Portland-Sunday, unsettled, probably snow; easterly winds. Oregon-Sunday, fair east, rain or snow west; winds easterly.

Washington — Sunday, rain west, snow flurries east; easterly winds.

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Allies Refuse to Consider the Central Powers' Proposal as Now Understood and Announce Determination to Continue War.

GUARANTEE DEMANDED AGAINST FUTURE WARS

Contention Made That Entente Nations Made Every Effort to Prevent Present

Conflict, Place Blame Upon

Con Germany's Diplomats.

GERMANY'S TERMS READY

By Carl D. Ackerman.

Berlin, Dec. 30 .- (U. P.) --Germany will announce her peace terms when her representatives meet face to face with representatives of the entente wno are prepared to discuss a real basis for ending the war.

This can be stated tonight as the position of Germany-a position on which not only press opinion but that of diplomats and those close to the government agree.

Germany's terms are ready. The entente can learn them-as the imperial chancellor statedby agreeing to arbitrate.

Despite reports, Germany is not disappointed because those acquainted with developments declare it will be impossible for either side to announce publicly what their final terms will be.

Paris, Dec. 30 .- (U. P.) -The allies locky flatly refused to consider Germany's peace proposals.

The recent suggestion of the German povernment was branded as a military manager rather than a peace proffer.
The reply of the entente allies declared the war must go on until Ger-many is ready to state her terms. Germany was again charged with responsibility for the war.

Peace is impossible, the allies de clared, until reparation is assured. There must be guarantees for the future peace of the world. The free existence of small countries must be recognized.

The German proposal was branded "insincere" and the determination of all entente powers to reject the pro-posal and to continue the war until their alms are attained pronounced in the strongest terms. Germany's proposal was declared to be an attempt to bring about a Ger-

Would Influence Meutrals.

The allies charged it was made to disturb opinion in neutral countries, and to reaffirm German public opinion. Germany was referred to as the empire which "proclaimed that treaties were scraps of paper."

Offers based on the present war map io not express the true situation nor the real strength of the combatants, it The reply of the allies was made in collective note which was handed to

the neutral diplomatic representatives in Paris at 7 o'clock this evening. In addition to the note signed by France, Belgium, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Russia, Portugal, Roumania and Serbia, appended was a special Belgian protest against the crimes committed by Germany against that country. In this statement Bel-gium declared the king and people of the country desired no peace that does not include legitimate reparation and guarantee of security for the future. The allies' collective note was handed to American Ambassador William G.

Text Is Made Public. The text of the note follows:

The allied governments of Belgium France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Russia, Roumania and Serbia, united in the defense of the liberty of their peoples in true engagement, will not separately lay down their arms and have decided collectively to answer the so-called Leace proposal.

Sharp by French Premier Briand him-

"First of all, the ailies protest against the enemy's assertion attempting to throw on the allies requalbility for the war, and also to protest against the proclamation of tian Science practitioner here. victory by the central powers. Both these assertions are untruc "For 30 months the allies have sus-

tained the war which they did the utby their acts their attachment fo "This attachment is just as strong

today as in 1914.
"After the violations (by the central powers) and their engagement in war they (the allies) cannot end the war at Germany's suggestion without any

conditions with which to open nego-The German proposal is not an offer of peace. The proposition appears ore like a war maneuver.
"As far as the past is concerned, the (German) note ignores facts, dates and figures showing that Germany wanted, provoked and declared the war. "At The Hague it was the German delegation that refused the disarma-

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Costly Gifts for His Oregon Bride

D. M. McLemore, Who Married Miss Winifred Wampler of Elamath Palls, Or., Lavish With Presents. San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- (P. N. S.)-

beautiful \$30,000 home in San Jose. low being built and a \$5000 automobile ere the wedding gifts D. M. McLemore, wealthy cattle man, is making to his events of the 40 days following Janubride, with whom he has arrived at the ary 8. Plaza hotel. A quiet wedding, which took place at Klamath Falls, Or., comes as a complete surprise to McLemore: many friends and fellow clubmen in San Francisco, where he has resided for the last year. The couple are en sity of keeping appropriations within route to Honolulu and are taking a the reach of the 6 per cent tax limitalarge touring car with them. They tion looms largest in the minds of the sail January 22, on the Great

