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THE WEATHER
Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably rain; southerly winds. Humidity, 96.

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AUSTRIA SENDS MESSAGE OVER ANCONA AFFAIR

Communication Delivered to Secretary of State Lansing by Baron Zweidenek Said to Complicate Situation.

VIENNA NOT INCLINED TO GRANT U. S. TERMS

Attack on Japanese Liner Is Investigated by American Consuls in Europe.

Austrian Answer Delayed.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(U. N. S.)—(By wireless to Sayville)—Vienna dispatches today stated that Foreign Minister Burian cabled Baron Zweidenek, Austrian charge d'affaires at Washington the following message:

"The American note was received here December 21 but in consequence of Christmas our answer will not be ready before next week. Tell Secretary of State Lansing that the answer we are now preparing will be guided by the same concern for the good relations between the two countries as mentioned by the United States government in its rejoinder."

Washington, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Baron Zweidenek Austrian charge d' affaires, today presented Secretary of State Lansing with a communication from Vienna, while it is understood complicates instead of alleviates the situation existing between Austria and the United States.

Although neither Zweidenek nor Lansing would discuss the matter, intimation was had that the note manifests disinclination to accede to the American demands.

Punishment of the submarine commander responsible for the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona was understood to be the chief obstacle in the way of adjustment of the differences with Austria. So far as disavowal of responsibility and promise of indemnity are concerned, Austrian sources here say Austria can yield and still maintain her prestige at home. But even a reprimand of a successful officer for obeying orders, it was pointed out would have a bad effect.

Yasaka Attack Investigated.

Austria feels, it is said, that she cannot grant the request in the manner desired by the United States, and conferences now in progress here will be devoted to this particular phase of the case.

Secretary of State Lansing today ordered American consuls in Europe to secure all possible information regarding the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru.

If official reports confirm that an Austrian submarine made the attack, further correspondence with Vienna is deemed probable.

Threats that Japan will send troops to Europe were made here today by officials of the Japanese embassy in commenting on the torpedoing of the Yasaka Maru.

"A single instance, however," said one official, "will not cause Japan to send troops to Europe. But if a campaign against Japanese shipping is launched, Japan will participate actively on land."

Official Reports Awaited.

The state department will not act until it has received official reports showing the nationality of the attack-

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SLIDE OF LAND JUST MISSED TRAINLOAD OF PORTLAND PEOPLE

Point Defiance Line of Northern Pacific Near Tacoma Tied Up Early Today.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Scores of passengers on a train arriving from Portland early today narrowly escaped a disaster that might have resulted in many losing their lives, when a mass of earth, loosened by recent heavy rains, slid down the bluffs along the Point Defiance line of the Northern Pacific railroad a moment after the train had passed, covering the tracks to a depth of six feet. Another train following the Portland passenger, was stopped in time to prevent it smashing into the debris.

The landslide came down a short distance south of the Ruston tunnel at a point where the railroad tracks closely skirt the waters of Puget sound. The tracks are covered for a distance of 300 yards with mud and rocks and traffic will be diverted until the obstruction is cleared away.

Midvale Steel Gets Large War Order

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—France has contracted with the Midvale Steel & Ordnance company for upwards of $20,000,000 worth of 12-inch shells, and it was reported today that another even larger contract will be signed before Monday.

Santa Claus Spreads Cheer At Luncheon

Rotary Club Members Play Hosts to Children at Frazer Detention Home.

Santa Claus came in person to the Rotary club meeting this afternoon. And the little folks of Frazer Detention home who had gathered round a glittering Christmas tree in hope of seeing him, because he came to them there last year, too, were made glad with presents and money with which to buy clothing and shoes.

Rev. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was chairman of the day, but his sermon was very short, just enough to say that it was a childish band almost 2000 years ago that had opened the door to this season which the world dedicates to kindliness, cheer and generosity.

Harold Hurlbut, Mary Elliott Baker and May Methot sang and the Rotarians sang, then listened to the new song, "The Rotary Spirit," by Dr. Edmund Myers. One of the most pleasant features was unexpected. D. L. Williams said he could remember when as a child he wanted money for special things, so he gave each of the 30 or so children a dollar, then Rotarians who had neglected to bring presents gave more to a fund for shoes and clothing.

