

The Weather
Maximum yesterday.....58
Minimum today.....31 1/2

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Fair.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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NO HOSTILE ACT MARKS OCCUPATION

French and British Troops Quietly Take Possession of Strategic Points in Germany—German President Condemns Allied Action, but Urges People to Submit.

FRENCH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, MAYENCE, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Occupation of the additional German territory which the allies had announced they would take possession of as one of the penalties for Germany's failure to meet the allied reparations demands, was carried out today by British, French and Belgian troops.

No untoward incident marked the eastward move of the allied troops, so far as reports up to a late hour showed.

The occupation of the city of Dusseldorf, the largest of the cities taken over by the allies, was completed this morning, and that of Duisburg and Ruhrort, comprising together the chief ports of the Ruhr coal and industrial region, this afternoon.

Not Hostile Move
The entire movement was effected in a way to obviate, so far as possible, a show of force, but the French and the British Rhine flotillas were prepared for eventualities.

The headquarters of General Degoutte, who as commander in chief of the French forces along the Rhine carried out the orders from Marshal Foch for the advance, are situated at Neuss, on the left bank of the Rhine opposite Duesseldorf.

After the occupation of Duesseldorf, General Degoutte issued a proclamation to its people in which he declared the occupation was not a measure of hostility against the population but one intended to compel the government of Germany to carry out its obligations. No obstacle would be raised against the carrying on of the economic life of the region, he declared, and the allied authorities were ready to aid the workers in improving their condition, especially as regards provisioning.

Ebert Proclamation
BERLIN, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Friedrich Ebert, the German imperial president, declared in a proclamation issued today that Germany was not in a position to use force to oppose the forcible methods of the allies in occupying additional German territory, but that she nevertheless protested vigorously against what the president declared was an open violation of the treaty of peace.

In his proclamation, addressed to his "fellow citizens," President Ebert said: "Our opponents in the world war imposed upon us an unheard of demand, impossible of fulfillment, both for money and for a contract which even the work of a generation would not have sufficed to carry out."

"We must not and we cannot comply with it. Our honor and self respect forbid it."

"With an open breach of the peace treaty of Versailles, our opponents are advancing to the occupation of more German territory."

"We however, are not in a position to oppose force with force. We are defenseless."

"Nevertheless we can cry out, so all who still recognize the voice of righteousness may hear."

"Right is being downtrodden by might."

"The whole German people is suffering with those of our citizens who are..."

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FIVE MEASURES WILL BE VOTED ON BY PEOPLE AT SPECIAL JUNE ELECTION

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 8.—Five measures and constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at a special election June 7, according to a decision by Attorney General VanWinkle. These measures are:

The soldiers' bonus bill providing a tax for a fund to pay Oregon world war veterans \$15 for each month of service, with an alternative of a loan.

The woman jury bill, which qualifies women to sit as members of juries in Oregon, but leaving the duty optional with the women.

The marriage test bill providing for physical and mental examinations for both male and female applicants

Married on Wrong Side Street, Couple Are Married Again

DANVILLE, Ill., March 8.— Just because they were married on the wrong side of the street, Mr. and Mrs. Almon J. Leneve of this city, were remarried Monday at Urbana, Ill., where they were wedded in 1903.

Nearly 20 years ago young Jerry Leneve wooed and won Louise Johnson and for her he fitted and furnished a house on the east side of the Illinois-Indiana state line in the town of State Line, northeast of Danville. The wedding took place there in Indiana, but the marriage license was issued here.

Recently following the marriage of their daughter the couple learned that the license issued in this Illinois county was not valid in Indiana and plans were made for the re-marriage.

LABOR ASKS FALL TO ESTABLISH U. S. FOREST SAWMILLS

SPOKANE, Mar. 8.—Declaring that private timber owners, by increasing the price of lumber 100 to 300 per cent, have forced the people of this and other cities to reside in "tents and shacks," the Central Labor council of this city, in a resolution it adopted last night, calls upon Secretary of the Interior Fall to "give serious consideration" to establishment of government sawmills in forest reserves of the nation.

