

See G. L. Wood's article in Poultry Department concerning the Tacoma Show in January.



Rain tonight and tomorrow; southeast wind; humidity 92.

SANTA GLASS GIVES POSTMEN A HEAVY TASK

More Than 1,000,000 Letters and Post Cards Delivered in Portland During Present Week, Says Myers

CONDITIONS ARE NOW GETTING NORMAL AGAIN

All Previous Records for Outgoing and Incoming Mail Broken This Year.

More than 1,000,000 letters and post-cards were delivered in Portland during the present week, according to estimates made this morning by Postmaster F. S. Myers.

Conditions were almost normal at the postoffice today after the enormous Christmas rush. All previous business records were broken—that is, in the quantities of outgoing and incoming mail.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ATTACKS REPULSED, IS BERLIN STATEMENT

Machine Guns and Mine Throwers Captured in Battle Near Festhubert.

Berlin, via wireless to London, Dec. 26.—The repulse of French and British attacks in the western war zone was claimed in the official statement issued today by the war office here.

"English and French attacks about Nieport," added the report, "were repulsed Thursday.

"A Russian attack on Lotzen," concluded the communication, "was repulsed by our forces, which took 1000 prisoners.

"Success has attended our offensive on the right bank of the Pilica."

Austrians Claim Successes, Vienna, via Berlin and London, Dec. 26.—"Fighting continued Christmas day," announced the Austrian war office this afternoon, "along most of our battle front.

"Our forces repulsed Russian attacks near Magyari in the Latorczka region with heavy losses to the enemy. The Slavs were driven toward Lisko.

"Between Wislok and Blala the Russian attacks, on Christmas eve, and the following day, were repulsed with the utmost violence.

"On the Donajec river there has been no change in the situation."

Dryan Rabbit Hunt Proves Profitless

After He Gets Back Secretary of State Learns It Was Against the Law to Have Shot One Anyway.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of State Bryan spent Christmas hunting rabbits in Virginia. He did not see a single "cottontail." Returning to Washington today the secretary learned the Virginia law forbids rabbit hunting while the snow is on the ground, and throughout Virginia all day yesterday.

Powder Magnate Goes Under Knife

Rochester, Minn., Dec. 26.—Following a serious operation, the condition of T. Coleman Dupont, the powder magnate, is pronounced satisfactory.

Gen. Kelly-Kenny Dies in England.

London, Dec. 26.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, a well-known English soldier, died today at his home in Hove, Sussex. He was 74 years old.

Huge Boulder Drops Off Bluff at Oregon City

Hits the Southern Pacific Track a Few Yards Below Depot, but Nobody There.

Oregon City, Dec. 26.—Just 16 minutes before Southern Pacific train No. 17, southbound, was due at Oregon City this morning, a monster boulder, weighing several tons, crashed from the top of the bluff to the railroad tracks, a few yards south of the depot.

AMERICANS THREATEN TO BOMBARD TRIPOLI; DANIELS IS INQUIRING

No Report Comes From Morgenthau but Unofficial Accounts Tell of Threat.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Inquiry concerning the truth of a report that they threatened to shell the port of Tripoli, Syria, to quell a demonstration against British and French citizens, being taken away on an American steamship, was cable today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to the commanders of the American cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee, at Beirut. It was the second time within 70 days that Secretary Daniels had heard that the two cruisers had "threatened bombardment" of Turkish towns in order to save allies.

The latest report was that one of the cruisers requisitioned an American steamship at Tripoli to transport the British and French consuls and other foreign citizens and that a mob tried to prevent their embarkation. Several members of the steamship's crew were reported injured in the fight which followed.

The property left by E. Henry Wemme, well known road enthusiast, who died December 17 in Los Angeles, to the E. Henry Wemme endowment fund to support the maternity hospital for indigent girls, for which his will provides, is assessed at \$250,700, and in the estimation of Chief Deputy Assessor Funk is worth at present market values at least \$400,000.

The property on the west side of Broadway, between Burnside and Couch streets, occupied by the H. L. Keats Auto company, is the most valuable.

The half block is assessed at \$140,000 and the building at \$28,000. The property at Front and Burnside streets, a tract 100 by 120 feet, occupied by the tent and awning business formerly owned by Wemme, is assessed at \$25,300 and the building at \$12,000.

The Moline Plow company's warehouse property, on Union avenue and the north edge of Sullivan's gulch, 200 by 120 feet is assessed at \$12,000 and the building, recently erected, is assessed at \$25,000.

Friends Can Keep Chapin From Prison

Governor West Says He Must Be Sure Injured Couple Are Well Provided For.

Salem, Or., Dec. 26.—"The governor's office is in receipt of a large number of letters from citizens of Portland, asking for a pardon for W. H. Chapin, recently convicted of larceny by receiving," said Governor West today.

