BRIEF INFORMATION

(13TH DAY OF 1917)

Coming Events.

Oregon Retail Merchants' association, and Northwest Retailers' association, Portland, February 19-24.

Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association, annual convention Portland, January 24, 25, 26.

National Child Labor days, January 28, 29.

Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon annual convention at La Grande, April 24-25.

Today's Forecast.

Portland and vicinity—Fair tonight and Sunday; easterly winds.

Oregon—Fair tonight; Sunday fair, warmer east portion; easterly winds.

Washington — Fair tonight; Sunday fair, warmer southeast portion; easterly winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight; warmer southeast portion; Sunday fair, warmer.

Weather Conditions.

The pressure is high over the entire country, but light precipitation has occurred in southern California, central Rocky Mountain districts, central Canada, western Tennessee, upper Mississippi valley and lake region. The weather is warmer in interior northern California, western Canada, western North Dakota and on the Appalachian Highland; it is colder in practically all other sections of the country. Except in southern California, northeastern Washington, Alberta and western New York, temperatures, in general, are below normal.

The conditions are favorable for generally fair weather in this district tonight and Sunday; it will be warmer tonight in southeastern Idaho, and Sunday in eastern Oregon, southeastern Washington and Idaho. Winds will be easterly.

T. FRANCIS DRAKE,
Assistant Forecaster.

Observations.

STATIONS	Temperature. 5 p. m. Pacific Coast time.	Change in 24 hours.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest last night.	Wind velocity 5 p. m. Pacific Coast time.	Precipitation last 24 hours.
Baker, Or.	2	— 6	28	— 2	....	0
Billings, Mont.	4	— 6	10	— 4	....	0
Boston, Mass.	16	+12	16	12	....	0
Chicago, Ill.	4	— 6	22	4	16	.32
Des Moines, Ia.	0	—18	20	0	6	.02
Duluth, Minn.	—18	—16	4	—18	20	.02
*Dutch Harbor,	34	+ 2	....	32	....	.32
Edmonton, Alta.	4	+14	— 2	— 8	....	.20
Fresno, Cal.	40	0	44	40	....	.34
Havre, Mont.	—8	— 4	0	—12	....	0
*Honolulu, T. H.	68	+ 2	74	....	....	0
Jacksonville, Fla.	44	+14	50	42	10	0
Kalispell, Mont.	2	— 6	18	2	....	0
Kansas City, Mo.	8	—14	26	8	16	0
*Kodiak, Alaska	40	0	....	34	....	0
Los Angeles, Cal.	56	+ 2	56	52	12	.44
*Medford, Or.	26	— 2	28	24	....	0
Missoula, Mont.	6	— 8	....	....	....	0
New Orleans, La.	60	+18	62	58	12	0
New York, N. Y.	28	+18	22	16	20	0
N. Head, Wn.	36	0	50	36	....	0
N. Yakima, Wn.	14	— 4	40	14	....	0
*Omaha, Neb.	10	— 6	20	....	14	0
Pittsburg, Pa.	30	+22	22	22	14	.01
Portland, Or.	31	— 3	46	31	....	0
Rapid City, S. D.	—4	— 8	8	—4	....	0
Roseburg, Or.	30	— 6	40	30	....	0
St. Louis, Mo.	12	— 6	40	12	16	0
St. Paul, Minn.	—8	— 8	8	—12	10	.01
Salt Lake, Utah.	10	— 6	26	8	....	.02
San Francisco	44	— 2	48	44	10	.12
Sheridan, Wyo.	—6	+12	8	—6	....	0
Spokane, Wn.	24	0	32	20	....	0
Tacoma, Wn.	28	— 6	42	28	....	0
*Tanana, Alaska	16	+22	....	—12	....	0
Tonopah, Nev.	32	— 4	426	8	....	0
Victoria, B. C.	32	— 4	....	32	....	0
Walla Walla	26	0	34	24	....	0
Washington, D.C.	28	+12	26	24	....	0

Wind velocities of less than 10 miles an hour and amounts of precipitation of less than .01 of an inch are not published hereon.

*Afternoon report of preceding day.

