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

Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

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MERCURY REACHES ZERO IN COLDEST NIGHT OF WINTER

First Time Thermometer Registers Low Point Since 1912—Temperature This Morning 10 Above.

WATER PIPES SUFFER MUCH

Freezing Weather Brings Woe to Householders—Gas Pipes Frozen Also—Some Thermometers Showed One Degree Below Zero Last Night But These Not Official.

Pendleton got her first touch of zero weather last night in nearly three years. The records of the official observer show that this is the first time the mercury has sunk to zero since January 7, 1912.

COLORADO COLD, TOO.

Icy Wind Accompanies Wave of Freezing Weather—Mercury Registers 4 Degrees Below.

NOT IN 16 YEARS HAS THE UMATILLA BEEN SO LOW

MILLS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING—DEFICIENCY IN RAINFALL CAUSE.

Not in the last sixteen years has the water in the Umatilla river been so low in December as it is right now, according to Horace Mann, head miller at the Pendleton Roller Mills.

As a result of the small volume of water in the river, the mills are having difficulty in operating with anything like regularity. Whenever there is a sufficient head of water, the mills are run regardless of the hour, but even then not at full capacity.

The big deficiency in the rainfall for the wet season is responsible for the light flow in the river and Mr. Mann anticipates that the farmers will suffer from the shortage in the precipitation.

LEVY OF 8 MILLS IS MADE FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES

Umatilla county's state and county tax is two mills less for 1915 than it was for 1914. At a session of the court this morning a levy of eight mills was made for county and state purposes as against ten mills last year.

Pendleton property owners will pay a total tax of 23 1-2 mills this year as against 25 1-2 last year. Nine mills of this will be for city purposes, nine for schools and five and a half for county and state purposes.

GERMAN TRENCHES NEAR LOOS TAKEN BY ALLIED TROOPS

Important Gains Claimed by War Office at Paris in Several Points in France and Belgium.

ARRAS IS AGAIN BOMBARDED

Teutons Accused of Shelling Hospital at Ypres—Fight for Possession of Roulers Continues—Warships off Belgian Coast Shell the German Positions.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The occupation by the allies of the German's entire line of trenches southwest of Loos was announced in a war office statement.

In the advance on Peronne, the destruction by the French was reported of German trenches east of Albert.

Important gains are claimed elsewhere in France and Belgium.

The Germans are accused of bombarding the Ypres hospital on Sunday. It was reported Arras again is being bombarded by the Germans.

The war office added that it wasn't true the British had taken Roulers as reported, but fighting for the town it was stated, was in progress.

Consistent advances by the allies were reported in the Arras and Ypres regions. From Belgium came the news of the steady arrival of trainload after trainload of German wounded from the front.

It was said the Kaiser's forces were threatened with a typhoid fever epidemic.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Though the Kaiser is back at the front, he returned, according to a dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph company from its Berlin correspondent, over his physician's protest. He was said to have left Berlin without a demonstration and is described as pale and old looking.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Fighting in northern France and northwestern Belgium was increasing in violence and in extent today.

Warships off the Belgian coast were aiding the allies by shelling the German right wing furiously.

In the fighting in Belgium it was stated that Middlekerke has been captured by the allies.

In France the capture of two more lines of German trenches, southeast of La Hesse, was announced.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Dreadnaught Thunderer is Reported to Have Been Lost November 7.—Story Unconfirmed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Confirmation of a report published that the British dreadnaught Thunderer had been sunk Nov. 7 was not obtained.

The story was the vessel either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the North sea. It was vouchered for by only one man, a passenger who arrived here on the liner St. Louis from Liverpool.

View of Scarborough, Shelled by the Germans and Map of Probable Course of the Raiders



Scarborough, on the east coast of England, is one of the greatest watering places in the British Isles, and is a city of considerable importance, with a population of 40,000.

of the harbor are the ruins of a twelfth century castle. Near that is the ancient Church of St. Mary, consisting of a nave of what was originally a late Norman and early English church. The fashionable parade is

the Marine Drive, two and a half miles long, protected by a sea wall and embellished with gardens. Scarborough is popularly known as the "Queen of the Watering Places."

There is a large spa, a fine museum and promenade pier.

JOHN SPAIN WINS DAMAGES FROM RAILROAD COMPANY

WELL KNOWN BUCKAROO ALLOWED \$1522—SUED O-W. R. & N. FOR \$5000.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 21.—A jury in the circuit court returned a verdict awarding \$1522 damages to John Spain, former champion buckaroo of the world, in his suit against the O-W. R. & N. railroad company.

