



Portland and vicinity—Sunday fair, northerly winds. Oregon—Sunday generally fair, northerly winds. Washington—Sunday generally fair, colder interior north portion, north to northeast winds. Idaho—Sunday generally fair.

BRITISH SHIPS QUIET GERMAN LAND BATTERY

Twelve-Inch Guns Put Out of Commission by Fleet, Which British Say Escaped From Battle Undamaged.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN WEST ARE DEVELOPING

Germans Falling Back There While Russians Retire in the East.

By Ed L. Keen. United Press Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 19.—The most important developments in the western theater of war since the battle of the Aisne are tonight believed to be imminent. While the Germans on the eastern front are striving to continue their advance upon Warsaw, the Kaiser's forces in France and Belgium are being vigorously assailed. Advances have been made all along the line from Dixmude to Arras and in the region of Albert. Several army corps were withdrawn by the Germans from this district to reinforce the army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in Poland, making his rush toward Warsaw possible.

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Cold Spell Still Has Lease of Life

Summer Costume Not Likely to Be in Vogue for Some Time Yet, According to Weather Man.

No chance yet for the palm leaf. Another defeat for the moth ball. Muffs, cloaks, flannel and felt boots are still in style. Yesterday, when the barometer fell and, with it, a whole flock of snowflakes, old residents squinted at the sky and prophesied rain and warm weather. But next time Acting Forecaster Theodore F. Drake looked at the sky he began clearing and the cold began tightening once more. In the meantime, the wood man is planning how best to haul his net operating revenue to the bank. The humble householder stares goggle-eyed at the splinters of fuel, sole remnant of what was a mountainous pile such a little while ago. Skaters, who had been out in great numbers, however, because the ice is thickening all the time. The cold weather continues all along the coast. Storm warnings were displayed by the weather bureau last night. Small craft warnings have been out for three days but late yesterday, an inland gale, which was sweeping down from British Columbia, the fall warning was sent out. The disturbance probably will extend no further south, however, than the Columbia river.

Prince Kimal Now Sultan of Egypt

Elaborate Ceremonies Mark Installation of Former Khedive's Nephew as Ruler of Nile Country.

Cairo, Dec. 19.—Prince Hussein Kimal was formally installed as sultan of Egypt today with elaborate ceremonies. The new sultan was escorted through the streets by British, native and colonial troops, following the reading of the proclamation deposing Abbas Hilmi, the former khedive. Children filled the streets. Great crowds thronged the streets. The installation ceremonies concluded with the firing of the salute of 101 guns.

CHRISTMAS NOT FORGOTTEN BY FIGHTING RACES

Mails of Every Country in Europe Filled With Gifts Bound for the Men at the Front, Far and Near.

EVEN PRISONERS ARE PLANNING CELEBRATION

Yet There Are 30,000,000 Broken Homes in Europe Because of the War.

Europe Is Grateful. London, Dec. 19.—The Times announces that an influential British committee is preparing to cable a message which will be sent to the people of the United States at Christmas thanking them for the aid they have given the British wounded and other sufferers during the war. This announcement is made in reply to a letter from Maud Pauncefoot, daughter of the late Lord Pauncefoot, former British minister to Washington. As indicating the extent of this help Miss Pauncefoot mentions the American hospital and the Santa Claus ship, the several splendid base hospitals and ambulances, the tons of dressings and clothes of all sorts.

By William G. Shepherd. United Press staff correspondent. London, Dec. 19.—There are thirty million broken homes in Europe, from which the men have departed and are now dead, held as prisoners or are fighting at the front. This means so many sorrowing women and one hundred million children who will spend Christmas without their fathers. While the clocks tick off the first minute of Christmas the nations of Europe will spend \$50,000,000 in the killing of men. Every hour in the day of the "War of Peace" will see \$3,000,000 spent on it.

Bank Reserves Show Increase for Week

While Surplus Reserve Patters by Eight Millions, Outstanding Loans Decrease by Four.

