

Winter Wheat Will Benefit.

Temperatures rose to a marked extent over the middle west during the night and today, and all conditions have been favorable for a heavy fall of snow. It will be a life-saver for Winter wheat and pastures, but the problem of getting fuel to freezing cities is acuts."

NEW YORK, Jan. L-Despite a alight break in the zero weather that has benumbed New York for three days, the city faced another day of sufferlife today. The city is scraping its coal bing and the reserve supply is near-ly exhausted. Nearly \$0,000 tons of coal should have reached the city yesterday, but only 20,000 tons were brought on the few soows that braved the danger of floating ice in the bay.

Freezing Creates Riot.

New York had today its first real several hundred men, women and childran, who had lined up outside a large coal yard at One Hundred and Ninecovered several loaded trucks leaving deeply regret his relignation. the yard after announcement had been

made that there was no coal for sale. patiently with pails, bags, small wagons and haby carriages, at once began to stone the office windows. Others followed the trucks, unbooked the rear chutes and selzed the coal that streamed into the street. Police reserves were called and succeeded in restoring order when a representative of the coal company announced that coal would be sold in small lots after

certain hospitals had been served. The temperature today ranged from zero to six above at 10 o'clock tonight predicted by the weather bureau.

New Year's Ardor Dampened.

Frigid weather and war-time economics combined to dampen the ardor of New York's welcom to 1915. It was largely a subdued indoor celebration. Instead of the thousands of merrymakers thronging brilliantly lighted Broadway to greet the new year with tin War Savings Stamps Sold by Posthorns, cowbells and other noise-making devices, as in other years, only a comparatively fed braved the chilling wind.

War-time menus greeted diners and many establishments placed restricwhen the new year came into being, tonight. "The Star-Spangled Banner."

forts of mine operators to keep the an- offices. thracite colleries open today, although most of the union miners had agreed to work on the holiday.

Abandonment by the railroads of all has added to the aeriousness of the situation.

In the South temperatures below tending into Central Florida. .

ticello Hotel and other nearby buildings It is believed generally the large amount of moisture in the ground in the block. It was brought under unless unusually severe weather is ex- anew early tonight, and leveled half of perienced, but a few days more of mild the block there before being checked. temperature would advance the buds to a condition susceptible to injury by moderate freezing temperatures. -

PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL seven others hurt in the collapse of

Rev. Floyd E. Dorris, of Centralia, ing and inconvenience to its business Comes to Hope Presbyterian Church.

> CENTRALIA, Jan. 1 .- (Special.)-Floy. E. Dorri Instor of i a local Presbyterian Church for the past six years, Sunday morning announced to his congregation that he has tendered his resignation to the church

board. The minister has accepted a call to

coal riot. The disorder began when the Ho ... Presbyterian Churc in Portland anl expects to leave here early in a oruary. Rev. Mr. Dorris has made a host of

teenth street and the East River, dis- Triends during his pastorate here who

Some of those who had been waiting POLICE WILL GET CREDITS

Chief Johnson Makes New Year's

Announcement to Men.

Chief of Police Johnson made public

yesterday his New Year present to the men of his command-credit marks for what they do in the line of duty. .

"I believe every policeman should get ciedit for what he does," said the Chief, "and therefore have decided to keep a record and post it at the close of and a slowly rising temperature was each month. Then the men will know and the public may know what each has done."

This system, the Chief said, will extend to all branches of the service, and he believes it will stimulate activity.

THRIFT IS WELL STARTED

office Total \$2,066,550.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- Total sales by postoffices throughout the country of tions on drinking. The 1 o'clock clos- thrift'and war savings stamps amount ing law was enforced. Consequently, to \$2,755,114, it was announced here

fewer corks popped than usual and in-stead of the usual rictous cheering, the \$2,066,550 in war savings and \$691,564 crowds leaped to their feet and sang, in thrift stamps, does not include the distribution made by Federal Reserve

banks to agents of the first and sec-PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1 .- Continued ond class, which, it was estimated

Draft Liability Continues.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. L.-Mer tismpts to maintain train schedules of draft age who are employed by the Government in operation of railroads will not be classed as employee of the

on. the South temperatures below sing are predicted for tonight, ex-ling inte Central Florida. Government under the new regulation, according to word received today by Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. McCord from Provost Marshal-General Crowder.

would save the trees from damage control late in the day, but broke out SERVICE NOT ATTRACTIVE strife. Pro-German Rights Cense. 90 Per Cent of Draft Registrants in "In this country and at that time, Chicago Claim Exemption. they had that right," he admitted, "Dut that right ceased to exist on the day CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Fully 20 per cent that America declared war. If there that America declared war. If there Firemen Are Sufferers. Falling floors and walls took toll of fireman and naval guards. One fireman, Charles McCoy, was killed, and of draft registrants who have returned is a man in America today who detheir questionnaires to the Chicago an upper floor of the Monticello Hotel boards are claiming exemption, it was this Nation he deserves to be taken out in the day and tonight two firemen and announced today. several sailors were caught in a fail-The majority are basing their claims ing wall of the Lenox building. Three on dependency grounds, although some amid cheering, "people had the right (Concluded on Page 2. Column 1.) are urging their physical disability. ************************ APROPOS OF THE WEATHER. GAWN OH! NEVER NOW LOOK DO IN TH MOVE WORLD LOOK RUMOR SHE (BAS' AW!

sympathized with Germany in the

and shot or hanged.