"The trouble appears to have grown out of a real estate transaction, through which a man and his wife, well known in years, lost their savings. I am more interested in seeing this old couple provided for in their declining years than I am in having Chapin set free, who would likely see my way clear, therefore, to extend clemency, should his friends come forward with relief for the old couple.

"If he is given his release, a reasonable provision must be made for the immediate needs of the said couple and a bond entered into which will insure full payment to the extent of the money lost by his friends will be expected to join in the bond to a limited amount, say \$500.

"This arrangement will enable Chapin to meet the situation without calling upon his friends to advance the full amount of money at this time, and will insure the full protection to the couple who suffered the loss."

Forty Reported Buried in Landslide

Rome, Dec. 26.—Word was received that a landslide, due to heavy rains, had engulfed part of the neighboring village of Valmontone, killing 50 persons.

NOW COMES FATHER'S SANTA CLAUS



BULLET DIRECTED AT HIGHWAYMAN HITS PASSENGER IN CAR

Slag Glances Fros Pavement and Crashes Through Car Window, Wounding Man.

If Walter E. Askey recovers from the wound inflicted last night by a misdirected bullet from a detective's revolver the recovery will be almost without precedent, according to the Drs. Rockey, who are attending the patient at Good Samaritan hospital.

Askey lives at 6925 Fifth street, S. E., and was in a St. Johns car accompanying Miss Ethel Rose to her home at 1592 Grayhaven avenue, from a theatre. Detectives Tom Swennes and Patrick Moloney had fired at a fugitive negro highwayman, one bullet striking the pavement at Fifth and Pine and glancing through the car window, hit Askey in the head just above the ear and passed directly through vital brain tissue, carrying with it a debris of hair and bone and lodging against the skull at the corresponding spot on the other side of the head.

An X-ray examination this morning revealed the location of the bullet which will not be removed unless Askey's condition, which at present is good, changes. If the man recovers it will be almost without precedent, say the attending surgeons.

The negro had been arrested by the officers at Tenth and Flanders streets after he had throttled and robbed Willis Hynes of 83½ Texas street a few days ago.

FLYING GERMAN GIVES ENGLISH TOWNS BAD SCARE; NOBODY HURT

Hostile Christmas Visitor Escapes in Fog; No Bombs Are Dropped.

London, Dec. 26.—Following Thursday's bombardment of Dover by a German aviator and Friday's appearance of a hostile flying man over Gravesend, Sheerness and Southend-on-Sea, elaborate precautions were being taken here today to guard against aerial attacks.

Orders had been issued against any lights except such as were absolutely necessary, and it was required that even these be kept carefully under cover.

Probably never before in historic times was the city in such Egyptian darkness as last night. Few people ventured out, and these were forced to grope their way through pitch blackness.

What was the fate of the aviator sighted Christmas day nobody knew. He escaped in the fog from the English aeroplanists who ascended to fight him, and when last seen was making for the North sea, but whether or not he made a safe landing on the German side, London had no means of knowing.

Though the Englishmen who attacked him thought his aeroplane was hit by their shots, it was certain that he was flying with undiminished speed at the time he disappeared, so that any injuries he or his machine suffered must have been slight. He dropped no bombs.

It was expected a regular aeroplane patrol of the coast would be maintained henceforward.

GREAT BRITAIN COMBATS HOMESICKNESS BY GRANTING THE SOLDIERS SHORT LEAVES OF ABSENCE TO VISIT LOVED ONES AT HOME

Despondent Men Recover Quickly After Seeing and Greeting Home Folks, and Are Ready and Willing to Return to Fighting at the Front. Must Pay Own Way.

By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager for the United Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—The curious fact that many soldiers from the front celebrated Christmas in London restaurants yesterday is an instance of the extent to which psychology has rendered war a series of scientific problems.

The British war office has arranged to grant as many leaves of absence from the firing line as possible, because psychologists have determined that homesickness is an important factor in decreasing the vitality of armies.

The troopers who, direct from battle, spent Christmas day at home, were not given special facilities on account of the holidays; they were simply the lucky ones whose leaves of absence happened to coincide with the anniversary.

The first scientific study of the homesickness problem, as it affects troops, began during the South African war. In this conflict, Great Britain not given special facilities to many thousands of ordinarily home-staying citizens. At the other end of the world, whether they were sent, it was found that after the first excitement wore away, these men became despondent.

A curious form of melancholia prevailed in the army. It frequently took the form of a reckless indifference to the enemy's bullets, bordering closely, psychologically, on the suicidal temperament.

This malady, after being variously diagnosed, was discovered finally to be an epidemic of nostalgia. The soldiers longed to see their wives and longed for a sight of their children. It was homesickness, nothing more.

