

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 58
Minimum today 29

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum 62
Minimum 42
Precipitation 12 of an in.

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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DISASTER THREATENS GENOA CONFAB

ALLIES ASK RUSSIANS TO CANCEL PACT

Declare It Impossible for Russians and Germans to Remain in Conference if They Persist in Maintaining Separate Treaty—British Are Hopeful of Readjustment.

GENOA, April 18.—(By Associated Press.) The allies have decided that Germany having effected her own arrangement with Russia in the treaty signed Sunday at Rapallo, is debarred from further participation in the discussion of the condition of an agreement between Russia and the various other countries represented at the economic conference.

GENOA, April 18.—(By Associated Press.) The allied delegates to the economic conference decided this evening they would continue the conference regardless of what attitude Germany and Russia may take toward the allies' objection to the signing of the treaty at Rapallo by the German and Russian foreign ministers.

PARIS, April 18.—(By Associated Press.) A Havana dispatch from Genoa this afternoon says the allies are drafting a note to the Germans and Russians, notifying them it will be impossible for the Germans and Russians to continue to participate in the sessions of the economic conference if they persist in maintaining the Russo-German treaty.

GENOA, April 18.—(By Associated Press.) The consternation caused by the German-Russian pact included in the treaty at Rapallo supplanting the Brest-Litovsk pact showed no signs of abating as the economic conference delegates continued their deliberations today.

On the contrary, as the different national groups examined the text of the new agreement and deliberated on its possible effect upon the future balance of power in Europe, they were impressed with the deep importance the signing of this separate pact was likely to have on the general political situation.

Europe Divided
The prophets who when the economic conference was inaugurated predicted that it would result either in great good or disaster to Europe, were inclined today to take the view that the congress seemed to be headed in the direction of disaster, which only the coolness of Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain and other leaders could prevent.

Prime Minister Lloyd George himself went so far as to say the pact was a step in the direction of dividing Europe into separate groups.

GENOA, April 18.—(By Associated Press.) The organizers of the Genoa conference today were groping their way out of the debris and confusion caused by the explosion of the German-Russian bombshell—the secret signing of a formal peace treaty between the two nations at Rapallo Sunday.

The judicial experts of the powers which organized the conference met to consider whether the new pact violates the stipulations of the treaty of Versailles or conflicts with the resolutions of the supreme council at Cannes on which the present conference is founded, and which all the nations coming to Genoa were expected to accept as the basis of the meeting.

The experts later were to report to an assembly which included not only the chief representatives of the five inviting powers—Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Belgium—but also the leading delegates of the little entente nations, who were especially invited because of the vital character of the questions to be dealt with and its possible effects on Central Europe.

Without exception the delegations of the 34 countries represented here are wondering what the real effect of the surprise treaty will be on the conference. The pact constitutes recognition by Germany of the Russian gov-

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No Student Credits For Tobacco Users On School Grounds

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—Student credits of schools in Kansas which allow the use of tobacco on the school grounds or elsewhere will not be acceptable for the issuance of teachers' certificates by Miss Lorraine Elizabeth Wooster, state superintendent of schools, she said in a letter received by Chancellor John C. Williams of Kansas City university and made public today.

PORTUGUESE HOP OFF ON 3RD FLIGHT

Coutinho and Sacadura Leave Cape Verde Islands for Most Dangerous Leg of Flight From Lisbon to Rio—Expect to Land at St. Paul Rocks for Gas and Oil.

PORTO PRAYA, Cape Verde Islands, April 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Portuguese trans-Atlantic aviators, Captains Coutinho and Sacadura, hopped off at 5:50 o'clock this morning for the third and probably most dangerous leg of their flight from Lisbon to Rio Janeiro.

The aviators flew their plane here from St. Vincent yesterday in preparation for today's start, conditions here being more favorable for a successful getaway.

The landing at St. Paul rocks is expected to be difficult as there is only a small bay or opening between the two islets on the northeast side. This bay or cove is only 56 yards across at the entrance and one hundred yards long, and presents some difficulties even to vessels, except in the most moderate weather.