"Before we entered," he resumed (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)



been ordered from Hermosillo to take those Americans of German birth who up pursuit of the marauders.



War. clares for the central powers as against Kaiser glorifies God for German victories.

Page 1 War orisis predicted within six months by French commissioner, Page 6

Germans try Miss Cavell socretly, Hugh Gib-son writes. Page 4. Germans report gains on Cambral battle-front. Page 4.

Italians wrest important position from Aus-trian forces. Page 2. Bolsheviki arrest American railway mission

is report. Page 1. oldiers' equipment not what it should be says Representative Tinkham. Page 2.

Foreign. Lloyd George sends hopeful New Year's mes-sage to allies. Page 6.

National.

Gompers pleads for labor's support in win-ning war. Page 2. ning war. Page 2. Right of way given coal trains. Page 14. Bry forces vie for first ratification of Na-tion-wide rule. Page 5.

Railroads start work of clearing up freight congestion. Page 2. Domestic.

Big snow hits Middle West. Page 1.

orfolk has \$2,000,000 incendiary fire. Page 1. Mrs. Maud Hudson Smith dies in San Fran-cisco following New Year's spree. Page 14.

Bishop Sumner weds in Chicago. Page 7.

Sports. Stumpf gets many votes for manager of Beavers. Page 16.

Marines defeat Camp Lewis eleven by su-perior play. Page 10.

Paper chase won by James Nicol. Page 18. Seattle hockey team defeats Portland, I to 0. Page 16.

Wild game said to be menaced. Page 16.

Pacific Northwest.

Big structure, undermined by floods at Ta-coma, topples into river. Page 5. Telegram indicates that E. J. Frazler, of Eugene, committed suicide near Gear-hart. Page 14.

Lime report stirs up fuss at farmers' week conference. Page 5.

Oregon's oldest man, 103, dies. Page 5. Mayor of Astoria criticizes fellow-workers.

Page 14. Portland and Vicinity.

Representative Johnson, back from France, tells about war. Page 1. North Bank spends \$1,250.000 for improve-ments in 1917. Page 17.

Irrigation Congress meets today. Page 6. Registrants assigned to Class I start ap-peals. Page S.

peals. Page S. Colonel Bisque sends broadcast urgent ap-peal to 25,000 members Legion of Log-gers and Lumbermen. Page 7. Portland expected to benefit from Govern-ment operation of railroads. Page 1. Question of control of hotels. Tooming-ing-houses and cardrooms up to Council today. Page 11.

Local Hed Cross victory due to courage in face of defeat. Page 15.

The Oregonian New Year's edition goes far and wide. Page 14 Fund of \$75,000 for war work activities to be raised here. Page 15.

Law governing use of explosives explained by local commissioner. Page 2. Weather report, data and forecast, Page 15.

Every day meatless for Portland man for 20 years. Page 9.

30 years. Page 9. Confirmation received that workers in local shipyards to get extra pay. Page 15. Whistles still blowing to welcome New Year when Portland's first 1915 baby ar-

New Year's dance at Auditorium attended by thousands of soldiers and sallers. Page 4.

of the country in order that the war preparations may be expedited and the conflict prosecuted with all possible speed. This means the maximum of efficiency throughout the whole fabric of American railroads.

It is said the railroads that serve Portland by way of the water-grade route down the Columbia River can give cards and spades to the rall lines that tote their loads over the high Cascade Range to Puget Sound when It comes to economy of operation, quick dispatch and saving in equipment.

Grade to Portland Easlest.

The advantages of the Columbia. River water level route have been common knowledge for a long time, but they have been offset to a degree by favoritism to other ports by railroad interests. Now that efficiency is the sole consideration, it is believed that the shortest, easiest routes to tide water from the interior will be those chosen for the dispatch of the bulk of Government business. This will mean the restoration to the Columbia River of ocean-carrying commerce and that from Portland to the East will go through the Columbia River gateway a great volume of traffic that in other days was handled from other Pacific Coast ports.

In no way, perhaps, is Portland's tremendous natural advantage of geographical location so vividly shown as in a profile map of the lines of railway reaching Portland and Puget Sound from the East, drawn by H. A. Brandon, now a Major in the 116th Engineers, who was employed by Astoria in the rate-case hearings affecting that city and compiled the map and other

This map is a striking object lesson in the railroad situation in the Pacific (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.)

**************************** NORTH PORTLAND PAYROLL

LEAPS 50 PER CENT. Although the number of employes of the Portland Union Stockyards, Union Meat Company and associated interests in North Portland grew during the last year from \$50 to 1000, the aggregate of the payroll increased fully 50 per cent. In 1917 these various interests disbursed \$1,-000,000 in wages as compared with about \$700,000 for the year 1916.

The meat company now employs 600 men, while an additional 400 work in the stockyards and the other activities of the big corporation. The volume of business transacted has increased in the same proportion as the amount of the payroll has advanced.

Last year two large additions to the company's property were added at a cost of \$225,000 and the management is planning other improvements for 1918 that will involve an expenditure of \$150,000.



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