The lumber, the resolution provides, would be sold to the public at cost.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Permits for oil land locations in Alaska will be granted only on condition that the permittees adjust within six months any conflict with any prior applicant, the board of appeals of the interior department announced today.

Because of the absence of surveys in Alaska, it is difficult to ascertain exact location on the ground of oil prospecting claims," the department's announcement said, "but to suspend applications for permits until surveys could be made would delay development."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—When the new members of the federal water power commission, consisting of Secretaries Weeks, Wallace and Fall hold their first meeting, they will find before them applications for water power permits proposing to generate about 5,000,000 horsepower at Niagara Falls.

Several projects to develop power and irrigation from the Colorado river have been proposed. The majority of these propose to dam the river and furnish power and irrigation for the upper Salt Lake mining and agricultural region and to the lower river district in Arizona. However, a large part of the power would be transmitted to California.

The Colorado river, engineers of the commission say, has possibilities for the development of from three to four million horsepower.

STANFIELD PLEADS FOR SHEEP OWNER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—War department orders for the sale next Thursday at Boston of six million pounds of army wool were suspended today by Secretary Weeks at the request of western senators. Secretary Weeks told Senators Cameron, republican, Arizona; Gooding, republican, Idaho and Stanfield, republican, Oregon, that he would study the effect of the proposed sale of the army wool before taking any further action.

for marriage licenses is another. The bill provides that if one or both of the applicants fail to pass a satisfactory examination, one or both must be sterilized before the marriage.

The sixty-day legislative session amendment, increasing the legislative sessions from forty to sixty days and increasing the pay of the members from \$3 to \$5 a day.

The single item veto bill. At present the governor is empowered to veto single items in appropriation measures, but not in other acts. The pending measure is aimed mainly at promiscuous use of the emergency clause and would enable the governor to veto the clause

NATION WIDE MEAT STRIKE ANTICIPATED

Wage Reductions by Packers and Return to Ten-Hour Day Regarded as Challenge to Union Labor by Employees—Over 100,000 Men Effected—Plan Demonstration

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—"The packers are looking for a strike and there is no doubt that they will get one if they insist on their proposal to return to the old ten-hour day," Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers union, said today when informed of wage reductions and increased working hours announced by the packers today.

Mr. Lane said that if it really was necessary for the packers to reduce wages in order to do business, the employees would be willing to come half way in any proposition that would be made in a fair and just way.

"I am convinced, however," he said, "that the workers will never consent to a return to the antedelinian ten-hour day."

"If wages must be reduced the packers must go about it in the same manner which the men took in getting their increases. The packers have done away with the services of Judge Samuel Abschuler as arbitrator but we will not accept a wage reduction unless it goes before some fair tribunal or umpire. Either recall Judge Abschuler or appoint some one in his place, is our advice to the packers."

Mr. Lane said he believed that the packers would "relish a strike."

"We have found that they have stored vast quantities of their products and that they could shut down for some time without any real loss," he said.

"If the employees taken such a stand as the packers now have taken, we would have forced the country into chaos and would have been condemned by everyone."

A wage conference of employees has been called by Mr. Lane to meet in Omaha tomorrow. In addition, meetings in all cities where there are packing house branches are being arranged and a demonstration is planned here for next Saturday when 20,000 employees are expected to take part in a parade and mass meeting.

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—Wage decreases of approximately 12 1/2 per cent, affecting more than 100,000 employees of the packing industry in all parts of the country were officially announced today. The reductions are effective March 14.

At the same time there will be a revision of working hours, time and a half for overtime paid only after 10 hours labor in any one day, or after fifty-four hours in any one week. Double time will be paid for Sundays and holidays.

The new wage scale reduces the rate of hourly employees eight cents an hour. The piece work rates are reduced 12 1/2 per cent. At present the lowest rate paid labor is 55 cents an hour. The minimum wage guarantee for forty hours' pay a week will be continued.

It was also announced that the packers are now working out plans to establish closer relations between the workers and the management with a view to giving the employees a voice in all matters of mutual interest.

Armour Explains Reduction.
Details of the plan would be made in the near future, the announcement said.

"The reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in wages is very small in view of the fact that packing house wages average three times as much today as they did before the war," said J. O. Den Armour, president of Armour and company, in discussing the decreases.

