

The Weather  
Maximum yesterday 85  
Minimum today 47  
Precipitation .18

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions  
Probable showers and cooler tonight.

Fiftieth Year. Daily—Fifteenth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 17, 1920.

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## GERMAN INDEMNITY PUT AT 30 BILLION

### FRENCH QUIT RHINE ZONE, FIX PAYMENT

French and Belgian Troops Occupying Neutral Zone Withdraw as Per Agreement—French Keep Their Word—Proclaims De Goutte—German Indemnity Fixed at 30 Billions—Permit Germany to Issue Bonds in Payment.

BERLIN, May 17.—(By Associated Press.) The French and Belgian troops which have been occupying Frankfurt and Hanau evacuated those cities this morning. No untoward incident has been reported.

PARIS, May 17.—It is understood in official circles here that the Anglo-French conference at Hythe, which closed yesterday, decided that the sum total which Germany should pay as reparation would be fixed at 120,000,000,000 marks gold. (Approximately \$30,000,000,000.)

It is also understood that it was decided Germany would be permitted to issue bonds covering her indebtedness to the allies, payable in annual installments.

Such action, it is pointed out would enable France to discount a part of her claim on Germany and permit her to settle her debts to the United States and the allies.

A special conference of the allies will be held at Ostend to consider financial questions, it is stated. This meeting will be independent of the League of Nations conference at Brussels. The dates of these conferences remain to be fixed.

### SWITZERLAND VOTES LEAGUE OF NATIONS

GENEVA, May 17.—The popular majority in favor of adherence by Switzerland to the League of Nations, in the referendum held yesterday was 93,720. The vote in favor for the proposition was 414,600 and the vote against it 320,880.

### LEVI P. MORTON DEAD ON 96TH ANNIVERSARY

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 17.—Levi P. Morton, former vice president of the United States and former governor of New York, died at his home, Ellerslie, Rhinebeck on the Hudson, at 8:30 o'clock last night on the 96th anniversary of his birth.

### HAROLD HOWELL, 16 YR. OLD BANDON BOY ACQUITTED OF MURDER, THIRD TRIAL

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 17.—Harold Howell, aged 16, has his freedom today after eight months in the county jail and three times facing trial in the circuit court on the charge of murdering Lillian Leuthold at Bandon on July 27. The jury in the third trial returned a verdict of not guilty at 2:30 a. m. Sunday in the circuit court at Coquille. The jurors were out 17 hours.

At first they stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal and the

### GREAT BRITAIN TRYING TO SECURE SUPPLY OF THE WORLD'S GASOLINE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Great Britain's policy with reference to world petroleum supplies is reported to exclude aliens from the control of petroleum supplies within the empire, and to endeavor to obtain some measure of control over oil properties in foreign countries, the senate was informed today in a state department report transmitted by President Wilson.

The report, signed by Under Secretary Frank L. Polk, was furnished in response to a resolution by Senator Gore, democrat, Oklahoma, asking what disabilities were being imposed upon American exploitation of world oil resources by other countries.

### BAPTISTS HIT MOVIES, THEN KILL REPORT

Southern Baptist Convention Tables Resolution Blaming Booze and Movies for Divorce Increase—Newspapers Attacked—Establishment Baptist Paper Considered.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—An attack on the national board of censors of motion pictures contained in the report of the committee on temperance and social service of the Southern Baptist convention was eliminated today when the report came up for adoption.

Dr. W. W. Landrum of Russellville, Ky., presenting the motion to strike out the attack, declared that the statement was libelous and might result in heavy damages being obtained from the convention.

A proposal to appoint a committee to study the advisability of establishing a Baptist newspaper was made the occasion for an attack by Dr. Ben Cox of Memphis, Tenn., against the American newspapers in general and the Associated Press in particular.

Seventy-five per cent of "the blue pencils of American newspaper offices," he charged, were in Roman Catholic hands.

Frank E. Burkhalter, of Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Alexander W. Bealer of Georgia, both resented the attack and declared that the Baptists had always received the fairest treatment from the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Moving pictures, lax laws and intemperance are blamed for the numerous divorces in the United States by the committee of temperance and social service in its report to the Southern Baptist convention today. Enactment of a uniform code of marriage and divorce laws was recommended as a remedy.

