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Forecast for Eastern Oregon, by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Unsettled tonight and Friday; probably snow.

TWO MORE GERMAN CRUISERS ARE SUNK BY THE BRITISH

KAISER SUFFERING SEVERELY DECLARE RELIABLE REPORTS

His Condition is Taken to be Serious and He is Brought to the Royal Palace in Berlin.

DEMONSTRATIONS FORBIDDEN

His Majesty is Attacked With Coughing Spell This Morning Which Lasts Hour—Condition Today is Reported as Unchanged—Strict Censorship at the Capital.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The latest Berlin reports bearing the marks of official approval, declared the kaiser's condition was unchanged. It was supposed he was still at Breslau until the Lokai Anzeiger announced he is in the capital. He returned to Berlin last Thursday night. The authorities forbade a demonstration about the palace owing to the illness of the kaiser. The kaiser had a bad coughing spell this morning, according to an Amsterdam report and it was said he was not relieved until his wife and the court physician had worked over him for an hour. The fact is accepted here that his majesty's illness is serious.

A strict censorship prevailed at Berlin but reports have been received from various points and from the most reliable sources regarding the kaiser's illness. The attack was variously described in some dispatches as pneumonia, bronchitis and influenza and in some cases as nervous prostration.

PENDELTON HIGH SCHOOL AND PURPLE GIANTS CLASH

GAME TONIGHT EXPECTED TO BE FAST—LOCAL TEAM IN GOOD CONDITION.

One of the finest exhibitions of basketball to be produced this season is expected tonight on the local gym floor of the high school when the Pendleton high school team meets the "Purple Giants" in the opening game of the present season. The local team is in the finest condition it has been for years, and not only has it five of its old letter men to present but there are also a number of new men who have proven themselves masters of the game. Among the new men is Roscoe Vaughan, who has become a wonder in the science of basketball. The lineup for tonight will be as follows: Emil Selbert, center; Fred

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DRASTIC MEASURE TO REGULATE PAWN AND SECOND-HAND SHOPS IS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

In an effort to make it difficult for thieves to dispose of their stolen plunder, the city council last evening adopted a drastic ordinance governing the pawn shops and second hand stores. Hereafter the proprietors of such places must keep a legible record of all goods they buy or receive in pledge and this record will be open to any prosecuting attorney or peace officer. The ordinance is identical with the Spokane ordinance and is much the same as exists in other cities. It has been made necessary by the fact that some men engage in the second-hand or pawnshop business simply to act as "fences" for professional thieves. At different times dealers in Pendleton have received goods which the officers believe they had good reason to suspect were stolen and the ease with which stolen goods have been disposed of here prompted the council to pass the ordinance. The requirements are severe for those who are engaged in a legitimate business but it was not possible to make any distinction between dealers. The written record must show the date of the transaction, the name and address of the dealer or employe making the transaction and also the name, address and description of the person with whom it was made, a description of the property, and the

WILSON WILL KEEP THIS COUNTRY OUT OF EUROPEAN WAR

Secretary of the Navy Daniels Admits United States Faces Possibility of Being Yet Involved.

HAS FAITH IN PRESIDENT

Recommendation Will be Made, However, for Four Battleships Annually Instead of Two as Heretofore—More Men Also Needed for the Navy—Enlistments are Few.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—That the United States faces a possibility of becoming involved in the European war was admitted by Secretary of the Navy Daniels before the house naval committee today.

"But I think the president will keep us out of trouble," he added. "With fire all about us there is danger of conflagration. Delicate questions continually are arising."

Daniels told the committee the president's message to congress meant America ought not to do more than heretofore in naval building or act differently because of the war. Daniels said he hoped to see the time when there will be an international agreement to reduce the feverish competition of shipbuilding but thought it would be a great mistake for the United States to stop building on this hope alone.

Daniels admitted he would recommend, if funds permitted, four battleships instead of two as a yearly program. He also admitted the scarcity of hospital ships but said he felt this year's appropriations should be applied to battleships, declaring that with the program proposed America's security would be good.

Daniels also insisted that the navy was not sufficiently manned. He pointed out that only 6,000 men had enlisted in the last 15 months. He recommended the creation of a trained reserve force from the ranks of former navy men who retired to private life at a rate of from three to four thousand annually.

He admitted that enlistment standards bar many from the navy but said he did not think it necessary to have enough men to man every ship. He also made it plain that 25,000 men could be taken into the service from the ranks of former members in ten days in an emergency.

Weather Fierce Storm. POINT ARGUELLO, Dec. 10.—With boilers and one anchor lost and the wireless apparatus out of commission the steamer Centralia lay five miles off South Point Arguello, after a hard battle with a storm which swept upon her during the night.

Society Girls Appear in Pretty Spectacle to Aid Workers



Georgia Beauty Seeks Her Husband in War Zone

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mrs. S. J. Acroyd, of Atlanta and New York, known as one of the most beautiful women in the south, will soon sail for Europe to hunt for her husband, who is somewhere in the battle zone in France. Mr. Acroyd was obliged to make a business trip into the section of France in which the allies and the Germans are fighting and Mrs. Acroyd has not heard from him in so long that she has become alarmed and intends to go to the scene of strife to personally conduct a search for him.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Two more German cruisers reported sunk by British. Secretary of the Navy Daniels Admits possibility of United States being involved in European war. Local. Council passes ordinance to prevent selling of stolen goods to pawn shops. Assessor Strain has remedy for loan tax injustice. Requests made that county stop working on macadam road when it reaches Weston. Farmers hope for rain; are afraid of freeze. Rabies makes appearance among cattle of county. Two big land sales indicated by deeds.



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The Germans were described as having tried to escape from a force which they must have realized outclassed them. Besides sinking the three vessels, the British are said to have sent five German merchantmen to the bottom.

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