Northern. of cattle in Sonora before Villa came, permission to export the cattle to the for teachers in Portland. United States he had to pay \$4 a head tax consignment.

silk. He always is when you bring him money," McLemore related today Mrs. McLemore was formerly Miss Winifred Wampler of Klamath Falls. Or. She is a daughter of M. H. Wampler, owner of timber lands. Mrs. Mc-Lemore was graduated at Klamath falls and afterward attended college ir. Portland. She is an expert horse- and E. E. Brodle of Oregon City, woman and has many friends in Klamath Falls and Portland.

Portland Society Woman Is Married

Miss Elizabeth M, Caldwell, prom-

and Irving Clinton Tomlinson of Bos-ton, Mass., were the principles of a quiet wedding performed at 5 o'clock been investigating the higher educaesterday afternoon at the home of tional institutions of the state, he bride, 649 Pavensview drive. Considerable legislation of interest he ceremony, at which only close and the Women's Legislative council riends and immediate relatives were of Oregon is preparing to open headnmediately after the ceremony for The council includes representatives heir future home, 8 West Hill place, from the State Federation of Wom-Charles River Embankment, Boston. en's clubs, the W. C. T. U., the Con-Mr. Tomlinson is a high official of sumers' league, the Oregon Congress the Christian Science church in Bos- of Mothers and the Parent-Teacher aston and his bride has been a Chris-

Wilson Limps From

Washington, Dec. 30 .- (U. P.) -As the result of a fall on the golf links today, President Wilson is suffering from a wrenched ankle and walks with marked limp.

The accident occurred during a round of golf with Dr. Grayson, the president's private physician. The ground was partially frozen. Going down sharp declivity the president slipped.

LEGISLATUREIS SCHEDULED FOR

Six Per Cent Tax Limitation Will Demand Economical Expenditures and Clashes Are Expected as Result.

LIVELY SESSION

POLITICAL FENCES IN NEED OF REPAIRS

Avowed Candidates for Governor Two Years Hence Already in Field.

Salem, Or., Dec. 30 .- A week from Monday the 1917 session of the Oregon state legislature will convene at the state capitol. The prediction is frequently made that it will be the most interesting session held in many

Two things in particular will contribute to the importance and interest of the session. One is the six per cent tax limitation, which will enforce rigid economy and consequently provoka vigorous fights for or against pet appropriations, and the other is the politics which no doubt will be played for advantage in the election two years hence. The fight for the Republican guber.

natorial nomination in 1918 is already

on and it is expected to have a material effect on the undercurrents of the coming legislative session. Moser Is Candidate.

Senator Gus Moser of Portland, who appears to have the presidency of the senate safely tucked under his arm was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1914 and is avowedly a candidate for 1918. It is not expected he is going to overlook any chances to further his interests while he weilds the gavel during the approaching ses-Governor Withycombe, according t

report about the capitol, will seek reelection. If this is true, he will have a weather eye out for the gaps in his political fences and may seek to do some repair work during the session. He says he looks for a very peaceful and harmonious session, but indications are there will be several bumps ahead for the chief executive. No one here doubts that State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay will be a candi-date for governor at the next election, while there is much talk that Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott is being urged by many friends to get into the race.

While at this time the probability of Olcott becoming a candidate does coming of the new twelvemonth will not appear to be such a sure thing as that of Kay, still the possibility of all three members of the state board of control being candidates for governor, with the president of the senate also a candidate, presages con-siderable political interest in the

And there is no telling how many other political booms or boomlets will be launched during the session. Economy Is Imperative.

As to legislative business, the neceslawmakers at this time.

