

FORECAST
RAIN TONIGHT
AND SUNDAY.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Max, yesterday, 58; Min. to-day, 33; Prev., 60.

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MUSCOVITES TRY TO SAVE RUMANIANS

Strong Force of Russians Reach Danube in Effort to Outflank Teutonic Armies While Latter Seek to Cut Ruman Forces Defending Bucharest—Great Battles in Progress on Both Fronts—Rain in Macedonia.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Russians have gained a footing in the town of Kiribaba and that desperate street fighting is in progress. German troops occupying the houses are defending them to the last extremity, the dispatch says, and reserves are being concentrated in the western part of the town for a counter attack.

The town of Kiribaba controls one of the most important passes in the Carpathians. A Petrograd dispatch last night said that if the Russians should take the town it might be expected they would have little difficulty in crossing the ridge of the Carpathians and advancing into Hungary.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—The Russians have gained possession of the western part of Tchernavoda bridge across the Danube, it was announced officially today.

South of Bucharest the Teutonic forces have been driven back, the statement says, and the villages of Tzomana and Gostinari have been recaptured.

Only Bridge on Danube.

The Tchernavoda bridge, the only one across the Danube for a distance of 600 miles from the Black sea was taken control of by Field Marshal Von Mackensen after the defeat of the Russo-Rumanian army in Dobrudja and the capture of Constantza and Tchernavoda late in October. Over it passes the sole railway line directly connecting Bucharest with the Black sea and its capture by Von Mackensen cut communication between Rumania and Russia by this land and water route. The main span of the bridge itself is only about half a mile long but the approaches to the west stretch for several miles over the marsh lands bordering the Danube. At last reports the Russians, fighting their way back southward in Dobrudja, were some fifteen miles north of the bridge on the Dobrudja side. Their present seizure of the western end of it may only be intended to prevent its use by Von Mackensen in throwing troops across in the rear of the Rumanian forces around Bucharest.

Tzomana, reported recaptured from the Teutonic invaders, is about 16 miles south of Bucharest on the railroad line from Giurgui and Gostinari lies about five miles east of Tzomana.

Great Battles Raging.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Russian and Rumanian forces are continuing to make fierce attacks along the Bulowina and Moldavian frontiers. Today's statement from army headquarters says the attacks were without success and that heavy losses were inflicted by the Teutonic troops.

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MARINA CASE AWAITS INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—It was officially stated today that the case of the British ship Marina, destroyed by a German submarine with loss of six Americans has narrowed down solely to whether the Marina was, as the German commander thought, a transport, or whether she enjoyed the immunities of a chartered ship. Inquiries have been made of the owners and the British admiralty and several days may elapse before the case can be decided. Germany has given evidence of a willingness to take action satisfactory to the United States if the submarine commander broke her pledges.

BRITAIN FACES CABINET CRISIS OVER THE WAR

Collapse of Coalition Cabinet Likely Due to Public Dissatisfaction With Handling of War Problems—Asquith May be Succeeded as Premier by Bonar Law or Lloyd George.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Rumor is still busy with reports of changes in the cabinet, or at any rate, in the war council, as a result of the agitation for more forceful conduct of the war. The general impression is that a smaller war council with the infusion of new blood is contemplated, but nothing definite has been announced.

Premier Asquith had a conference with the king this morning but whether it had to do with contemplated changes in the administration or with the program which the house of commons will face next week is problematical.

Asquith May Go.

Cabinet changes involving the resignation of Premier Asquith are predicted today by the Manchester Guardian. The paper says:

"Rumors are going around in the lobby of imminent changes, the current rumor being that Bonar Law may replace Premier Asquith for the time being, but that a final settlement would be Lloyd George as prime minister."

The Guardian concludes that the coalition government has not the collective prestige to resist the attacks being made upon it and that the house of commons has reached the mood in which it is ready to create another ministry.

The Express says a political crisis has arisen and that the coalition government is likely to go; that a new war council, probably consisting of Premier Asquith, Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Arthur Balfour and Sir Edward Carson will be appointed.

