

FORECAST

Tonight and Tomorrow Rain,
warmer, southerly wind.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Maximum Yesterday 43;
Minimum Today 22.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1916

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SCOTT FAVORS COMPULSORY ARMY SERVICE

Chief of General Staff of U. S. Army Declares Time Has Come to Discard Volunteer System and Resort to Universal Liability to Military Training and Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—President Wilson told callers today he had reached no decision on universal training and will not do so until definite measures have been laid before him. He told callers the idea was attractive, but that it depended on definite plans. He does not agree that the National Guard has failed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Advocates and opponents of a system of universal training for military service to replace the volunteer system as the mainstay of the nation's defense, had a hearing today before the senate military committee on Senator Chamberlain's bill for universal training which is supported by the army general staff.

Wants Million and Half. General Scott, disclosing much of the army war college material hitherto regarded as confidential, shows that the general staff now believes that instead of 500,000 available men which it considered sufficient as a start to defend the country against invasion, the country should have 1,500,000 fully trained men at the beginning of a war with a like number ready to follow in ninety days. The change is based on the development of the British army, the organization of great Canadian forces and to British alliance with Japan.

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FALL PLANTING WINTER WHEAT BREAKS RECORD

Present High Prices Encourage Increased Acreage—Condition Under That of Last Year, Due to Lateness of Planting—Oregon Shy Usual Amount Account of Dry Fall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—American farmers, foreseeing a continued steady demand on them from the warring European nations for wheat, planted an acreage of that grain this fall second in point of size in the nation's history, but poor weather conditions sent the crop into winter dormancy two per cent below the condition of last December and 4.5 per cent below the ten year average.

Fall Planting Heavy. "The fall plantings of winter wheat are reported to be 2.3 per cent greater than in the autumn of 1915. The present area seeded, 40,090,000 acres, is the greatest ever planted, with the exception of the 40,432,000 acres seeded two years ago and is more than ten per cent greater than planted in any year prior to the fall of 1914.

The high price received for the present year's crop had encouraged an intention to plant a largely increased acreage but the unusual increase at seeding time throughout practically the entire winter wheat producing territory largely prevented these intentions being realized.

Condition 87.7 Normal. The condition of winter wheat is 87.7 per cent normal at this time. It is two per cent lower than last year at this time and 4.5 per cent lower than the ten year average, ranging slightly under 90 in most of the eastern states and between 83 and 93 in the central states. In the west the condition is 90 or slightly above in most states excepting Washington and Oregon, where it is 72 and 78 respectively.

The low condition is almost uniformly ascribable to the lateness of planting which has prevented wheat from attaining its normal growth at this time and in some instances late seedings have not yet germinated. Little mention is made of the Hesston fly, although it is in evidence to some extent, particularly in Kansas.

FAMILY OF FIVE DESTROYED IN FIRE CHEYENNE HOTEL

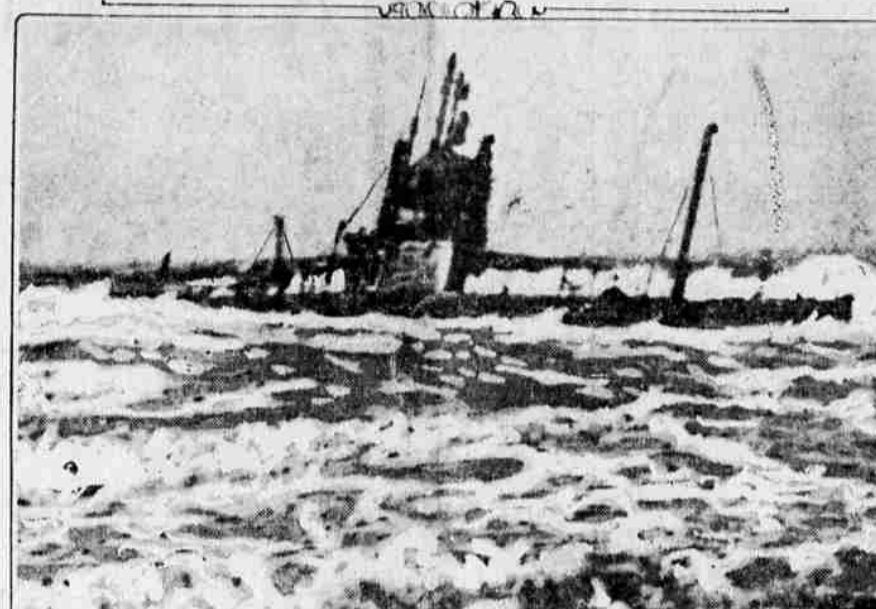
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—Roy White, of Baylis, Cal., his wife and four children lost their lives early today when fire destroyed the Inter Ocean hotel where the Whites were guests. The bodies of Mrs. White and two sons were found in the ruins today while a nine months old baby, rescued by firemen, died from burns. One child still is in the smoldering wreckage.