Other important questions which will McLemore is the man who paid a press to the front include the state cool \$40,000 in American gold coin to penitentiary, the flax experiment, the Villa after he captured the state of "bone-dry" amendment, the proposed Sonora. He had purchased 10,000 head insurance code, state aid to charitable institutions, the higher educational inand to obtain the Mexican chieftain's stitutions, and the tenure in office law

The committee which was appointed by the state board of control to in-"I took the money across the line vestigate the state penitentiary, parin suitcases and Villa was as fine as ticularly in relation to the system of cepthandling the convicts, has visited the institution a number of times and has been conferring with Warden Murphy, and Oregon hotels. At the Portland numerous occasions the members It is expected a report will be made supper will be served from 10 p. m. from those sections have stood tosoon to the board, which probably will to 2 a. m., with dancing after mid- gether to secure things that the eastpresent it to the legislature. The meminight. There will be special music ern men generally opposed.

bers of the committee are F. W. Mulwith singing prior to the coming of Now there is a movement on foot to key and Lloyd Wentworth of Portland midnight. Supper will be served in combine southern support for recla-

Another committee, appointed by the board, is investigating the industrial school for girls and the training school for boys. This committee is comprised of Rabbi Wise and Mrs. George Mc-Math of Portland and Professor Conklin of the University of Oregon,

Education Is Considered. Appointed by the last legislature, an other committee comprised of Senator nent in society circles of Portland, W. H. Strayer of Baker and Represen-

Dr. Luther R. Dyott officiating at to women is expected to be introduced attendance. The couple departed quarters in Salem during the session. sociation.

Assuming that Senator Moser will be president of the senate and that Robert M. Stanfield will be speaker of the house, it is reported here that Moser has promised the chairmanship Slip on Golf Links of the senate ways and means committee to Senator Wood of Washington county, and that Stanfield has promised the chairmanship of the similar committee in the house to K. K. Kubli of Multnomah

Port of Raumo Is Closed by Mines

One ankle turned slightly under him as he fell to the ground.

Aside from a momentary snap of pain, the accident resulted in no immediate discomfiture to the president and he continued his play. Later in the day it begah to pain him more and walking caused him some discomfort.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—According to the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet, the Port of Raumo, in Finland, was sown with mines Friday night.

Raumo, the most important of Russian geaports, now is closed to navigation.

Year Established Supremacy In U. S. Finance and Business

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1916.

General Business Trend Attained Record Dimensions Despite Cer tain Untoward Conditions in Some Lines, Declares R. G. Dun & Co.'s Annual Review.

premacy of the United States in finance and business is closing under the disturbing influence of peace dis-

Europe's war has boomed America's ousiness until the discussion of the situation by big men in finance and annual reviews by conservative writers fairly shout with billions and superlatives. The influence of peace, however distant, is seen in the fact that December, to all intents and purposes, ranks with 1917, a part of the period of readjustment. "Despite international complications.

disappointing crop results, labor trouble and other adverse factors," says R. Lew fad of the street. G. Dun & Co, in its annual review of trade and finance, "general business; looks to a continuation of prosperity, attained record dimensions, with prices with readjustments, following peace, and profits unprecedented, and the the speculative world hopes to see rall enormous expansion in merchandise exports, due mainly to the war requirements, placed this country in the foremost position in the world's money

Record Days in Wall Street.

JOYOUS PIS-SH-POP

OF CHAMPAGNE CORK

TO BE SADLY MISSING

One festive sound that has been

New Year will not be heard in Port-

land tonight when the old year takes

its departure and makes way for

Mumm's or the domestic product.

and dancing after midnight.

Save for the absence of joy water,

however, the accompaniments for the

be quite similar to those of former years. There will be ringing of bells.

blowing of whistles, watch services

in churches, midnight suppers, parties

Can Dance It In.

New Year's eve comes on a Sunday

eral of the city's larger hostelries.

given to the strong-lunged and ser-

penting will be thrown as of yore.

Favors will be distributed tin horns

Just at midnight, as the old year

makes its last gasp, lights will be

lowered and "Auld Lang Syne" will be sung by all the watchers, just as

watchers for many years past, If the present cold weather contin-

use it is safe to predict that there

he warmth of the home or the com-

er the arrival of 1917.

"Happy New Year" is the word.