White Christmas Is Assured the East

Snow Is Falling Throughout Entire Mississippi Valley and Storm Will Cover the Eastern States.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—The weather bureau here today announced that a big storm centering in Arkansas and moving east, north and south would bring either snow or rain on Christmas over the entire Atlantic coast, Mississippi valley, Great Lakes region and the south.

Except for rain in Washington and Oregon the weather on the Pacific coast will continue clear.

Chicago in Darkness.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—At 10 o'clock today the wind here shifted, bringing a pall of smoke, fog and darkness over the city. Electric lights were required in every building and on the streets. Elevated and surface cars groped through the murkiness with caution. Snow is predicted.

Snow was falling throughout the entire Mississippi valley today.

Cop Knocks Out Ten Men at Marshfield

Boys at Marshfield and North Bend Are Whooping 'Er Up and Special Officers Will Be There at Finish.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 24.—Christmas hilarity has reached such a point that many fights are occurring. This morning a free-for-all fight was staged in the Blanco bar when the police had to call for assistance from others to quell the disturbance. Last night several street fights took place, and at North Bend a night policeman and 15 men had a battle. It is claimed that the crowd had planned to do up Policeman Ollie Smith. He arrested two, and while taking them to jail the crowd attacked Special Officer Bert Smith.

Smith used his club and knocked out 10 men. Then he pulled his gun and dispersed the crowd.

Five men, including Christ Gross, saloon proprietor, were held for hearing today.

Extra police are on duty in both cities as trouble is expected tonight and tomorrow, because of the coming drought. From now on until the close of the year officers expect lively times.

Autos running for hire today carried crepe tied to the radiators and signs "Whose Dead? Business," referring to the town going dry.

Trains Collide in Snowstorm; 1 Dead

Galena, Kan., Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—One person is known to have been killed and 28 others were injured today when a southbound Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf passenger train crashed into a St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train near Pullman in a snow storm. Conflicting orders caused the crash, it is alleged.

Two Killed on Lackawanna.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Two persons were killed and five injured in a rear end crash of Lackawanna passenger trains at midnight.

A hundred other passengers miraculously escaped death on the crowded holiday trains.

Federal Reserve Statement

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Statement of condition of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco at the close of business December 23:

RESOURCES.

Gold Coin and Gold Certificates—	
In own vaults	$ 3,539,000
In gold settlement fund	9,942,000
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.	3,000
Total reserves	$13,484,000
Commercial paper (rediscounts)	$ 577,000
Bank acceptances	650,000
United States bonds	1,000,000
Municipal warrants	417,000
Federal reserve notes held	1,925,000
All other resources	3,775,000
Total resources	$21,828,000
LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid	$ 3,942,000
Deposits, net	17,886,000
Total liabilities	$21,828,000
MEMORANDUM.	
Federal reserve notes received from federal reserve agent	$ 6,450,000
Federal reserve notes in hands of bank	1,925,00
Net federal reserve notes outstanding	$ 4,525,000
Gold deposited with federal reserve agent to retire federal reserve notes	6,450,000
Net asset account federal reserve notes	$ 1,925,000

FORD ABANDONS PEACE SHIP FOR UNITED STATES

He Sails Aboard Norwegian Liner for New York From Bergen, Leaving Mme. Schwimmer in Charge.

REST OF HIS PARTY ARE IGNORANT OF HIS MOVE

Ford Reported to Have Left $270,000 Check to Pay Expenses of Others.

London, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Henry Ford has abandoned his personal efforts to bring the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, and left today aboard the Bergensfjord for America according to Bergen dispatches.

Ford's reported departure, however, does not mean abandonment of the peace propaganda, for it will be carried out by others aboard the peace ship Oscar II. Mme. Schwimmer, a leading spirit in the expedition, had promised to interest other leaders of the Women's International Peace congress in a movement for creation of a central peace congress.

Secretary Lochner remains with the peace party, due in Stockholm this afternoon.

Dean Marquis of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, an intimate friend of Ford, and a servant also accompany the man who believed he could "get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas."

Ford's reason for departing is ill health. The burden of preparing the expedition, coupled with the taunts of belligerents and neutrals and the coolness of the Norwegian reception, undoubtedly combined to break his constitution.

Charles P. Stewart, United Press staff correspondent, who first reported Ford's disappearance, hinted earlier that Ford realized that success was hopeless, that he intended to finish his mission "perfunctorily and inconspicuously as possible."