"Despite the lower rate, employees can probably earn as much or more than under existing conditions. The forty-four hour minimum wage with its basic eight-hour day, has demonstrated positively during the two years that it has been in effect that it results in decreased weekly earnings. The adjustment would enable employees to average forty-eight hour wages a week and their earnings will compare favorably with the earnings in other industries."

"The values of our raw materials, meat and by-products, have suffered the most severe decline ever experienced," said the announcement by Swift and company. "Our expenses of doing business are still at the war level. They are almost three times as high as in 1914. Our profits have fallen continuously since 1917. Unless we make further cuts in expense we cannot expect to get enough out of meat and by-products to pay for livestock and have enough left to cover expenses."

The orders for the reduction in wages follows the cancellation by the packers February 25 of the war time arbitration agreements for the settlement of all disputes.

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U. S. Federation of Labor Quits Europe On Soviet Ruling

WASHINGTON, March 8.— Formal notice of severance of relations between the American Federation of Labor and the International Federation of Trades Unions was dispatched today to the international headquarters at Amsterdam. The action of the American federation, taken at a meeting of the executive council here, followed the adoption by the "international organization of resolutions in support of the soviet regime in Russia."

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE ON BANK VERDICT

After All Night Session Jury in Mrs. Blakeley Case Dismissed by Court—9 for Conviction, 3 for Acquittal, According to Report.

Unable to agree the jury in the case of Mrs. Myrtle W. Blakeley, former county treasurer, charged with malfeasance in office, in connection with the Bank of Jacksonville failure was discharged by the court this morning, at 2:30 o'clock after an all-night session.

According to members of the jury, the count stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal on the first ballot and never changed throughout the night. After eight o'clock last night it was known a verdict was impossible, the jurors said.

Haggard and worn, the jury filed into the box, and voiced in unison their inability to agree. In response to queries from the court, E. J. Palmer, their foreman, announced that there was not a slightest chance for a verdict. This statement was corroborated by William Budge and other members of the jury.

One juror stated after his discharge from the case, that both sides early announced their stand, and stayed with it, both declaring they would never waver, which subsequent events proved.

Mrs. Blakeley was in court when the jury was returned, and was the only woman present. Afterwards, in the hall of the courthouse, she wept bitterly.

In discharging the jury, the court did not state what future action would be taken, but a re-trial at the next term of court is the regular procedure.

The consensus of opinion around Jacksonville and among spectators was that Mrs. Blakeley is the "goat" and was guilty only of violation of a technicality.

The evidence introduced by both sides was highly involved, and concerned technical accounting.

Quigley Case Next.
The second of the Bank of Jacksonville cases will be called in the circuit court Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, Judge D. V. Kykendall of Klamath county presiding. The defendant is Elmer E. Quigley, a stockman, formerly of the Applegate, now of northern California, charged in the indictment with "aiding and abetting the cashier of a bank to injure and defraud a bank." He is represented by Attorney Gus Newbury.

The specific charge against Quigley, as stated in the indictment, is: "That the said W. H. Johnson, cashier of said bank did willfully and knowingly suffer and permit said funds... of said bank to be... and caused the same to be misapplied to one E. E. Quigley, in the sum of \$3,356.48, the said E. E. Quigley having then and there obtained from the said bank the sum of \$4900 under and by virtue of certain promissory notes, made, executed, and delivered by said E. E. Quigley to said bank, and all of which said notes were then and there due, owing, and unpaid to said bank, which was then and there the holder thereof in said sum of \$4900, and the capital and surplus of said bank then and there being only in the sum of \$11,000..."

The next bank case scheduled for trial on the calendar is that of the state vs. Ben M. Collins, former city clerk of Medford, and cashier of the Bank of Jacksonville, now in the auto business at Grants Pass, charged with aiding and abetting a cashier of a bank to injure and defraud a bank. The civil suit of W. E. Phipps vs. Matthews follows.

The state vs. Bartlett, another of the Bank of Jacksonville cases in fourteen on the calendar, the case of the state vs. S. L. Johnson, still another bank case, is eighteenth, and the state vs. Kubli, a similar action, is twenty-fourth.