Fire Resurrects a

Through Langford Home,

Langford.

about 30 years ago, He searched in vain. The picture was highly valued

because it matched the one of his late

wife in the home of his son, Ted

At noon Saturday the chimney in his

home, 621 Second street, burned out, and sparks set the house on fire. Mr.

Langford at one time was a volunte-r fireman. He tried to put out the blaze, and failing, called the fire

Putting out the fire in a storeroom

of the house, firemen pulled out the

furniture and set everything in the

room upside down. In a corner where

because the chimney burned out. If it had not he believes that he would

New York, Dec. 30,-(U. P.)-A year, made by professional and amateur which has established the world su-traders alike. The greatest bull move ment these markets had seen since the boom days of trust formation-which marched through a presidential cam paign unhalted—came to an abrupt end with a "peace panic." The German chancellor's peace proposals and Pres dent Wilson's message to the belliger ents precipitated the worst crash the markets had known in 15 years.

Hard Sledding for "War Babies." The year closes with every indication that the "munition shares" whose crash ruined thousands throughout the country, and brought new millions to plangers who sold short, having hard sledding ahead. "Peace babies" are the

As the conservative business world roads and many industrial shares boom as American industries help upbuild war stricken Europe. The 1916 performance of American *

business is outlined by Dun's Review in a box of comparisons as follows: The year has been one of startling gyrations in Wall street, in the Chicago wheat pit and in the cotton exchange. In these three centers of Bond sales... 1,135,000,000 186,580,000,000 #

speculative activity prices have hurtled upward, establishing new high records day by day, while millions already Stock sales (shares) ... 240.800.000 Merchandise exports (11 mos.) 4.801.200.000 173 238,000 * PROGRESSIVE IDEA IS

GIVEN BIG EMPHASIS

companied by No Baptis-Which President Wilson mal Splash of Joy Water. Stands Is Feature,

Washington, Dec. 30 - (WASHINGwont to accompany the coming of the TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)is the distinctive note sounded in political affairs in the United States in tack pagne corks. That pleasing note will in the intional campaign and the tri- desperate and the losses are heavy on only be approximated in the drawing umph of President Wilson, but this each side. corks from champagne cider and was the groundwork upon which the other mild but withal healthful bev-erages of a new age. Waiters will not The rift in the

t will not be under old guard auspices. the handit chieftain's forces. This has been forcibly brought to mind by the declaration of Represen-

as speaker. Gardner does not com-

Monday, and opportunity for those who his voice is the voice of revolt, giving desire to dance during the first few new courage to those who have already hours of 1917 will be given at sev- resolved that Mann, the standpatter, shall not snare the progressives in his net. On the senate side the same obstinancy has appeared among the Progressive-Republicans, five of whom refused to vote for Gallinger of New Hampshire as president pro tem of the sen ate. On both sides arises the same dehas been sung by all New Year's mand for new leadership, for men who

> of hope. South and West Cooperate.

will give the Progressives a glimmer

will not be many people abroad on the The south and west made common cause in electing President Wilson for a second term. The south and west streets at the witching hour. But in fortable interiors of hotel grills the a second term. The south and west coming of the New Year will be cele- also established the rural credits sysbrated in the conventional way, ex- tem, they together supplied the votes for the federal reserve system, they New Year's eve parties are an- formed a coalition to enact legislation nounced by the Portland, Multnoman for federal aid for good roads, and on the Arcadian Gardens of the Multno- mation and irrigation districts with man beginning at 11 o'clock and danc- western support for federal aid in

ing will begin at midnight, to continue drainage, just as in the last session the indefinitely. Souvenirs will be dissouth and west joined hands to enact tributed among the guests and an aug- the bill for flood control. mented orchestra will play. At the These alliances have come about Oregon, supper will be served from 11 naturally, and without any formal ac-These alliances have come about o'clock until 2 a. m., with dancing afttion. The development of progressive ideas has happened to move along much the same lines west and south, and while many of the southern leaders are yet far from progressive, in the sense in which the word is used in the far west, they have gradually thrown Picture Long Lost away part of their state rights conservation. They have found that their They have found that their

