

Tonight: Fair and warmer.  
Saturday: Fair and cooler.

# The Butte Daily Post.

MONTANA—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight east portion; somewhat cooler Saturday.

## STRIKE AT ANACONDA SMELTER MEANS GENERAL SHUTDOWN

### More Than 15,000 Men Directly Affected by Action Forced on Anaconda Co.

#### SHUTDOWN PRECIPITATED BY MILL AND SMELTERMEN AT THE WASHOE WORKS

##### Drawn and Furnaces Tapped By Small Force That Reported For Work This Morning

##### Some of Labor Troubles Brought on by I. W. Agitators Who Became Active in June. Campbell and Associates Lose Out in Butte, Accomplish Object Through Anaconda and Smeltermen—Shutdown Cuts Off the Government's Supply of Copper.

Because of the strike of smeltermen at the Washoe at Anaconda the Anaconda Copper Mining company announced a general shutdown of its properties in this state. All the mines of the company will be closed, together with the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls. Other mines that depend upon these smelters will be compelled to close. Altogether a total of more than 15,000 men will be directly affected. The day shift employed as usual at the Butte mines today, but the night shift will work tonight. The furnaces are being drawn and furnaces tapped at Anaconda. The Great Falls smelter will continue to operate until the ores in transit are disposed of. In a few days the smelter there will be closed. The shutdown in Butte and Anaconda is the fact that the men did not report for work at the smelter today. Three thousand men are ordinarily employed at the Washoe works; this morning only 110 reported for duty and nothing was left for the company to do but to make immediate preparations for closing down.

#### UNCLE SAM TO BUILD 1,270 MERCHANTMEN

##### Tonnage to Aggregate Nearly 8,000,000—Need a Billion Dollars.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The government's shipbuilding program calls for a total of 1,270 ships of 7,369,000 tons, it was revealed today in estimates the shipping board has sent to Secretary McAdoo on which to base a request for a new billion-dollar appropriation.

This is in addition to nearly 2,000,000 tons of shipping now building in the American yards which has been commandeered by the emergency fleet corporation. A large part of the government fleet and of commandeered fleet will have been completed by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1918. Building, commandeering and purchases of vessels will total about \$2,900,000,000. Estimates of the entire cost of construction are given as follows:

##### The Cost.

Contracts already let, 433 ships of 1,919,200 tons, \$235,000,000; contracts ready to let, 425 ships of 2,968,000 tons, \$455,000,000; under negotiation, 327 ships of 1,281,000 tons, \$194,000,000; 150 miscellaneous vessels of 1,800,000 tons, \$300,000,000; construction of government-owned fabricating yards, \$35,000,000.

Commandeering will cost \$515,000,000.

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#### PUBLIC MUST GET THE BENEFIT OF COAL CUT

##### Food Administrator Garfield Gives Warning of His Purpose.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Harry A. Garfield, coal administrator, gave warning today that all the machinery of the government will be used to carry the benefits of prices the president has fixed on coal through to the consumer, and that if necessary to accomplish this end the government will take over the mines.

Mr. Garfield warned the public that the government would not have its purposes thwarted on any technical grounds.

#### SCENE AT FARMERS' PICNIC AT BEAUTIFUL TEWEY RANCH



WHEN THE DANCING BEGAN AT THE DEER LODGE VALLEY FARMERS' CELEBRATION.

The gathering of the farmers of the Deer Lodge valley at the Dan Tewey ranch on the Deer Lodge road yesterday was the greatest event in the organization's history. There were nearly 10,000 people present. It was an enthusiastic gathering. The patriotic addresses were cheered and the loyalty of the great crowd was plainly apparent at every opportunity. The picture shows a view of the dancing pavilion through the trees from the highway.

## 15 Persons Killed When Negro Regulars at Houston Start Shooting Up the Town

#### Soldiers Incensed by Alleged Mistreatment at Hands of Police Arm Themselves, Fire on Their Officers and Kill and Wound Many Persons in the City.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 24.—More than 100 negro soldiers of the two companies of the Twenty-fourth infantry which engaged in a riot last night and caused the death of 16 and the wounding of more than a score of persons are being sought today by strong patrols of regulars and Illinois national guardsmen under the command of General John A. Hulen, governor of the city, now under martial law.

Three companies of coast artillery regulars from Fort Crockett reinforced the 1,000 or more Illinois guardsmen today and order which was restored early this morning is being maintained. Roll call this morning by Major Snow in command of the battalion of negroes showed 125 men were absent. Eighteen of these surrendered and others are being rounded up by the military patrols as the search of the negro districts progresses.

#### May Pay Death Penalty.

Under military law, it is stated, soldiers may be shot for having murdered and fired on their officers. The rioting, according to best accounts available, was caused by ill-feeling bred among the negroes through the treatment accorded some of them by city police officials. As military police, the negroes patrolled the environs of the city when members of the battalion were released from the camp on pass.

Several minor clashes occurred between the white police and the military, the latest preceding the riot resulting in the arrest of a white police officer arrested a negro woman.

#### DEAD IN RACE RIOT OF NEGRO SOLDIERS

Houston, Texas, Aug. 24.—The death list resulting from rioting of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry last night reached 17 this afternoon when H. A. Thompson of Hempstead, Texas, succumbed to bullet wounds he received when the negroes fired into his automobile.

