

FORECAST
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AND TOMORROW.

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MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1916

NO. 223

ALLIED NAVIES BEGIN BLOCKADE OF GREEK PORTS

Entire Coast From Corfu to Saloniki
Blockaded—King Is Persistently
Hostile to Entente, Likely to De-
clare War, Being Promised Assis-
tance From Mackensen's Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Ambassa-
dor Sharp at Paris notified the state
department today that the allied
blockade of Greece began Friday
morning at eight o'clock.

Blockade Established.
Ambassador Sharp forwarded a
copy of the blockade notice which
says France, being in agreement with
its allies to declare the blockade sets
forth the conditions under which it
will be effective. Beginning Decem-
ber 8, at 8 a. m., the notice says, the
blockade will be effective on the
coasts of Greece from a point off the
Island of Corfu to a point in the Gulf
of Saloniki off the Salambria river as
well as to islands actually under the
control and occupation of the Greek
authorities. Ships of third powers in
the blockaded ports may leave freely
up to December 10 at 8 a. m. Orders
have been given to the commander
in chief of the naval forces effecting
the blockade to proceed by notifying
the local authorities of the declara-
tion.

King Hostile to Allies.
The situation in Greece is not only
again of decided political interest,
but potentially of marked military
importance, in connection with the
supposed purpose of the central powers
to turn important sections of Field
Marshal Von Mackensen's huge army
in Rumanian upon the entente's Sa-
loniki army.

Correspondents in Greece report a
persistently hostile attitude by King
Constantine and the Greek royalists
toward the entente and declare ef-
forts are being made to gather a
strong army in the Larissa region for
an attack upon the entente forces
from the rear simultaneously with
attacks by the Teutonic allies from
the north.

British military writers call at-
tention to these contingencies and
decisive action with regard to Greece,
is urged in the interest of sound
strategy and the safety of the entente
forces in Macedonia.

POLISH STATE COUNCIL TO BE PROVISIONAL BODY

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The Polish
state council, which is to be estab-
lished in the Polish territory occu-
pied by German and Austro-Hungarian
troops, will be a provisional
body, to remain in office until elec-
tions have been held and a permanent
administration has been set up,
says the Overseas News agency. Of
the twenty-five members of the
council, fifteen will be appointed
from the territory organized by the
Germans and ten from that held by
the Austrians.

The council will hold its sessions in
Warsaw, using the Polish language.
It will elect a presiding officer, to be
called the crown minister. It will give
advice in all administrative affairs,
and will co-operate in inaugurating
all state institutions and orders re-
lating to the new kingdom.

The council also will have the right
to reach decisions in regard to the
economic reconstruction of the coun-
try. Funds will be placed to its
credit by the German and Austrian
administrations and the council will
have the power of levying additional
direct taxes and of contracting
loans, subject to the approval of the
military authorities.

MAYOR OF DALLAS NOW COUNTY JUDGE

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 9.—E. C. Kirk-
patrick, mayor of Dallas, today re-
ceived his appointment from Govern-
or James Work, as county
judge of Polk county, vice John R.
Teal, who resigned on account of ill-
ness.

THOUSAND PERISH IN RUSSIAN MUNITION FACTORY EXPLOSION

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (by wireless
to Sayville).—An explosion in
a Russian munition plant has
caused the death of about 1000
persons, according to the Over-
seas News agency today, quot-
ing the Russian newspaper
Rech.

GERMANY PLANS REPLY TO PROTEST ON BELGIAN POLICY

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Germany will
reply in a day or two with a memo-
randum to the representations which
Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the
American embassy, has been making
regarding the deportation of Belgian
laborers. The reply is expected to
follow much the same lines as that
made to the Belgian protest through
the Spanish government, the sub-
stance of which was published in the
North German Gazette this morning.

The result of Secretary Grew's con-
ference with Chancellor Von Beth-
mann-Hollweg on the subject prob-
ably will be that while the principle
of using the unemployed Belgians in
Germany will be adhered to, gains
will be taken to see that it is ac-
curately applied. It is explained that
it has not always been possible to
prevent the measure being applied
to Belgians not of the unemployed
classes, but that greater care is now
being exercised and that with the use
of the Belgian lists it is thought the
measure can be restricted to the
classes, which it is designed to af-
fect.