interests lie with the west rather than

Missing Likeness of George Langford the east. Elements of Similarity. Unearthed When Firemen Delve Southern leaders appreciate that in the years to come they may be drawn more and more strongly to vote with For years George Langford, formerly a well known contractor, had the west. The west and the south are hunted for a picture of himself taken alike great producing sections, opposed to the centralization of financial and

political control in Wall street and in the state of New York. Among the political ideas which seen to have reached the point of aggressive agitation are the direct election of president and vice president and an easier method of amending the federal constitution. Constitutional amendments come slowly, as the suffragists and prohibitionists can testify and as the advocates of the income (Concluded on Page Four, Column One)

Women Object to it had lain for years was the valued picture. Now Mr. Langford is happy Military Training

BY VILLA'S MEN

Latter Attack Suddenly After the De Facto Troops and

LOSSES ARE REPORTED HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES

Many Wounded Are Taken to Jiminez Station, Reported in Carranzista Hands.

Gun Squad Enshed to Border. Texas, Dec. 30 --P.)-The motorcycle machine gun squad of the Ninth United States infantry was rushed to a point near the La-Guna ranch, 20 miles south of here on the Rio Grande, following telephonic advices from that place tonight. The squad contains six machine guns.

Military officials refused t divulge the reason for the maneuver, but it was reported that another large band of Mexican filibusters were planning to cross the Rio Grande into Mexico tonight to join the Felicistas, operating a few miles south of the border,

IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS New Year's Birth Will Be Ac- Reaffirmation of Policies for Jiminez today by the Villa forces and the fighting continued until late tonight. A large number of wounded ion which, it is understood here, is

held by the de facto forces. Villa's troops evacuated the city troops but after the entrance of the government forces into Jiminez the Reports reaching the border There will be no popping of cham- 1816. Many other things were involved here tonight say the fighting was

Carranzistas Flee, Is Report. erages of a new age. Waiters will not get writers' cramp taking orders for many believed and been closed magnums and there will be no raucous calls for either Monsieur fronts that party, and another period of the Carranza garrison at Monterey, of the business by which he earns his of insurgency in congress is due. The principal city of northeastern Mexico, livelihood, hope of the old guard for control of fled towards the American border. It is stopped to the control of the contr even one branch of congress is gone. upon the approach of a division of win his case, it will mean the govern-Whatever party or combination organ- Villistas and that 300 others with two ment must refund millions upon mil-

It was further stated that Villa left tative Gardner of Massachusetts which has not been completely evacu-against the election of James R. Mann ated by the Villistas, and that the petitions denied. Crocker's suit is the merged outlaw bands of Manuel Ochoa and Colonel Tamez, numbering more than 1000 men, are now near Villa Big Bobsled Glides out New Year's day itself falls on a mand a large following in himself, but and Chihuahua City.

From no other source, however, has confirmation been obtainable of these rapid gains in number of followers and extension of territorial control by the bandit leader. Knowledge that a trainload of rifles

and ammunition was being rushed north from Mexico City was the direct cause of Villa's raid upon Torreon, United States department agents here learned today. The munitions were part of a shipment of a million rounds from the United States, brought through Vera Cruz a few weeks ago in spite of the embargo. Villa, learning that a trainload was sent north. raided Torreon and captured it. At once liberal supplies were issued to of artillery, abandoned by the garrison lieved. also fell into the hands of Villa. Despite reports of Villista activities near Saltillo and Monterey, federal agents here are inclined to believe tonight that Villa, with his main army, is somewhere between Torreon and Chihuahua City.

Grain Too Valuable For Annual "Battle'

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- (U. P.)-Wheat and corn are worth lots of money this streets. year, and as a result the usual New Year frolic of the grain speculators on the board of trade was somewhat curtailed today.