The seaplane is awaited at the rocks by the Portuguese cruiser Republica, which is carrying a supply of gas and oil, and which will broadcast the news of the aviators' arrival.

From St. Paul Rocks, the airmen plan to fly to the islands of Fernando Noronha, approximately 350 miles off the Brazilian coast and from there to Pernambuco.

DEAD SHOT COP KILLS THIRD MAN

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 18.—Patrolman J. L. Davis, who three weeks ago shot and killed two men he caught in the act of burglary, late yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded a third man.

Davis and Officer R. B. Fridley were walking through Bixby park where they encountered two young men. The officers asked the others who they were and where they were going. One drew an automatic pistol and ordered the officers to throw up their hands.

Both Davis and Fridley drew their pistols. Davis fired three times and Fridley four. One of the men fell at Davis' first shot. The other threw up his hands and surrendered. At the police station the injured man gave his name as V. L. Benton, 19 years old, and that of his wounded companion as H. E. Roberts, 22. At the hospital where Roberts was taken, it was said he probably would die.

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To Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Birth of General Grant



The main street in Point Pleasant, Ohio where General Grant was born April 27th, 1822. From the cement porch on the left President Harding will address thousands of visitors assembled. A radio will carry his message to all parts of the country. (Lower) This cannon, a relic of the Civil war marks the site where General Grant was born.

PORTLAND YOUTH ADMITS KILLING MAN OVER BOOZE

Russel Hecker, 24, Confesses to Murder of Frank Bowker, 49, Portland Musician According to Father—Bootleg Sale Cause.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Russel Hecker, 24, early today confessed to having killed Frank Bowker, 49, a Portland musician Sunday night, according to a statement made by Hecker's father, B. J. Hecker, to the police.

The elder Hecker told the police that his son had admitted the killing and that he would accompany the police to where he had hidden Bowker's body. The alleged confession was made while father and son were closeted in private, after three hours questioning by the parent.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Police officers started early today to find the body of Frank Bowker, a Portland musician, whom Russel Hecker, 24, confessed killing, according to a statement by Hecker's father, B. J. Hecker.

He said he obtained from his son a description of the place where the body was hidden, along the road between Portland and Albany and offered to lead the officers to the spot. The reported confession was made early this morning after the father had talked with his son for three hours at the city jail.

Russel Hecker surrendered late yesterday after the police had investigated the disappearance of Bowker, who had started in an automobile with Hecker Sunday night from a downtown point.

According to a statement by Albert Bowker, brother of the dead man, Hecker had arranged to sell Frank Bowker a supply of bonded liquor and was to take him to the cache. Bowker was said to have \$1400 in currency in his possession.

Borrowed Automobile
Yesterday the borrowed automobile in which the pair started out was returned and police reported it was blood stained and had a new seat cushion.

A bloodstained .45 automatic pistol, borrowed on Sunday afternoon from Paul E. Noble, manager of a theater, by Hecker, was found in Hecker's suitcase last night. If it had been fired an attempt had been made to clean it, for the bore was bright. But police said a dozen specks of blood clung to the grip and to the metal near the handle. Hecker was formerly employed by Noble.

ARMOUR PLANS A \$500,000,000 PACKING TRUST

CHICAGO, April 18.—Flat denial that an amalgamation of the Armour, Cudahy and Wilson packing companies is contemplated, was made today by J. Ogden Armour and Edward Cudahy, presidents of their respective organizations. Thomas E. Wilson, head of Wilson and company, was not in the city.

"The Cudahy company is not in any way concerned in such a merger," said Mr. Cudahy.

Mr. Armour did not make a formal statement but authorized a flat denial over his name.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Informal negotiations for a merger of three of the big five packing companies into a \$500,000,000 corporation have been conducted by J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour and company, according to the Herald and Examiner today.

The corporation would have as its president, Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wilson and company and Mr. Armour would be chairman of the board of directors, according to the newspaper.

The firms involved are Armour and company with a total valuation of \$329,718,997; Wilson and company, worth \$88,997,250 and Cudahy and company, valued at \$45,592,250.