Some of the officers were able to secure permission for their wives and to visit South Africa, and after short reunions of this kind, the change in the soldiers' spirits was remarkable.

FILIPINO PLOT NIPPED IN THE BUD; 10,000 WERE IN CONSPIRACY

Eight Ringleaders Arrested at Manila and Native Gatherings Are Dispersed.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos were under arrest here today, and the arrest of more was considered likely, in connection with what appears to have been a concerted attempt at a local native uprising Thursday.

It is said army officers were warned in advance, the number of conspirators being placed at 10,000. The attempt was a complete fiasco, however, native gatherings being quickly dispersed in various places, and today, from all indications, the authorities had the situation well in hand.

The plot is attributed to the activities of Artemio Ricarte, a Filipino now in exile in Hongkong.

METZ DEFENSES BOMBARDED BY GUNS OF FRENCH

Great Enthusiasm in Paris Over Reported Advance of Republic's Troops Upon German Territory.

GERMAN ATTACKS IN BELGIUM REPULSED

Entrenched Line at Lihons Is Scene of Desperate Struggle; French Victors.

The War Line.—France and Belgium.—Fog forces halt in fighting in extreme north; the allies speak of no gains elsewhere but claim repulse of German counter attacks.

Germany.—French bombardment Metz's outer defenses; Gallie progress claimed in upper Alsace.

Russia.—Warsaw defenders resisting constant attacks; renewed German offensive in northern Poland admitted by Slavs; Russians on the offensive on Pilica river; the czar enroute from Moscow to the front.

Austria.—Repulse of Russian invaders claimed; French submarine reported destroyed in attack on Pola naval base.

England.—Fresh raid by German aviator leads to elaborate precautions against aerial attacks; confirmation lacking of South American coast fight between cruiser Newcastle and German warships.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Reports that the French were bombarding Metz' outer defenses caused tremendous enthusiasm here today.

Since the Gallie forces' repulse in the Mulhous region, early in the war, it marked the most spectacular advance yet made by any of the allied armies into German territory, though the French troops had been operating on the Kaiser's side of the Lorraine frontier for some time.

In their progress toward the Metz defenses, it was said the French lines were advanced beyond Arnaville and through La Frierle forest.

There was no cessation of fighting, Christmas along the front further to the northward, it was stated. The Germans continued their efforts to regain the ground they lost earlier in the week in Belgium, but failed uniformly.

Reinforced forces were said to have continued their mining and artillery operations along the coast throughout the day.

Fog was so thick today in the fighting zone between the North sea and the River Lys that little cannonading was being done today, it was stated here this afternoon.

Between the Lys and the Oise, it was declared, a series of desperate attacks against a spot midway between Metz and the Lorraine frontier.

The Kaiser's forces launched assault after assault against them in massed formation, but each time they were beaten back. The banks of the Ezura and Rawa rivers were covered with their corpses. Only at one point, the war office stated, had the Teutons succeeded in crossing the Ezura.

They were directing their main attack against a spot midway between Sochaczew and Skiernewicz.

The Russians were not entirely on the defense. Along the Pilica river they were trying to penetrate the German front.

The fighting in Poland was believed here to be approaching a crisis.

General Francois, commander of the Russian force which recently attempted an advance on Warsaw from the northward and was beaten back the way it came, was endeavoring to resume his march to the southwest from Mlawa.

It was conceded that he had managed partially to regain the offensive.

Thirteen Tons of Cotton for the Austrians

Appeal on Behalf of the Soldiers Wounded in Battle Brings Ready Response.

Rotterdam, Dec. 26.—The Holland-American liner Sommseladyk arrived here today with 13 tons of cotton on board for use in Austrian hospitals.

Extra clerks were put to work to expedite the shipment's transfer by parcel post to Vienna and Budapest.

This cotton is the shipment sent from the United States following publication of the story by Correspondent William G. Stephenson of the United Press concerning the shortage of the supply for medical use in the Austrian military hospitals.

ZEPPELIN FLIES OVER NANCY, DROPS BOMBS THAT KILL 2, HURT 20

Property Damage to French Frontier Town From Aerial Attack Said to Be Small.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A German Zeppelin dropped bombs in the French frontier town of Nancy this afternoon, killing two civilians and wounding about 20. It was said the property damage was small.

Insurance Against War With Norway

Lloyds of London, Makes Rate Five Per Cent, Which Shows There Is Bare Possibility of Trouble.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 26.—Considerable surprise and some uneasiness is being expressed here at news that Lloyds of London is charging 5 per cent to insure against war between Great Britain and Norway within a year.