The position of the German gov-
ernment on the Belgian deportations
was outlined in a statement made on
Thursday and transmitted in news
dispatches on Friday.

RAILROADS TRYING TO RUIN CREDITS FOR U. S. CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Railroads
were accused of trying to ruin their
own credit and laying the foundation
for federal ownership by Max Theiler,
president of the National Association
of Railway Commissioners, in resum-
ing his testimony today, before the
congressional railroad investigating
committee.

"The railroads are in a hysteria of
peevishness," he said, "they seem to
be engaged in the absurd task of try-
ing to ruin their own credit. If they
were really acting in the public in-
terest, as they claim to be, they would
stop complaining about public regula-
tion and would devote themselves
to supplying the cars, equipment, ter-
minal facilities and extensions which
the public urgently requires."

"The talk of the railroad about 49
masters is simply language to tickle
the ears. No railroad in the United
States runs through more than one
third of 18 states. Although all other
corporations which do business in
different states are subject to regula-
tion by each state, nobody except the
railroad are complaining."

MAKING LEATHER FROM SHARK SKINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Use of
shark skins as a substitute for
leather is being investigated by the
United States bureau of fisheries as
a possible solution of the high cost
of animal skins. Already, says a
bureau statement today, an accept-
able leather is being made from
shark skin in some foreign coun-
tries, and in the United States there
has been a limited demand for the
skins as coverings for small articles.

LOYD-GEORGE'S CABINET TO BE NON-PARTISAN

Business Government Promised by
New Premier—Program Is for
Reorganization of Council of War
on a Sweeping Socialistic Basis—
Nationalization of Shipping.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd-George's
cabinet will be non-partisan and will
meet the popular demand for a busi-
ness government. It will not be a
coalition cabinet in the sense of As-
quith's administration, because Mr.
Asquith had the co-operation of all
parties, even including the Irish na-
tionalists.

The liberal element of the Reform
club yesterday decided that the old
liberal leaders will constitute an op-
position party in the house of com-
mons, though the opposition will be
of helpful criticism rather than of
hostility. The newspapers are devot-
ing themselves to framing possible
cabinets and incidentally are so
wrapped up in the burning questions
as to whether Lloyd-George can be
called a conspirator and whether a
government, consisting largely of
men untried in politics can be effi-
cient as one recruited from the tra-
ditional ruling class, that they give
comparatively little attention to the
events of the war.

Lloyd-George's Progress.

Premier Lloyd-George's program
is for the reorganization of the coun-
cil for war on a sweeping socialistic
basis and the general comment is
that only a cabinet of super-men can
accomplish and conduct such a rev-
olution. In addition to the national-
ization of shipping and agriculture,
drastic reforms in the drink problem
and the temporary settlement of the
major Irish are discussed as the
chief tasks confronting the new ad-
ministration in the home field.

The appointment of Mr. Balfour
and Lord Robert Cecil to the foreign
office is welcomed in the London
press, except by Lord Northcliffe's
newspapers. Even the Tory Post,
which has been bitter against the As-
quith government, speaks of Mr. Bal-
four's staunch attitude throughout
the recent crisis, but says there may
be some doubts as to whether his deli-
cate methods in handling the affairs
in the foreign office would be able
to counter the brutal and robust
methods of the Germans.

Balfour Indorsed.

The liberal Daily News and the
liberal Daily Chronicle indorse the
selection of Mr. Balfour enthusias-
tically. The Times' condemnation of
the appointment is restrained, but it
regrets that he has been named for
a post "where ruthlessness is needed
and equally deplores the appointment
of Lord Robert Cecil, who, it says,
is apparently more in sympathy with
the spirit of the old government than
that of the new."

