

FORECAST
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
RAIN, SOUTH WINDS.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum Yesterday 42;
Minimum Today 25; Prev. 19.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1916

NO. 221

COMMONS TO SUPPORT L'D-GEORGE

Regarded as Certain That New Premier Will Succeed in Organizing Ministry, Which Will Have the Support of House—Labor Party Agrees to Join New Coalition With Representatives in Cabinet—Few Liberals Reconciled.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It is regarded this afternoon as virtually certain that David Lloyd-George will succeed in organizing a ministry which will have the support of a majority in the house of commons, the labor party has decided to participate in the making up of the new cabinet. It is said that George Nicoll Barnes, labor member of parliament for the Black Friars' division of Glasgow, and a privy councillor and Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education in the coalition ministry, will be members of the cabinet and that one of them will sit in the war council. In addition, it is also said, three under-secretarieships will be allotted to the labor party. It is understood Mr. Lloyd-George is aiming at a cabinet of twelve members, five of them unionists, five liberals and two labor representatives. From this number a small war council is to be appointed.

The labor parliamentary party today adopted a resolution expressing the hope that "in this supreme crisis an endeavor will be made by the new government to settle the Irish question and bring about the widest measure of co-operation of all forces and energies of the nation and the empire."

Lloyd-George Called.
LONDON, Dec. 7.—It having been decided that David Lloyd-George will undertake the formation of a ministry, political circles today were interested chiefly in the personnel of the new cabinet, and the prospects of the new premier for getting together a combination that will have the support of a majority in the house of commons. Few, if any, of the liberal members of Mr. Asquith's cabinet are likely to accept office under Mr. Lloyd-George, and some of the unionist members like J. Austen Chamberlain and Lord Robert Cecil are likely to stand aside. However, it is assumed that at the conference at Buckingham palace they assured the new premier of their benevolent neutrality, thus making his task much simpler.

Give George a Chance
Provincial liberal newspapers like the Manchester Guardian and the Liverpool Post make a plea to the liberals to give the government a fair chance, as it is generally assumed that it is the embodiment of British determination to win the war. According to one estimate, Mr. Lloyd-George can rely on the support of virtually all the unionist members and of seventy liberals, and hopes to obtain the backing of the labor members, who will come to a final decision at a meeting today. It is also reported that Mr. Lloyd-George believes he will be able to offer concessions.

BORDER MILITIA ORDERED HOME

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 7.—A total of 7756 national guard troops now engaged in border service was today designated by General Funston to go home. He acted under orders from the war department to select between 5000 and 6000 troops for release.

A number of New York organizations of Pharr and McAllen are included in the list, but it was said at headquarters that General O'Ryan and Headquarters staff of the New York division have not been ordered home. However, such an order is understood to be under consideration.

FIRST PICTURE OF REFUGEES IN CHIHUAHUA FLEEING FROM VILLA AND HIS BANDIT ARMY



ARABIA SUNK AS TRANSPORT SAYS GERMANY

Government's Attitude, However, Like That in Marina Case, Is Expressed in Willingness to Make Amends if It Be Shown That a U-Boat Violated Pledges to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Germany, in a note made public by the state department today contends that the British steamer Arabia, sunk in the Mediterranean on November 6, was in reality a "transport ship for troops in the service of the British government which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law, and can therefore be treated like a warship."

The German government's attitude, however, like that in the Marina case, is expressed to be one of readiness to make amends if it be shown that the submarine commander violated Germany's pledges to the United States. The note, addressed by the Berlin foreign office to Charge Grew, in reply to his inquiries made on instructions from Washington, follows:

