

# FORECAST FOR THE YEAR 1918

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## Chief Points of Forecast for 1918

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War should end in the first half of 1918, the month of March being a crucial point in world affairs; peace or commercial treaties may be signed in the spring and summer of 1918.

The end of January may bring some loss or check abroad, affecting Canada and the United States; and conspiracies plotted in 1915 and 1916 come to light in the end of January or the summer, 1918.

During the year the Negro question will come up for adjustment. Publications, inventions, and scientific men will receive honors, and public interest in these matters increases.

Epidemics that especially affect children may occur during the spring and summer.

Excessive heat and destructive storms are foreshadowed for the western half of the United States and Canada for the summer.

Troubles that affect the possessions of the United States may develop, especially in the Philippines, the West Indies, and Alaska.

Great fluctuations on the Stock Exchange are shown for April, July, August and December.

Martial excitement is shown in February, June, August and December for the United States, though these occurrences may be celebrations.

February tends to bring disasters to Russia, with temporary settlement later in the spring; but no permanence until 1922-27.

Danger and disaster to German rulers is forecasted for January and April to May, 1918, with tendency to revolt of the people.

Economic state of the people of England benefits; but difficulties arise through shipping, Irish affairs, and workers.

Austria may gain by treaties or agreements. Violent death threaten the ruler of Turkey.

The Spanish King is under grave aspects of danger to his throne, through intrigues of the aristocracy and his own relatives.

Many difficulties for the Senate are shown, and party breaches tend to widen; investigations take place, and difficult questions affecting Navy, Army and civil service come to the fore. Changes and new regulations may be made.

The year 1918 should bring increase of trade, prestige and power to the United States.

The spring is adverse to Commons and ministers. Serious trouble may occur with colonies, warships and workers in early 1918 and late 1918-19.

Belgium finds a swing towards betterment in the chart of King Albert. His health needs care. Summer and autumn herald better days.

France finds the late spring fortunate for its President through to the end of June. Ill health and danger threaten late in the year, but if this period passes the country and people should prosper. A sudden tragedy to some prominent man is shown.

Greece finds changes and many difficulties, finances and ministers being the source of trials.

Italy finds difficulties in the early spring and heavy restrictions. Health suffers, but the people should benefit, though there may be natural phenomena, earthquakes, etc., causing suffering.

Japan suffers from troubles by sea, flood and seismic disturbances, which are shown probably early in 1918 and during the summer. There are favorable indications for Japan's foreign trade and relations, especially in the end of the year.

Holland finds difficult questions regarding neighboring nations, and also great problems where food is concerned. Treachery and sudden losses are shown, and 1918-19 are not good years.

Norway is more fortunate than Sweden, whose king is threatened with swift troubles and a strange end, the year 1918 being a critical one for Sweden and her house.

Spain threatens sudden disaster from abroad for the King, losses coming through aristocracy whom he trusts, and many sorrows and troubles through neighbors and relatives. Discontent increases, and eventually Alfonso faces the fate of the Czar.

Forecast By Months. JANUARY—Unsettled period for the United States. Disputes, delays or accusations in high circles affect governmental affairs and large military expenditures. There are many public functions, and scandals involving prominent people. Much public illness. Probable strike, mutiny, explosion or wreck, December 27 to January 6, and January 26 to February 11. Deaths among writers, scientists, artists or actors. Losses on Stock Exchange, manipulations, fluctuations.

FEBRUARY—Accidents on railways, aviation, motors, are indicated for February 9 to 14, 24 to 26. Adverse to publishers, government and corporation officials and financiers. Financial slump, affecting banks or corporations. Possible sea tragedy, bombs, secret attacks, etc. Negotiations in progress set back. Severe criticism of public measures, adverse to military, medical and naval men and notable people connected with iron and steel. Increase of infectious disease. Plots and double dealings of enemies revealed. Worst period from February 18 to March 5. Martial excitement, which may be through returning soldiers, etc. Period very adverse to Russia and Russian affairs.