TOWN TOPICS

Work on Mexican Border.—Stanley Baker of the Y. M. C. A. will be the principal speaker at the Y. W. C. A. vesper services Sunday at 4:30 o'clock, telling of his work for the boys at the Mexican border last fall. Mr. Baker was sent by the international committee as one of the army of Y. M. C. A. traveling secretaries. At each stop during his trip Mr. Baker gave an entertainment, readings and music on his gold plated saxophone, which was commonly named among the boys as his "tin Lizzie." Mr. Baker will render a selection on the saxophone Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Baker.

Examinations for West Point.—Five members of the Oregon National Guard, who aspire to a cadetship at West Point, took a competitive examination at the High School of Commerce Friday, given under the direction of L. R. Alderman, city superintendent of schools. The examination was held at the request of Governor Withycombe, governors of the several states having been asked to make National Guard recommendations for Military Academy appointments. Similar examinations have been conducted in Portland for Senator Chamberlain and Representative McArthur.

Club Resumes Meetings.—The Southeast Portland Improvement club has resumed its regular weekly meetings again after the holiday season. The sessions are held on Tuesday night at the Arleta branch library. The meeting last Tuesday evening was a rousing one and much good work was done including the appointment of committees to look up the matter of paving and improving Foster road and other streets of the district. The committee is expected to report at the next meeting.

Modern Drama Class.—The class in modern drama, conducted by Professor Mable Holmes Parsons of the University of Oregon, will meet in room H of the library at 7:45 this evening. Subject, "The Significance of Galsworthy's Comedies, "The Pigeon," "Joy," "A Bit o' Love." Visitors are welcome to the class.

"Making the Most of One's Mind," a sequel to last week's sermon on "The Moral Duty to Be Intelligent" will be preached by Dr. John H. Boyd, D. D., at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, First Presbyterian church, Twelfth and Alder. After meeting at 9 o'clock. Regular services also at 10:30 a. m. (Adv.)

Columbia River Highway Stage.—Two round trips, Multnomah Falls to Portland, daily. Leave Multnomah Falls 7:30 a. m. and 1:10 p. m. Leave St. Charles hotel, Portland, 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday evening, leave Multnomah Falls 6:30 p. m. and Portland 11 p. m. (Adv.)

Signal System on Bridge.—The Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. has been granted permission by the board of county commissioners to install a signal system on the Broadway bridge. The object is to be able to reroute cars without delay when the draw is open.

Mr. E. B. MacNaughton will be the principal speaker this Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Open Forum, Broadway between Yamhill and Taylor. Subject, "Should Portland and Multnomah County Be Consolidated?" Discussion free to all. (Adv.)

Salesmen's Club Banquet.—The annual banquet and social meeting of the Portland Salesmen's club was held Friday evening at Hotel Portland. The ladies were honor guests and there were about 125 present.

Steamer Jessie Harkins, for Camas, Washougal and way landings, daily, except Sunday. Leaves Washington Street dock at 2 p. m. (Adv.)

Sale Marks' Shoes, 243 Wash. (Adv.)

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the kind sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement. Moy Back Hin and family.

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PROPERTY OWNERS TO GET NO RELIEF ON BRIDGE ASSESSMENT

There Being No Surplus in the Bridge Fund County Is Powerless.

CONTRACT IS OVER $3000

Commissioner Muck Says That County Money Should Not Be Expended for Improvements Inside City Limits.

Property owners who have been assessed for the cost of the Union avenue approach to the interstate bridge were definitely and positively informed by the board of county commissioners Friday that they could obtain no relief from the county.

They were also told that there was an erroneous impression abroad to the effect that there would be a large surplus in the bridge fund. "I don't know how much will be left," said Commissioner Muck. There is only $16,000 in the fund now, and I don't know where we are going to get off. One contract has already overrun $3000."

Property Owners Appear.

W. M. Killingsworth was the spokesman for a delegation of the interested property owners who appeared before the board. He said that the property owners signed for the improvement in the initiation of it under the belief that there would be no money available from the bond issue for it. Now, since it has been reported that there would be a surplus, he thought the property owners should be relieved, in view of the fact that it was a great public utility, of general benefit to everybody in the county. To collect the assessment would, he said, almost amount to confiscation.

