

The Weather  
Maximum yesterday 58  
Minimum today 38  
Precipitation 29

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions  
Tonight and tomorrow, fair.  
Tomorrow morning light to heavy frost.

Fiftieth Year. Daily—Fifteenth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1920.

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## RAILROAD STRIKE SWEEPS THE COUNTRY

### SWITCHMEN'S WALKOUT THREATENS COMPLETE TIE- UP ALL TRANSPORTATION

Passenger Trains in East Cancelled.—Express and Freight Embargo Called.—U. S. Mail Piled Up at Chicago Is Put in Storehouse for Safe Keeping.—Federal Investigation Impends—Gompers Rushes to Cleveland, Ohio, for Conference With Railroad Brotherhood Leaders—Coast Freight Paralyzed in Portland and San Francisco, But Passenger Trains Run on Schedule—40,000 Employees Now Out With 500,000 Made Idle in Other Lines—I. W. W. Switchman in Chicago Arrested for Speech Made Thursday Night.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Federal intervention unless the railroad strike is ended within 48 hours, was indicated as probable at the federal building today.

District Attorney Clyne, following a conference which had lasted since early last night, said the government had the power to cope with the situation brought about by the interruption of food shipments. Mr. Clyne has received instructions from Attorney General Palmer regarding the course to be pursued, it was learned.

The district attorney yesterday conferred with members of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers and immediately called a conference of department of justice officials and heads of the bureau of investigation which lasted throughout the night.

**Plants Closed**  
The strike spread to eleven more districts today and in seven cities the ranks of the strikers were increased, news reports show.

California, Kansas City and Champagne, Ill., reported 525 men voting to return to work, but their number was more than offset by more than 4000 additions to the "outlaw" unions in other cities.

Coal mines in southern Illinois have practically all ceased work, as there are no cars to move the fuel.

Twenty thousand coal miners in this state are idle. Three food plants in this district closed today, the Corn Products factory at Argo, and the Quaker and National Oats plants at Cedar Rapids.

The state asylum was without light last night because of its inability to get coal and officials say the power plant will be entirely closed by tonight.

The first accident resulting from operation of engines by inexperienced crews occurred today when two switching engines, running double, struck and demolished four automobile trucks and a wagon on a downtown crossing.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is en route from New York to Cleveland, headquarters of the brotherhood of trainmen.

Federation officials here would not discuss the purpose of the trip, but it was understood he would confer with the brotherhood chiefs on the unauthorized strike of railroad employees.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Started as a freight tieup, the railroad strike today invaded the passenger field at New York, where several trains were cancelled, while the freight tieup continued to spread among yard switching crews from coast to coast.

In Chicago, birthplace of the "outlaw" unions which called the first of the "illegal" strikes, brotherhood heads and railroad officials claimed some slight improvement today. One encouraging sign was the delivery at

the stockyards of 179 cars of cattle, almost twice as many as have been moved on any one day since the strike was called April 1.

While available figures indicate between 25,000 and 40,000 railroad men have joined the unauthorized strikes, railroad managers here estimated today that at least half a million workers in other lines have been forced out of employment by the freight tieup. Reports from strike centers throughout the country today show the following men out:

**Portland Tie-up**  
PORTLAND, April 10.—Freight traffic in and out of Portland was completely tied up this morning, according to reports of railroad officials. All of the switchmen employed by the Southern Pacific at its Brooklyn yards, forty in all, failed to report for work today, officials said. Five Southern Pacific men were out at Albina. A total of 110 are reported.

At the S. P. and S. yards, thirty men, virtually the entire force, had failed to report. Similar conditions are said to prevail in the Northern Pacific terminals, where the O. W. R. R. and N. freight trains are handled. Approximately 110 men are out here, it was said.

An embargo has been placed on all freight auto passenger trains are arriving and departing on schedule.

Desertions of more yard and switch men and at least seven brakemen from their posts at other points aggravated the railroad strike situation in California today. The Western Pacific and Santa Fe system were the heaviest sufferers throughout the night and early morning, twenty Western Pacific men going out at Stockton, and fifteen Santa Fe men at Richmond, according to company reports.