Popular Dissatisfaction

Some of the other morning papers reflect popular dissatisfaction with the government by reiterating criticisms which have been made continually of late. The Times calls for a small, harmonious and resolute body of ministers and sees no hope of improving as long as Mr. Asquith is premier. It also will ask the removal from the cabinet of Viscount Marquis of Lansdowne and Mr. Balfour.

CUMMINS FAVORS SQUEEZING WATER OUT OF RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Cross examination of A. P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives' advisory committee continued today before the congressional committee investigating transportation problems with Senator Cummins questioning the witness particularly about suggestions for federal incorporation of railroads. Senator Cummins took the view that it would be necessary "to squeeze the water" from railroad securities and make the basis of new capitalization the physical value of the property before the public would invest.

"That," said Mr. Thom, "would result in the final ruin of the world."

"In my opinion," said Senator Cummins, "you never will be able to establish these securities until the people understand they are the practical measure of the values they represent."

"I believe," said Mr. Thom, "that in a federal incorporation plan, stock without par value should be issued so that the relations of interests and assets of the old company should be maintained in the new."

GRECIAN KING SURRENDERS TO ALLIES DEMANDS

Two Hundred Casualties in Battle Waged Between Royalists and Venizuelists, Greek Troops and Entente Forces—King Finally Gives Up Guns Denounced by Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—After a day of terror in Athens, in which Venizuelists fought royalists and Greek troops fired upon entente forces which had been landed, according to Vice-Admiral DuFournet to maintain order, a truce was arranged. King Constantine finally agreed to surrender the mountain guns demanded by the allies and the latter are withdrawing their troops with the exception of a small guard.

Disturbances began as soon as the allied troops were landed. Greek troops fired on the entente forces, which occupied the Zappion, while royalists and Venizuelists exchanged shots in the streets. A pitched battle between the opposing Greek forces occurred in Stadium street. The casualties have not been ascertained, but it is known several civilians were killed. The Dutch and Spanish ministers finally intervened and induced the king to surrender the guns on condition that the entente withdrew the troops except a small guard.

Armistice Signed.

Vice-Admiral DuFournet telephoned to Premier Lambros at 2 p. m. suggesting an armistice. Before word could reach all the Greek detachments posted on the hills, fighting broke out again. A French officer to storm the wireless station on Observatory hill southwest of the city was repulsed at the point of the bayonet. An armistice finally was effected.

The premier came to the palace at 3:30 p. m. to seek final instruction from the king before conferring with Vice-Admiral DuFournet. While the premier was in the palace fighting began again. French forces in the Zappion, consisting of 2,000 marines, under personal charge of the vice-admiral, fired on two passing Greek officers. The Greeks called their artillery into use. The king, who was watching the fight from the garden, immediately ordered that the fighting cease. The Greek colonels, Dimitriopoulos and Delayanni were killed.

At 5 o'clock the fleet began firing on the hills just back of the palace. The crown prince and the other princes are with their regiments.

The casualties in the fighting in the Greek capital are said to number 200, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Central News Agency.

On invitation of the Spanish and Dutch ministers the entire cabinet and the entente diplomats met at the French legation at 8 o'clock last evening to discuss the possibility of an agreement. An armistice was arranged and the firing ceased. The number of casualties is not known, but many civilians are known to have been killed.

Allied Forces Landed.

Admiral DuFournet landed some 400 marines at an early hour and marched toward Athens, seizing Philopappos hill, overlooking the city. The Greek guards on all roads leading to the capital refused to permit

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\$25,000,000 LOAN TO BORDEAUX, FRANCE

BORDEAUX, Dec. 2.—After hearing a report from Mayor Charles Gruet, the city council has decided to accept the offer of a group of American bankers of a loan of \$25,000,000. The loan will run for three years.

The loan to the city of Bordeaux is the fourth arranged by French cities in this country since the war began. In September Kahn, Loeb & Company announced that arrangements had been completed for a loan of \$50,000,000 to the city of Paris. The same bankers undertook similar loans on behalf of the cities of Bordeaux, Lyons and Lille. The Paris loan was for five years.

LITTLE CHAP IS HEIR TO THRONE



This is the new crown prince of Austria-Hungary, heir to the throne of the dual monarchy. He is Francis Joseph Otto, son of Charles Francis Joseph, who just became emperor following the death of Francis Joseph. The crown prince was born in 1912 and is the oldest of the emperor's three children.