Should Bear Burden.

Expressing the position of the board of commissioners, Commissioner Muck said: "I am not in favor of expending the county money inside the city limits. Moreover, the value of the property in question has been doubled by the approach, and the owners should stand the burden. Whenever an assessment is levied in the city the poor man and woman have to pay. You might talk to me all day, but I cannot change my position. I have been told that it will hurt me, but I think you ought to know definitely just what our position is. I am against it. Much of this property is held for speculative purposes."

Improvement Public in Nature.

M. A. Zollinger added a few words to the remarks of Mr. Killingsworth, saying that the viaduct constituted a physical link in the approach to the bridge, and that the improvement was absolutely public in its nature, and should be borne by the public instead of the abutting property.

Chairman Holman followed with the statement that Mr. Muck had stated the position of the board. "I don't know," he added, "whether we will have the funds to do so or not, nor do I know whether we would have a legal right to use them for this purpose or not."

In leaving the room, Mr. Killingsworth said: "The district will never pay the assessment."

Bids for Heating Plant.

The commissioners opened bids for the installation of a heating plant at the Armory building. The advertisement called only for a steam heating plant, but a bid was received from the Portland Gas & Coke Co. for a gas heater.

The bids were as follows: Portland Gas & Coke Co., $6859.07; Appling-Griggs company, $6979; W. P. Bunce, $7309; J. F. Shea, $7789; Mulrhead & Murhard, $8395; Rushlight & Hastorf, $7697; J. R. Widmer, $7882.

The bids were referred to Captain Hockenyos, custodian of the Armory, and G. E. Keller, for analysis and recommendation.

DU PONT PLANT BLOWN UP; 2 MEN MISSING

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happened, County Prosecutor Dunn sent investigators to the scene to determine the extent and cause of the damage with the idea of beginning an official public investigation if the circumstances warrant.

Starting with a brief flash in what is known as the glazing barrel at the Haskell plant, the flames last night spread quickly to the blending house and ate their way toward the three big magazines containing nearly a million pounds of powder.

With the flash came the warning cry of nearby workmen, and in a moment the 300 men on the night force were racing and yelling through the village, rousing the inhabitants as they ran.

The country roundabout was filled with fleeing, terror-stricken men, women and children when a little later the earth bumped and shook with the rumbling roar as the first magazine blew up.

Houses Torn From Foundations.

Sheds, ramshackle houses and buildings collapsed. Thousands of window panes rattled to the ground. Machinery in small factories in Haskell, Midvale, Bloomingdale and other small towns nearby jumped from their bases and tumbled about, smashing floors and ceilings and in some instances wrecking buildings.

Instantly the black night sky flared red from the burning powder plant. Thousands of people throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut felt the rumbling jar of the explosion; and from windows as far away as Albany, looked out and saw the fire light leaping against the sky.

Buildings four miles from the scene of the blow-up were wrecked, windows were smashed 15 miles away and automobiles five miles from the place were blown from the road.

Whole Country Shaken.

The rumbling and disturbance as sensed by New York was likened in a lesser degree to that of the Black Tom explosion last July. Residents of Mamaroneck, L. I. Sound, in Westchester county, reported that the whole country was severely shaken.

So complete was the isolation of the plant due to interruption of telephone communication that up to an hour following the explosion no additional details of the extent of the disaster could be obtained by the police or state authorities in any of the half dozen towns immediately adjacent to the lakes.

Doctors and Nurses Sent.

Doctors and nurses were immediately dispatched in automobiles to the plant, and from as far as Paterson emergency ambulances were called.

"The first intimation I had of the disaster," said Mr. Estler, "was when Butler was suddenly illuminated by a vivid flash. This was followed about 30 seconds later by a terrific shock which shook the very foundations of every house in this village. It was followed by a shower of broken glass from every house and store.

"Everybody rushed out of doors. They had scarcely reached the street when another flash illuminated the sky. The explosion that followed was much louder than the first.