The Southern Pacific in its report today reduced the number of its strikers in California from 1330 to 1200 as the result of the improved conditions reported. No freight was moving over the Southern Pacific in the San Francisco bay district but passenger trains were said to be maintaining their schedules.

Fifteen men were reported out at the company's station at Brooklyn, Oregon.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.**—One hundred and twenty-five switchmen employed by the Rock Island railroad returned to work today, according to railroad officials. Sixty-five firemen on Kansas City Terminal company locomotives who went on strike in sympathy with the switchmen were also reported as having returned to work.

**CLEVELAND, O., April 10.**—A meeting of 500 yardmen employed on Cleveland railroads adjourned at noon today after the men had voted to go on strike at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They left the hall cheering.

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### HOUSE ADOPTS PEACE RESOLUTION, SENATE TAKES ACTION MONDAY

WASHINGTON, April 10.—With the adoption by the house of the joint resolution declaring the war with Germany at an end, the senate today again became the "battleground for peace." Both republican and democratic leaders expected the measure to be taken up there without great delay, probably Monday.

Sponsors of the measure were confident its passage would be obtained with considerable more than a majority.

The resolution was adopted late yesterday by the house 242 to 159.

Immediate passage by the senate after it is called up there was not looked for, however.

**BIG BUSINESS IS  
VICTORIOUS FIRST  
LABOR SKIRMISH**

CINCINNATI, April 10.—In the "preliminary skirmishes" of the threatened industrial war, "big business" has beaten its rival, the trades unions, Dr. Royal Meeker, commissioner of labor statistics for the department of labor, declared in an address today before the City clubs. He urged cooperation in the struggle against high prices.

"By a carefully planned and lavishly financed campaign of misrepresentation," Dr. Meeker declared, "big business has succeeded in magnifying the defects and obscuring or discrediting the benefits of publicly controlled and managed enterprises."

Contrary to the popular belief, Dr. Meeker said, profiteering was the result and not the cause of high prices. Increase of prices, he said, was to be attributed to two causes: doubling of the quantity of currency and decrease in the quantity of goods, the profiteer was the result of these conditions.

**BISHOP HUGHES IS  
BURIED PORTLAND**

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10.—Funeral services for the late Matthew S. Hughes, resident bishop of Oregon for the Methodist Episcopal church, were held here today from the first Methodist church. Final rites were under the auspices of the church and of the Masonic lodge. Eulogies were delivered by Bishop Paul B. Mitchell of St. Paul and Bishop Earl Cranston, first resident bishop of the church in the northwest. The body lay in state today until the funeral at 1:30 o'clock.

Final ceremonies were held at the Portland crematorium late this afternoon, the body being placed in a vault there pending final burial arrangements.

**Census Returns**

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Population statistics announced by the census bureau today included:  
Coring, N. Y., 15,280, an increase of 2090 or 15.2 per cent over 1910.  
St. Albans, Vt., 7582, increase 1201 or 18.8 per cent.  
Middletown, O., 23,594, increase 10,442 or 79.4 per cent.  
Cape Girardeau, Mo., 10,252, increase 3346 or 13.8 per cent.  
Fond du Lac, Wis., increase 4630 or 24.6 per cent.  
La Porte, Ind., 15,158, increase 4633 or 44 per cent.

**BUENOS AIRES, April 10.**—Bolivia will continue to pursue with "irrevocable resolution" its purpose to obtain the port of Africa as an outlet for her to the Pacific, according to a new note from Bolivia to Peru, which is published here. The note answers the latest Peruvian communication declining to recognize Bolivia's aspirations.

### REBELLION IN SONORA BREAKS OUT

State Government North Mexico Severs Relations With Carranza—Mexican President Ordered to Halt Mobilization of Federal Troops—Attempts to Invade State Boundaries Will Be Resisted—War Looms.

NOGALES, Ariz., April 10.—The state government of Sonora, Mexico, severed relations with the Mexican federal government last night, according to an official telegram received here today.

Governor De La Huerta of Sonora, in a telegram to General Salvador Alvarado here, said:

"In view of the replies of President Carranza to the governor and congress of the state of Sonora it was decided to suspend relations with the central government until such a time as the causes leading to the determination had ceased to exist."