The Mail devotes to these two ap-
pointments an entire editorial, en-
titled, "How to Lose the War," but
its language in condemning the ap-
pointments as a "grotesque misfor-
tune," is less violent than its criti-
cism of Balfour and Lord Robert
before the change in the ministry. It
calls Lord Robert a "sentimentalist"
and says his tenderness to neutrals
is "foolish."

10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MISS COLBY

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., Dec.
9.—Miss Edith Colby, who was con-
victed of murder in the second de-
gree for shooting and killing A. C.
Thomas, was today sentenced to
serve ten years in the state peniten-
tiary at Deer Lodge by Judge Mc-
Culloch. Miss Colby made no state-
ment.

Special Prosecutor Wheeler pre-
sented a motion to Judge McCulloch
to dismiss the charge of murder filed
against A. S. Ainsworth in connec-
tion with the Thomas killing. Judge
McCulloch said he would not pass on
the motion because he had disquali-
fied himself, but would leave the motion
to Judge Clements, who tried
Miss Colby.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR CONFERS WITH KAISER AND VON HINDENBURG

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (by wireless
to Sayville).—Emperor Charles
has visited the German general
headquarters, where he conferred
with Emperor William, Field
Marshal Von Hindenburg and
Field Marshal Conrad Von
Hoetzendorf were present.

RUMANS RETREAT RAPIDLY BEFORE TEUTON INVADERS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—In the pro-
vince of Wallachia, says the Russian
official statement today, the Rumanian
troops under retreating hostile
pressure continue to retire eastward.
In consequence of this, it is added,
the Russian troops, who are on the
left flank of the Rumanians also are
retreating.

Russian troops on the northern Rumanian
front attacked the Teutonic
forces in the Putna valley region
yesterday and dislodged them from
two heights, the war office announces.
They took 500 prisoners, including
ten officers, six machine guns, two
bomb mortars and one cannon.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Strong attacks
were made yesterday by the Russians
in the Carpathian forests, the war of-
fice announces. North of Dorna
Watra and south of the Trotus valley
the Russians gained ground at the
cost of heavy losses.

In western Rumania several thou-
sand more prisoners have been taken,
as well as many cannon. The Rumanians
are retreating rapidly. Since
December 1 the Rumanians have lost
more than 70,000 men and 184 can-
non.

Little of interest is occurring on
the Franco-Belgian front. The only
happening mentioned by either Lon-
don or Paris is an artillery action in
the region of Hill 304, on the Ver-
dun front, where the French and Ger-
mans have again been disputing
possession of this height.

NATIONAL FOREST REVENUES INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—National
forest administration last year was
characterized, according to Henry S.
Graves, chief forester, in his annual
report today, by receipts of \$2,800,000,
an increase of \$340,000; rapid
progress in land classification; ma-
terial advance in development work,
particularly road building, and rela-
tively small fire losses.

Timber receipts were over \$1,400,000,
20 per cent increase; grazing re-
ceipts, \$1,200,000; and water power
rentals \$100,000.

"At present," said Mr. Graves,
"receipts from the national forests
are about three-fourths of what it
costs to protect them and carry on
current business."

LOOT RECOVERED FROM BANK BANDITS

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 9.—Two
thousand dollars in currency and a
brace of guns were found by offi-
cers today in a brush heap a short
distance from the spot where the as-
sessed robbers of the Winslow, Neb.,
bank surrendered themselves last
night in a wood a half mile south of
Winslow, Neb. The Winslow loot
so far recovered totals \$4200. The
robbers are reported to have obtain-
ed about \$7000 and search is still
being made for cash.

Nothing is yet known as to the
identity of the men, although their
description is said to tally with that
of men known to the Sioux City po-
lice. The robbers were kept in the
Pender jail last night, but will be
taken to the county jail at Fremont
today.

FEDERAL PROBES COST OF LIVING BY GRAND JURIES

Investigations Ordered to Begin Next
Week at New York, Detroit, Cleve-
land, Kansas City, St. Louis and
Other Cities—Operations of Coal
and Food Speculators Is Cause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Federal
grand jury investigations into the
high cost of living were ordered to-
day by Attorney General Gregory to
begin at once in New York and in De-
troit next week.