LUND EXONERATED OF COMPLICITY IN TRUNK MURDER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Oscar A. Lund, who came here alone voluntarily from Los Angeles in an effort to clear himself of the possibility of suspicion in connection with the murder of John Lind today was preparing to return south, as Edward Bartholomew, under arrest here, who has admitted complicity in the crime last night declared he never saw Lund before.

While the fire department was fighting the hotel flames fire broke out in the paint shops and storage house of the Union Pacific railroad. Only the walls were left standing. The loss was estimated at \$165,000. Both fires were believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

FIRST PICTURE OF WRECKED SUBMARINE H-3



The United States submarine H-3, helpless in the breakers after running ashore on the Pacific coast two miles north of Eureka, Cal., during a dense fog. As the picture was taken waves were sweeping over the diver, threatening destruction. Lieutenant H. R. Bogusch, commander, and twenty men were rescued by life savers of the coast guard after hours of dangerous work. The lives of the men were periled by chlorine gas generated in the boat after the accident.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The first food restriction went into force in England today. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon and three courses for dinner. Little inconvenience was experienced in connection with the first two meals. The Englishman's usual breakfast consists of a cereal and bacon, eggs or fish, and except in the more expensive places, a luncheon of two courses is the rule. It was in arranging for a dinner of three courses that the eaters experienced the greatest difficulties, but even in this case few are likely to go hungry, as hors d'oeuvres and soup count only half a course and for the two other courses diners have the choice of fish, entrees or roasts, with vegetables and desserts. Cheese with bread and butter or crackers is not counted as a course.

120,000 RUMANS TAKEN PRISONERS IN RECENT DRIVE

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—In a special order the commander in chief of the Bulgarian army expresses thanks to the officers and soldiers of that army for their recent victories, in which more than 120,000 Rumanians, the order states, have been taken prisoner and 2000 cannon captured. The order follows: "The almost complete wiping out of the Rumanian army and the virtual extinction of Rumania, which now seems probable and through which Bulgaria now is given satisfaction for her sufferings of three years ago, have caused this victory to occasion unusual rejoicing. Everywhere in our country divine services were held and demonstrations of joy by the populace occurred in the streets, in celebration of our triumph in this notable victory."

PEACE PROPOSALS HANDLED TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the central powers was handed to the British government today by Walter H. Page, the American ambassador. Mr. Page called at the foreign office early in the day. In the absence of A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs.

MONITOR CHEYENNE WILL PULL H-3 OFF BEACH AT HIGH TIDE

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 18.—The United States Monitor Cheyenne had a line aboard the submarine H-3 today and was ready to put a strain on the diver which went aground in the breakers two miles north of Eureka last Thursday morning. Surfmen boarded the H-3 today from the beach without wetting their feet. There was a smooth sea and no fog. The Cheyenne was waiting for a full tide.

OREGON TROOPS KEPT ON BORDER

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—Oregon National Guardsmen on the Mexican border will not be permitted to return home at present, because there are no troops available to replace them," said a letter received today by Governor James Withycombe from William M. Ingraham, acting secretary of war.