Consent of the inter-state commerce commission would be necessary for the success of the proposed merger, it is said.

Persons who are credited with being familiar with the merger plan say no new financing is contemplated the proposition being that Armour and company exchange its securities for those of the other two companies.

Mr. Armour is supposed to be actuated by the motive of desiring a successor to the presidency of Armour and company, a position handed down to him by his father. Having no son to carry on the business, he is forced to go outside the family. Mr. Wilson's success in the packing industry has made him the logical candidate and the newspaper points out that to secure Mr. Wilson, Mr. Armour is forced to buy Mr. Wilson's company.

GEN. SEMENOFF FIEND IN HUMAN FORM, SAYS DR.

Tacoma Army Captain Paints Graphic Picture of Diabolical Character of Cossack Leader Now Held in N. Y.—Outrages Surpass Fiction.

TACOMA, April 18.—General Gregorie Semenov, now in jail in New York as a result of financial entanglements in Siberia, was a "fiend incarnate," and "gloried in dealing in death," according to Dr. E. C. Judd of Sumner, Wash., who was an army captain in charge of the largest hospital in Siberia in 1919 and 1920.

General Semenov's soldiers repeatedly fired upon American troops, Dr. Judd said today, and once a British officer and myself had to flee for our lives when one of Semenov's armored cars pursued us. Semenov moved about in a beautiful train and carried with him a host of women. When he and his men tired of them they would have them killed off or maimed, and then search the nearest villages for more girls.

"Semenov was supposed to be aiding the allied forces, but he did nothing more than engage in a kind of guerrilla warfare and work hand in hand with the Japanese. His troops took an interpreter from our American train and shot him and they threatened my head American nurse with worse than death. They killed two women for the amusement of the crew of an armored train to my certain knowledge and but for the intervention of Czech-Slovak troops would have murdered 150 American men and women under my charge on a train bound for the Chinese border."

"Once I was standing near a railway station in a small town with two other officers," Dr. Judd said. "Our American uniforms were plainly visible to the Semenov troops, but they began firing at us and doubled up with laughter as we sought safety. My interpreter informed me that one day 86 men and women, political opponents of Semenov, were unceremoniously dropped through a large hole in the ice covering a river."

Dr. Judd said he had furnished his information to Senator Borah of Idaho and to representatives of the Far East republic of China.

Million Dollar Fire, Maryland
POCOMOKE CITY, Md., April 18.—Revised estimates of the loss from yesterday's fire which devastated the business section of this place and destroyed between 40 and 50 dwellings, placed the figures at approximately \$1,000,000.

EVERETT, Wash., April 18.—Samuel O'Dea, log boom foreman, died at the steering wheel of his automobile last night while traveling on the Pacific highway a mile south of Everett. He was traveling slowly and his automobile left the road and stopped against an embankment. His wife was with him at the time. Death was due to heart disease.

P. Withycombe Quits Gubernatorial Race On Advise of Niece

SALEM, Ore., April 18.—Phil Withycombe of Yamhill, brother of the late Governor James Withycombe who recently filed for the republican nomination for governor, today withdrew from the race.

In a letter to the secretary of state he said he did so at the request of his niece Miss Mabel Withycombe, daughter of his deceased brother, adding "and also because of further considerations, I deem it unwise and inappropriate to be such candidate."

Withycombe's withdrawal leaves six candidates for the republican nomination for governor at the state primary May 19.

U. S. SENATE DECIDES TO PASS BONUS

By Vote of 36 to 9 Upper Chamber Goes On Record in Favor Soldier's Relief—Reasonable Time Allowed—Also Agree to Tackle Tariff Bill Thursday.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Decision to pass a soldier bonus bill at this session of congress was reached today by senate republicans in party conference. The vote was 36 to 9 on a motion offered by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin.

The conference resolution as made public follows:
It is the sense of this conference that the senate should at this session pass a soldier's bonus bill and that the republican members of the finance committee be requested to report such a bill within a reasonable time.