Guards Keep People Away.

"By this time everybody who could was getting into automobiles and starting for the plant.

"At the plant there was great excitement and it was impossible to get any definite information.

"The only persons who seemed to retain any semblance of order were the armed guards. They refused to allow anyone to approach the place.

From Pompton, Haskell, Butler, Oakland, Jacksonville, Reguanac, Midvale, Bloomingdale, Ridgewood and even Paterson people fled in alarm.

Bravest Join Fleeing Throng.

A few of the more venturesome ones who had gone towards the Du Pont works at the first flash changed their direction and joined the fleeing throngs.

For about three minutes after the first flash the village of Bloomingdale was so well illuminated, though it is two miles from the Du Pont plant, that residents of the place said newspapers could have been read in the streets.

At Oyster Bay, Long Island, houses rocked, windows were shattered, and people were awakened by the explosion although no sound of the detonation reached that section. The shock was felt keenly by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at his home on Sagamore Hill.

JERSEY FOLKS SEE SHELLS EXPLODE AND FLY FROM PLANT

Kingsland, N. J., Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—Strange sights greeted the eye in the shell swept area of this village and its outlands at dawn yesterday.

Men, women and children, weirdly clad and dragging outlandish bundles, struggled homeward through the now intermittent shell fire from the Canadian Car & Foundry company's plant.

Some of the courage that gave place to terror as they fled from the whistling shells into the bitter cold, dark night, had returned.

They had tasted of the experiences of shell-wrecked towns in the European war zones.

Over a frosted hillside topped by a graveyard a little procession of men made their way in the early light. They were mourners, who, when a big shell whined past them as they stood beside the coffin at the grave, dropped their burden and fled.

Trudging down the Jersey City road past fields dotted with spent shells, went two young women, thinly and none too completely clad. One had a babe in arms; the other staggered beneath a small mountain of bedding.

"Where are you going?" they were asked.

"Away from here," the woman with the babe spoke.

A little further on stood a roadhouse. A smashed window told its own story of what had happened.

Inside, behind the bar, stood jolly, rotund Frank Briniski, laughing at what he called his "baby visitors"—three long shrapnel cases ranged nose up on the bar.

"I am not long from Poland," laughed Frank, "and I am coming here to get away from war. This—oh, this nothing. I—"

Crash! Zoom! Plunk! "another baby" shot through the window and landed among the reporters, directly in front of the big Pole. It did not explode.

Enough Was Enough.

"Damn!" yelled Frank. His ejaculation was emphasized by a second bang and a crash as though a lumberyard had collapsed.

"There goes my house porch," yelled Frank. "It was a joke, but it makes me mad now."

A slight, shivering little man came out from behind the stove. He was much bedraggled and appeared to have been immersed in water.

"I was working in the shell room when the explosion came," he recited, "and I rushed to the window and jumped."

Safety in the River.

He lit in the Hackensack river, crashing through the ice and flounder-

WOMAN USHERS IN AMERICAN IDEA IN TEXTILE DECORATIVE ART

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New York, Jan. 9.—Young Miss America is going to carry the history of her country in her dress. Just as the wise men of geology can take a handful of rocks and calculate the age of a part of the earth so the learned may, in the near future, see the stages of American development in milady's frock design.

For the American idea in textile decorative art has been born. It was created by a woman. Under the spur of a prize offered by the representatives of the makers of women's clothes the new order has been ushered in by Miss Durant de Sumene of New York city. She is the winner of the prize offered by the clothing folk for the best American design for textile ornamentation.

EXPLOSIONS IN U. S. SINCE WAR STARTED

1914.

Elisabeth, N. J.—Wright Chemical works damaged by gun cotton, three killed; September.

Chicago—Paine Fireworks Display company plant destroyed, several killed; October.

Jersey City, N. J.—Detwiller & Street Fireworks Manufacturing company, four killed and injured; October.

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Haskell, N. J.—DuPont Powder company, five killed; March.

Alton, Ill.—Equitable Powder plant, five killed; April.

