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THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER
Probably Fair.
Highest temp. yesterday 44
Lowest temp. last night 36

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U. S. ARMY THORN FLESH OF WILHELM

Kaiser Gets Mental Glimpse of Great Host Mobilizing.

IN FEVERISH HASTE

Could Crush Allies Before Liberty Boys Get Into Action—Indications of German Responsibility for Halifax Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Amsterdam reports reaching here state that Germany is rushing troops with feverish haste to the western front with the one idea of smashing the entente allies before the United States is able to act. The little American army, sneeringly referred to by his imperial majesty a few months ago, is assuming such formidable proportions that it has already become a hideous nightmare to the kaiser. The immediate result of all this haste was the colliding of a couple of German ammunition trains, Thursday, followed by a terrific explosion, destroying both, killing several hundred soldiers and wounding many others.

Was Explosion Accident?

HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—The police department announced today the capture of a carrier pigeon bearing under its wing a message written in German. The number was New York twenty nine." The bird was probably injured in the explosion and alterwards fell in the window of a house near the dock yards. The message has not yet been made public.

Ohio Needs Coal.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 11.—Failing to hear from the federal fuel administration in regard to a requisition privilege of commandeering coal Governor Cox has appealed directly to President Wilson for authority for the Ohio fuel administration to seize coal in transit for domestic uses in the state. Zero weather and shortage of fuel establishes an acute situation.

New Chief of Police.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Charles L. Beckingham, Seattle chief of police, has resigned, and J. F. Warren former chief of police of Spokane and later United States Marshall at Nome, Alaska, was named to succeed the retiring officer. The fight over Seattle's vice resorts which were sought to be eliminated brought about the change in the department.

Former Consul Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Alexander von Giesswald former German consul at Seattle was arrested here today as a dangerous alien.

ARTILLERYMEN SENT TO FORT MONROE, VA.

FORT STEVENS, Or., Dec. 10.—Fourteen men from the Oregon coast artillery will attend the training school for coast artillery officers at Fortress Monroe Va. which opens January 5. The board making the selection was composed of Colonel Hammond and Captains Thompson and Hyde.

The men will be on detached service while taking the course. If successful they will be commissioned second lieutenants in the artillery, national army. Military experience, general adaptability and educational qualifications particularly in mathematics were taken into consideration in making the selections.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS LAST EVENING

The Roseburg school board convened last evening and various matters of importance were transacted. A delegation from the Douglas Parent-Teacher Association attended the meeting and placed before the board the question of constructing the needed assembly room in the Jackson school. In order to have the room, the committee expressed that portions of the hall which will make large class room could be used together and that the results would be most satisfactory. The committee urged that this project be given careful consideration by the board, because of the dire necessity for such and it was especially needed because of the lack of room for music classes, there being no permanent place for the piano. The board will take the matter under advisement and a decision will be reached at the next meeting. A number of bills were settled during the evening and the board was adjourned after discussing other minor matters.

LOCAL S. P. EMPLOYE TAKES BANKRUPTCY LAW

B. F. Caldwell, a local Southern Pacific employe today, through his counsel, Attorney John T. Long, filed notice of bankruptcy in the United States district court.

Mrs. Caldwell has filed suit for an absolute decree of divorce from her husband, B. F. Caldwell, and further asks the sum of $25.00 a month alimony for her maintenance, alleging in her complaint that her husband treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner and failed to properly provide.

Mr. Caldwell, who it is alleged will contest the divorce proceedings, is preparing a demurrer and in the cross complaint will probably charge his wife with infidelity, when the case comes up for hearing before Judge Hamilton during the February term of court.

ESTABLISH BOOTHS BUSINESS HOUSES

Committees to be Appointed—Ladies to be in Charge—Much Enthusiasm.

HONOR GIRLS TO ASSIST

Houses to Be Canvassed Beginning December 17—Drive Will Be Conducted For One Week.

The drive to enlist every man, woman and child under the Red Cross is now well under headway. At a committee meeting held yesterday plans were made to have booths in a number of buildings in Roseburg during the coming week, beginning December. These booths will be placed in the Douglas National Bank, in charge of Mrs. J. H. Booth, depot, Mrs. M. A. Harkett and Mrs. Warren Burk; Roseburg National Bank, Mrs. A. C. Marsters and Mrs. F. A. Benis; Hotel Umpqua, Mrs. Dexter Rice and Mrs. Geo. Belfer; Perkins building, Mrs. O. Crank. The Honor Guard girls will assist the ladies in their work.

Numerically, the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign is the biggest campaign Oregon has ever undertaken. It requires the enlistment of over 100 of the entire population of the state, hence that percentage is the quota before each county in Oregon. Two hundred and forty thousand members is the quota assigned to the entire state.