The party which went to Stockholm

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CHRISTMAS TREES TO CAST LIGHT OVER THE GERMANS' TRENCHES

Countless Packages Containing Miniature Trees Sent as Presents to Soldiers.

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Millions of tiny Christmas trees, with lighted candles, will cast a ribbon of light atop the German trenches tonight.

Millions of packages, sent to the troops, bore tiny branches from evergreen trees, each with a candle small enough to go through the mails.

It won't be much like the usual "weihnachtsabend" for the soldiers, immured in snowy trenches, but the packages bear the good cheer and well wishes of the fatherland. Socks, knitted by loving hands; dainties cooked as only a German frau can cook them; messages from the home folks—all these are destined to be at least a reminder of other happier days.

And then the flaring little candles and the sprig of Christmas tree—these will typify the wondrous celebration that always marks the German observance of the holiday.

Out above the ribbon of light, too, will float on many fronts the strains of the Christmas tree song from thousands of throats—"O, Tannenbaum, O, Tannenbaum."

In the homes of Germany, Christmas will be a big celebration, though not untinged with sadness for men who have perished in the months of war. Toy shops have been stripped of their goods to make happiness for the children.

For the most part, these toys are military—not the remarkable mechanical affairs that in other years have spread joy to many children's hearts throughout the world. There are tin soldiers in the regalia of the kaiser's forces; there are tiny guns; there are even miniature battle grounds, lined with trenches and backed by artillery.

Baron Belongs to Diplomatic Corps

Baron von Brincken Employed by the German Government, Says His Attorney; To Demand Early Hearing.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—(P. N. S.)—Baron von Brincken is a member of the diplomatic corps of the German imperial government, according to his attorney, George A. McGowan. After court adjourned today McGowan said that Von Brincken was not employed by the local consulate, but was a diplomatic agent. On this ground, he said, an immediate hearing of conspiracy charges against him would be asked for.

British Steamer Missing.

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—The British steamship Moor is missing and is believed to have been torpedoed, according to advices received here today. The fate of the crew is not known.

Did Anybody Say There Isn't Any Santa?

Kaiser's Illness Reported Serious

London, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Rotterdam dispatches today said Kaiser Wilhelm's illness was rumored to be serious, though, they added, the reports have been officially denied.

Cancer, Is One Version.

Paris, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Kaiser Wilhelm is seriously ill with cancer of the throat, according to a dispatch received here today from Copenhagen.

FIRE AT LENTS WILL DISTURB PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Restaurant, Meat Market Are Heaviest Losers in Early Morning Blaze.

Those Lents folks who planned to have a buffalo steak for Christmas dinner will have to go without.

In a fire that burned out a string of frame shops on Ninety-second street, southeast, this morning, half a dressed buffalo and a quantity of turkeys, ducks and geese in the refrigerator of Eggiman Brothers' meat market were roasted a day too soon.

Starting in William Hodge's restaurant at 5917½ Ninety-second street, southeast, at 6:20 o'clock this morning the blaze spread rapidly north across the street and south until checked by the concrete building occupied by the Lents Hardware company. The total damage is estimated at $2730.

The fire was caused by the spilling of kerosene in filling an oil stove, the oil becoming ignited in some unexplainable way.

Engine 31 responded from Kern Park and the Lents volunteer fire company did yeomen service in keeping the blaze from extending to the heart of the Lents business district. Motorcycle Policemen Tully and Ervin were sent out from police headquarters.

Loss on the buildings, which were owned by Eggiman Brothers and Tobin, is estimated at $1000. Some insurance was carried.

Following are the business places reached by the flames and their losses:

Eggiman Brothers' meat market, 5919 Ninety-second street southeast, $1200 loss on contents alone, with insurance of $600.

William Hodge's restaurant, 5917½ Ninety-second street, $50.

Hodge & McDowell, vegetables and fruit, 5919 Ninety-second, $100, with no insurance.

Gardner jewelry, 5915 Ninety-second, $300.

Lents Hardware company, 5923 Ninety-second, awning, $30.

Bernhardt Greets "All But Germans"

She Says She Is Better, Will Leave Next Week for London and Later for America, Closing "Vive la France."