GENERAL ATTACK UPON CHIHUAHUA BY CARRANZISTS

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 2.—A general attack upon Chihuahua City by Carranza forces in an effort to retake the city from the Villa bandits was expected to begin some time today, if not already under way, according to a highly reliable source of information here.

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 2.—With General Murguia's newly arrived column attacking from the south, a new battle is developing at Chihuahua City. General Gonzalez announced at headquarters here at noon today. General Ozuna is at Cully, a few miles north of the city, he added, to cut off any Villa movement in that section. This led him to believe, the general explained, that Villa might evacuate to the west over the Mexico-Northwestern railway, following the lead he is believed to have sent by train the past few days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Two overnight dispatches from Brigadier General Bell at El Paso, containing the first information to the war department from army border officials concerning Villa's victorious attacks on Chihuahua City were received today. After a careful study of the reports, it was said authoritatively that the information contained nothing that could be considered as an increased menace to the American border or that threatened the safety of Juarez.

BRAZIL SEEKING TO BUY GERMAN SHIPS

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 2.—Negotiations have been begun by the Brazilian government for the acquisition of the German merchant vessels in Brazilian ports, it was brought out in debate in the chamber of deputies today.

MORE SCANDAL FOR FLAX PLANT AT PENITENTIARY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—Robert Crawford, superintendent of the flax plant operated by the state of Oregon in connection with the penitentiary here, was charged with "incessant carelessness," and "neglect" by Governor James Whitcomb at a meeting of the state board of control here today.

"Flax has been allowed to rot away in the fields," the governor said. "The superintendent has fallen down dismally in providing winter work for prisoners, so I do not believe we are warranted in paying him his \$200 salary every month until next spring."

Crawford was present and said he had labored under "difficult conditions." The board will inspect the fields tomorrow.

2 AUTO DRIVERS KILLED IN RACE

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 2.—Gaston Weigel and Hughey Hughes, were killed, Frank Galvin probably fatally injured and a number of other persons less seriously injured near the end of the Universal trophy automobile race at the Uniontown speedway late this afternoon. Herbert Smith, a Pittsburg newspaper man; Montgomery McCormick, a constable, and Donald Beam, a spectator, were among the others who were injured.

Hughes ran his car into the guard rail near the center of the speedway during the sixth-second lap of the race because of engine trouble, and had walked to the press stand when Galvin came tearing down the track. When almost opposite the stand Galvin seemed to lose control of his car, and it shot with lightning speed toward the stand, which Hughes had reached scarcely a moment before. Hughes saw his danger, but had no chance to escape, for he, with Galvin and Weigel, Galvin's mechanic, were instantly buried in the wreck.

INSULT CAUSED MISS COLBY TO SHOOT THOMAS

Newspaper Woman States Politician Called Her a "Red-light Woman, You Belong on the Streets and I Will Put You There"—Collapses While Giving Her Testimony.

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., Dec. 2.—Miss Edith Colby charged with the murder of A. C. Thomas, chairman of the republican committee of Sanders county testified in her own behalf today. She testified that the man she had shot and killed called her a "red light woman."

She said that she had asked Thomas for news, and that he refused to give her any, saying that the paper on which she worked printed lies about him.

"I protested that no man could call me a liar without proving it," Miss Colby testified, "and that is not all he told me 'you are a red light woman, you belong on the side streets, and by G— I will put you there.'"

"I was stunned, could say nothing, do nothing," Miss Colby said and collapsed and crumpled into a heap from the witness chair. She was helped to an open window and Judge Clements recessed the court.

Borrowed Revolver.

A few minutes later she re-took the chair and said that she did not remember about what she had said after Thomas had insulted her. She said she borrowed a revolver, that Mr. Manire, editor of the paper showed her how to hold it and told her that no court would ever bother her if she shot Thomas and that it would be worth a lot to the paper.

Mr. A. S. Ainsworth, owner of the paper had told her that Thomas had been telling a story that she had been brought to Thompson Falls as Ainsworth's affinity.

