatedly urged
that every destroyer and small craft
that could be sent to sea be dispatched
immediately to this area his recom-
mendation was not complied with
until about six months later.

He also recommended, he said,
that two divisions of the American
dreadnaughts be sent to base on
English to guard against raids in the
British channel by German cruiser
forces, but this recommendation was
entirely disregarded.

Failure of the department to throw
the full force of the navy into the
struggle, he said resulted in the "un-
necessary" loss of 1,500,000 tons of
shipping by submarine attack in 1917
and 1,000,000 tons in 1918.

"If the tonnage lost in 1917 had
been saved by the prompt co-operation
of the navy," he said, "America
could have had a million men in
France at the beginning of 1918 in-
stead of 300,000."

Admiral Sims said the German of-
fensive of 1918 was due to the failure
of the German submarine campaign
and that in all probability it never
would have been undertaken and the
morale of the German people would
have broken if the American troops
had been more promptly dispatched
to France. "He estimated on the basis
of what happened when the American
forces did arrive that victory could
have been achieved by July 1918 if
the tonnage had been preserved.

The navy department's first real
decision as to participation in the war
Admiral Sims said, was contained in
a cablegram to him 27 days after
America entered the struggle. The
message said the department intended
to send 36 destroyers, one tender
and a mother ship to the British Isles
and asked for minute information
regarding the possibility of obtaining
necessary supplies at Berehaven, the
probable base.

"All of these plans should have
been worked out long before we en-
tered the war," the admiral said,
"and should have been placed in ef-
fect, in substance at least, the day we
entered the war."

Invoked Aid Page
Admiral Sims said that when he
found that his own efforts to impress
upon the navy department the seri-
ousness of the situation were un-
availing he invoked the aid of the
late Ambassador Page at London,
who on April 27, 1917, sent a confi-
dential cablegram to Secretary Luns-
ing and President Wilson declaring
that "there is reason for the greatest
alarm about the issue of the war,

SUP. COURT DECISION
TO COST GOVERNMENT
HALF MILLION DOLLARS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—
The loss to the government as a
result of the supreme court's
decision declaring stock divi-
dends not taxable as income
will be nearly half a billion dol-
lars, according to an estimate
today by Commissioner of In-
ternal Revenue Rorer.
Mr. Rorer said a hasty search
indicates that \$70,000,000 paid
in 1917 and 1918 will have to
be returned while the loss in
uncollected taxes in 1919 will
be \$100,000,000 and that for
1920 \$300,000,000.
Mr. Rorer emphasized that
estimates of the government's
loss are not official and that
the loss might be found to be
larger than now estimated.

FRENCH JOURNALS
INDIGNANT OVER
WILSON'S LETTER

PARIS, Mar. 10.—President Wil-
son's letter to Senator Hitchcock
regarding reservations to the Versailles
treaty was given little space and a
minor position in most of this morn-
ing's newspapers.

The Gaulois prints its comment on
the first page under the caption
"warnings of Wilson."

"Mr. Wilson," it says, "takes ven-
geance for the silence imposed upon
him by illness. In less than 24 hours
he presents us with two documents
in which he affirms in a singularly ag-
gressive manner that he has recovered
full possession of his mind."

"He finishes the weakening of
governmental frameworks of order
and discipline which he already has
so thoroughly shaken. His 'anti-imper-
alist' formula will bring new encour-
agement to international bolshevism."

The Paris Midi says the accusation
of France as militaristic is "impud-
ent" and it refers to Mr. Wilson's
"gratuitous insult to this country." It
adds:

"Mr. Wilson accuses France of being
militaristic and at the same time
Josephus Daniels, secretary of the
American navy, is the only minister
in the world who announces an un-
limited program of armament."

"Information says: 'Today there
are men conscious of the evident
necessities of France, but there is no
longer a militarist party, properly
speaking.'"

NO MORE LOANS
TO THE ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—The al-
lied governments will receive no fur-
ther loans from the American gov-
ernment, Secretary Houston announ-
ced today.
Loans made to the allies to date
total \$9,659,834,694.94 of the ten bil-
lions authorized by congress. Mr.
Houston said, and it was not deemed
advisable to utilize the remainder of
the authorization.

