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## RAIN AND WIND ALONG COAST

### Trains Delayed By Washouts. High Winds on Ocean Front.

Portland, Dec. 21—High winds accompanied by sharp driving rains has done minor damage throughout the northwest the last three days. Tonight a washout on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad near Skamania, Wash., east of here is reported and the through train is not expected until six to twelve hours after scheduled time. On the Northern Pacific between Portland and Puget Sound minor washouts are reported and trains are delayed from one to several hours. At Porter, Wash., the washout is comparatively serious.

Streams in the Cowlitz county district of Washington are at flood stage and in Oregon huge slides have occurred along some of the roads principally on the Columbia highway where tonight the high way is temporarily blocked by a slide forty feet wide.

At Cascade locks four inches of rain has fallen in the last 24 hours. Almost two inches have fallen in Portland in that time. From Falls City, Oregon it is reported that the Luckiamute river is higher than at any time this season and that a part of the dam owned by the electric light plant went out this afternoon. The water is still high enough to furnish power.

At Hood River, Ore., a section of a dam constructed by the city, state and fish game commission, went out with the high water. In places throughout the Cascade mountains the snow is reported ten feet deep. Some snow has fallen in the valleys but this is rapidly melting.

Shipping is temporarily held up by the high winds off the Columbia river. Several of the large ships are cruising outside the bar waiting for the sixty mile gale to relent, and others are holding in inside the river waiting for a cessation of the storm which is promised for tomorrow.

The rainfall for the season is 4.40 above normal to date.

### Snow Ties up Traffic in Cascades.

Seattle, Dec. 21—Transcontinental traffic on the Great Northern railway was tied up today by snow slides in the Cascade mountains. Three hundred feet of snowfalls between Scenic and Iye on the west slope of the Cascades collapsed today under an enormous weight of snow which had slid down the mountain. The snowfall in the mountains is nearly four times as great as it was at this time last year.

Railroad officials reported that the snow was ten feet deep on parts of the mountain line unprotected by the snowsheds.

The lines of the Northern Pacific and Chicago and St. Paul are open to traffic and the Gr and Northern tonight began sending its transcontinental trains over the Northern Pacific tracks between Seattle and Spokane. No trains were caught between the slides and except for many hours delay necessitated by sending the trains back to connections with the Northern Pacific, passengers suffered no inconvenience. Great Northern officials said they hoped to have their line cleared before tomorrow night.

### Did the Wireless Bring it?

When a like impression, without any apparent reason, comes to many people at the same time, it means sometimes at least, that the unseen forces that set the worldly stage and call the news of your mortality, have dropped a program which the wireless has picked up and is delivering to the outside nations of sensitive souls. This war in Europe never had a more savage look than it has today. Never were mightier armies in array, never were the dark passions of men more furiously enlisted. Still there is an impression out that the tension is up to the breaking point, and that war is about to suddenly collapse. It may come from a hope that it may be, or a belief that the forces engaged are almost exhausted, but let us hope that the impression comes from the program that the Fates have dropped and that it was a true dispatch that the wireless of eternity picked up and distributed.—Ex.

## Christmas Near The North Pole

A JOYFUL Christmas was that spent by Admiral Peary on his last expedition to the arctic, from which he returned with the report of the discovery of the north pole. At Cape York, Greenland, the Roosevelt picked up Eskimos and dogs and by way of Etah and Cape Sheridan made her way to Grant Land, where she had to halt in the ice locked waters of the Arctic ocean, only 600 miles from the pole, when Christmas day came. The story of the party's celebration of this Christmas, one of the "farthest north" ever enjoyed by white men, was told interestingly by the explorer when he returned to the United States.

"It was not very cold," wrote Peary, "only minus 23 degrees F. In the morning we greeted each other with the 'Merry Christmas' of civilization. At breakfast we all had letters from home and Christmas presents which had been kept unopened. MacMillan was master of ceremonies and arranged the program of sports. At 2 o'clock there were races on the ice foot. A seventy-five yard course was laid out, and the ship's lanterns, about fifty of them, were arranged in two parallel rows twenty feet apart. These lanterns are similar to a railway brakeman's lantern, only larger. It was a strange sight—that illuminated race course within 7 1/2 degrees of the earth's end.