Similar investigations in Cleveland,
Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis
and other points are under considera-
tion.

Due to Speculators.

Reports to the department of jus-
tice from its field force of investi-
gators indicate, officials said, the
widespread existence of combinations
of brokers and dealers in foodstuffs
and coal to force prices upward. Most
of these alleged combinations were
said to be local in character. All
data concerning them will probably
be submitted to grand juries.

In addition to grand jury investi-
gation in the east and the middle
west, officials are considering the ad-
visability of staffing similar pro-
ceedings in the northwest and far
western states. It is likely that this
latter proposal will be held in abey-
ance until the investigations more
definitely contemplated are in full
swing.

Nation-Wide Operation.

Activities of alleged food and coal
speculators are said to have extended
as far south as the Mexican border
and to have included virtually every
section of the country. Closely re-
lated to their alleged activities is the
shortage of freight cars, information
bearing on which is being compiled
by the inter-state commerce commis-
sion for use in the investigation.

The plan of procedure probably
will be placed today before Presi-
dent Wilson. United States Attorney
Anderson of Boston, directing the
investigation was told at the white
house that if pressure of other busi-
ness permitted, the president would
see him.

BOPP TO TESTIFY IN OWN BEHALF

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Franz
Bopp, German consul general; Baron
K. H. Von Schack, vice consul, and
Lieutenant George Wilhelm Von
Erincken, on trial in the United
States district court for alleged dynamite
plots to destroy entente munition
ships and railroads in this coun-
try, will take the witness stand when
the defense opens, Theodore Roche,
chief defense counsel, announced to-
day. Roche said the defense would
be an admission that the consulate
employed co-defendant detectives and
others to obtain secret information
as to munition shipments, not dynamite.

LIQUIDATION CAUSES SLUMP IN COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A renewal
of heavy general liquidation follow-
ing yesterday's big break in prices
caused excitement verging upon de-
moralization in the cotton market
here today. For a time prices broke
10 to 15 points between sales and
before there was any pause in the de-
cline. March contracts had sold at
\$15.50, or 7 points under last night's
close, and the general list was \$14 a
bale below the recent high records.

Covering caused rallies of 20 to
30 points from the lowest as soon as
the pressure diminished, but the mar-
ket was still extremely unsettled and
nervous late in the forenoon.

UNFILLED ORDERS FOR STEEL TRUST BREAKS ALL RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Unfilled
orders of the United States
Steel corporation for the month
ending November 30 last, were
11,058,542 tons, an increase of
1,043,282 tons over the preced-
ing month. This establishes a
new record for unfilled orders
of the corporation.

PROTEST EXHAUSTS DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO AID BELGIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—With
publication of the American protest
to Germany on the deportations of
Belgians, state department officials
disclosed today the United States
government has exhausted its means
of diplomacy and has laid the case
before public opinion, from which it
will expect to draw guidance for the
next steps, if any be taken.

Germany's reply, conveyed in con-
versations with Charge Grew at Ber-
lin by Chancellor Von Bethmann-
Hollweg, is that the deportations are
regarded as justified on the grounds
of social necessity.

No actual reply in the form of a
note has been received from Ger-
many, but no doubt has been left by
the chancellor that the protest of
the United States will not be heeded.
Official information shows also
that the deportations are continuing.
Publication of the protest was dis-
closed at the state department today
to be for the purpose of placing the
case before American public opinion.
It was also revealed that publication
of the document might be interpreted
as unfriendly, but that this contem-
plation had been taken into considera-
tion before it was given out.

The state department feels that it
has gone far beyond the usual diplo-
matic bounds in its protest to Ger-
many and that in a strictly conven-
tional sense it had almost no right to
discuss the matter at all with Ger-
many, as Belgium's interests in that
country are represented by Spain,
and not by the United States. Con-
sequently, with all diplomatic pro-
cedure now admittedly exhausted, the
department has no other recourse
than to give the facts to the public
and leave the case with it.