Governor Withycombe wrote over two weeks ago urging Secretary of War Baker to permit A troop, Oregon cavalry, and A battery, field artillery, to return from Calexico. Several days ago, when no answer came to his letter, he wired Washington, repeating his request.

SENATORS WANT TO IMPORT LIQUORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Smoot's substitute for the Sheppard prohibition bill, which would not only prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the capital but also prevent its importation for personal use, was rejected by the senate today by a vote of 61 to 3. Senators who voted for absolute prohibition as provided in the substitute were: Ashurst, Curtis, Groves, Reed, Smoot, Thomas and Works.

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE MUCH IMPROVED TODAY

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George was much better this morning and his secretary said that he would certainly make the promised statement in the house of commons on Tuesday.

RUMANIAN ARMY SAFE, SURVIVORS BEYOND SERETH

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Rumanian army is now safe, according to news received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth river at Jassy and in Bessarabia, where they are being re-grouped and outfitted in view of further operations. The entire Rumanian front is now stated to be held by the Russians alone. After the Bucharest-Plotchti line was lost, the story says, the Russians sent forces of cavalry to support the retreat of the Rumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians, and continued the withdrawal without halting until the Sereth was crossed. The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzeu so as to permit engineers to construct a defensive front between Rinnik Sarai and the Danube marshes, on which front, it is said, the Russians intend to stop the advance of the invaders.

BANDITS HOLD-UP COLORADO BANK SECURING \$7,500

BRUSH, Colo., Dec. 18.—Two men held up the Stockmen's National bank here when the doors opened today and escaped in a closed motor car with \$7,500. When the doors of the institution were opened this morning two men entered. Bank officials supposed they were customers. Once inside, one of the men snapped the lock on the bank's street door to prevent any one from entering. The other drew a revolver and ordered the three employees on duty to hold up their hands. A few minutes before, C. H. Mayborn, assistant cashier, had taken \$7,500 from the vault and placed it in the paying teller's cage. "I will take this," said one of the robbers, as he reached through the window, gathered up the bills and pushed them into his pockets. The robbers then backed out of the door. They made no effort to enter the vault, where \$15,000 of the bank's funds remained intact.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE FOR COAL EMPLOYEES

GARY, W. Va., Dec. 18.—The United States Coal & Coke company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel company, announced today that it would give its 4000 employees a Christmas present in the form of a 10 per cent increase in wages. The increase will become effective at once.

BORDER PEACE PACT UNSIGNED BY CARRANZA

Protocol Submitted by Conference Returned Unapproved—Door Not Closed Entirely Against Agreement With United States—Mexicans Wounded.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Indications at the close of the morning session of the Mexican-American commission were that General Carranza was not disposed to close the door against an agreement with the American representatives who have been trying for more than three months to solve questions at issue between Mexico and the United States.

When the commission reconvened today after a three weeks' recess, Alberto J. Pani reported the results of his visit to Queretaro. The report was made verbally and was received by the Americans without comment. An adjournment until later in the day was taken when it is expected the details of his written message from Mexico will be discussed. The exact character of his report was not revealed, but it was learned that while Carranza had not signed the protocol drafted at Atlantic City, this was not necessarily to be taken as an indication that it would not be ratified later, the signature perhaps being that of Ambassador-Designate Arredondo, who is authorized to sign such a document.

Not Signed by Carranza. It was understood that Mr. Pani's message was not signed by Carranza, but it was in the form of a communication from the Mexican commissioners, authorized by the Mexican executive and calculated to be an answer to the statement by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commission, made on the last day of the conference at Atlantic City. To the terms of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of the American troops within forty days and on condition that no new raids occur in that part of the country about the region now occupied by General Pershing's column, it is believed Carranza had offered no insuperable objection. It is known that the declaration of Secretary Lane that the American government reserved the right of unrestricted pursuit of bandits by American troops wounded deeply the sensibilities of Carranza and members of his official family and that the message brought by Mr. Pani was little more than a counter-declaration of the policy of the Mexican government.