"The first race was for Eskimo children, the second for Eskimo men, the third for Eskimo matrons with babies in their hoods, the fourth for unencumbered women. There were four entries for the matrons' race, and no one could have guessed from watching them that it was a running race. They came along four abreast, dressed in furs, their eyes rolling, puffing like four excited walrus, their babies in their hoods gazing with wide and half bewildered eyes at the glittering lanterns. There was no question of cruelty to children, as the mothers were not moving fast enough to spill their babies. Then there were races for the

## U. S. Army Officer is Held as German Spy.

Washington, Dec. 20—The war department has been unofficially advised that Lieutenant Edward L. Dyer of the Coast artillery, who had been given three months' leave of absence from duty in the Philippine Islands, is detained in Singapore as a German spy, having neglected to obtain a passport on leaving the Philippines.

## Body is Found Nearly 3 Months After Drowning

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 20—The body of A. E. Spider, a one-armed man who was drowned in the Cowlitz river near Salkum, October 23 last, when attempting to cross the stream in a dugout with Archie Eckstein and a Mr. Steiner of Ethel, was found Saturday three miles below the scene of the accident. The widow identified the body, and it will be buried here. The other two men in the dugout saved themselves.

## \$225 Gold Nugget Found

Bandon, Or., Dec. 21—A gold nugget weighing 12 ounces and valued at about \$225, was picked up last week by Charles Curl and Clint Ainsworth, on their mining claim on Boulder creek in Northern Curry county. The nugget, which is the largest ever found in this section, is one of several large ones which have been brought in by prospectors from the Boulder creek country during the past six months.

## Big Timbers for Canal Work

Kelso, Wash., Dec. 21—The Ostrander Logging Railway company shipped yesterday, seven large timbers to be used as "spuds" for dredgers at the Panama canal. Three of the timbers were 34 inches square and 70 feet long and the other four were round being 32 inches in diameter and 65 feet long. The round timbers were flawless without pitch seam or knot. They were shipped by rail from this place to Tacoma and will there be loaded on a steamer and taken to their destination.

## Electricity In Toyland

It is only recently that electricity began to play a conspicuous part in the Christmas holiday. Of all the electric toys the little trolley car is one of the best. It gets its power from the lighting circuit and will run on its circular track quite well, as well as its big cousin runs in the city streets. Toy motors and generators to run toy machinery are especially interesting to boys. For girls modern doll houses are illuminated with tiny electric lamps.

This year Santa Claus will have in his pack a new toy for little girls, a miniature electric range. It is a complete practical range that cooks and bakes perfectly, the very thing for which little girls have longed with all their hearts. It is a safe plaything for children, and when using it they not only occupy themselves happily, but they actually learn to cook. There is a complete set of utensils furnished free, with a cookbook for children written so simply that they can understand it without difficulty. This small range is fifteen inches high, with six burners and a practical little oven.

"Yule Doughs" and Mince Files. The Yule doughs (little cakes, mince pies and plum porridge (now plum pudding), were old (respect) Christmas dishes. The first, also called Yule babies, had their origin in Rome, where pieces of the child Jesus and the Virgin Mary were sold by the bakers on Christmas eve. The following account of the Yule dough pie, as recorded by an old traveler, will doubtless be interesting to housewives of the present day: "Then every family against Christmas made a famous mince pie, called Christmas pie; it is a most learned mixture of meats, fonges, chicken, eggs, sugar, raisins, lemon, orange peel and various kinds of spices. They also made a sort of soup with plums, which is not at all inferior to the pie, which is in their language called plum porridge." Herck. In his account of the ceremonies of Christmas eve, writes: "Some guards this night the Christmas eve. That the thief, though never else, With his flesh hooks don't come nie To catch it."

From him who all alone sits there, Having his eyes still in his care, And a dealer of nightly fears To watch it.



AT BREAKFAST WE ALL HAD LETTERS FROM HOME.

ship's men and the members of the expedition and a tug-of-war between the men aft and forward.