MARCH—Very adverse to Germany, changes or reverses. Loss and suffering, discontent among poor. Critical period in national life for many countries. A great personage or ruler may die. In the United States peculiar contentions, democratic agitations, hostility directed to falling class and financial panic are indicated. Death of rich man or public figure. Better for House than Senate. Some treaty of proposed alliance begun earlier may be confirmed. Sensational time, plots and spies in high places. Adverse to coal, lead, steel, iron, cotton or oil.

APRIL—Strong political moves affecting farmers, the land, trusts or reforms in banking. Adverse Stock Exchange, and unsettled finance. Scandals and depressions middle and end of month. Colonial trade suf-

fers. Disasters to shipping and mines. Adverse to Cuba and West Indies, also adverse to the Negro question.

MAY—Uncertainty and stagnation in finance with depreciated securities and panicky stocks. Tends to railroad wrecks or explosions May 10 to 17, and 20 to 22. Troubles involving officials of hospitals or institutions, railroads, civic affairs, telephone or telegraph, or postal matters. Possible attacks on lawyers, magistrates, preachers; or excitement at public meetings. May bring improved state of foreign affairs. Adverse to Boston and vicinity with possible disaster.

JUNE—National benefit to the United States through foreign affairs, military and naval manoeuvres. Martial men receive honors. May bring illness or death to prominent man. Crime directed against the great. Political activity; suffering through secret enemies and conspiracies. Danger of riots and strikes. Decrease in stocks, June 10 to 21. Many deaths, scandals, divorces, bigamy or breach of promise cases. Accidents to ships and travellers. Adverse to farmers and crops.

JULY—Brings sorrow to a great and aged man high in power. Last week in June, first week in July specially adverse. Financiers and officials suffer, national finance, treaties or discussions affecting these. Gradual rise in stocks to last week. Difficulties affecting workers, sailors, navy, police or civil service; possible changes in cabinet, etc. Increased prosperity of country.

AUGUST—Movements take place that eventually secure peace, or some treaty should be entered into or concluded at this time; may affect Japan and England. Should improve world conditions before October through matters begun now. Labor problems adjusting, national finance, or naval demonstrations or celebrations, June to August.

SEPTEMBER—Disagreements and difficulties in legal and religious affairs, congressional matters, trusts and labor. New legislation fails. Mining, transportation and Stock Exchange benefits. Increased trade, favorable to food, drugs and newspapers.

OCTOBER—Excitement through calamities on seaboard. Possible accident to bridges, elevators or buildings. Many fires. Trouble over matters of export, but peaceful settlement. Adverse stocks from end of September. May bring a tragedy to some great man in either October or November. Attacks on credit of public men.

NOVEMBER—Confusion in national life, danger to officials. Adverse to hotels, schools, public resorts and theatres. Railroad or aviation accidents. Increase of fraud, complicated situations for the government. New legislation advanced, and some success to the President. Adverse to Stock Exchange. Political activity and some changes in office. Excitement.

DECEMBER—Better period for politics, but with a forceful and warlike tone. Changes in military or naval policies; legal procedures or foreign and diplomatic affairs. Possibly connected with new ships. National success achieved with difficulty. Conspiracies, strange hostilities and problems in Russian and Swedish interests. Great changes and important reforms advocated for nation. These may not be made public until February, 1919. Resignation of great man. Heavy declines in stocks, bankruptcies. Schisms and religious controversies.

With the waning of the honeymoon Cupid substitutes a pair of green goggles for the rose colored glasses.

Just because a married man does the things his wife wants him to do is no sign that he is stuck on the job.

Living is becoming so expensive that it will soon be placed on the luxury list.

Wise is the prophet who does not allow his predictions to go on record.

The stars incline, but do not compel. The currents of world events swing in a wide arc, changes coming with lightning swiftness at periods in the world's history when the extreme of each swing is reached; thus the beginning of the Great War came in 1914, when together the sun and moon struck adversely on the chord of the conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus in the preceding spring, symbolic of the warring forces of reconstruction and of stability; and the existing state of the sentiments and politics of nations began to crumble that it might again be rebuilt in wiser and stronger ways. In three and one-half years from the beginning of the war, the constructive forces of Jupiter again exert their power on this point in the beginning of the sign Aquarius, symbolic of the brotherhood of man; to those who look below surfaces, the determination of the end lies with the United States and Japan, said to be ruled respectively by Gemini and by Libra, symbols of the power of thought and the guiding intelligence and work of the hands; and the Libran ability to perceive both sides of a question, throwing its weight on the side of a just cause.