Following the custom the men on the floor wound up the year with a

"rough house" in which they pelled each other with grain. The going kee furious while it lasted, but receipts had been small and the supply of 250,000,000 Pound: samples was exhausted quickly

Imports Half Billion Over Those of 1915 Washington, Dec. 30 - (P. N. S.)-In

Washington, Dec. 30 - (P. N. S.)—In many and child the magnitude of the addition to the enormous increase in service performed the postoffice described and increase in service performed the postoffice described and increased more than half a billion over did not include millions of Christmas imports for the same period of 1915, letters and postcards, nor second class the department of commerce approximately. the department of commerce announced mail. today. The total for the first 11 months of this year amounted to \$2.-

Rio De Janeiro Will Borrow Six Millions Municipal bonds, sold 20 years ago to purchase Portland's first water system are to be redeemed by City Treas-

Heavy Snow In California

Dozen Stages, Two Score Private Cars in Trouble-Aid Is Being Sent Out.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30 .- (U. P.) -- As the result of the worst mountain witnessed in 25 years, which has covered the ground to a depth of four Evacuating Jiminez Before feet in places, a dozen automobile stages and two score of private auto mobiles are stalled deep in the snow in and about Lebre and San Burg. Desperate Fighting Follows along the Ridge route. News of this and of the plight of nearly 100 auto drivers and passengers was received tonight.

> Owners and passengers of cars have been compelled to walk to shelter sometimes for inlies. Half frozen mo torists have been appearing at farm houses and ranches and the barns o many of these places have been converted into veritable temporary hotels. Travel along the Ridge route, be-tween Saugus and Bakersfield, has been discontinued entirely. The automobile club of southern California this afternoon sent a scout car to Saugus to make an effort to fight its way to San Burg, at the summit of the Ridge toute. Provisions have also been sent to the stranded motorists and if the automobile cannot fight its way through, mules and burros will be used to get foodstuffs to these people.
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> Gigantic snow slides have closed months and what they may bring forth, But the great outstanding fact reto San Francisco is barely passable above Santa Barbara.

Income Tax Refund Is Asked by Crocker

California Banker Files Action Alleging Losses on Stocks and Bonds; Millions Involved in Outcome.

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .-- (P. N. S.)-Retention of millions of dollars col cision in a suit which has been filed Crocker, multimillionaire California banker. Crocker has sued have been taken into the Jiminez sta- Internal Revenue Collector J. J. Scott for a refund of \$11,340 on the income tax he paid the government. By spe- \$116,500,000 the year before and \$107,just cial order from Washington, the combefore the arrival of the government plaint was placed on the secret file. The action is based upon treasury Villista forces executed a surprise at may be allowed when sustained by a and \$15,000,000 the year before.

It is stated that if Crocker should Whatever party or combination organ-lzes the next house of representatives, generals remained in the city to join itons of dollars. In nearly every state in the Union, and particularly in New York, wealthy citizens have applied for 5000 men in the vicinty of Torreon, refunds on losses similar to those set

Nearly to Morrison

Old Sixth Street Takes on Aspect Not Etrange Nowadays.

Cold weather rejuvenated old Sixth street last night and the old fellow felt the glide of a huge 20 passenger bob sled for the first time in prob-ably 25 years. A merry party which more, Figures on the mining output to Morrison. Years ago this was a common thing when snow blanketed Portland, but the coming of payable of the common thing when snow blanketed of the coming of payable of the common thing when snow blanketed of the common thing when the common thing when the common the common thing when the common thing when the common thing each of his followers. Sixteen pieces had stopped such levity, it was be-Weather conditions Saturday were

noticeably the same as the day before. The streets were left to their own devices. Saturday night, few people were to be seen out, preferring to hug stove or radiator inside their homes. The maximum temperature Saturday was 29 degrees, and for Friday was 30, Unsettled conditions today, the weather wizard prognosticates, with possible snow flurries, and an east wind, A sparse flutter of snow was discernible Saturday morning, which resumed operations spasmodically during the day, and left a new film of snow on top of the ley crust on the Streetcars are experiencing little trouble with frozen switches and machinery. Temperatures continue below

250,000,000 Pounds items of construction. Total buildings

normal in this state, according to the

Washington, Dec. 30,-(U. P.) When Uncle Sam played Santa Claus 895,000, this year his pack weighed 250,000,000 In and pounds—or an average of about two and one-half pounds for every man, woman and child in the land.