"Nature herself participated in our Christmas celebrations by providing an aurora of considerable brilliancy. While the races on the ice foot were in progress the northern sky was filled with streamers and lanes of pale white light.

"Between the races and the dinner hour, which was at 4 o'clock, I gave a concert on the piano in my cabin, choosing the merriest music in the rack. Then we separated to dress for dinner. This ceremony consisted of putting on clean flannel shirts and neckties. The doctor was even so ambitious as to don a linen collar.

"Peary, the steward, wore a chef's cap and a large white apron in honor of the occasion, and he laid the table with a fine linen cloth and our best silver. The wall of the mess room was decorated with the American flag. We had mink ox meat, an English plum pudding, sponge cake covered with chocolate, and at each plate was a package containing nuts, cake and candies, with a card attached, 'Merry Christmas From Mrs. Peary.'

"After dinner came the dice throwing contests and the wrestling and pulling contests in the fo'c'stles. The celebration ended with a phonograph concert given by Peary.

"But perhaps the most interesting part of our day was the distribution of prizes to the winners in the various contests. In order to afford a study in Eskimo psychology there was in each case a choice between prizes. Tookookmah, for instance, who won in the women's race, had a choice between three prizes—a box of three cakes of scented soap, a sewing outfit containing a paper of needles, two or three thimbles and several yards of different sized thread and a round cake covered with sugar and candy. The woman did not hesitate. She had one eye perhaps on the sewing outfit, but both hands and the other eye were directed toward the soap. She knew what it was meant for. The thought of cleanliness had dawned upon her—a sudden ambition to be attractive."—New York Tribune.

# CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

Yes, Merry Christmas comes but once a year. It might come oftener but it doesn't know how to cut across the equator and must sit still until the world turns clear round and bob it up between Thanksgiving and New Year.

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## Spite of It:

### Why He Returns

"This dog's yours," said Mrs. Jones on the Sabbath afternoon, "is a most peculiar animal. He runs away every other day stays for days—but he always comes home on Sunday." "Why is that? Why does he choose Sunday to return?" asked the guest. "I really don't know," smiled Mrs. Jones, tenderly stroking the dog's sleek brown head. "Some strange canine intuition, I suppose." "Canine intuition," sniffed little Johnny Jones. "I expect he knows that Sunday's the only day we have a decent meal."—Judge.

### Learned Fast

"Well, Dinah, how are you and your new husband getting along?" "First-rate, Miss Betty. I been 'greabably 'sprised in dat man." "Does he treat you all right?" "Yessum. He sh' do, and I ain't had ter hit him but one time. I never seed er nigger learn as quick as he do."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Modern War Version—"He who flees and runs away" livestock announce a strategic retreat."—Stockton E. News.

The Allies would do well to beware of Greeks refusing gifts.—Chattanooga News.

## Electric Sparks

If the German-American Vice President Wilson, what would they have done had the election been elected?—Boston Herald.

"I always finish what I begin," remarked Mary Pickford. Here is a useful little recipe for success in any department of endeavor.

Yale has not scored a touchdown against Harvard since 1917. This is something for the optimistic Prof. Taft to view with alarm.

Albania is about as sociable with its neighbors as a porcupine. But its neighbors have usually tried to win its confidence with a club.

One of our diplomats has come home for his health, and many of us think its high time some of the foreign diplomats here want home for theirs.

One readily understands Senator Penrose's expressed admiration for boxing—No's long been in the ring himself.

An European futurist calls our skyscrapers "works of art." Right out of course.

The Czar promised Serbia, aid by December, but failed to mention what year.

Possibly Major Thompson of Chicago would rather be "dog."

"Uranium is only \$20,000,000 left," reads a headline. What's the mean, "only?"

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### Stopping Him

"I shall never ask you to promise to come home early again," she said sorrowfully, when he let himself in at 2 a. m. "The not me, dear?" he inquired. "The not me, dear?" she replied, without making a lie out of you, so," she replied, and he had no comeback.—Buffalo Enquirer.