Quoting from government statistics on the number of divorces obtained annually in the country, the report shows that in 1916 when the last figures were gathered, there were 112,036 divorces.

As a primary cause of "this sad

### CARRANZA'S SON-IN-LAW GETS AWAY

General Aguilar, Governor Vert Cruz, Breaks Through Rebel Lines With 300 Followers—Plans to Join President in Hills—Capture of Carranza Is Soon Expected—Rumor More U. S. Battleships Will Be Sent Mexican Waters—Wires Restored.

VERA CRUZ, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.) General Candido Aguilar, governor of the state of Vera Cruz, and son-in-law of President Carranza, who has been virtually a prisoner of revolutionary forces near Orizaba for the past week, escaped last night. It is believed he is trying to join Carranza who fled into the mountains near Chalchicomula Friday.

General Aguilar has with him about 300 of his followers.

Pursuit of Carranza is being vigorously pushed by Generals Pedro Sanchez and Higinio Aguilar, leaders of the revolutionary forces, which fought a grim battle with Carranza's army last week. They have a superior force of cavalry.

Lack of Food  
Lack of food and water lowered the morale of Carranza's men so that their defeat was comparatively easy, says a dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent in the battle zone. He has just been joined by a correspondent of the newspaper El Dictamen of this city who was with Carranza when he fled from Mexico City May 7, and witnessed much of the fighting around San Marcos and Rinconada.

When revolutionary troops swept down on the capital, Carranza decided to flee to Vera Cruz and establish his executive powers. His trains carried 10,000 men and a large amount of war munitions. On May 8 the Carranza trains pushed past Apizaco where they were joined by troops commanded by General Pilar Sanchez, but soon the engineers reported that their locomotives were out of water.

The troops detained and pushed on down the road, defeating a force of revolutionists. After the track had been cut behind it, means was found to take the presidential train further toward Vera Cruz and May 11 it reached San Marcos, Rinconada was reached the next day and there a battle was fought against troops commanded by General Mireles, which were defeated by the heavier columns commanded by Carranza.

When the town of Albiges was reached, Carranza's men found the rails cut. No water could be secured and the morale of the soldiers seemed to break, large numbers deserting.

General Torres Killed  
On the afternoon of May 13, General Sanchez made a violent assault on the Carranza army, but the attack was repulsed by a counter thrust led by General Murria.

The next day the Carranza men abandoned some of their ground and General Sanchez launched a new attack which smashed the Carranza line and routed a part of the government troops. More than 3,500 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. It was immediately after this reverse that Carranza fled to the mountains.

General Liberado Lara Torres, who was wounded in the fighting May 13, and was later brought to this city for treatment, died yesterday.

Send More Battleships  
NEW YORK, May 17.—The Atlantic fleet which has been at anchor in the Hudson river for the last two weeks, put to sea today. After maneuvers and practice runs, it is understood the fleet will go to Hampton Roads.

Runners were also current that additional ships may soon be sent to the Gulf of Mexico to join the Oklahoma and the destroyers now on duty there.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Cable communication with Mexico City has been restored. The company's land wires were torn down in the fighting that took place between Carranza's army and the revolutionary forces near Rinconada.

### SUPREME COURT AGAIN FAILS DECIDE VALIDITY U. S. DRY AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The supreme court failed again today to decide the validity of the prohibition amendment and the enforcement act and recessed until June 1.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Conviction of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer and five other residents of San Francisco for violating the selective service and espionage acts, was upheld today by the supreme court.

The other defendants were E. R. Hoffman, physician; sentenced to three years imprisonment; Thomas Carey, two years; Carl J. F. Wachter, 18 months, and David J. and Herman B. Smith, one year each. O'Connell was sentenced by the lower court to seven years.

All the defendants were members of an organization known as "American patriots" which they claimed was formed for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the selective service act.

### DEMOCRATS WAGE A BITTER FIGHT STATE CONTROL

SPOKANE, May 17.—Probability that the fight between the state organization and the "federal" faction for control of the King and Pierce county delegations to the democratic state convention would be carried to the convention floor seemed strong when the convention met here this forenoon.