During the trial of the case, F. C. Oxman, the Durkee stockman, was called as a witness by the defense. He testified to seeing Spain on the train from which he was removed at Huntington, and that while on the platform at Huntington saw Spain take a drink from a beer bottle.

"Might it not have been water?" asked Hyde.

"It might have been coal oil," answered the witness, while the spectators, jurors and court officials smiled out loud.

HARRY THAW MUST RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR TRIAL

U. S. SUPREME COURT REVERSES OPINION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SHIRE COURT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw was ordered extradited today by the United States supreme court from New Hampshire to New York.

The decision means that Thaw must return to New York to face trial on a charge of conspiracy. The ruling reversed the decision of the New Hampshire supreme court, which granted Thaw's application for a writ of habeas corpus.



Cardinal Seriously Ill.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Agliardi, one of the best known members of the sacred college, is ill with a complication of bronchitis and pneumonia. His condition is serious.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Austrians trying to lift siege of Przemyśl. German trenches taken by allies. Harry Thaw will stand trial in New York.

LOCAL GROWERS USING COTTON SEED CAKES FOR SHEEP FEED

An innovation that gives promise of being very profitable to eastern Oregon sheep men consists in the use of cotton seed cakes for feeding purposes. The cakes are being used here for the first time this winter and some of the biggest growers are trying out the new method with good results.

The feeding of the cotton seed cakes strengthens the sheep generally and makes them produce more wool and the ewes give more milk for the lambs. Last winter a prominent grower in Idaho divided a band of sheep, feeding one half the band on alfalfa

AUSTRIANS MAKING DESPERATE EFFORT TO SAVE PRZEMYSL

Fierce Sortie is Made From Fortress in Attempt to Drive Russian Forces Back From City.

SLAVS FORMING A NEW LINE

Defense of Warsaw Likely to Develop a Supreme Test of Strength Between the Troops of the Czar and the Kaiser Forces—Over Million Men Defending Warsaw.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—via Rome.—The Austrians are making a tremendous effort to raise the Russian siege of Przemyśl and with this object in view a furious sortie was made today from the fortress.

Simultaneously a supreme effort is in progress to drive the Russians backward along the right bank of the Vistula, in southern Poland. It is believed that the success of either the sortie or the operation in Poland would free Przemyśl.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Russians are believed to have formed an entirely new line for Warsaw's defense.

Best judges were of the opinion that if the Germans broke through the Slav front they would do so only at the expense of a terrific battle on a scale which the present war has not seen.

It was said that more than a million men are in the Warsaw defensive line.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—German attacks on the Russian positions still are in progress, according to the war office. East Prussian situation was said to be unchanged.

Where the French attacked the German line Sunday the Gallia forces were said to have been repulsed and the capture by storm of certain trenches held by the British Indian troops was described.

SCORES OF EXECUTIONS R-PORTED AT VERA CRUZ

TROOPS SAID TO HAVE GOTTEN BEYOND THE CONTROL OF CARRANZA.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Unconfirmed reports received here said that Mexican troops at Vera Cruz, beyond Carranza's control, were making scores of arrests. Numerous executions were also reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Gutierrez notified the state department that Maytorena would move his Villista troops from their present position at Naco Sonora, to a point beyond the range of the American border.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—"The situation at Naco is very much relieved," government officials announced. They admitted, however, they are watching developments in the interior of Mexico as a result of reports that Carranza had ordered wholesale executions at Vera Cruz.

Skirmishes preliminary to a big battle between the Villistas and the Carranzistas in the vicinity of Torreon were reported. Official dispatches to the state department from Mexico City indicated that the peace convention, meeting January 1 would depose Provisional President Gutierrez.

Hotel Man is Murdered. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—With numerous stab wounds about the heart and back, the body of William Gray, proprietor of the Troy hotel and Hawley house, was found dead in the Troy hotel. The body was fully dressed. Two large knives lay on the floor. Troy's diamonds and money were missing.

HIGHEST OFFICIAL PRICE REACHED IN WHEAT SALES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—The highest official price for wheat ever attained in the Pacific northwest was recorded on the Merchants' Exchange when 5000 bushels of February club sold at \$1.22. The European demand for wheat is stronger than ever and experts estimate that only 4,000,000 bushels are left in the hands of farmers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.