GENERAL DRIVE AGAINST VILLA IS NOW IN PROGRESS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Dec. 9.—
General Jacinto B. Trevino's com-
mand has been incorporated into the
division of General Francisco Murgu-
ia, the new military commander of
the northeastern military zone, and
General Trevino was expected to
command his old forces in the cam-
paign against Villa.

General Murguia has started the
work of preparing for a general
movement against Villa in western
Chihuahua, which is expected to begin
soon. In the meantime the new
commander has ordered all stolen
goods returned to the owners, has
policed the city thoroughly, all of the
dead have been buried and order re-
stored everywhere.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Govern-
ment agents here announced today
they had received reports from Jun-
coz that fighting between the Carranza
and Villa forces was in progress
between Palomas and Fresno,
west of Chihuahua.

The fighting was said to have
started yesterday morning and was
resumed again this morning.

IRRIGATION WILL BRING SUGAR FACTORY HERE

Nibley Seeking Land to Lease for Su-
gar Beets—Japs Also Trying to
Lease Irrigated Land—No Land
Wanted Without Water—Success
Means Another Sugar Factory.

"If the district plan goes through,
there will be enough land suitable for
raising sugar beets put under irri-
gation to another the Grants Pass fac-
tory and eventually place another
factory here, providing leases can be
obtained for a considerable amount of
that land and beets are planted."

J. B. Pettigill, field superintendent
of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.,
made this statement Friday in dis-
cussing the relation of irrigation to
sugar beet culture. The difference in
rental value of land will, in a few
years, stated Mr. Pettigill, pay for the
cost of the water right for that
land, in addition to taking care of
interest and maintenance charges.

Seeking Sugar Land.

A large number of Japanese are
at present literally finecombing the
valley in an effort to lease irrigated
land for the raising of sugar beets.
They will take all the suitable land
in the valley. Alex Nibley is also
searching for land for the same pur-
pose and is offering from \$12 to \$20
per acre per year, according to the
character of the soil and the distance
from the railroad. No land without
irrigation is being considered either
by Mr. Nibley or the Japanese.

Mr. Pettigill outlined what it will
mean for the valley in the event the
district plan carries and the irri-
gation of beets becomes general. It
will mean that the factory at Grants Pass
must run at least 120 days during the
main run, with other shorter supple-
mentary runs. It will mean ten load-
ing stations in the vicinity of Med-
ford, each employing three men dur-
ing the running season. It will mean
a crew of 150 men at the factory dur-
ing the run and 25 men the remainder
of the year. In other words, it will
mean a payroll of \$100,000 annually.

Payroll in Addition.

And in addition will be the pay-
roll of thousands of men workers in
the beet fields and huge rental rolls
to the landowners. There will be suf-
ficient pulp at the factory to fatten
for market, 3,000 head of cattle and
10,000 sheep. That will mean a pay-
roll of men to tend the stock. The
beet tops are worth, either as cattle
feed, or fertilizer, \$3 per acre.

But the big item of interest to Med-
ford, stated Mr. Pettigill, is that the
increased production will make abso-
lutely necessary the erection of a
plant such as has been built at Grants
Pass, in this vicinity, somewhere on
the right-of-way between Medford
and Central Point.

As to why such an era of sugar

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HIGH PRICE OF PAPER SUSPENDS 800 NEWSPAPERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The
high price of news print paper proved
a stumbling block today to a com-
mittee of five members of the Cali-
fornia Press association appointed to
solve it. After interviewing paper
jobbing houses the committee re-
ported to the annual meeting of the
association recommending investiga-
tion by the executive committee.

C. L. Day of San Luis Obispo, a
member of the committee, declared
that 800 country newspapers in the
United States have suspended pub-
lication since the price of paper in-
creased from 3 to 6 1/2 cents.

"Something has to be done about
it, but just what, we don't know yet,"
said Mr. Day.

The association resumed discus-
sion today of how to eliminate free
advertising, even going so far as to
consider co-operation with grocers
in proposed legislation against the
trading stamp which, it is said, cuts
down advertising returns to publish-
ers.