New York, Dec. 19.—The week's actual bank statement showed the following changes: Surplus reserve, increased \$8,305,880. Loans, decreased \$4,372,000. New demand deposits, increased \$340,000. Circulation decreased \$2,230,000. Aggregate reserve \$465,687,000. Reserve in own vaults, increased \$5,128,000.

WON'T SEND A WARSHIP

Washington, Dec. 19.—Following assurances from Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice that the British government desires to conform to President Wilson's neutrality proclamation at Panama, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced that he had abandoned the plan of sending a warship to those waters as requested by Colonel Goethals.

Wreck Kills Two.

Cartersville, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two trainmen were killed and 55 other persons injured, 15 of them seriously, today when train No. 93, on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway (the South Atlantic line) southbound, was wrecked near here.

THE DEAREST LITTLE HOME AND SMALL FRYS

The name of the classification in which it appears today precedes each of these Journal Want Ads: FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 19 "21 Jewel Hamilton railroad watch 25 year Crescent case, excellent time; want only \$20 for it." SWAP COLUMN 25 "Exchange organ for chickens or anything." POULTRY AND PIGEONS 27 "28 large chickens and 14 small fry for sale for \$12.50; mostly White Leghorns; hens are laying." FOR RENT—HOUSES 12 "The dearest little home near Tigard, 1 1/2 acres, right at station; bath, chicken house, newly papered, \$10 month."

BIOS GIVEN OUT IN VIENNA.

Vienna, United States Ambassador Penfield will distribute a shipment of toys sent from America and tons of hospital cotton which left America on the steamship Somnelysk. This will be distributed to the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross society. Santa Claus will go to the trenches, but not between them. He wouldn't be safe in that territory where the bullets from each side criss cross. In some cases the trenches in northern France are less than a hundred feet apart. It was concerning these shots that the German general, von Emmich, said: "I don't believe in the Germans being so friendly with the enemy. They throw messages back and forth to each other in the camps and use dogs as carriers. The quiet shooting during meal time and even learn each other's names. Such relations are not good for soldiers." But it is safe to say that many a Christmas message or cheer will pass via the tin can route in Flanders and France. This will not be the case in the Austrian, Serbian, or Russian trenches.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS THROUG BUSINESS STREETS



These are busy days in the retail district with Christmas less than one week away.

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING RULE THIS YEAR AND BUSINESS SHOWS GAIN IN MANY LINES

Department Store Managers Report Satisfactory Holiday Trade; Purchase of Practical Gifts Seems to Be the Rule; Influence of "Spug" Movement Felt.

Portland people have been doing their Christmas shopping early this season. They have shopped often, they have shopped well. Merchants in the general lines declare the business attributable to the holiday season exclusively shows up fully equal to last year, and some say it will be better, taking into account the purchasing to be expected during the so-called "rush" period. Department store managers are the ones who say their operations are most satisfactory. Men engaged in "specialty" lines, with limited classes of stocks, find business less lively than the general merchants, but most of these say sales will be but little if any, less satisfactory than in 1913. Heavy broads are being made upon the toy department this year. The demand is constant, running to the better class of goods and less to the flimsy ephemeral contraptions that go to pieces after the first babyish grab. Toys will delight many a Portland miss Christmas morning and some of these lovely things are costing up into the dollars.

Would Prevent All Auto Exportations

Indiana Legislators Found Not Guilty

Washington, Dec. 19.—Attack on American sale of armored motor cars to European belligerents will be made on the floor when the military bill comes up after Christmas recess. Representative Kahn, of California announced today he intends to register a protest. "I'm tired of having this nation sold out as a lot of damned hypocrites," he said. "The president asks us to pray for peace and we do it fervently. But, hypocritically, we turn about and furnish the belligerents with the means of carrying on the war."

Three Fires at One Time.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 19.—Three fires, happening at practically the same time, caused a loss of \$200,000 in Montgomery this afternoon. The National Microal wheeled drygoods house, with \$100,000 worth of stock, was a total loss. Fire in the power plant of the Citizens' Light Co. caused \$50,000 damage. The Berry Soap factory was destroyed with a loss of \$50,000.