Andernos, France, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Though Madame Sarah Bernhardt had been reported seriously ill, she personally assured the United Press today that she is recovering. Moreover, she asked that her Christmas greetings be conveyed to American friends.

"I have suffered from pleurisy," said the message she sent from her villa. "The doctor is unwilling that I go to America for the present on account of my health, but I tell him that the trip is only postponed for a short while.

"Next week, I expect to go to London.

"I send my whole heart to the dear American public, but not to the German portion. Vive la France!"

Will Old Church Bell Ring?

Legal Chains Hold Clapper

Will the bell in the steeple of the gray old Taylor street church be rung on Christmas eve?

Brought to Portland as a school bell, and hung at Taylor street in 1849, every year since then, at the stroke of midnight December 24, it has clanged out the glad tidings of the birth of the Savior.

This year the church property is in litigation. The case is before the state supreme court. The church doors are padlocked.

But members of the old Taylor street congregation are making an effort to have the doors unlocked tonight, so that one of them can pull the rope and give the bell its voice as of yore.

The bell is the oldest in the city. Its ringings have told all the joys and sorrows of a city. Weddings, funerals, fires, Fourth of July celebrations, public meetings—dingdong! cling-clang! the old bell has told them all.

And always the bell has rung on Christmas eve.

Among those who are trying to have the bell rung tonight is Rev. D. A. Watters, an old-time Methodist minister, who says he thinks there should be some way, in spite of possible legal barriers, for the wish to be granted.

Mr. Watters has written some verses, which he has entitled "The Portland Bell of 'Forty-nine," and which are as follows:

THE PORTLAND BELL OF '49.
By Rev. D. A. Watters.

Ring, ring the bell of forty-nine,
Our good friend of long ago,
It strangely stirs this heart of mine
With visions of long ago.
Sadly it tolled the funeral knell
And rang out the nuptial hour;
Now, let it once more sweetly tell
The secrets of the tower.

Ring, ring the bell of forty-nine,
Faithful prophet of the tower
Tongue of metal almost divine,
Voice of God for preaching hour.
The use of bells may pass away,
The old one on Taylor street
Become only history of its day,
But history oh, so meet!

Ring, ring the bell of forty-nine,
Ring for the new and the old;
Come youth and age, ye friends of mine,
Let the sweets of years unfold.
Yes, the soul of man rejoices,
Thinking of the old, old bell;
And memory of the voices
That in cadence rose and fell.

I. H. AMOS, LEADER IN CAUSE OF PROHIBITION, DIES THIS MORNING

Death of Manufacturers' Representative Follows Operation for Appendicitis.

Isaiah H. Amos, one of the most active and prominent Prohibition party leaders in Oregon, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the Portland Surgical hospital, following an operation last Saturday for acute appendicitis.

He was 71 years old and leaves a widow and three children, namely: Dr. William F. Amos and Misses Lillian Edna and Grace Mildred Amos.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the J. P. Finley chapel. Dr. A. A. Morrison will conduct the services. Later, the body will be cremated at a strictly private service.

Mr. Amos had been in good health

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Premier Skouloudis To Retain Position

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Premier Skouloudis of Greece will remain in his present position, according to advices today. After five hours' session, the Greek cabinet decided no change is necessary.

M. Gounaris' supporters agreed to the retention of Skouloudis.

SANTA CLAUS IS BACK IN WALL STREET AND GIFTS ARE PLENTIFUL

Dancing Brokers Encircle Big Lighted Christmas Tree on Floor of Exchange.

New York, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Santa Claus drew rein with a rattle and a bang in Wall Street today.

The financial district broke out into one of the wildest prosperity celebrations in its history. "High jinks" marked the exhcange and the curb market. Money presents flowed like water. Twenty-five thousands dollars in gold was distributed to exchange employes, while hundreds of workers in other financial institutions received extensive Christmas gratuities.

On the floor of the Consolidated Exchange, a Christmas tree lighted, decorated and loaded with gifts was circled by thousands of dancing brokers.

Scrubwomen came in for a share of the largess. Christmas presents were on the tree for them, and gold pieces made it a merry Christmas for these toilers, who keep the magnificent offices along the Money Way spick and span. "War millionaires" everywhere were lavish in their gifts.

J. P. Morgan was reported to have given each of his employes a present of one fifth of the annual salary, while many other concerns gave at least a tenth.