Carney's Point, N. J.—Powder mill of E. I. DuPont Powder company blows up, six injured, May 10; stillhouse at DuPont's destroyed.

New York—DuPont works, May 15, five injured;

New York—Elmer & Amend factory in East Nineteenth street, chemicals explode; two badly injured.

Pompton Lake, N. J.—Explosions of powder camps at railroad station.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Aetna Chemical company, one dead and 10 burned; June.

Wellington, N. J.—Anderson Chemical company, gun cotton explosion, two dead; May.

Acton, Mass.—American Powder company plant crippled; August.

Frankford, Pa.—Arsenal explosion, three killed; August.

Haskell, N. J.—DuPont Powder mills, steam pipe bursts, four scalded; July.

New York—George Light & Son, tank of carbolic acid explodes, one killed; August.

New York—National Conduit and Cable company, molten metal explodes, six injured; September.

oNrthbergen, N. J.—Fireworks factory is wrecked; two dead; September.

Philadelphia—Frankford arsenal, mysterious explosion of time fuses three killed; August.

Pinole, Cal.—Train carrying 7000 pounds of dynamite wrecked; explosion in mills kills three; September.

Pittsburg—Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, shells explode, kill two; September.

Stuart, N. Y.—Cement Solvay company, benzol plant destroyed; July.

Wilmington, Del.—DuPont Powder company plant explosion, two killed; August.

Carney's Point, N. J.—DuPont Powder company, one killed and 16 injured; November.

New fires break out at this plant in December.

Emporium, Pa.—Aetna Explosive company, four killed; October.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Corcor Chemical company, six injured; December.

Pompton Lake, N. J.—Metallic Cap works wrecked; October.

Reddington, Pa.—Fuse plant of Bethlehem Steel company, one killed, 15 injured; December.

Rising Sun, Del.—DuPont Powder company plant destroyed; November.

Wilmington, Del.—DuPont Powder company, 31 killed; December.

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Bridgeport, Conn.—Union Metallic Cartridge company, two injured; February.

Carney's Point, N. J.—DuPont Powder company, five killed; January. DuPont Solvent recovery building blown up, two injured. Powder flare in DuPont works injures seven; January. DuPont mixing house partly destroyed; March.

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Gibbstown, N. J.—DuPont Powder company, five injured; January. DuPont filtering house blown up, March.

New Castle, Del.—Bethlehem projectile plant destroyed; February.

Newhall, Me.—DuPont Powder company press house damaged; January.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Niagara Electro plant destroyed, one killed, several injured; March.

Pompton, N. J.—DuPont plant, cap explosion, one killed; January.

Wilmington, Del.—DuPont powder plant, two explosions; January 10. Fifth explosion at this plant January 13.

Woburn, Mass.—New England Chemical Co., T. N. T. plant blown up; February.

Blueviews, W. Va.—DuPont plant wrecked, three killed; April.

Gibbstown, N. J.—DuPont Powder company plant destroyed, 14 killed; May.

Landing, N. J.—Atlas Powder company mixing plant destroyed, five killed, 15 injured; May.

Wayne, N. J.—DuPont Powder plant destroyed, one killed, 18 injured; June.

Black Tom Island, N. J.—Munitions trains blown up in Lehigh Valley railroad yard, seven killed, damage to Black Tom and nearby cities, including New York, ran into millions; July.

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Kingsland, N. J.—Canadian Car & Foundry company munition plant destroyed by fire and explosions; January.

DENVER WOMAN KILLS CHAUFFEUR HUSBAND WHO COMES IN DRUNK

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ever she went on a trip, however, as she did recently to Niagara Falls, Smith should accompany her. It was also agreed that when Mrs. Smith was out of town Moore would come to the home and take care of Moore's daughter, and that if Smith ever came to the home when Mildred was there, Mrs. Smith was to telephone for Moore.

Moore Gets His Daughter.

This morning at 2 o'clock Smith rang the bell at his wife's house and slipped past the servant who opened the door, immediately going to Mrs. Smith's apartment. The quarrel began at once, and Mrs. Smith telephoned for Moore to come and get his child. Moore did so, but Smith kept out of sight, and the two did not meet, according to Mrs. Smith.