RAILROADS PUT IN BIG ORDERS; BUSINESS GOOD

Interstate Commerce Commission's Decision Automatically Releases Large Number of Orders.

WINTER TRADE HEAVY, WEATHER SEASONABLE

Wholesalers Predict Rate Increase Will Have Important Result on Business.

(Special to The Journal.) Chicago, Dec. 19.—All indications point to constantly improving business conditions throughout the United States. The chief factor, of course, is the rate increase granted eastern railways. This will turn loose a large amount of money which, in time, will filter down so that it will be widely distributed. It will do much more than a matter of dollars and cents because it will restore confidence in railway securities and encourage investment, thus supplying the roads with badly needed funds for extensions and improvements.

Noon Hour Truce Is Observed by Foes in France

French and Germans by Mutual Consent Stop Firing Between 12 and 1 o'clock.

By Karl H. Von Wiegand. United Press Staff Correspondent. With the German army in the Argonne, France, Nov. 20 (by mail to New York)—A soldier must have time to eat. Both French and Germans like food. Therefore, the men in the trenches who, day in and day out, are striving to kill each other, have made mutual agreement and concession to hunger. There is no firing between noon and 1 o'clock. That's the luncheon hour. Such an agreement is in force here. It was noticeable today how strictly both sides observed this little resting hour. The soldiers on both sides look upon it as a right to shoot one another and hold there is plenty of time in which to do it, but making one another hungry at noon is considered unnecessary, cruel and unethical. There are constant exchanges between the enemies in the trenches. The other day a big German went around bewailing his lack of smoke. A moment later a tin can rattled into the trenches. In it were two cigarettes from the enemy over in the French trenches. Somehow the German managed to dig up a cigarette later in the day and he threw the rest with the "smoke" in it back to the French lines with the note: "To the good friend for his cigarette. I hope he'll still be able to enjoy this." The soldiers on both sides look upon it as a satisfactory after analysis as it is at "first blush" the reemployment of men, both by them and the great concern of the brothers in arms, will run up into the thousands.

Frank Case Goes To Supreme Court

Federal District Court Denies Habeas Corpus, But Allows Attorneys to Carry to Highest Tribunal.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—The application of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, in the federal district court for a writ of habeas corpus on the constitutional grounds that he was not present when the verdict was read, was denied this afternoon by Federal Judge W. T. Newman. Frank's attorneys immediately presented a written petition asking permission to appeal from today's decision to the supreme court of the United States. Judge Newman signed the petition, which throws the case again into the highest court in the land. This procedure will probably have the effect of necessitating the postponement of the execution of Frank, which has been set for January 22. Judge Newman in his decision stated that "no federal point is at issue."

Appeal to Take Years.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Unless application is made and granted to advance the earlier hearing, the appeal to the supreme court of Leo M. Frank as granted by District Judge Newman at Atlanta today, court officials stated tonight that Frank's case probably would not be reached in the ordinary course of business on the crowded docket, before the fall of 1916.

Mohammedans and Hindus Are Agreed

Berlin Press Bureau Gives Out Report of Plans for Great Rebellion in India as Result of Understanding.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(Via wireless to Sayville)—Persian papers report that an understanding has been arrived at between the Mohammedans and Hindus in India, and a great rebellion is imminent, a statement issued by the press bureau here today asserted. "Returns for October of 50 representative of the railroad systems, approximately 167,000 miles, of all sections of the country, show a decrease in gross earnings of 5.02 per cent, while net earnings decreased 5.34 per cent. This compares with a decrease in gross of 2.92 per cent and an increase in net of 2.61 per cent for September. Operating ratio, exclusive of taxes but including results of outside operations, was 68.85 per cent against 67.45 per cent in October, 1913; operating ratio for September, 1914, was 68.65 per cent.

GERMAN RESERVE GAINS

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(By wireless.) The gold reserve in the Reichsbank at the close of the week was \$70,000,000 marks, an increase over a week before of \$3,000,000.