Germany's Reply.
"Foreign Office, Berlin, December 4, 1916.
"The undersigned has the honor to inform Mr. Grew, charge d'affaires, of the United States of America, in reply to the note of the 21st ultimo that the investigation conducted by the German government concerning the sinking of the British steamer Arabia has led to the following results:
"On the morning of November 6 a German submarine encountered a large steamer coming from the Corleto straits, one hundred nautical miles west of the Island of Corleto. The steamer was painted black and had a black super-structure and not, as is otherwise the case with P. & O. line super-structures, a light color. The steamer, which was identical with the Arabia, was not traveling on the route regularly used by the passenger steamers between Port Said and Malta, as is made plain on the enclosed map, but was taking a zig zag course toward the west 120 nautical miles north of that route. This course, on which the submarine passed three similar steamers at the same spot on the same morning, leads

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HUGHES PLURALITY IN SOUTH DAKOTA 5,070

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 7.—Charles E. Hughes' official plurality in South Dakota, November 7, was 5070, according to figures compiled by the state canvassing board and made public today. The total vote was: Hughes 64,261, Wilson 59,191.

Congressman Dillon, rep.; Johnson, rep., and Gandy, dem., were re-elected by pluralities of 8828, 12,024 and 3373, respectively.
Allan L. Benson, the socialist candidate for president, polled 3709 and J. Frank Hanly, the prohibitionist, polled 1774.

ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS PROTEST GIVING OF BALLOT TO WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The first national gathering of women opposed to woman suffrage was opened here today with addresses by Major General Leonard Wood, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, member of the American Red Cross Central Committee and Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, under whose call the convention is held. Cardinal Gibbons sent a special message and former Senator Elihu Root of New York prepared a paper to be read on the constitutional phases of the proposed equal-suffrage amendment.

In her keynote address, opening today the national anti-suffrage convention, Mrs. Dodge said:
"In protesting against the imposition of political duties on women we know we voice the majority of women of the United States. After 65 years of organized effort, woman suffrage is a minority movement. We believe that woman has more power in uplifting civilization through the home than man has through his vote."
"The conservation suffragists have never been able to control the organized emotion and radicalism in their ranks. Under our form of government there is great danger that such an element might cripple wise legislation."

"I should like to repeat what we call our creed: 'We anti-suffragists stand for the conservation of the best of American womanhood in all conditions and stations of life, for the preservation of the home, for the retention of the best ideals of preceding generations adapted to the advantages and opportunities given to them under modern conditions. We believe that women, according to their leisure and municipal activities. And we believe that this can be done best by women without the ballot, as a non-partisan body of disinterested workers.'"

LONE ROBBER THROWS PEPPER, STEALS \$20,000

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—A lone robber threw pepper in the face of an express wagon guard today in the rear of the Pacific Electric building, seized \$20,000 in gold coin and currency from the express wagon and escaped.

Hundreds of people were within a few feet of the wagon when the robbery took place. The robber, who was unmasked, dodged into a garage nearby and disappeared. Witnesses told the police the man was joined by a confederate at the door of the garage.

The money was in two bags. W. H. Williams, the express guard, has just placed the bags in the express wagon for delivery to the First National bank, three blocks away. It was the accumulated remittances of Northern Pacific ticket agents in surrounding towns.

VILLA HANGED HOWARD GRAY, AN AMERICAN

Mining Man Killed by Bandits at Parral—All Other Americans Safe and Property Unharmed—Gray Shot in Doorway of Home and Then Hanged—German Consul Escapes.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 7.—Howard Gray, an American mining man at Parral, Chihuahua, was killed by Villa bandits when they entered the town on November 5, according to a telegram received today by the Alvarado Mining & Milling Co.

The message says all other Americans were safe and American property was unharmed. Gray has a sister, Mrs. Bowman, residing in El Paso. A messenger who arrived from Parral shortly after the telegram was made public, said Gray was hanged by order of Villa.

Shot to Death in Doorway
Gray was shot to death in the doorway of his home near Parral, and his body then hanged by a band of Villa bandits from Villa's main column, two foreign refugees who reached here today from Parral reported.

These foreigners saw Edgar Koek, German vice-consul, in Parral before they left that city. He told them he was ordered executed by Villa bandits at Santa Rosalia after being robbed of \$50,000 worth of silver bars belonging to the Alvarado Mining & Milling Co. The refugees also saw Theodore Hoemaller, a German, before they left Parral. He was reported to have been killed, together with his wife and family. They said all other foreigners in the Parral district were safe except a number of Chinese who had been killed.