#### THE DEAD.

- Ira D. Rainey, mounted police officer.
- Rufe Daniels, mounted police officer.
- Middle-aged man named Smith, S. Satton, barber.
- Capt. J. W. Mattes, Battery A, second field artillery.
- E. J. Meineke, police officer.
- Horace Moody, police officer.
- Earl Finley.
- A. R. Carstens, painter.
- Manuel Garredo.
- Frederick E. Winkler.
- Vida Henry, negro sergeant.
- Bryant Watson, negro soldier, Company K, Twenty-fourth infantry.
- M. D. Everson, member of a local artillery battery.
- C. W. Wright.

#### How it Began.

The trouble is said to have begun late yesterday after some of the negro soldiers had complained of treatment accorded them by members of the Houston police force. About 9

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#### BLOODY HILL 304 AGAIN IS HELD BY FRENCH SOLDIERS

##### Field on Which Thousands of Men Have Died Restored to Republic.

##### ALL VERDUN POSITIONS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

##### Portuguese Troops Fighting With British on Flanders Line.

#### THE WAR SUMMARY.

In a brilliant attack this morning on the Verdun front the French carried Hill 304, one of the most bitterly disputed positions of the war, in the struggle for which thousands of men have lost their lives. The French advanced to an average depth of one-quarter mile over the sector between Avocourt wood and Dead Man Hill, Paris announces officially, and in addition to Hill 304 stormed the fortified works between Haucourt and Bethincourt.

The French are now masters of all the important points on the Verdun front which they held before the beginning of the great German attack last year.

#### On British Line.

On the British front the bitter fight for possession of Lens was continued during the night. The official British statement announces that the British now hold German trenches immediately northwest of the green crossier to the south of Lens and that especially heavy losses have been inflicted on the Germans. Portuguese troops, which are holding a sector in northwest France, repulsed German raids in the vicinity of La Bassée. Heavy artillery fighting continues around Ypres, where the British have improved their positions and successfully withstood counter attacks.

#### FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT FOR POSSESSION OF A SLAG HEAP AT LENS

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 24.—(By the associated press.)—Heavy fighting proceeded throughout the night in the southwest of Lens for possession of the great slag heap known as the Green Crossier, from the crest of which the Canadians broke through late yesterday after having a footing on it all day.

The British this morning were continuing the battle from positions which they had seized immediately northwest of the Crossier and the Germans were making strenuous efforts to re-establish their position.

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#### ESCAPE FROM PRISON BY CRAWLING DOWN SEWER

##### Two Convicts Go 400 Yards Through Pipe—Saw the Bars at End.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 24.—Joseph Campbell and James Thomas were still at large today after escaping from the federal penitentiary last night by crawling through a sewer 400 yards and sawing off steel bars across the end of it.

Campbell was brought here from Alaska, where he was sentenced for the killing of two brothers to gain possession of a gold mine. Thomas was convicted for robbery of the postoffice at Nemaha, Neb.

## WORK OF CITY BOARD TO BE COMPLETED MONDAY

#### Secret Service Men Aid Exemption Examiners by Running Down Much Evidence. One Hundred Fail to File Their Affidavits.

Work of the city exemption board on the hearing of exemption claims is finished with the exception of 100 cases that are being investigated by government secret service men and city detectives. The exemption claims will have been completely passed upon by next Monday night, it is expected.

The work of the secret service men is a distinct aid to us," said one board

#### MONTANA GUARD WILL BE SENT TO FRANCE SOON

##### The Third Rainbow Division of Guardsmen to Be Trained in Europe.

##### MAY SEE SALT WATER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15

##### Militiamen Among Best Trained of National Guard Troops.

The Post's Washington Bureau. Washington, Aug. 24.—A third "rainbow" division of northwestern guardsmen from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Wyoming will be rushed to France as soon as possible.

Members of the Second Montana infantry, assigned to two different training camps within the last week, now are practically assured of service in France with little, if any, preliminary training in this country.

At first assigned to train at Palo Alto, Cal., they were ordered yesterday to accept Charlotte, N. C., as their training center. Today's orders are taken by army men to mean that final training of Montana guardsmen will be done in France.

A "rainbow" division is raised by drawing troops from states included within a certain curved area. The last "rainbow" division was made up of troops of New England, the west, east and Kansas men on the west, the two states representing the limits of the rainbow curve. The northwestern division may include troops from a half dozen or more western states and some of the middle-west.

The term "as soon as possible" means that the troops will leave American soil possibly before the middle of September, according to local guardsmen. The Second Montana Infantry is rated as one of the best trained of guardsmen regiments and will need but little training to put it into shape for the trenches in Europe.

#### ANOTHER \$100,000,000 IS LOANED TO RUSSIA

##### Plan to Rush Supplies in Before Ice Closes the Harbor.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Another credit of \$100,000,000 to Russia was made today by the American government.

This brings the total of credits extended to the Russian government to \$275,000,000. Ambassador Rakhmeteff, in conferences with Secretary McAdoo, pointed out the necessity of rendering aid as quickly as possible so that needed supplies might be sent to Russia before the closing of her ports by ice.

Some of the money probably will be used to purchase railway supplies and equipment in this country.

#### REICHSTAG PARTIES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 24.—A Berlin dispatch received via Copenhagen says it is understood Dr. Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, and other parties in the reichstag are negotiating with a view to summoning their leading representatives to a conference for the consideration of important questions.

member this morning. "Not a few exemption claims have been denied because of evidence given by the detectives and secret service men. We have found attempts to obtain exemption by means of exaggerated or incorrect statements. There is little doubt that arrests will grow out of the evidence that has been collected for us."

One exemption claim has been denied, the board hearing that the applicant was married 24 hours after he had filed claim for exemption on the ground of a dependent wife. The woman who offered to "act" as his wife became frightened and a marriage was consummated to evade

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