"As soon as Moore left the quarreling was renewed," said Mrs. Smith as she told the story of the shooting at police headquarters. "From time to time he tried to force me to take a drink of whiskey or port wine. He had a bottle of each of them.

"Finally he took out his big automatic gun and handed it to me and dared me to shoot him. I took the gun and laid it on the dresser.

Shoots With Two Guns.

"Then about 7 o'clock when he had torn all my clothes he went into the bathroom to get some water to take with another drink. While he was gone I got my little automatic and waited for him to come back. When he came back I shot him. The bullet knocked him down but I did not think I had killed him, so I went and got his big automatic and shot him again."

After firing the shots into Smith's body, Mrs. Smith telephoned Moore, who rushed to the house and summoned the police. When the police surgeon pronounced Smith dead Mrs. Smith, standing in the doorway of the room exclaimed:

"Thank God. That's all I wanted to know. I don't care what they do with me. I'm glad he's dead. No one will ever know the abuse I suffered at his hands."

The late Bishop David H. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was stationed in Portland from 1904 to 1908, but, as fas as is known, his son, William Moore, never lived in this city. Nor is it believed that the latter's divorced wife ever resided in Portland. The Cranston with whom William Moore is associated in law practice is a son of Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, D. C.

NEXT MOVE OF U. S. IN DIRECTION OF PEACE IS BEING FORMULATED

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dential advices from Ambassador Gerard—by Von Bethmann-Hollweg in an address in the reichstag on the entente terms.

What the president is looking for is some common ground on which the entente desires and Teuton concessions square sufficiently to give him a basis for effectual work.

In the meantime the submarine controversy again looks as a prod to American efforts for peace. Reports from abroad, confirmed to a large extent in German circles here, indicate that if there is no peace now Germany will push her warfare on a larger and more relentless scale.

Ambassador von Bernstorff has assured that there will be no further violations of the "principles" which Germany has agreed to—cruiser warfare.

EDITORIAL COMMENT IN BRITAIN ON GERMANY'S LATEST NOTE BITTER

London, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—British editorial comment today turned from its fulsome phrases of praise of the allied note to bitterest denunciation of Germany's latest appeal for neutral sympathy, made in the note published yesterday.

"Berlin's delicious comment," remarked the Daily Mail, "is a mixture of whines and falsehoods. Clearly Germany wouldn't be talking so much about peace if she didn't want it badly, and it is clear it is not only peace but the plunder she has stolen. She can have peace at any moment by returning to her own country and end the 'starvation' campaign by dropping the stolen goods."

"The pleas advanced by Germany are so preposterous that their inclusion is almost incredible," declared the Daily News. "The assertion that the lawlessness on the sea began with arbitrary measures taken by Great Britain will fall with a shock of amazement upon the ears of the nation which in February, 1915, had issued a warning to Germany holding it to a 'strict accountability' for her acts."

The Times pointed out that Germany's complaint of use of colored troops in Europe comes "from the powers which have brought the Turks into Galicia."

Danes Believe Peace Near.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13. — (U. P.) — In spite of the character of belligerents' notes, there is belief in Danish diplomatic circles that peace is near.

The popular sentiment, in Denmark, too, appears to have changed since September. Then the Danes were willing to fight at the drop of a hat. They are still strongly anti-German, but speculation as to Denmark joining forces with the entente has now ceased.

Minister Maurice Francis Egan, dean of the diplomatic colony here, and for ten years a confidante of opposing groups in Denmark, sails on February 8 for Washington on a two months' vacation. As a result of his observations he may be able to impart to President Wilson some valuable information as a further means for projecting peace discussions, although definite negotiations now seem impossible until the spring offensive.

Note Said to Block Chance.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—German editorial comment today was practically unanimous in the belief that the allies' note has blocked all chance for peace at present.

"The entente's note establishes that this is a war of conquest on their part—it destroys our last desire for peace," declared an editorial in the Berlin Local Anzeiger.

"Now, as heretofore, our enemies will strive for the destruction of Germany as a great power," asserted the Tages Zeitung.