The rate is low as compared with the charge for insurance that such countries as Italy, the neutral Balkan states, Holland, Denmark or even Spain will not be drawn into the conflict, but the supposition here had previously been that such a thing as an Anglo-Norwegian clash was so near an impossibility that it was not worth insuring against.

The real basis for worry in Norway was, of course, England's recent request, which the Christiania government refused, for a Norwegian port as a naval base.

That Lloyds should have seemed chilled at the rate necessary for an Anglo-Norwegian risks was taken as suggesting that Englishmen considered trouble as a result of the incident at least a bare possibility.

No Confirmation Of Sea Fight Rumor

Chilean Destroyer Reports Battle Between British Cruiser and German Warships Off Valparaiso.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 26.—The Chilean destroyer Lome's wireless reports Friday of a battle off Valparaiso between the British cruiser Newcastle and German vessels remained without confirmation today.

Messengers here, however, that confirmation had been received of reports of a powerful Japanese squadron off the South American west coast.

Australia Is Off Valparaiso. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Australian dreadnaught Australia put in to Valparaiso harbor today.

Men Drift 8 Days At Sea in Launch

Both Queen and Princess Are Doing Well Says Announcement at Rome—This Is Fifth Child of Royal Pair.

Rome, Dec. 26.—A daughter was born to the queen of Italy today. Both the mother and child were doing well this afternoon.

King Victor Emmanuel III and Queen Helene have five children—four daughters, and the heir apparent, Prince Umberto, who is 19 years old. The queen has been in delicate health for some time, suffering from a malignant growth on the arm.

ZERO SKIPPED BY MERCURY EAST AND WEST

It Is 32 Below in Many Points in New York State, While St. Paul Has It 22 Below and Chicago 4 Below.

EVEN WASHINGTON HAS NEAR-ZERO COLD SPELL

Heavy Snowstorm Visits the South and Is on Its Way Northward.

All Below Zero But Portland, Northfield, N. Y., Albany, N. Y., Syracuse, N. Y., Peoria, Ill., Boston, Davenport, Ia., Kansas City, Portland, Or.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The east and north were visited today by the coldest weather of the winter. The cold was extended as far south as northern Florida.

Zero weather prevailed at Omaha, Neb., Key West, Fla., was the warmest spot in the country, with the temperature 76 degrees above zero.

The temperature dropped here to 8 degrees above zero. Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia were visited by heavy snowstorms yesterday.

32 Below in New York State. Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter prevailed throughout this section of the state today. At Herkimer, the thermometer dropped to 32 degrees below zero. Frost thermometers here registered 25 degrees below.

Poor Suffer in New York City. New York, Dec. 26.—Residents of Greater New York were shivering today in the coldest wave of the season. Municipal lodging houses and charitable organizations were swamped with applications for relief.

One Death in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter gripped Chicago today. The thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero at 2 o'clock. Patrick Hurley, found unconscious on the street, later died from exposure.

La Grande Welcomes Snow. La Grande, Or., Dec. 26.—Eaton county's snow falling bids fair to break. A snow storm beginning yesterday renewed today with vigor, and several inches of snow have fallen here. In the mountain region the snow means there will be no further diminishing of La Grande's mountain timber supply. The farmers took upon the snow as the savior of their winter wheat crops.

Grain Probably Saved. Gateway, Or., Dec. 26.—The weather has moderated after a long cold spell. Until Wednesday the temperature had not been above 20 degrees since December 12. December 18 it was six below zero; December 19, three below; December 20, five below. Although there was less than two inches of snow on the ground, it is not thought that the severe frosts has injured the grain.

Shows Good Spirit. Paris, Dec. 26.—Senator Gomot urged that Rheims, Lille, Arras, Liege and Louvain representatives be sent to the sea front to reduce expenses and show a ruined city can be rebuilt in ten years.

TIPPLERS, OWLS and CROSS-CUT SAWS

The name of the classification in which it appears today precedes each of these Journal Want Ads.

SWAP COLUMN 25 "CARPENTER works for vacant property."

FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS 19 OVER 1500 Simons hand and cross cut saws, slightly damaged by water, now selling at a great reduce expense. Also have kinds of wood chopping tools with correspondingly cheap prices."

POULTRY AND FIGURES 37 "MAGPIES, tumbler, tipplers and owls for sale cheap."

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS 8 WEST SIDE "SINGLE housekeeping rooms, \$7 each, \$10, \$12, furnace heat, free phone and bath."

FURNISHED HOUSES 26 "6 ROOM house, completely furnished, modern, \$5 most every respect. 1 1/2 blocks from Woodstock car, on 45; \$30 month, including water, light, gas, phone, garage."

If your name appear in either telephone directory, call Main 7173 or A 961 and have your Want Ad started. To secure proper classification in The Sunday Journal, have your Want Ad in early.