

Oregon Journal

PORTLAND, OREGON, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21, 1915.—TWENTY PAGES.—PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

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Remainder Are in Training Camps; Changes in Chiefs of Staff Announced.

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Out of Cities in United States of 100,000 People or Over Census Shows Portland Healthiest.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Portland, Ore., holds the record for the lowest death rate of any large city in the United States, according to statistics gathered by the census bureau. With the possible exceptions of Seattle and Spokane, for which no computations were made, no other place will show more than 100,000 population are included in the tabulation.

Portland's death rate for 1914 on an estimated population of 250,000, is 9.2 percent, a decrease of four-tenths of one percent from the previous year. Next lowest are St. Paul, Minn., with 11.1 per cent, and Oakland, Cal., with 11.6 per cent. The Los Angeles ratio is 12.9, and for San Francisco 13.5 per cent. Chicago's rate is 14.2, St. Louis 15, Cleveland 15.3, Boston 16.1, New York city 14.1, Baltimore 13.5, New Orleans 20.5, Atlanta 16.5, and Denver 13.2.

The death rate for the entire territory covered by government figures, which includes all districts in which adequate vital statistics are kept, is 16 per cent lower for 1914 than for the five-year period 1909-13. The average has been brought down to 13.5, which includes all large cities and the rural population in 25 states.

As for the healthiest cities, the lowest death rate for 1914 was for Portland, Ore., with 9.2 per cent. Next lowest are St. Paul, Minn., with 11.1 per cent, and Oakland, Cal., with 11.6 per cent.

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FORD WILL NOT LEAVE EUROPE 'TIL WAR STOPS

Peace Advocate Announces He Intends to Endow Permanent Foundation at The Hague to Stop All War.

Christiania, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Undismayed by criticism, ridicule and ill-usage, Henry Ford, famous American multi-millionaire and peace advocate, today made the following announcement: "I intend to endow a permanent foundation at The Hague to work out a national concordat and make war forever impossible."

"I expect to remain in Europe until the war ends and will endow my life to that mission."

Engages Hotel Rooms. Two hundred rooms in the best hotels of Stockholm have been engaged for the peace delegates and Christmas will be spent there.

"We are unalterably opposed," said Ford, "to the program of preparedness for America."

The disarmament proposal is the soundest yet advanced from a moral, humanitarian and economical standpoint.

"Europe is practically bankrupt," Ford outlined his peace program as follows: "Let us make the following argument to the belligerents: 'If after the war, you are again to engage in a competitive race for armaments, the cost will be so terrific that the burdens of debt and internal revolution cannot be escaped.'

Would Disarm World. "If you are hoping for indemnity from the enemy to pay your bills, it is uncertain whether you ever will get it. 'The enemy, like yourself, is economically exhausted. Besides, such an indemnity would only be a drop in the bucket to the actual cost, if there is to be another military period.'

President and Bride Avoid Curious Eyes. Virginians and Others at Hot Springs Have Very Little Chance to Observe the Doings of the Newlyweds.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—The president and his bride, Mrs. Wilson, are expected to arrive here today. The president's daily working schedule.

Spain to Enlarge Fleet. Madrid, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—The Spanish government has ordered the construction of four 6000-ton cruisers, as well as many submarines.

Accused Chinese Hangs Himself. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Cling Hong, charged with the murder of Wing Ho, young Chinese woman, ended his life during the night in a cell at the city prison by hanging himself with one of the chains suspending his bunk. The body was discovered today by a jailer making his rounds.

Accused Woman Seeks Death. Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Mrs. Melissa Eddy, a slaying, is held under \$2000 bond for her appearance before a United States commissioner at Tacoma January 5. When detectives, seeking her on a white slave charge, went to her room, they found gas jets turned on and rugs at the door to make the room airtight.

Spain Is After \$20,000,000 of War Supplies

Latest Type of Remingtons Substituted for Old Mausers; She May Be Contemplating War Move.

New York, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Spain has entered the American market to buy \$20,000,000 worth of munitions and machinery to complete equipment of Spanish munitions plants. Francisco Xavier Salas, Spanish consul general here, admitted today to the United Press that a commission of five military officers have been here since February, quietly engaged in procuring large orders of Remingtons. Four hundred million cartridges and shells have already been ordered for the earliest possible delivery. Many rifle and field guns are required, but the orders have been placed because manufacturers are asking exorbitant prices for them.

May Mean War Move. Gibraltar, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—English officers here attached great significance today to the Spanish order substituting the latest type of Remington rifles for the country's old Mausers. Large numbers of Spanish results are constantly training, hence the two incidents are taken to mean Spain may be contemplating a war move.

Americans Killed in Juarez When Villa's Men Refuse to Quit. Soldiers and Looters Shot in Rioting Incident at Attempted Escape.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—With Juarez a hotbed of rioting following the conclusion of negotiations between Carranzista and Villista authorities, several deaths resulted today. The rioting was the direct outcome of the refusal of Villistas to turn over the town to Carranzistas as agreed by leaders.

Two Americans were shot, one of them fatally. George Morrow, an American saloon-keeper, who resisted the rioters, was killed by the soldiers, and another American, an unidentified, was shot on the Calle Comercio.

Some of the rioters were Villista soldiers, whose arms were in the arsenal. When they attacked the building to secure the rifles, several were killed. Looting occurred with the rioting.

In one brawl in the main street, several soldiers were killed, and later two looters were shot. So furious was the mob that they attacked streets adjoining a number of passengers. Looting occurred with the rioting.