The next great change was shown in the end of July, 1917, by the major conjunction of the forces of law, order, and endurance with the forces of universal love and sympathy working through chaotic disorder. This was immediately followed by the peace appeal of Pope Benedict, published August 15, 1917, entraining the long series of peace moves; tending to overpower the active forces of disruption with its passive immobility, its quieting effect. Thus it would seem that the world-war must be ended by the summer of 1918; though it would be folly to expect Utopia until 1944, and the period of 1920 to 1927 may find the greatest labor troubles and economic readjustments, new social and ethical ideas that affect family life and freedom of individuals. It is also probable that Asia, North America, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Hungary and Arabia may feel this most keenly, in a struggle for the freedom of democracy. These changes are foreshadowed faintly in 1918.

Year of Settlement. The year 1918 is more fortunate for the President of the United States than 1917; April promising new honors if he safeguards himself during the end of 1917, the middle of February, the beginning of October and the end of June and November, 1918; these are times to take care of the circulation of general health, and also periods when he should avoid crowds, strangers and public places, there being danger by fall or accident. During the end of January or May and the beginning of April and August there may be benefits through foreigners, or foreign affairs, powerful in effect; and the sudden crisis forced on the United States and the President in early 1917 mature during the first half of 1918, adding to the welfare and prestige of our land.

Friendly relations with the allies are strengthened, and some commercial or other treaty may be signed early in the year, and embassies to and from other lands continue. It inclines to bring peace at home, benefiting the Treasury, commerce and shipping; bringing movements that eventually lessen taxation and increase the value of securities. Halts and delays in these matters are also shown; misunderstandings that present difficult minor problems to the Chief Executive, these reforms being incomplete until early summer. Great earning power and advance of trade, also great expenditures and national stress until late March; sudden difficulties affect Congress, finances, transportation, express, postal

and telegraph-telephone services; and matters of publicity brings splits, dissensions and accusations of autocracy, especially in the Senate. Complex questions affecting Army, Navy and Civil Service develop; involved foreign affairs; wider party breaches, investigations of Congressional matters, or death or illness occur in these ranks.

The last week of January may bring some check or loss abroad, this quarter being adverse to armies, and tending before April to change the tactics of movements of commanders; also discrediting some officials. It may bring sorrow to Canada, Australia, and Hungary especially, or through the peoples of these countries.

The spring quarter, from March 21 to June 21, tends to strikes or labor troubles; and it is very adverse for great men and the ruling classes generally, bringing little agreement. Many sudden deaths, flood and fire and possible earthquake, wreck and violence threaten during the larger part of the year. Accidents occur through collapse of buildings and in mines; and employees of works connected with aviation, munitions, and naval supplies suffer through explosions, or strikes and disorder. Reforms in the administration of prisons, asylums and institutions are shown; but long cases come up in court.

From April throughout the year improved conditions are shown for printers, publishers, railroads and all transportation; and suffrage, education and the interests of women and children should profit. Inventions and literature advance and recognition with honors comes to those interested in science and all intellectual pursuits. Churches and ethical movements and charitable enterprises benefit; bequests and favors to these are shown.

The Negro question will be to the fore, and constructive work regarding this large body of citizens will be taken up.

Some attempt to regulate psychic research, and much interest in this is indicated.

The President will be enabled to hold his own against weight of numbers, and through much red tape and controversy the tact and diplomacy that is used in matters affecting the views of our allies and neighboring nations, bring success.

New army regulations, launching or building of new vessels are indicated; and increase, expansion and success attend manoeuvres of the army and navy in the spring quarter. Success with adjoining countries is shown; yet some friends abroad may be lost and the nation receive harsh criticism; and difficulties that involve the West Indies, Switzerland, Greece, and Turkey occur. There is an adverse indication for Americans in Paris and Jerusalem and crimes and troubles break out in Boston and Los Angeles and their environs, which may have a bearing on the countries mentioned, and also on India; these may be plots and schemes.