The element in the convention favorable to the organization of federal office holders apparently was disposed to contest to the last the preliminary victory won by the forces of National Committeeman A. R. Titlow and State Chairman George F. Christensen yesterday afternoon when the state central committee, by a vote of 18 to 16, decided to seat on the temporary organization of the convention the Seattle delegation favoring the state organization and to seat both Pierce county delegations, with half a vote for each delegate.

A sentiment was apparent early today among delegates seeking party harmony in the convention, for unseating both contending delegations from King and Pierce counties, State organization partisans were hopeful that the temporary organization as outlined by the state central committee yesterday would be made permanent by the convention however, and the opposing element refused its support until the committee had passed upon credentials.

State Senator A. E. Judd of Tacoma was selected as temporary chairman of the convention.

### PORTLAND LAWYER SENTENCED TO PEN

SEATTLE, May 17.—Carlos Byron, Portland attorney and Edward M. Comyns, attorney of Seattle, found guilty in the United States district court here last February of misuse of the mails to further an alleged fraudulent grant filing scheme, were sentenced today to 15 months in McNeil Island penitentiary.

Byron, who was brought here from the penitentiary for sentence will begin serving his time on today's sentence at the expiration of a sentence of fifteen months on the charge of fraud, service of which began on March 11, last. Comyns was not involved in the previous charge.

House Kills Money Bill.  
WASHINGTON, May 17.—By an overwhelming vote the house today refused to adopt the conference report on the diplomatic appropriation bill because of a legislative rider making permanent the war time passport control regulations.

### EXPECT I. C. C. TAKE OVER RAILROADS

National Railroads Swamped With Business Turn to Government for Relief—Hundreds of Thousands of Freight Cars Held Up Because of Insufficient Labor and Equipment—State Public Service Commissions Called.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Railway and public service commissions in every state were called to the aid of the inter-state commerce commission and the railroads today to break the freight blockade.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The nation's railroads, swamped with business, and not yet on their feet after the long period of federal control, turned hopefully to the government today for relief.

With reports from industrial centers showing several hundred thousand cars held up because of insufficient equipment and labor, the inter-state commerce commission was expected to heed the appeal of the carriers and take charge of the situation. Railroad officials said there was slight hope of early improvement.

The great need is to clear the tracks of non-essentials and open the way for the necessities of life.

So great is the traffic congestion, according to reports that there is immediate danger of wholesale closing of big industrial plants and the consequent cut in production.

Should the commission find, on the strength of reports laid before it by the railroad executives that the emergency justifies it, orders taking over virtually complete control of the movement of freight, probably will be issued.

Railroad officials, meeting with members of the commission today, suggested several details for inclusion in its traffic plan to break the congestion. One of these was a general scheme for the movement of grain cars westward and coal cars eastward to meet current requirements. Cars for food and perishables, however, would have full preference over all others under the plan.

### R. R. EXECUTIVES ADMIT INCREASE WAGES DEMANDED

CHICAGO, May 17.—Wage advances should be granted to many railroad workers to enable them to meet the high cost of living, the Association of Railway executives declared today in their opening statement before the railroad labor board.

E. T. Whittier, chairman of the conference committee of rail managers of the executives association, told the board that some part of the wage demands being made by 2,000,000 railway employees probably would be found to be justified by the rise in the cost of living.

This is expected to go far toward expediting early settlement of the controversy which culminated last month in a series of strikes. The demands now before the board aggregate more than a billion dollars a year, in addition to a billion dollar advance during the war and a \$300,000,000 advance in the two years prior to government control, according to Mr. Whittier. He presented figures to show that the railway payroll had increased from 29.5 per cent of the gross earnings of the roads in 1915 to 53.6 per cent last year.

"We appreciate fully," Mr. Whittier said, "that the increases received by some employees in the last five years have not been commensurate with the increase in the cost of living.

"We appreciate also that there are other employees who are receiving rates which cannot be considered at all low in an absolute sense, yet which do not compare favorably in some localities with wages paid some occupations in outside industries."

### BOLSHEVIKI FORCES STRIKING BACK AT POLES, NORTH KIEV

LONDON, May 17.—Russian bolshevik forces are striking back at the Polish and Ukrainian troops which captured Kiev about ten days ago, according to an official statement issued in Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless. The statement said soviet troops had started an advance and were engaged about ten miles northeast of Kiev.