Wootton Jury Completed.
TOMBSTONE, Ariz., Mar. 10.—
The jury to try Harry E. Wootton
on a charge of kidnaping in con-
nection with the deportation of 1,867
striking copper miners and their sym-
patizers from Bisbee was announ-
ced today.

MOTHER JONES ARRIVES
TO SUPPORT S. F. STRIKE
OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 10.—"Moth-
er" Jones, aged woman labor leader,
will arrive here Thursday to lend
her support to the bay cities ship-
yards strike, according to a tele-
gram received by the secretary of the
Alameda county Metal Trades coun-
cil.

DAVENPORT
REFUSES TO
QUIT POST

School Supt. Defies People to Put
Him Out After Petition for Resig-
nation Is Presented—Will Continue
at Post Until Contract Expires—
Hated Meeting Held at High
School Building—Hoodlum Spirit
Is Condemned.

The most striking feature of the
most sensational meeting on school
affairs ever held in Medford was the
emphatic refusal of Superintendent
William Davenport last night before
a large crowd of parents, patrons
and teachers, in the high school
building to hand in his resignation
at the request of Judge Wm. M. Col-
vig after the latter had read a peti-
tion to the school board requesting
the superintendent's resignation,
signed by 53 citizens and taxpayers,
including John Mann, Judge Glen O.
Taylor, A. C. Hubbard and E. M.
Warner.

"Without going into details and
giving the reasons for dropping cer-
tain teachers for next year I abso-
lutely refuse to resign. Things are
fair and square. All the data is
there (pointing to his and the board's
records lying on the table) and sub-
stantiated all the way through. You
will find there some astonishing
things. There is pen and ink on the
table, but I am not going to resign. I
am going to the end of my contract
for another year and continue to do my
level best."

Situation Is Deplorable
While all the members of the au-
dience which crowded the high school
assembly room and balcony to the
doors, by an overwhelming majority
were not in sympathy with the su-
perintendent and board, and regretted
that school matters had come to such
a state and recognized that the situa-
tion was unfortunate, deplorable
and disgraceful in a way, even the
fearless minded are puzzled to seek
the best way out of the puzzling
dilemma that has arisen for the fu-
ture welfare of the schools.

One thing that even the most bit-
ter opponents of the school admin-
istration insist on, is that no matter
what the difference on school poli-
cies among the patrons and parents,
the school pupils must be respectful
and observe discipline. It was
brought to the attention of the au-
dience by President Riddell of the
school board that on the previous
night some high school boys rotten
egged the office of Superintendent
Davenport. The audience unani-
mously disapproved of this disgrace-
ful act.

Petition Asks for Resignation
Judge Colvig in presenting the peti-
tion asking for Mr. Davenport's
resignation, explained that he taught
school in Illinois for three years after
the Civil War, had served two terms
as Jackson county superintendent of
schools from 1880 to 1884, had served
on the state text book commission
with such men as Harvey W. Scott,
W. S. Ladd, Professor Campbell of
the U. of O., and Judge Johns of
the state supreme court. He said that
he believed more in methods ac-
complished than in results. He ex-
plained that the 53 signatures obtain-
ed to the petition were obtained in
only a little over an hour's time yester-
day.

The petition, which was addressed
to the school board, reads as fol-
lows:

"Gentlemen:
We, the undersigned citizens and
taxpayers of Medford, Oregon, have

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH DAVENPORT PETITION

"To the public: It has come to the
notice of the committee of the Parent
Teachers circles, which met at the
school house last evening, that there
is some criticism being made with
reference to transactions at the meet-
ing and that the committee is being
accused of having pre-arranged those
transactions.
The committee wish it distinctly
understood that it met with the board
of directors that appointment was
at the request of the board solely for
the purpose of getting a more defini-
te statement from the board with
reference to its recent action, and

that the committee disclaims any
part in connection with any remark
made or petition presented or other
action taken at that meeting other
than the remarks made by the repre-
sentative of the committee who stated
in his opening remarks that he
was appearing in behalf of the com-
mittee.
The committee does not wish to be
understood as in any way indorsing
any other action that was taken at
the meeting other than that as out-
lined by our representative.
COMMITTEE OF PARENT-
TEACHERS CIRCLES.