



WEEKS SAYS TOO MUCH WAR TALK

Senator Deplores Agitation Concerning U. S. Military Affairs

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Declaring that there has been too much publicity of the military affairs of the nation, Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, in a speech to the Senate, opposed the agitation for a special investigation of our military preparedness, praised the strength of the personnel of the navy and urged the organization of an Army Reserve. He said there was no reason why we should disclose our military secrets to the European powers by an open investigation. "Anyone can learn about our military or naval establishment by reading the reports of the secretaries of the departments and the bureau reports. It is an open book to all our citizens and there need be no doubt about our relative capabilities—if one is disposed to study the reports instead of seeking notoriety in the press."

FIRST SHIP TO SAIL TO GERMANY

American Steamer Elmonte of S. P. Lines, Leaves With Cotton for Bremen

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
 SALEM, Dec. 12.—Oregon now steamer to sail direct from New York for a German port since war was declared four months ago, steamed out of the harbor today. The vessel is the El Monte of the Southern Pacific line. She is bound for Bremen and has on board a full cargo of cotton. She flies the American flag.

CROOK COUNTY IS DIVIDED BY VOTE

Jefferson County Organized in Eastern Oregon—Injunction Delayed Returns

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—has one new county, the secretary of state receiving advice today from the Crook County clerk that the measure creating a new county from the territory of Crook County, to be known as Jefferson County, had carried at the recent election. After election the count of the vote was delayed by an injunction.

COLORADO STILL NEEDS TROOPS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
 NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The first President Wilson received a telegram from Governor Ammons of Colorado, saying that he did not think it advisable to withdraw all the federal troops from the strike districts at this time. President Wilson wants to withdraw the troops and will communicate further with the Governor.

POPE WANTS CHRISTMAS TRUCE

But Is Said to Have Little Hope of Success.
 ROME, Dec. 12.—Pope Benedict is urging that an understanding be arranged between the warring factions under which a truce will be possible during the Christmas holidays. It is said, however, that his holiness has little hope for the success of his efforts.

AWARD NOBEL PRIZES NEXT DECEMBER

Nominations Must Be Made to Norwegian Parliament Before Feb. 15.
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Secretary Bryan sent to the Senate today a circular from the Nobel committee of the Norwegian parliament, saying that the nominations for the Nobel peace prize to be awarded in 1915 must be formally presented to the committee before February 15 of that year. The award will be made December 10, 1915.

What is supposed to be record speed in getting men to a forest fire is reported from Oregon, where on one of the national forests, a ranger went to town, hired ten men, and got this force to the fire twice as fast as he was notified by telephone.

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CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Christmas will be worthily kept by us in proportion as our hearts glow with Christlike feelings. Estrangements should melt in the warmth of Christmas gratitude to God. Let it be a sweet, forgiving time—a time for the doing of blessed charities.

Because Christmas stands for the child, as the father of the man, and for the cradle, as the one point where futurity is vulnerable, it will yet usher in the golden age. To produce an ideal world we need only one thing—a Christmas that lasts all the year.

If Christ had never been born there would have been no Christmas, and where now is holy light would abide a great shadow, and where now is sweet and sacred joy would be sadness and tears. If Christ had never been born the world would have bereft itself of the love and the light of God.

The birth of Jesus means the establishment of the reign of justice and conscience, and you and I cannot realize the benefits of this divine season until we have become like little children in humility and gentleness and received the will and the love of God as they have been made known to us in the Master's gospel.

Christ must be born in each heart in order that we may have a true Christmas. Are we rejoicing in the gifts of human love? Shall we be unmindful of Him who is the "unspeakable gift?" Turn not the Christ of God away from the heart's inn; banish Him not to the manger. Heaven's gift is now offered without money and without price. Receive Him with glad welcome.

Christmas is every one's day. Childhood can have no monopoly of it, though His child life inspired it. Christians are not its sole possessors, while they are its only true interpreters. Youth cannot claim the whole of it even while its exuberance gives it its chief natural emphasis. There are currents beneath the surface motion into which the plummet meditation must plunge to note their existence and determine their direction.

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