Matters affecting the Stock Exchange are subject to great fluctuation. April, July and August being the most severe, and these periods may bring a run on some bank; and much manipulation may occur when steel, iron, cotton, gas, coal and oil, and manufacturers using these materials, but with a steady tendency as the year advances.

The summer quarter, from June 21 to September 21, benefits all minor governing bodies, states and cities, inclines to give power to the masses, and also to bring favorable measures in the House. There may be dissensions in labor circles, affecting California and the West, Canada and the Great Lakes; there may also be unusual accidents, or strikes, but there is strong indication of benefit to the nation through world affairs, and a more peaceful period ensues, though

conspiracies plotted in 1915-16 may come to light. Benefits may come through and to railroads and electrical affairs and for a time to the stock market.

The autumnal quarter, to December 21, warns the United States to be on its guard against the treachery of foreign powers, plots and schemes, with possibly a sudden threat of war or of new movements of troops. Difficult and dangerous relations with neighboring nations, or foreign matters are indicated; this may come about by trade matters, the death of citizens, or broken agreements; but it may also be with the possessions of the United States, the Philippines, Alaska or the West Indies; rather than actual hostility for the United States. It may bring troubles affecting transportation, and possible wrecks, storms and losses of life on the coasts.

Weather and Health. The year 1918 will not be marked by as many convulsions of nature as

1917, though electrical storms and strong winds prevail and a dark and threatening early spring period is shown with many perils by flood and wreck. Earthquake shocks in the eastern part of the United States and Canada, and accidents in mines and near the coasts in the end of April and middle of May are indicated.

The summer tends to bring disturbed states along the Great Lakes and Canada; and Cincinnati, Baltimore, St. John's Halifax, Liverpool and Dover, Norway and the Transvaal, may be the scenes of possible storms and damage, both through wind and water, and mines and oil-producing districts may suffer by flood and fire. There may also be seismic disturbances in the Central West; and during July and August Alberta and Saskatchewan, Winnipeg and the country southward through Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Sonora and Chihuahua may suffer through either excessive heat and drought or destructive tempests and winds.

The month of May finds conditions that may produce disturbances near the Panama Canal; this may be a slide, an epidemic, or agitation of political kind. This is also possible during January, early February and March.

October is also adverse for the southern and western coasts, possible losses of life through strong winds and storms occurring to November; June 20 to July 6, and even June 8 to June 13 may bring these natural phenomena in the longitude of Washington.

The public health should be fairly good during the year, after April; January and March inclining to heavy mortality among the younger men. There is much illness of the epidemic sort among children, the bowels, spine and heart being affected. Poliomyelitis may appear again. The early months tend to inflammatory and eruptive and infectious troubles, February especially, and May brings a return of this, and affections of the ears.

The summer inclines to bowel and stomach troubles, typhoid fever and appendicitis, dysentery and eye, ear and throat disorders, with nervous tension that results in brain troubles.

The autumn finds better conditions and tends to increase the birth rate. But December again inclines to diseases of the throat, liver, lungs and heart.

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very adverse for the Kaiser. If he survive the end of 1917, the train of events ends in death or ruin. Danger for both the Kaiser and Crown Prince shows from January to July; and death to royalty in January or April and May. The German people may throw off the yoke during 1918-19.

In Austria, February is very threatening, both to life and throne, through to July. December, 1917, and March, 1918, threaten changes or defeat coming suddenly; but some treaty to Austrian advantage may be concluded.

Turkey tends to collapse, either through rebellion, treachery, or some treaty. Starvation and death to women and children are shown. It is adverse to the ruler, tending to death or loss by violence.

In England the King must guard health; April to August is adverse to royal family, the health of the Queen may suffer and the Duke of Cornwall is threatened with injury or illness. The economic state of the people benefits through strong, good currents in the summer, favorable for friendly relations and treaties, but adverse through Irish affairs.

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