The conference also decreed that the senate should proceed to consideration of the administration tariff bill on Thursday "without further delay."

The measure would be called up at that time and it was announced the majority membership would make every effort to hold a quorum continuously.

There was some discussion as to the form the bonus bill should take but with divergent views developing, no effort was made to reach a decision. This will be left to finance committee republicans, a majority of whom is reported to favor the house bill with possible elimination or amendment of the land settlement option.

BASEBALL SCORES

American	R.	H.	E.
At Boston—	19	16	1
New York	19	16	1
Boston	8	14	4
Batteries: Bush, Jones and Schang; Karr, Ferguson, Meyers, Chaplin and Ruel.			

National	R.	H.	E.
At Cleveland—	2	9	2
St. Louis	2	9	2
Cleveland	17	22	0
Batteries: Klop, Bayne and Severeid; Uhle and Nunamaker.			

DEATH TOLL OF TORNADO REACHES 50

Storm Sweeps Middlewest, Leaving Death and Destruction in Its Wake—Swollen Streams Bring the Danger of Flood—Drop in Temperature Adds to Misery

CHICAGO, April 18.—Sweeping northeastward through the middle-western states, a storm which had its origin in the Rocky Mountain regions Sunday, had passed over Ohio today, leaving in its wake death and destruction. A loss of nearly fifty lives was attributed to the storm which developed considerable energy as it progressed eastward, taking in many places the form of a tornado. Damage to property will mount into millions, it is believed.

Accompanied by rains which sent streams, already swollen, coursing far beyond their usual channels, the storm brought added suffering and inconvenience to many communities, which for several days have been affected by flood condition. A drop in the temperature to below the seasonal normal added to the discomfort of families whose homes, having been destroyed by wind, or made uninhabitable by flood, were living in tents or improvised shelter.

21 Dead in Indiana.
Indiana apparently felt the full effect of the wind storm yesterday. In that state, 21 persons are known to have met death in different communities.

Early yesterday the storm entered in Illinois. Striking a number of villages in the "darkness, tornadoes wrought havoc to many homes and such reports as were available from agricultural communities which had been stripped of nearly all means of communication indicated that 22 persons had been killed.

Missouri, Iowa and Kansas had felt the storm early Sunday, but in these states it lacked the intensity which marked its sweep across Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. As it passed over Indiana, there were two distinct tornado belts. The one in the southern part sustained some damage, but across the northern part of the state, there was a wind-swept strip in which the loss of life was heavy. Warren county, in the western part of the state, reported a loss of twelve lives. Four met death in Madison county in central portion of the state.

The death toll was greatest in central Illinois. The villages of Irvington and Plainfield, not far from Centralia, were badly wrecked and several persons were killed. Other fatalities in this state were in small rural communities. Wires were blown down by the wind and telephone and telegraph companies hurried today to complete repairs. With restored communication it was considered possible that complete reports might indicate even greater disaster than was indicated early today.

Ten Killed Late Monday.
DANVILLE, Ill., April 18.—Ten persons are known to have been killed and 41 injured, several fatally and a dozen seriously in a tornado, which swept across Champaign and Vermillion counties, Illinois and Warren county, Indiana, late Monday, doing damage estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

The little village of Hedrick, Ind., was almost wiped out. Four houses and two churches, comprising a group known as Pleasantville Corner were razed and on the Ulrick farm eleven miles northeast of Lebanon, Ill., three houses and many outbuildings were destroyed.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Rivers in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri which have been close to flood stage, and in some instances have broken through levees, causing much damage within the last few days, rose still higher today following rains that accompanied the storm that struck the middle-west yesterday.

Floods as menacing as those of 1913 were reported from some points. Hundreds of families have been driven from their homes, there has been some loss of life, transportation has been affected and much damage has been caused to crops.

The central division of the Red Cross was rushing aid to persons who have fled to tent colonies to escape the rushing waters.

Joffre Leaves Chicago.
CHICAGO, April 18.—General Joseph Joffre, marshal of France, concluded his visit to Chicago today and departed for Washington.