### NORTH IRELAND STAGES FATAL S. FEIN RIOTS

Three Nights of Rioting at Londonderry Between Unionists and Sinn Fein Factions Assume Serious Proportions—Bottles, Bricks Thrown, Shots Are Fired.

LONDONDERRY, May 17.—Londonderry, after two nights of rioting, was again the scene of riotous demonstrations today. Hundreds of men remained away from their work, walking about the streets, where many individual encounters occurred between the Sinn Feiners and unionists. There was strong feeling by the crowds to some extent and at one point Sinn Feiners, the police reported, fired shots at two unionist ex-soldiers, but missed their mark.

LONDONDERRY, Ireland, May 17.—Rioting last night between nationalist and unionist mobs was even fiercer than Saturday's fighting. Bottles, bricks and pistols were again freely employed by the combatants and many more shop windows were broken.

Groups of men and women in the unionist quarters in Fountain streets and groups in the Sinn Fein quarter followed an exchange of party cries with stone and bottle throwing. Then more than one hundred revolver shots followed. In addition to the killing of a former soldier named Doherty, three others were wounded. When the hostilities broke out the police were withdrawn and for a few hours mob law was supreme.

DUBLIN, May 17.—Countess Georgina Markievicz, Sinn Fein member of parliament for the St. Patrick's division of Dublin, whose whereabouts has long been a mystery, made a theatrical appearance clad in a commandant's uniform yesterday at an open air meeting in Croker park in memory of the members of the Irish republican parliament, who were executed after or killed during the rebellion of 1916.

The countess delivered an address in which she appealed for support for Irish industries.

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### \$500,000 WORTH OF ORE MINED BY ONE COMPANY AWARDED TO ANOTHER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—A decision giving the Federal Mining and Smelting company of the Coeur d'Alene lead and silver district in Idaho title to \$500,000 worth of ore alleged to have been extracted from beneath certain holdings of the Star Mining company was reversed by the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

The Star company had sought in the lower court to enjoin such extraction, holding that its Evening Star and Mary R. properties were being encroached upon. The lower court decided against the Star company and the case appealed, today's decision resulting.

### SIMS WOULD PRUSSIANIZE U. S. NAVY

Secretary Daniels Lets Go a Verbal Broadside Against Plan to Put Navy Officer at Head of Department—Claims Sims Trying to Discredit Present Secretary Because He Refuses to Be a Rubber Stamp Nonentity.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Daniels today let go a verbal broadside against the advocates of a general staff for the navy, declaring that they sought to "Prussianize" the navy department and make the civilian secretary a "rubber stamp."

He told the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war, that one of Rear Admiral Sims' chief objects in writing his letter of January 7 and bringing about this investigation was to remove the navy, so far as possible, from civilian control.

Rear Admiral Sims' original charges against the navy department showed hostility toward certain officers and a desire to damage the ranking officers who directed naval operations during the war, the naval secretary declared, adding that "the evidence has shown a desire to discredit the secretary of the navy because he was not a 'rubber stamp secretary.'"

If congress wished to depart from the "traditional American policy" of civilian control of the navy it should do so "directly and clearly and without pretense," said Mr. Daniels, by making an admiral secretary of the navy and a member of the president's cabinet. The most ardent advocates of the general staff system had not advocated going so far, however, because they wished to keep a "rubber stamp" civilian as a figurehead in the secretary's office, he declared.

The witness quoted from reports and writings of other naval secretaries to show, he said, that they too, struggled against substitution of the general staff system.

### ST. PAUL SWITCH MEN WALK OUT

SPOKANE, May 17.—The entire day switchmen's force of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad here failed to report for duty and it was stated that none of the night crew had been on duty last night. Great Northern and Northern Pacific switching crews today were reported by the railroads to be full handed, but four switchmen on the Great Northern and three on the Northern Pacific were not on duty last night, it was stated. It was stated that no demands had been presented by the men, who declared they were walking out individually and "they wanted more money."

A meeting of switchmen was to be held during today, it was announced.

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Leading mining experts from all parts of the country had participated in the action. It developed in the course of the hearing that one claim of the Federal company, which had no connection with the case, had produced between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 since it was opened up.