Yaquis Are Raiding. Washington, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Admiral Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet, today wireless the navy department that the Yaqui Indians at Antagota were again raiding and that the American residents of the district were fleeing.

General Madril, with 1000 infantry and 600 cavalry, is en route to the scene of the uprisings.

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STATION MAN SHOTS ROBBER AT MULTNOMAH

Man at Good Samaritan Hospital Refuses to Reveal His Identity; Would Save His Family From Disgrace.

While going through the bill of the Oregon Electric railway station at Multnomah station, an unidentified burglar was shot and seriously wounded by J. D. Stewart, night telegraph operator for the company, shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. The burglar fired several times at the operator. The man is now at the Good Samaritan hospital with one bullet wound through his right lung and two bullet holes through his arm. The stranger was conscious this morning, but he steadfastly refused to give any information concerning himself.

Officials working on the case believe he is the man who robbed a number of places along the Oregon Electric railway line in Washington and Multnomah counties recently.

Breaks Window With Brick. The shooting came after the burglar had thrown a brick through the window of the station to attract the attention of the telegraph operator. The operator got out but went to his home nearby, secured his revolver and returned to the station in time to see the robber before the moon lit.

Stewart fired at the man four times. (Continued on Page Sixteen, Column Two.)

COLONEL HOUSE WILL GO TO EUROPE, AGENT OF PRESIDENT WILSON

He Says He Will Take Information to American Ambassadors.

New York, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Colonel House, President Wilson's special agent in Europe, will depart for Europe within a fortnight, according to official reports. In response to a United Press inquiry as to the instructions for his mission, Colonel House said this afternoon: "I am going to the continent of Europe to take information to some of our ambassadors in order that they may have intimate knowledge of the administrative and financial conditions of the various countries."

House said he desired to make it clear that he was not engaged on a peace mission. He will be gone about six weeks.

This will be the second European trip of a semi-official business. On a previous trip, it was said he went to sound out European leaders as to their peace views. Upon his return he conferred at length with the president and in some quarters it was thought significant that since then the president has declined to take a hand for the present in peace moves.

Late Telegraphic News

Redmond Hints at Scandal. London, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—John Redmond announced in the House of Commons today he will oppose any conscription move by every means in his power. At the same time he inquired why conscription had not been informed concerning a certain dispatch from General Ian Hamilton, which he said, had been given to him but could not make public. Redmond hinted at "something of a scandal" and Premier Asquith replied that he only recently received this dispatch.

Italy Awaits Serb King. Rome, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—The Italian king, King Victor Emmanuel, is awaiting the arrival of King Peter of Serbia and King Nicholas of Montenegro in the Adriatic. They will probably land at Brindisi, where trains already are waiting there. The king and queen will be taken to insure the safety of the two kings during the sea voyage. The arrival of Serbian refugees continues.

Albanians Succor Serbs. Rome, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Natives of Albania are now offering hospitality and sharing their provisions with the Serbian refugees. The improvement in relations will quiet the Albanians and Serbians and avert the danger of hostility which the Turks and Austrians are trying to provoke. Over 10,000 Serbian troops are concentrated at Durazzo and Scutari and struggles are arising daily.

Allies in Aegean. London, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Allied troops arrived in the Aegean Sea, according to dispatches received here from Athens. This indicates that the Bulgarian contingent is arriving. It is believed here that the Bulgarian army is being withdrawn from the Aegean coast to withdraw the expected attack of the Teutons of an attempt a flanking movement from Kavala.

Protest to England. Washington, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—A protest to the British foreign office against the presence of British cruisers off the coast of the Aegean Sea, according to dispatches received today to London by the state department.

Fire Destroys Hotel Gearhart and All of Furnishings Today. Seaside Volunteers Make the Run to Scene but Flames Too Fast for Them.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 21.—The Gearhart hotel at Gearhart Park, one of the leading summer resorts on Clatsop beach, was destroyed by fire at 5:30 P. M. this morning.

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French Packet Hits Iceberg. Paris, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—The French packet 'Gretagne' was wrecked at night when it struck an iceberg in the White sea, a dispatch received here today said. Ice breakers and tugs searched for the vessel but only found wreckage.

Bulgars Entrenching. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Bulgarian troops are entrenching at many points on the Greek border, according to dispatches received here today. The Austro-Germans continue on their way to Greece, and today of them passed Brusnik yesterday.

Another Auto Victim. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—Another name was added to the long list of local automobile victims last night when Fred Peacock, a machinist, was bowled over on Pacific avenue by a taxicab driven by O. Gustafson. Peacock was taken to the county hospital, where it was reported he will recover. Gustafson, officers declare, was driving on the wrong side of the street.

MRS. RICHARDS WINS CASE IN HIGHER COURT

Opinion by Harris Holds That School Board Must Reinstatement Teacher Dismissed Because She Married.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(P. M.)—The Supreme Court today held that a teacher dismissed because she married was entitled to be reinstated. The opinion was written by Justice Brandeis.

Competency Held to Be Not Affected Because of Her Wedding Vows.

Salmon, Ore., Dec. 21.—Marriage does not constitute sufficient cause for the dismissal of a teacher, the supreme court held today in the case of Maud T. Edwards against the Portland school district in affirming the judgment of Circuit Judge Morrow in favor of the plaintiff in an action in which a promissory note was issued against the defendant to reimburse the plaintiff for her pay for her term of office, which was dismissed, which followed her marriage.

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