Gray was about 48 years old and had been in the Parral district for twenty-three years. He has a wife and five children living in Parral.

Consul Sentenced, Escapes.
The two foreigners talked with Edgar Koek only a short time in Parral, as they said it was unsafe to talk too much while Villa's men were in control. Koek told them he was taken out to be shot at Santa Rosalia, and added:
"I would not have given a Mexican match for my life." He was later released, he told the refugees.

CHAMPION STEER BRINGS \$1.75 POUND

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—California Favorite, awarded the grand steer championship of the International Livestock exposition here, was sold at auction today to a Detroit packing firm for \$1,969. The price is declared to be the highest ever paid for beef. The price per pound was \$1.75. The steer was raised by the University of California and the proceeds of the sale will go to the agricultural department of that institution.

\$1,808,348 SPENT IN CAMPAIGN TO REELECT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The final report of the democratic national committee on its campaign receipts and expenditures filed with the house today shows total receipts of \$1,808,348 and total disbursements of \$1,684,590. In addition there are: Ascertained liabilities, \$97,005; claims subject to audit, \$99,479 and loans to be repaid, \$22,000.

The report was submitted by Treasurer Wilbur W. Marsh. The largest contributor was Cleveland H. Dodge. President Wilson contributed \$2,500. Of the contributions, \$490,175 were in sums less than \$100. The loans to be refunded are: Henry S. Priest, St. Louis, \$20,000, and F. S. Peabody, Chicago, \$2,000. Another loan by Mr. Peabody of \$20,000 has already been refunded.

The Woodrow Wilson Independence league, through Henry Bruere, New York, treasurer, in its final report today acknowledged contributions of \$47,119 and expenditures amounting to \$46,405. In addition to \$7,972 spent for the league by the democratic national committee. The contributions included \$2,000 by Charles H. Crane.
The National Hughes alliance, through Arch W. Shaw, treasurer, reported receipts of \$13,242; disbursements, \$21,289, besides unpaid bills of \$8,273. William Quigley, Jr., who gave \$4,250, was the principal contributor.

FAT DIVIDENDS BY GUGGENHEIM

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Dividends on the various copper properties controlled by the Guggenheim interests were declared today as follows:
Utah Copper, \$2.50 quarterly and \$1 extra, against \$1.50 and \$1.50 extra three months ago.
Chino Copper, \$1.50 quarterly and \$1 extra, against \$1.25 and \$1 extra three months ago.
Ray Consolidated, 75 cents quarterly and 25 cents extra, against 50 cents and 25 cents extra three months ago.
Nevada Copper, 50 cents quarterly and \$1 extra, against 50 cents and 50 cents extra three months ago.
Dividend rates, regular and extra on Butte and Superior were unchanged at \$1.25 quarterly and \$5 extra.

TRACTION STRIKERS APPEAL TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Rezin Orr, William Fitzgerald, William Fahey and James H. Fahey, representing New York City street car strikers, called on President Wilson again today to ask that the federal government intervene. Officials are doubtful if anything can be done beyond having the department of labor investigate.

AMPLE SUPPLY OF WATER FOR NEW DISTRICT

Report of U. S. Reclamation Engineers Shows Dam Well Constructed and Sufficient Water Available—Details of District Organization Set Forth—Exemptions Permitted.