The Tageblatt characterized the demands made by a "madly frantic entente" as having "blocked every path leading to peace."

"War by notes is thus exhausted for the present," declared the Taeglische Rundschau.

Germany Should Publish Terms.

Stockholm, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Newspaper comment in Sweden generally agreed today that the allies' reply to President Wilson blocks peace for the present. The newspaper Tidningen, however, sees some hope of compromise.

The Dagens Nyheter declares it is "Germany's duty now to publish her terms."

Unmasked Bandits Rob Oklahoma Bank

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Three unmasked bandits held up B. F. Miles, president, and O. G. McClurg, cashier of the First National bank of Harrah, Okla., 26 miles east of here, yesterday, and stole $2500 after Miles and McClurg had been locked in the vault. The bandits escaped in an automobile. Two posses, one of which was organized in Oklahoma City, are in pursuit of the robbers.

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SEATTLE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL IS ON QUEST FOR FACTS

In Search of Information of Public Operation of Utilities Visits California.

INTERESTED IN BELT LINE

Stops in Portland and Asks Commissioner Daly to Inspect Seattle's Municipal Electric System.

Oliver T. Erickson, president of the Seattle city council, spent a few hours in Portland Thursday, en route to his home city, after spending two weeks visiting in California. He is accompanied by Mrs. Erickson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in California and in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were entertained at lunch, after which they took the 2:10 train for Seattle. During his stay of two weeks in California Mr. Erickson visited a number of cities in search of information concerning public operation of utilities. He also was interested in the campaign against the commission form of government in Sacramento, the result of which was the sustaining at a special election of the progressive form.

"I was particularly interested in the belt line of railroad connecting the public wharves in San Francisco," said Mr. Erickson. "It is operated by a state commission and greatly facilitates the operation of the waterfront, all of which is owned by the state. The system has been marvelously developed and has much to do with the supremacy of San Francisco in maritime and commercial lines. The water supply of San Francisco is in the hands of a corporation which charges four times what our public system in Seattle does. The municipal transportation system there is extended constantly and giving satisfaction. In Seattle we are endeavoring to secure the means to construct a belt line road connecting our public docks. I stayed over in San Francisco to investigate her state system of waterfront and belt line ownership and operation."

While in California Mr. Erickson visited a number of public lighting plants in order to compare with that of Seattle's. He will report, as chairman of the committee on franchises of the Seattle city council, a large number of authentic facts and municipal experiences.

While in Portland he had a short conference with Commissioner Will H. Daly, and cordially invited him to visit Seattle in the near future and inspect the Seattle municipal electric system, which has reduced the price for "juice" from 20 cents to 5½ cents per kilowatt hour, and is extending itself on its profits in spite of keen competition from the old established company.

GETS HIGH GRADE FOR NAVAL ACADEMY

Roland Krause.

Roland Krause, a sophomore at Reed college has received notification that he has received the highest grade of all participants in the examinations for appointment to the United States naval academy at Annapolis. He has yet to take the physical examination.

Krause is 19 years old and is a son of Rev. August Krause, 510 East Twelfth street, pastor of the Twelfth Street Lutheran church.

The examinations were held December 15, at the commercial high school. Krause received notification as to his standing from Superintendent L. R. Alderman. A class of 30 boys took the examination.

U. S. CRUISER MILWAUKEE IS STUCK IN SAND

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way along shore for miles from the station, inside the entrance to Humboldt bay, dragging their Lyle gun with them. The first attempt to shoot a line aboard failed, but the second put the line squarely amidships. It was at once seized and made fast.

Preparations were rushed to use the breeches buoy rig and it was hoped to have the entire company on shore and in safety before many hours.

At noon the monitor Cheyenne and the naval tug Iroquois were lying close by, but were helpless to aid the stranded warship, fearing to come too close lest they share her fate.

The Milwaukee still has her cable aboard the submarine H-3.

Officers on Board of Craft.

Lieutenant W. F. Newton is in command of the Milwaukee. The other officers on board are:

G. L. Weyler, E. T. Oates and A. B. Walton, lieutenants, junior grade.

Ensign H. P. Parmalee.