Billas Publicity Agent. Unless this counter-suggestion is regarded by American members of such definite character as to preclude further discussion, it was believed that Carranza will not delay longer the ratification of the protocol and that the conferences will be formally resumed. That such an outline of the Mexican policy would block the negotiations was considered improbable because the Mexican question at issue—the right of unrestricted pursuit—was not included in the protocol itself.

An incident of the preliminary session was the appearance in the hotel of J. J. Hawes, who represented himself as Villa's publicity agent. He made an unsuccessful effort to secure an audience with the American members of the commission.

PONTIFF NOT TO OFFER MEDIATION

ROME, Dec. 18.—Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to mediate among the belligerents at present, according to a statement issued today by the Vatican. The net result of several resolutions introduced in the chamber of deputies regarding the German offer of peace, and a prolonged discussion among the senators and deputies that no peace would be accepted unless in accordance with national aspirations and the rights of the people based on the principals of nationality. If such a peace is impossible to obtain diplomatically it was declared that it must

RUMAN ARMIES ESCAPE AS SLAVS CHECK PURSUIT

Some Lessening of Intensity of the Fighting in Ruamnia Indicated—Rumanians Reforming in Jessy and Bessarabia—German Counter-Attacks at Verdun Repulsed.

Some lessening in the intensity of the fighting in Rumania is indicated by today's German army headquarters statement, which reports the situation on the Rumanian front unchanged.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's advance has pushed considerably beyond the Buzeu line, drawn approximately across the southern boundary of Moldavia, and official advices indicate that the entente front is to be established between Rinnik-Sarai, on the Buzeu-Jassy railroad, about twenty miles north of Buzeu and on the Danube marshes.

Rumanians Withdraw. Current advices claim that the Rumanian army is no longer in action, having been withdrawn to re-grouping and refitting to Jassy and Bessarabia under the protection of Russian forces which now hold the fighting line. The Russians are expected to make their stand on the Rinnik-Sarai line, where strong defenses have been prepared. The Berlin statement, reporting hostile forces falling back on Ibraila, may indicate that the easterly end of the line will be established at this important Danube river point, twenty-five miles south of Galata.

On the Franco-Belgian front, Paris announces a strong counter-attack by the Germans on the positions won by the French in their recent sweeping advances north and northeast of Verdun. The only success of the attacking forces, however, according to Paris, was at one point on the Chambrettes farm, about a mile and a quarter north of Fort Douaumont, where they secured a footing.

11,387 Prisoners. The French took 11,387 prisoners in the Verdun fighting of the past three days, the Paris war office announced, together with 115 cannon, 700 machine guns and 44 bomb-throwers.

Great Britain has received the peace note of Germany and her allies. The note was handed to the British foreign secretary today by Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador.

FIRST ATTEMPT TO CONNECT BOPP WITH CONSPIRACY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The government made its first attempt today to definitely connect Franz Bopp, German consul general, with alleged unneutral dynamiting conspiracies for which he and consular attaches have been on trial in the United States district court for two weeks. "Who signed consulate checks?" asked United States District Attorney Preston of Frederick Jensen, a clerk in the consulate, who was on the witness stand. "Mr. Bopp," replied Jensen.

Theodore Roche of counsel for the defense objected with the declaration that E. H. Von Schack, vice-consul and also a defendant, likewise signed checks. "I intend to prove," Preston answered, "that up to the time the grand jury began investigating the evidence in this case, Bopp was the only one in the consulate who could sign checks. I will prove that Von Schack's name was written in on the bank card after that." "It is the purpose of the government," Preston said, to connect Bopp up with the money paid by the consulate to Louis J. Smith and C. C. Crowley for alleged dynamiting activities, Smith and Crowley are defendants, but Smith is chief witness for the government.