The state authorities of Sonora had called upon President Carranza to halt the mobilization of federal troops within Sonora. They charged the Mexican president with plotting to establish a military dictatorship in the state and take over the state government. It had been openly charged this was a plot against the presidential candidacy of General Obregon. Carranza answered the state authorities that he had no such intention, but that the troops were being ordered to Sonora for the general welfare of the country.

**Carranza Reputed**  
AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 10.—The initial break toward open revolt in Sonora came this morning when the Sonora state congress convened in secret session at Hermosillo, repudiated the Mexican central government and adopted resolutions declaring the state would take steps to resist any invasion by troops or infringement of state rights attempted by the Carranza government, according to Fernando Mendoza, who made the announcement in Agua Prieta today.

This is taken to mean in American circles that Sonora is making open declaration of independence and is in line with action reported to be in progress by the state to defy Carranza to discharge the customs house workers at the port of Agua Prieta.

**Bandits Hanged**  
AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 10.—Roberto Carrillo, chief of the Carranza secret service, who returned here this morning from the central section of the state, brings news of a wholesale execution at Nuevo Minos yesterday when a company of federal cavalrymen, who had been scouring the mountains in the vicinity of Nuevo Minos trapped a party of twenty-five bandits in the Canon Diablo (Devils Canyon) south of that place.

According to advices, stated Senor Carrillo, a pitched battle ensued which lasted for about six hours, during which seven bandits were killed, the balance surrendering, providing they be extended immunity.

The prisoners, eighteen in number, were taken into Nuevo Minos, given trial and sentenced to be hanged. Before sundown a platform and scaffold had been built in the public square of Nuevo Minos and soon the military commander ordered the bandits executed in the presence of the residents of the little town, who about three weeks ago suffered at the hands of the raiders, who entered the town, and after looting same, murdered several citizens.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The senate session today was exclusively taken up with eulogies to the late Thomas S. Martin, senator from Virginia and for many years democratic floor leader in the upper house.

Senator Martin was one of the last confederate veterans to sit in the senate, having enlisted in the southern army as a boy of 16.

### ADRIATIC QUESTION IS REPORTED SETTLED, U.S. ADVICE IS NOT ASKED

LONDON, April 10.—Reports that a new basis of settlement of the Adriatic question has been proposed by Premier Lloyd George on which the advice of the United States was not solicited, were confirmed by an authoritative Serbian quarter this morning.

The proposals are characterized by Serbian partisans as the most acceptable yet advanced, but the announcement that they have been definitely accepted by the Italo-Serbian conferees is said to be premature.

"There are very good grounds for believing that an end will be put to this tangle at the San Remo conference next week," said the Associated Press informant.

**N. Y. COMMUTERS  
FIGHT WAY TO  
HUDSON FERRIES**

NEW YORK, April 10.—Scenes such as have seldom, if ever, been witnessed, occurred today at ferry terminals. With the tubes closed to them, commuters, pushed and shoved their way through the ferry gates. During the rush hours no teams or automobiles were allowed on the boats and the space usually occupied by them was filled by struggling humanity.

The city's milk supply is reported not yet to have been affected. A supply was brought in during the night by railroad officials stoking yard engines.

Morning newspapers announced the strike of railroad workers had so accentuated the scarcity of news print paper that several pages had been dropped. First editions of many papers comprised only four pages.

A summary of the situation this morning by J. J. Mantell, chairman of the sub-committee of the Railroad General Managers association, reported freight of all kinds virtually tied up on all roads entering Greater New York and passenger service somewhat curtailed.

**LATEST NEWS  
OF THE STATE**

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 10.—Dr. H. P. Barrows, professor of agricultural education at Oregon Agricultural college and state supervisor of agricultural education under the Smith Hughes act, has resigned. He will become federal regional agent for agricultural education and his territory will comprise the seven western states. Headquarters for the work will be at San Francisco.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 10.—Nearly a million dollars—\$929,497—was saved to the farmers of Oregon thru the work of the county agents, according to the annual report of Paul V. Maris, county agent leader. This was done at a cost of \$99,475, or approximately \$10 saved to \$1 spent.