The final case on the docket is that of W. F. DeWitt, an Ashland jitney driver, charged with man-

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KERENSKY IS LEADER ANTI-RED REVOLT

Copenhagen Claims Ex-Præmier Russian Provisional Govt. Is Directing Offensive Against Petrograd—Hundreds Killed in Bombardment of Moscow Strikers.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 8.—Alexander Kerensky, premier of the Russian provisional government which was overthrown by the bolsheviks late in 1917 is said in advices received here to be at Kronstadt, the Russian fortress near Petrograd, reported in revolutionary hands.

Kerensky, it is declared, is directing the revolutionary offensive against Petrograd, with that fortress as a base.

In Russian quarters in New York opposed to the soviet regime surprise was expressed at the report of Kerensky's being at Kronstadt directing the revolutionary operations against Petrograd. He has been in close consultation of late with the socialist revolutionary group which has headquarters at Prague, and which is the moving spirit in the present counter revolution directed against Petrograd and Moscow.

LONDON, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) During a recent bombardment of the workmen's quarters in Moscow from artillery placed on the hills overlooking the city, says a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors today, several hundred persons were killed and numbers of others wounded. More than 100,000 men and women, the dispatch asserts, are on strike in Moscow.

"The bombardment, says the message followed a call for a general strike issued by leaders of the workmen and a demand for the immediate convocation of the constituent assembly."

WARSAW, Mar. 8.—(By Associated Press.) Strong detachments of Russian bolshevik cavalry commanded by General Budenny are being rushed from south Russia to Moscow to crush the insurgents, who are said to be gaining in power daily in the Russian capital.

Many rumors of the overthrow of the Russian soviet government have reached Warsaw. Announcement was made here yesterday, however, that no steps had been taken by government officials to interrupt the Russian-Polish peace negotiations. Polish authorities consider reports of the Russian insurrection as being greatly exaggerated.

FIRE CHIEFS AGREE WOMEN USHERS NOT THERE IN EMERGENCY

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—Women ushers in theaters lack judgment in times of emergency and consequently are not conducive to public safety, according to 82 per cent of the city fire marshals of the country, who have replied to a questionnaire sent out by the chairman of the council buildings committee.

Eighty-five of the answers opposed women as ushers in theaters. He other fifteen per cent evaded the question with indirect answers.

"Women wouldn't be of any value in case of trouble with a crowd," wrote John McFarney, Kansas City fire chief, while Edward Grenfell of Portland, Ore., declared that "men ushers were safer."

Charles A. Salter, Omaha, said that "in case of a stampede women could not be depended upon to protect panicky persons."

STEEL TRUST WOULD QUIT 12-HOUR DAY

NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—Elimination of the twelve-hour day in the mills of the United States Steel corporation is being considered by a committee of presidents of the subsidiary companies, Chairman E. H. Gary of the corporation announced today.

"The seven-day week and the long turn in changing shifts," he added, "have been entirely eliminated by all our companies."

Yap Mandate Is Not Open to Controversy In Uchida's Opinion

TOKIO, March 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American protest to the League of Nations concerning Japanese control of the island of Yap, the Pacific cable station, was not the first objection from the United States in this connection, said Foreign Minister Uchida in the diet today. Last year the United States protested direct to Japan, which replied fully explaining the Japanese standpoint, he stated.

When the mandates were considered, he continued, President Wilson protested, but when the final decision was reached America made no reservations and Japan could only adhere to her policy to the end. He added that he considered the question of the Yap mandate decided. As for the question of the concession of Pacific cables to the United States he was unable to speak on it, he declared.

YAMHILL ASKS A \$30,000 ADVANCE FROM HIGHWAYS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 8.—Lively interest was shown in the session of the state highway commission today at which bids will be considered for paving 33.6 miles of highways and grading 17.9 miles for hard surfacing, the construction of several bridges and railroad crossings and for determination of location of the northern unit of The Dalles-California highway, the route of the Pacific highway through Oregon City.

Delegations of public-officials and road enthusiasts from numerous counties were present to plead for consideration of matters affecting the state's highway construction program this season.