The report of the United States reclamation service engineers offers a complete refutation of the assertions made by opponents of irrigation to the effect that the Rogue River Canal company cannot furnish the proposed district with a sufficient quantity of water and to the assertion that the Fish lake dam was faultily constructed. The report states in part:

Report of U. S. Engineers.
"It is not thought that any serious seepage trouble will occur, unless it be along the outlet tubes, which should be closely observed for any indication of leakage, particularly during the filling periods of the first few years. Some seepage is apt to develop around the south end, but cannot endanger the dam, as there is sufficient rock fill to insure its stability."
Concerning this subject, the engineers of the canal company have issued the following statement:

Dam Proved Water-Tight.
"The dam held water during the season 1916 better than the engineers anticipated. The reservoir was filled to the 19-foot level and then gradually lowered to 17 1/2 feet and held there all summer until the reservoir was emptied in the latter part of October. The dam is now in perfect condition. The gates were shut down November 10 and the attendant reports nine feet of water today over an area of approximately 400 acres.
"The Fish lake water-lift furnishes more water than can be stored in the reservoir, as was conclusively demonstrated last season, which fact was known before the dam was constructed, based on accurate water measurements which had been kept for years past."
Ample Water Supply.
"Complete and careful water measurements of all available water supplies have been made every year since 1908. If any one doubts the ability of the Canal company to supply water for 20,000 acres let them

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PROBE BANK LOANS TO FOOD SPECULATORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Federal officials investigating increases in food prices were prepared today to continue their examination of Chicago bankers. A preliminary investigation revealing that one bank had loaned more than \$1,000,000 on warehouse receipts will result in an effort to determine just how much money is advanced for the purpose of aiding commission brokers in holding foods from the market.

RUMANIANS ABANDONING WALLACHIA

Retreating Armies Withdrawing to Moldavia, Shortening Front to 100 Miles—Bucharest Evacuated and City Uninjured—Germans Claim to Have Taken 100,000 Rumanians Prisoners Since Hostilities Began—Defenders Evidently Escape.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The defeated Rumanians are retreating along the whole front, the war office announces. The Teutonic troops have captured Campino, on the railroad between Kronstadt and Ploesti. In yesterday's fighting more than 9000 Rumanians were captured.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Since the hostilities against Rumania began 100,000 Rumanians have been brought to German prison camps, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, quoting the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. The paper attributes to German military authorities the belief that the Rumanians intend to withdraw to Moldavia, abandoning the whole of Wallachia. By this step they would have only a 100-mile front to defend.

The Lokal Anzeiger reports that prior to its capture Bucharest was nearly deserted and the city was uninjured.

Armies' Fate Unknown.
The brief dispatches in which the fall of Bucharest was announced left in doubt the fate of the armies which were resisting the advance of the Teutonic invaders.

It is assumed in most entente quarters, however, that there was no "last stand" by the Rumanians before their capital and such news as has trickled through from German sources indicates that Bucharest was virtually deserted when the Teutonic forces entered it. The city is said to have been found uninjured.

Abandon Wallachia.
Military commentators in entente capitals point out the probability that the actions just prior to the capture of Bucharest were fought merely with a view to delaying the advance of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces and aiding in the escape of the main body of Rumanians. The capture of Ploesti, the railway junction 30 miles north of Bucharest, however, may have blocked the retreat of part of the Rumanian forces. This city, moreover, is in the center of the great Prahova valley oil district.

German opinion is expressed to the effect that the Rumanians have decided to abandon all of Wallachia, the main portion of the Rumanian kingdom, and retire to Moldavia, their northeastern province, where the front would be materially shortened and where they would be in close touch with the Russians.

LUMBER VESSEL IN DISTRESS AT SEA

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 7.—The tug Walbala left here today to search the seas off the Oregon coast for the lumber steamer Santa Barbara, reported in distress when a ring buoy, bearing the vessel's name, attached to what was believed was a cabin step, came ashore last night at Brighton Beach, Or., with lumber thought to be part of the deck cargo of the vessel. Lumber came ashore also at Nehalem and Manzanita beaches.

Searching parties on the beaches today found no more wreckage identifying the vessel in distress. It was estimated 12,000 feet of new lumber came ashore at Manzanita beach. It was believed part of the Santa Barbara's deck load slipped overboard, although but moderate seas were reported running off the coast yesterday.
The Santa Barbara left South Bend, Wash., with lumber for San Diego yesterday, with a crew of twenty-one men. She carried no wireless.