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—Life insurance companies operating in Oregon transacted new business to the amount of \$49,397,157.67 in 1919, according to a report prepared today by A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner, and filed with Governor Ocott. The net gain in the amount of insurance in effect on December 31, 1919, over December 31, 1918, was \$82,856,313.19.

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—Four fatal accidents out of a total of 444 industrial casualties were recorded at the offices of the state industrial accident commission for the week ending April 8.

**123,000 Bibles Stolen.**  
CHICAGO, April 10.—Chicago police today were searching for the "meanest thieves" who stole 123,000 bibles valued at \$37,500 from the Prison Bible society. The bibles were carried away in a moving van.

### PARIS REPLY TO ENGLAND CONCILIATORY, TENSION CONSIDERABLY REDUCED

French Appeal for Allied Conference Regarded as Good Omen in London—Conversations Expected to Be Over in Time for an Announcement by Premier Millerand on Monday—Order Being Restored in Ruhr Valley But Fresh Spartacist Outbreaks Are Reported in Saxony—Germany and Austria Pleased at Protests Against French Action by Allies—Diplomatic Defeat for French Militarism Is View—France Agrees to Take No Further Action Without Agreement of Her Allies—Agrees With Lloyd-George Unity is Essential.

LONDON, April 10.—The reply of France to the British note on the action taken by France in occupying additional German territory, was received in London today.

Officials here view the note as conciliatory, because of the expressed desire of the French for an allied conference. In other official quarters the French note is considered to have relieved the tension of yesterday.

**Millerand's Note**  
PARIS, April 10.—The note sent yesterday by Premier Millerand to the British government, in reply to the British note with regard to the action of France in sending troops into the neutral zone in Germany, says:

"The French government affirms first of all that no doubt can be felt of the loyalty of its attitude. The allies have been constantly informed of its policy. The French government has always opposed the entry of supplementary German troops into the Ruhr region and has added that the authorization for such an entry must have a counterpart in the occupation of Frankfurt and Darmstadt."

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**Berlin Is Pleased**  
BERLIN, April 9.—Great Britain's disapproval of the action of France in occupying cities in the neutral zone east of the Rhine is hailed by newspapers here with moderate expressions of satisfaction.

"France is in the thrall of chauvinism and militarism," says the Vorwaerts, "which, as Germany's fate has shown, lead nations inevitably to perdition. It is essential that Germany seek to live in agreement with her neighbors, and it is the duty of the French socialists to see that the ground for this understanding be prepared. An international crisis can be avoided only by the League of Nations becoming a reality and taking a hand in the solution."

"Great Britain's attitude," the Tageblatt declares, "is a reminder to France that the Versailles treaty is not a compact between France and Germany, but all European belligerents. The British stand is a bad blow"

**Must Have Unity**  
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to the Millerand government, but it is immaterial who rules France so long as blind militarism is not supplanted by common sense."

The Lokai Anzeiger, while admitting there is a "dawn of common sense in the world," asks why the allies of France did not act more promptly.

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**How to German Promises**  
"As could the government of France have been satisfied with the German promise to withdraw the troops when order had been restored? Neither for reparations nor for the delivery of the war-guilty, nor for coal, have the allies received the stipulated satisfaction."

"The question could be asked when the British government, which no doubt has not measured the danger of these systematic violations, would step in the path of concessions. France, in any case, was obliged to say: 'That is enough.'"

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### MAIL PLANE CATCHES FIRE, AVIATOR JUMPS, IS RESCUED BY COMPANION

CAMDEN, N. J., April 10.—Lieutenant Mark C. Hogue of Portland, Ore., and Lieutenant Richard Wright of Cleveland, O., were injured today when the aerial mail plane they were piloting from Bustleton, Pa., to Washington, caught fire 1700 feet over Berlin, fifteen miles from here.

Hogue, the pilot, who escaped with bruises, did a nose dive. When the machine was 200 feet from the ground, Wright, who had crawled out on one of the wings, dropped. Both

### REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE DECIDES TO PLAN REORGANIZATION OF U. S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Over the protest of the democratic members the senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row decided today to broaden the scope of its work to include suggestions for the reorganization of the navy department.

Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, strenuously objected to the examination of Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher by Chairman Hale to develop re-organization suggestions, declaring the committee had no authority to go into that matter. Chairman