Passed Assistant Surgeon W. G. Stedman.

A. F. McCreery, assistant dental surgeon.

Ray Spear, paymaster.

U. G. Chipman, chief gunner.

C. E. Eason and W. A. Mason, gunners.

James A. Hickey, chief machinist.

L. A. Pray, carpenter.

A. J. Marshal, R. A. Smith and C. J. Masters, pay clerks.

CRUISER STRUCK SAND AT 4:25 WHILE TUGGING AT CABLE ON DIVER H-3

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 13.—Hard aground near the entrance to Humboldt bay, within the first line of breakers, and with a heavy surf and strong wind steadily driving her inshore, the United States cruiser Milwaukee is in grave danger of being lost.

The Milwaukee grounded at 4:25 o'clock this morning in a dense fog and at noon today was resting on the sand in less than 12 feet of water. When she struck, the cruiser, together with the tug Iroquois and the submarine tender Cheyenne, was making an effort to salvage the submarine H-3, stranded on the beach several weeks ago. The Milwaukee was the closest inshore with the Cheyenne tugging at the cable a little further out and the Iroquois on the outer end. When the cruiser was lifted onto the sand by a heavy swell the Cheyenne and Iroquois were forced to let go to avoid a similar fate.

Two Vessels Stand By.

The Cheyenne and the Iroquois are standing by, and the tug McCulloch was expected to leave San Francisco for the scene before afternoon to aid in the attempt to float the cruiser, which will be made as soon as possible.

Besides 16 officers, the Milwaukee carries a crew of 525 men. She displaces 9700 tons and has engines of 24,504 horsepower, developing a speed of about 22 knots. She cost $2,825,000.

While the Milwaukee lay stranded on the beach, the body of H. R. Park-

STATE EDITORS WILL HAVE TWO BILLS TO OFFER IN THE HOUSE

Clackamas County Delegation Back of Measure to Provide Rates for Legals.

Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—Two bills recommended by the Oregon Editorial association will be introduced in the house by the Clackamas county delegation.

One of the bills provides that the legal rate for the publication of legal notices in counties of less than 150,000 population shall be 65 cents for each insertion for each folio or 250 ems of type.

It provides the affidavit of proof of publication must state the amount charged for the publication of the notice in question. The price fixed is said to be equal to 5 cents a line for brevier type.

The other bill includes the requirement for the publication of notices of sheriff's sales, in addition to other legal notices now required to be published, and defines the term "newspaper" in the meaning of the act.

A newspaper is defined as a publication of general circulation having at least four pages of five columns each, with type of a depth of 17⅛ inches, or an equivalent amount of type space on smaller pages. It must have at least 200 bona fide subscribers in the county and have been published at least once a week for the 12 preceding months.

Provision is made that no suit or action in which publication of notices or summons is required can be determined, dismissed or disposed of until the moving party files an affidavit that all publication fees have been paid.

er, aged 27, seaman, who was drowned Thursday when a boat from the cruiser overturned in the surf, was found on the beach today, about a mile and a half from the scene of the disaster. Parker's parents are residents of Santa Barbara.

About 400 Yards From Shore.

The Milwaukee is about 400 yards from shore, a considerable distance inside the first line of breakers. Her position was declared to be perilous, and doubt was expressed on all sides that she could be taken off.

After having lifted for two hours the fog closed down again at 10 o'clock, shutting the Milwaukee completely from view.

The Humboldt Bay section of California has been known as the "graveyard of many ships." Within less than six months three disasters of note have occurred there. The first was the wreck of the big liner Bear, which went aground near Cape Mendocino with a loss of five lives. The Bear is still high and dry on the sand, and has been virtually abandoned.

A month ago the submarine H-3 drifted ashore in a fog near Samoa. The crew was rescued after harrowing experience. Day before yesterday one member of the Milwaukee crew was drowned and two were badly injured during an attempt to pull the H-3 off.

Today's disaster makes the third in this section.

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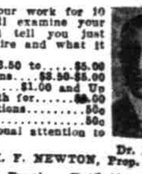

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