Yesterday the commission informally heard an appeal from Yamhill county's delegation that \$30,000 be advanced to the county from the state highway fund to enable the county to do its part in co-operation with the state on road construction in the Amity-McMinnville, Gaston-Yamhill and Dayton-Newberg sections.

WEEKS EXPLAINS DEPT. POLICY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—The policy of the war department under the new administration contemplates organization of the nation's military forces into one "harmonious, well balanced and effective army, consisting of the regular army, the National Guard and the organized reserves," Secretary Weeks announced today.

The regular army and the National Guard will be developed to the strength authorized by law, the announcement said, and the reserves will be organized as divisions and auxiliary troops with full officer complement and sufficient enlisted strength to be capable of rapid recruitment to full strength.

Liberty Bonds.
NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's \$99.72; first 12's \$87.00 bid; second 4's \$88.96; first 4 1/2's \$87.00; second quarters \$86.96; third 4 1/2's \$89.30; fourth 4 1/2's \$87.05. Victory 3 1/2's \$97.50; Victory 4 1/2's \$97.48.

GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DISTRICT ASKS FOR A HALF MILLION MORE

SALEM, Ore., March 8.—The Grants Pass irrigation district has filed with the state engineering department an application for certification of additional bonds in the sum of \$500,000 and guarantee of interest on the issue. Already bonds in the sum of \$890,000 have been certified by the irrigation and drainage securities commission of the state. The project embraces 12,000 acres and construction work is about half completed.

SALEM, Ore., March 8.—The Oregon soldiers and sailors' commission, which was created by the legislature

U.S. TROOPS TO REMAIN ON RHINE

Harding's Cabinet Fails to Consider Withdrawal of Doughboys From Germany in Spite of Expectations—Panama Treaty and Costa Rica Situation Considered.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Withdrawal of the American forces from the Rhine is not under consideration, Secretary Weeks of the war department announced today after the first meeting of the cabinet.

It had been the understanding after the cabinet meeting broke up that this question had occupied a large place in the discussion but when asked specifically as to this, Mr. Weeks reiterated his statement that the question was not now under discussion.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Panama-Costa Rican situation, the question of withdrawing American troops from the Rhine and the legislative program of the coming special session of congress are said to have been among a long list of subjects discussed by President Harding and his cabinet today at their first formal meeting. Vice-President Coolidge attended the cabinet meeting.

No announcement followed the meeting but the general understanding was that the movement in Germany had occupied a large part of the discussion and that the administration might be expected to make some announcement soon.

The treaty was not taken up today by the senate, which remained in session only long enough to hear the journal read and have Senator Cummins of Iowa sworn in as president pro tempore.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—A special message to the senate requesting immediate ratification of the Colombian treaty is being prepared by President Harding according to reports among senators today in the wake of last night's White House conference.

It was understood that President Harding had accepted the view of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican floor leader, and Secretary Fall of the interior department, that action on the treaty during the special session of the senate was desirable.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Harding has definitely appointed Dr. C. E. Sawyer of Marion, Ohio, the Harding family physician, his personal physician and expects to nominate him in the near future for the rank of brigadier general in the army medical corps.

Dr. Sawyer's commission would follow a custom of years under which the president's physician has been an officer of the army or navy medical service.

MADRID, March 8.—Syndicalist disturbances broke out in the city of Oporto, Portugal, last night and although they were immediately suppressed, much material damage was done. It is stated in reports received here. Six bombs were exploded in various parts of the city.

LONDON, March 8.—Turkish nationalist forces have occupied Batum, says a Reuters dispatch from Constantinople.

In 1919 and for which \$100,000 was appropriated, to be used for the welfare of returning soldiers now has little to do, but there is still about \$55,000 unexpended and the 1921 session failed to abolish the commission.

Governor Oleott announced yesterday that all the old members have resigned and that a new board has been appointed.

The new members, all of Portland, are Jane V. Doyle, former army nurse; Dr. Robert C. Yeans, former commanding officer of base hospital No. 46; Charles F. Berg, businessman; H. C. Wortman and T. H. Boyd, president of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion.