

FORECAST
Rain or Snow. Warmer.
Increasing easterly winds.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Maximum yesterday, 30;
Min. today, 25; Prec., trace.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1916

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SPokane Chosen FOR NORTHWEST FARM LOAN BANK

Omaha, Neb.; Berkeley, Cal.; Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Wichita, Kan., and Houston, Tex., Other Branches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Omaha, Neb.; Berkeley, Cal.; Spokane, Wash.; Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Wichita, Kan., and Houston, Tex., have been chosen as locations for twelve federal farm loan banks.

The twelve districts into which the country is divided were announced by the farm loan board today as follows:

- Twelve Districts Formed.**
- District No. 1—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.
 - District No. 2—Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.
 - District No. 3—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
 - District No. 4—Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.
 - District No. 5—Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.
 - District No. 6—Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas.
 - District No. 7—Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.
 - District No. 8—Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.
 - District No. 9—Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.
 - District No. 10—Texas.
 - District No. 11—California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.
 - District No. 12—Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

Determined by Needs.
"In determining the federal land bank districts and in designating the cities within such districts where federal land banks shall be located," the official announcement says, "the federal farm loan board has given careful consideration to the farm loan needs of the country. The board held public hearings in nearly every state in the Union.

TEN LOSE LIVES IN WINTER TORNADO ARKANSAS TOWNS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—The winter tornado which yesterday swept through central Arkansas gathered for its toll ten known deaths, at least a score of seemingly well-founded reports of tragedies and a property damage which yet is to be established, with resumption of wire communication to the afflicted district.

Much apprehension was felt here today regarding the fate of the state convict farm at Tucker, southeast of here, where 325 state prisoners were stationed. The farm was believed to have been directly in the storm's path and as all wire connection with it was lost when the tornado first descended, it was feared some of the convicts might have escaped during the confusion.

WANT OBREGON TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST VILLA

General Luis Herrera Killed in Battle With Bandit Forces Near Torreon—Capture of Torreon Confirmed—If Obregon Takes Command, Revolution at an End.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—General Obregon, who hastily returned to this city from Queretaro after a conference with General Carranza last night, is expected to leave for the north tonight.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—Confirmation was received here today of the report that General Luis Herrera, in command of a government force, had been killed in battle with Villa adherents near Torreon.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Official confirmation of the occupation of Torreon by Villa forces was made today by Carranza Consul Bravo here. Torreon was evacuated by General Talamante and his command of 1500 de facto troops, Bravo said, because of a superior opposing force. Consul Bravo denied the rumors which have been in circulation here for the past two days that General Francisco Murquin, commander at Chihuahua City, had an understanding with Villa and had made no effort to oppose Villa's recent capture of Chihuahua City.

Sign for Obregon.
Consul Bravo said that, if General Alvaro Obregon took the field in command of the Carranza forces against Villa, the Villa revolution would be short lived.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—The Carranza garrison at El Oro, about 100 miles southeast of Parral, revolted on December 21, looted the stores of the mining camp and then started south to join the Villa forces at Torreon, a message received today from two Americans still remaining in the camp stated.

MAILMAN LOST IN CURRY SAFE

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 27.—Commodore Fleming, a mail carrier, and Thomas Riley, who were reported lost in a snowstorm in this vicinity, and for whom parties have been searching since yesterday, to messages received here.

Nothing was heard here today of the fate of J. B. Peters, a farmer living fifteen miles south of here, who has also been missing since Friday, and for whom neighbors have been searching.

GERMAN AGENTS AT THE HAGUE FOR PEACE MEET

Arrangements Being Made for German Delegates at Proposed Conference—Sweden Sends Diplomatic Note in Support of President Wilson Similar to Swiss Missive.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

BERNE, Dec. 27.—The Tagblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Lansing said in response to questions today that such a note had not reached the state department and he had no knowledge of its having been dispatched.

THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH stated this morning that it understood that the Swedish government had sent a note to the belligerent nations similar to that dispatched by Switzerland.

HEAVY BLANKET OF SNOW COVERS WESTERN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Portland lay under a heavy white blanket today, snow having started to fall shortly before daybreak. By 9 a. m. the snow was about four inches deep. Weather bureau officials said the fall was confined to the northwestern section of the state.

SPokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana suffered from a cold wave again today with Montana points reporting lower temperatures than yesterday. Great Falls, Mont., reported officially that the mercury stood 37 degrees below zero. The lowest reported by the government weather bureau was 28 below at Havre.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—The lowest temperature here last night was 28 above zero, this being the lowest of the winter thus far. The temperature is rising. Warmer weather is predicted, with rain or snow. A storm is approaching from the ocean. Light snow fell today in southwestern Washington at Port Angeles.

NEVADA TOWNS CUT OFF FROM POWER

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 27.—Hope of snowing towns and cities in Nevada which have been without electric light and heat facing zero weather since Sunday, seemed probable today when the power and telephone company trouble hunters reported they had found three miles of power and telephone wires down in the snow-covered and blizzard-swept White Mountains.

VENIZELOS URGED ASSASSINATION



WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Copies of a letter from former Premier Venizelos to General Koraes, head of the Greek revolutionary movement in Athens, calling for extreme efforts to bring Greece into war on the side of the allies, even to the "destruction at the proper hour of all designated persons, no matter who they may be," were delivered to the state department today by Greek Charge Vouros for its information.

WILL OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPREME IN OLD MEXICO

QUERETARA, Mex., Dec. 27.—At last night's session of the Mexican constitutional congress an article of the new constitution was adopted declaring that the national sovereignty exists essentially and originally in the people; that the entire public authority springs from the people and is instituted for their benefit and that the people have the inalienable right at any time to alter or modify the form of government.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—In addition to a decree creating General Joffre a marshal of France, President Poincare has signed another revoking the decrees of December 2, 1915, and December 13, 1916. The first of these appointed Marshal Joffre commander in chief of all the French forces except those in the colonies and Morocco; the second said: "General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, will act as technical adviser to the government in all matters concerning the direction of the war."

THE high command as now settled finally consists of the war committee, composed of Premier Briand; General H. Lyautey, minister of war; Rear Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine; Albert Thomas, minister of national manufactures; Alexandre Ribot, minister of finance, and President Poincare. The duty of the minister of war is to notify the other ministers and commanding generals concerning the decisions of the committee and take measures to insure their concerted execution. In addition, he is responsible for everything concerning the preparation and maintenance of the nation's natural resources.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS WILD HORSE CASE

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—Examination of witnesses was concluded shortly before noon today in the federal court here where the United States Livestock company and the Omaha Land and Investment company are charged by the government with using the mails to defraud by sales of "wild horses" in Coconino county, Arizona. Assistant United States District Attorney Saxton immediately began his argument to the jury.

UNABLE TO LOCATE SINKING STEAMER

NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland, which reported by wireless on Christmas night that she was sinking, had not been found today. The coast guard cutters Aushnet and Gresham, which had proceeded from Woods Hole and Boston, sent word this morning that they had found no trace of the steamer.

EXPECT KAISER TO SEND TERMS TO PRESIDENT

Highly Confidential or Written Communication Concerning Terms Central Powers Are Willing to Make Expected to be Received by President—Reply Awaited.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note had not been received here in official form early today and officials were reserving their comment until they had opportunity to study it.

Despite the disappointment because Germany had not accepted the president's suggestion and laid down her terms, the general view prevailed that the reply was another step forward in the peace movement because it left room for subsequent negotiations.

The United States undoubtedly is expected by Germany to transmit the sense of her reply to the entente belligerents and the immediate outcome depends upon whether the allies will modify their determination not to enter a conference before terms have been laid down. It was pointed out that the reply had not been closed for Germany to lay down terms as the allies demand. In a diplomatic negotiation of such magnitude and scope, officials do not look for results to be immediate apparently, but expect the way to be paved carefully and slowly. The next move will not be determined until after the official text of the reply has been received and carefully considered.

President Wilson will discuss it thoroughly with the cabinet, probably Friday.

\$510 WORTH OF BUTTER YIELD OF CALIFORNIA COW

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—More than \$510 worth of butter was the yield this year of a Holstein cow, Winnie Korudyke Cornucopia de Kol, owned by the J. S. Gibson company of Williams, Colusa county, which has just completed a year's test, breaking the coast record for butter fat production and making the second highest milk yield on record anywhere. The cow's yearly yield was 1,200.99 pounds of butter and her milk totaled 21,042.2 pounds, upwards of 15,050 quarts.

The only cow in the world that has given more milk than this is owned by William Bishop of Chippewa, Wash., and also is a Holstein. Both animals were on official test.

BIG EXPORT SALES SEND WHEAT UP

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Big export sales resulted today in a steep advance for wheat. It was estimated that Europe had taken two million bushels or more within the last 24 hours. Traders appeared to be much impressed with advices indicating that Great Britain was taking strenuous measures to protect shipping and facilitate exports from this side of the Atlantic.

GERMANS WIN FIVE DAY BATTLE IN WALLACHIA

Mackensen Nears Great Rumanian Grain and Oil Storehouse on Lower Danube—Slight Activity Along the Other War Fronts—Artillery Duels Along Meuse.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The five-day battle that has been in progress in eastern Wallachia has resulted in the piercing of the Russian lines at several points, army headquarters announced today. The Russians were definitely defeated on a front of 17 kilometers southwest of Rimnik Sarat. Several fortified villages have been captured by the Teutonic Danube army, and the Russians have been forced to retreat to prepared positions further north.

A total of 700 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured since December 22 by the Ninth army and more than 1,500 prisoners by the Danube army.

While the peace discussions are proceeding, active military operations, except in such remote fields as those of Egypt and the Tigris, are being vigorously prosecuted only on the Rumanian front.

In this war area the latest reports show Field Marshal Von Mackensen making new headway in his advance toward Braila, the great Rumanian grain and oil storehouse on the lower Danube. The taking of Filipechtii placed Von Mackensen's forces little more than thirty miles from this objective. On the other side of the Danube, meanwhile, the Teutonic Dobrudja army, apparently comprising chiefly Bulgarian troops, is hammering away at the bridgehead of Matchin, almost directly opposite Braila.

PREPARING TO END NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—In the absence of any reply from General Carranza to the insistence of the American commissioners that he ratify or reject the protocol signed at Atlantic City, Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commissioners, took the first step today toward closing the negotiations. He sent to Dr. J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray, the other members of the American commission, requests to meet him here some time this week. At that meeting there will be agreed upon the details for bringing to an end the conferences of the Mexican-American joint commission.

PUBLIC ASKED TO FEED WILD BIRDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—The Oregon Fish and game commission and the Portland Humane society today asked the public to scatter crumbs and meat scraps for the birds whose usual supply of food on the bushes and grass has been buried beneath the white mantle.