Il Redeem Bonds Sold 30 Years Ago Sold 30 Years Will Redeem Bonds

THIS STATE

Total Value of Products Exceeds Either Last Year or Year Before by Tens of Millions of Dollars.

NEW YEAR BIDS FAIR TO BE EVEN GREATER

Tide of Prosperity Has Hit Practically Every Line of Endeavor.

Portland and Oregon have just gone through one of the greatest years in the history of the northwest. Howlers f calamity have there been, howlers in almost every line. Men there be who mains that, judged from every token, the tide is flowing strongly toward the shore of fortune.

Of all the primary products of nature which man depends upon for wealth, lumber atone is not yet back to normal. The restrictive influence f the war upon foreign marketing of his great commodity is what has caused the condition. The war has cut off opportunities to sell in Eu-More than that, however, it has taken away from this coast the ships that formerly carried mighty cargoes, Gain Has Been Immense.

But when one considers that the total value of farm products of Oregon in 1916 was \$325,000,000 and better, compared with \$300,000,000 in 1915 and \$256,000,000 in 1914-increases of 12 and of 23 per cent-one can see how general conditions are beginning to offset the temporary decline in one great industry. Livestock brought the farmers \$116,-

500,000 in 1914. Values of vegetable production gained \$8,000,000 during the year, with \$30,330,000 as the total, department rulings that exemptions compared with some \$22,000,000 in 1915 Dairy products worth \$18,000,000

\$65,000 during the year, compared with

person in a particular business by Dalry products worth \$18,000 which he earns a living. Crocker deshowed \$1,000,000 gain, while mands that Collector Scott return to mands that Collector Scott return to the grain are reflected in the him \$11.340 which he alleges, represents losses on bonds and stocks. Scott has held that Crocker's losses which jumped from \$48,192,500 least year to \$65,178,000 in 1915.

Higher Prices Also Help. Oregon fruit brought in \$12,050,000 during the year, against \$7,000,000 in 1915 and \$6,500,000 in 1914. This was accomplished by the combination of more satisfactory prices with a heavy yield in most of the orchard products. Salmon, wool, poultry, eggs, hops, mohair and honey added \$79,700,000 to the total, which is seen to be one of

Weather conditions hurt the dairy industry and high prices of feed decreased the net returns in the poultry industry; but the wool clip gained nearly \$1,000,000 during the year in spite of a smaller production. Higher prices were at work in almost all lines. The catch of salmon increased to such an extent that \$2,000,000 was added to the 1915 totals.

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The earth is yielding up its minerals also, in a measure far outstripping agricultural development. Opening of great copper prospects in Jack-son, Curry, Coos and Josephine and in Baker, Grant and Wallowa coun-ties are adding new wealth, New minmarkable development has been in the building of ships. During the last few months new shippards have aprung op to fill the demand for bottoms the world over. Now under construction are four mammoth steel freighters within Portland s city limits, while half a dozen yards are turning out wooden ships of a new and effective type. Oregon as a whole now leads the nation in the number of wooden vessels

under construction, including 28 ships totaling 43,600 tons. Pactories Double Output.

Portland's many factories for the production of wares of all kinds, working up the raw products of the farm, have in many cases doubled their out-put. The furniture industry has shown especially large gains. Packing of meats, vegetables, cereals has gone for-

All of which leads up to the evidences of material prosperity to the rank and file of Portland's population, This prosperity has shown itself in a gain of \$1,406,000 in building per-mits, distributed over 4467 individual contracted for during the year are recorded as costing \$6.301,360, again 3623 buildings last year costing \$4,0

In another way, the tendency showed itself through the big increase in bank deposits, \$138,000,000 being represented in the institutions of the state at the time of the last call of the comptroller

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MILLARY TRAINING

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Chicago, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Follow. Ing close upon the announcement that Chicago will be the first great American the fire out with pails of water was singled and blistered on the face and then to the present the first great American the provided with New York financial interests seeking this such step.

BOTTOW SIX MILLIONS

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