The preliminary plans were made yesterday when the captains of the various districts met. Roseburg is divided into a number of districts which will be in charge of R. L. Whipple, Foster Butner, Dr. A. C. Seely, J. W. Perkins, O. P. Coshow and J. E. McClintock. Among the representatives who met yesterday were Foster Butner, J. E. McClintock, Roseburg; Mrs. Anna Alexander, Glide; Mrs. J. L. Kenny, Leona; Miss Helena Riddle, Riddle; Rev. M. N. Tisdale, Sutherlin; Miss Lillie Brown, Yoncalla; Mrs. Samuel L. Perkins, Gardiner; M. B. Coates, Myrtle Creek; Mr. Leslie Lills, Glide; Mrs. Inez Miller, Mrs. C. W. Short, Wilbur; Mrs. H. F. Burnett, M. H. L. Gross, Canyonville; Mrs. J. E. O'Neil, Riddle; Mrs. N. A. Levens, Dorsdale; Harry Winstone, Winston; A. H. Marsh, Looking Glass; Miss Esther Blakely, Dixon Ridge; Miss Mary Gurney, Glide; W. C. Harding, J. H. Booth and R. L. Whipple of Roseburg.

BERT FRITCH ENLISTS IN NAVY

Bert Fritch, a well known young man of this city and for the past several months an employe of the Standard Oil Co., left this morning for Astoria where he will take examinations for service in the navy department. Mr. Fritch if successful will probably be stationed at some California navy yard where he will be in training for several months prior to entering into active service.

13 NEGRO SOLDIERS EXECUTED THIS A. M.

Participated in Riot Houston, Texas, in August Last.

FOR BONE DRY NATION

Senate Measure Adopted Yesterday Will Be Considered by House on Friday—Inquiry Into Sugar Shortage Is Promised.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 11.—Thirteen negro soldiers were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 o'clock this morning for complicity in the riots at Houston on August 23. The men executed were Sergeant William Nesbitt, Corporals Laymon Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Pope and Chas. Baltimore, Privates Wesley Breckenridge, Thomas Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira Davis, Jas. Divins, Frank Johnson, Risley Young and Pat Macwhorter. A number of other colored troops implicated in the riots, at which time Houston was shot up and lives snuffed out by the lawlessness of the soldiers, were sentenced to life imprisonment. The time and place of execution were kept secret, and no one but army officers and the sheriff of Bexar county witnessed the affair.

Sixty-three men were tried for participation in the riots, disloyalty to the service. Forty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment. One was dishonorably discharged from the army and sentenced to two and a half years. Three were given a two year sentence. Five of the lot were acquitted. The executed men all died bravely, and went to the gallows singing a hymn. They said good bye to their guard of soldiers. The execution took place in an arroyo, two miles from Samp Travis, and the prisoners were carried to the gallows in a motor truck. A negro minister and two army chaplains offered prayer for the doomed men just before the trap was sprung.

Nation Wide Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—By unanimous consent the house today agreed to consider the proposed constitutional amendment passed by the senate yesterday providing for nation wide prohibition. The measure will be taken up next Monday. The proposed amendment extending nation wide equal suffrage have been reported back to the house from the house judiciary committee. It will now come before the body for debate and amendment.

Coal and Sugar Shortages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A national inquiry will be made of coal by the senate military committee in to the operations of the war department in arming and equipping of United States troops. This decision was reached today. The causes of sugar and coal shortages will also be investigated by the committee.

For Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—John McCormack, noted tenor, announced that he will go on a transcontinental tour paying his own expenses and all the earnings $100,000 which he will give to the Red Cross.

GEORGE NEUNER JR. TALKS TO HIGH SCHOOL

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SMITHY PROWELL TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

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willingness to join the colors prevailing he was released from the bonds he was compelled to furnish, to appear before the February grand jury in answer to an assault and battery charge preferred by the Weber brothers some time ago. Mr. Neuner advised the young patriot that the case now pending against him would be held until the grand jury met and at that time he would recommend that it be dropped. The young man's face mirrored the happiness he felt and he stammeringly thanked his benefactor.

In explaining his action the district attorney stated that he did not wish to stand in the path of any patriotic man who wished to fight for his country and as a consequence Mr. Prowell will leave here Thursday night to enlist in the navy.

MAR HANAN IS NOW STATIONED FT. WORTH

E. H. Hanan, the well known stockman, received a letter from his son, [illegible] Recently, who is now stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, to the effect that the squadron, the 27th, now is expecting a call for duty [illegible] time. Mr. Hanan has applied for a furlough, but owing to the fact that the officers around the camp a leave for more than ten days the trip home could not be made at this time would that office long to reach here and return.

Mar enlisted with the first to join the colors and is now engaged in aviation duties and soon expects to see service in France. According to Mr. Hanan he is the only [illegible] now at Fort Worth, the other localities having been transferred to different localities in [illegible] the present. Aeroplanes of some of our "liberty boys" are now [illegible] and it may be that several of them are now on their way [illegible]

GERMAN SITUATION DECIDED IN H. S.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO CHANGE TRAIN SERVICE

The Southern Pacific announces a change in the present time table [illegible] effective Sunday, December [illegible] North Bound train No. [illegible] will [illegible] No. [illegible] will [illegible] No. [illegible] will [illegible]