It was a merry Christmas season.

The Central Trust company was said to have gone to the extent of presenting its employes with half their annual salary as bonus.

INCREASE IN HOLIDAY TRADE REPORTED BY DEALERS IN PORTLAND

Gains Reach as High as 50 Per Cent; Early Shopping Feature of Business.

Portland merchants have just passed through the most successful holiday season they have ever known.

In some cases reports have it that the increase is as much as 50 per cent. The jewelers, who have been engaged in a price war, report the greatest volume of sales in history, though their profits have been reduced below what the normal profit would have been. The department stores without exception report business far heavier than for 1914, both in number of individual sales and in the qualities of purchases.

Shopping began earlier this year than ever before and it was not necessary to begin the night sales so early. Some of the stores did not open at night at all.

"The Christmas trade has been very satisfactory. A slight increase over last year's business during the same period has been noted," said Grant Phegly, of Phegly & Cavender, dealers in men's clothes and furnishings.

"Our business has been very much better this year. We have not made totals as yet but the gross sales during November were 30 per cent more than those in the same month a year

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CHRISTMAS IS EVERYWHERE IN EVIDENCE TODAY

Stores and Streets Jammed With People Making Their Final Preparations for the Gift Giving Holiday.

MUTS ARE EXTRACTING SHEKELS FOR NEEDY

Four Hundred and Fifty Families Will Receive Well Filled Boxes.

Today is the day of Christmas Eve.

Almost as wonderful, almost as fabled as Christmas itself, it is probably the busiest day of the whole year.

Stores opened early this morning to supply the Christmas table, to fill the gift wants of scores of tardy shoppers.

Streets and shops are crowded with last-minute purchasers. The spirit of Christmas is abroad. Every one is in a hurry. Everyone carries a bundle.

The weather man says rain for tomorrow, but with the genial optimism of the season, however, Portland people are hoping for once the forecaster has made a mistake.

Early this morning, too, those warm hearted persons, who are to bring Christmas cheer to others less fortunate than themselves, were abroad.

Painlessly Extracting Dollars.

Chief among these are the Muts. "Big Bill" Strandborg was out of bed at 6:30 o'clock to rouse good fellows

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FORMER BRESLAU IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUNK IN BLACK SEA

Cruiser Sultan Selim, Formerly Goeben, Reported to Have Been Damaged.

London, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Unconfirmed Rome reports today said the Turkish cruiser Midirlie, formerly the German Breslau, was sunk and the battle cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the Goeben, was damaged in a battle in the Black sea.

The Breslau and Goeben at the first part of the war performed the remarkable feat of escaping from Messina after a British and French fleet had bottled them up. Later the Turkish government secured them from Germany and renamed them.

It is thought possible here that the battle refers to the struggle off Varna, variously reported from several sources in the last few days.

The Goeben is a 22,600 ton vessel with a complement of 1012; the Breslau of 4500 tons with a complement of 370.

The Midirlie, or Breslau, was a small cruiser and carried 12 4.1 inch guns. She was designed to make 25.5 knots but has attained 30 in tests. She was 446 feet long.

The Goeben, a sister ship of the Moltke, was one of Germany's most modern battle cruisers. She carries 10 11-inch guns, 12 6-inch and 12 24-pounders and could steam 28 knots. She was completed in October, 1912. She cost $11,000,000.

Both vessels have been repeatedly reported sunk or damaged.

Boats Exchange Shots.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—After being silent in the face of press reports concerning a bombardment of the Bulgar Black sea port of Varna, the war office today announced that "our torpedo boats exchanged shots with the shore batteries there."

THE YEAR IN REVIEW IN THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

—This is the season of the year when balances are struck and the achievements of the passing twelvemonth noted.

—Comprehensive summaries of the year's developments in many fields will be featured in The Sunday Journal.

—The Year's End Number of The Sunday Journal Magazine, to be published next Sunday, will recount in brief fashion the doings of 1915 in Portland and the Oregon country.

—The pictorial display in this number will be most striking.

—A general review of world affairs relating what has been going on at home and abroad will be welcomed by all who would refresh their memories on events of note and the sequence of their happening.

—The Sunday Journal for December 26, including The Year's End Number, will be sent to any address for five cents the copy. Orders for extra copies should be placed without delay.

NEXT SUNDAY