Miss Colby testified that she could not sleep that night and that the next morning Manire had asked: "what she was going to do; that it ought to be done early for the paper."

Urged by Employer.

Manire, who was acquitted on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the death of Thomas, also said, according to Miss Colby, that they would not need much more news, if they had a good story. "I told him to hold the paper and it would come through," testified Miss Colby.

"I intended to point the gun at Thomas and make him apologize," the witness replied in answer to a question. "I went to Ainsworth's office and told him I was sick and disgusted and that I was going back to Spokane and give it all up. He sneered, told me I was a coward and said 'go through now you coward.'"

Ainsworth is out on bail on charges of having conspired to bring about the death of Thomas.

"I went back to my hotel to pack up and saw Thomas sitting in the lobby," continued Miss Colby. "I turned aside, went back outside and he came out presently. I took out the gun and pointed it. I told Thomas to apologize. He looked at me with a sneer, doubled up his fist and came towards me. I was frightened, I started shooting and that's all I know."

The cross examination of Miss Colby began with questions aimed to show that all of her actions in life were rational.

SEEKS INVALIDATION OF VOTING MACHINES

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 2.—Contenting that the votes recorded on voting machines in 28 precincts in this city are not votes at all and that such a means of registering their desires in an election, by the people is unconstitutional and void, under the Montana election law, William D. Tracy, republican candidate for sheriff at the recent election today filed suit in the district court to have himself declared the legally elected sheriff of Silver Bow county. The complaint sets out that the board of canvassers wrongfully returned J. K. O'Rourke as the victor at the polls. It states that in precincts where legal votes and ballots were cast, Tracy received the most votes and should therefore be declared elected to the office.

REFORMS FOR MEXICO TOLD BY CARRANZA

Chief Executive Outlines Program Hopes to See Embodied in the Constitution—Human Liberty Must be Guaranteed to Prevent Commission of Crimes.

QUERETARO, Dec. 2.—In his address before the constitutional congress General Carranza outlined the reforms he hoped to see embodied in the constitution. He spoke as follows:

"The constitution of 1857 was the result of a great upheaval but it proclaimed only the general principles of reform without putting them into practical form so that it is not possible to administer the government with this constitution. I promise to conserve the liberal spirit of the old constitution so that new reforms will merely eliminate dead wood and strike out articles put in by former governments for personal advantage.

Guarantee Liberty.

"Human liberty must be guaranteed to prevent the government from taking advantage of the expense of maintaining peace in order to commit crimes. The old constitution was not strong enough to do this, as the liberty of the individual was at the mercy of the executives. I hope the new constitution will provide severe penalties for wrongdoing on the part of public officials.

"Judges, heretofore only the fools of the governors, should have the power to investigate and punish wrongdoing of governors. Guarantees for prisoners accused of crimes heretofore have been worthless. Prisoners have been at the mercy of judges and third degree methods. They should be allowed bonds and a limit should be fixed to the time trials may be delayed. Good lawyers should be provided for the indigent and no arrests should be made without evidence sufficient to hold them.

Title to Foreigners.

"I ask you to consider whether it is necessary to have every foreigner who obtains title to real property resign treaty rights with respect to such property and conform to Mexican laws.

"One object of the new reforms is to assist labor and we should set minimum wages and maximum hours. "I advocate a divorce law which will place the family on the basis of love, not pecuniary interests. Nationality of children born in Mexico to foreigners should be clearly defined.

"You must consider whether the vote should be given to all or limited by educational or property qualifications. I think the vote should go to all but that it should be taken from those making wrong use of it or those who look with indifference on the affairs of the republic."

PRESIDENT LIGHTS STATUE OF LIBERTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—President Wilson arrived here today shortly after three o'clock to take part this evening in ceremonies marking the illumination of the recently installed illuminating system of the statue of liberty.

President Wilson will give the signal for turning on the lights. Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, Secretary Daniels of the navy, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and many other prominent men will attend the ceremony.

REMOVE EMBARGO ON CATTLE SHIPMENTS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—An order to remove the embargo on shipments of livestock from the Kansas City stockyards was received from Washington today. The embargo was placed on account of suspected cases of foot and mouth disease among cattle in the central west.