



ENGLAND LOOKS TO THIS COUNTRY FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Has Implicit Trust That Sympathies of United States Rest With the British in European War.

OFFICIAL VIEWS ARE GIVEN

Lord Fisher Declares that Xmas Cheer to Humanity Depends Upon What a Hundred Million People in This Country Realize as "Neutrality"—Canadian Views Given.

By Ed L. Keen. (Copyrighted 1914 by the United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—England's hope of Christmas cheer to humanity rests upon its trust in American sympathies with the British in the European war.

"Lord Fisher," came the response, "has this immediate reply to your telegram. Yes, he has very close bonds with the United States—in domestic relations and friendships. He happily possessed an American daughter-in-law and she is none the worse that her name at birth was Morgan and that Philadelphia was her home."

PLIMPTON IS APPOINTED TEMPORARY STATE PRINTER

PLACE WILL BE FILLED PERMANENTLY AFTER LEGISLATURE MEETS.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—The state printing board appointed William Plimpton, secretary of the board, temporary state printer. He will assume the duties of the office January 1, when State Printer Harris' term expires and the law providing a flat salary ceases to exist.

Under the law, which becomes operative then, state printing will be let largely on contract, and the printer will receive \$1800 a year, instead of \$4000, as at present. The legislature it is said, will be asked to amend the law so that the plant owned by the state may be used. An increase of the salary of the printer to make it about \$2400 also probably will be asked.

2 CARLOADS OF HORSES SHIPPED AWAY TO DENVER

ANIMALS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BOUGHT TO BE SENT TO EUROPE.

Two carloads of horses constitute one Christmas shipment which the American Express Co. made today. The horses, cavalry horses bought presumably for one of the foreign governments, were billed to the Denver Horse & Mule Co. of Denver, Col., and J. D. Huston was the shipper.

GERMAN FLANK IS ENDANGERED FROM RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Steady Forward Sweep of the Czar's Forces Threatens Kaiser's Troops North of the Vistula.

TEUTONS SAID TO FALL BACK

Endeavor is Made to Protect Railroads in East Prussia Over Which Germans Transport Troops—Reinforcements Being Rushed Southward to Strengthen Lines.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—It was announced that the Russians' steady advance north of the Vistula was threatening the German flank. Along a 30 mile front from Neidenburg to Lautenburg, the Germans were said to be retiring and endeavoring at the same time to protect the east Prussian railroad on which they depend for the transportation of troops.

KAISER ON WAY TO FRONT.

German Emperor Reaches Cologne—Will Go to Western Theater of War.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The kaiser reached Cologne today on his way to the western fighting front.

GERMANS KILLED BY THOUSANDS

Russians Lay Trap for Teutons at Bzura River—Bank Mined—Advances Checked.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—The terrible slaughter of German forces which took part in the battle of the Bzura river was described in belated dispatches from the front. The Russians, it was stated, anticipated the German attempt to cross the stream on the way to Warsaw. They accordingly held masked batteries of artillery in readiness for the invaders. The gunners refrained from firing until the Germans were in midstream. Then they opened on them murderously. Two thousand were said to have been killed by shell fire alone and hundreds were drowned. In other places the Bzura's banks were mined. The mines were exploded when the Germans went over them, killing great numbers. Such was the slaughter that the attempted advance was quickly checked.

FARMERS REPURCHASE WHEAT AND MAY NEED IT

There is a possibility that some wheat has been frozen out by the continuous cold spell and that reseeding may be made necessary. Accordingly purchases of wheat for seeding are being made. One farmer, Earl Tulloch, has just purchased 1500 bushels in the belief he may have to do some reseeding. Another farmer is known to have purchased 500 bushels for the same reason, though he is not certain he will have to reseed.

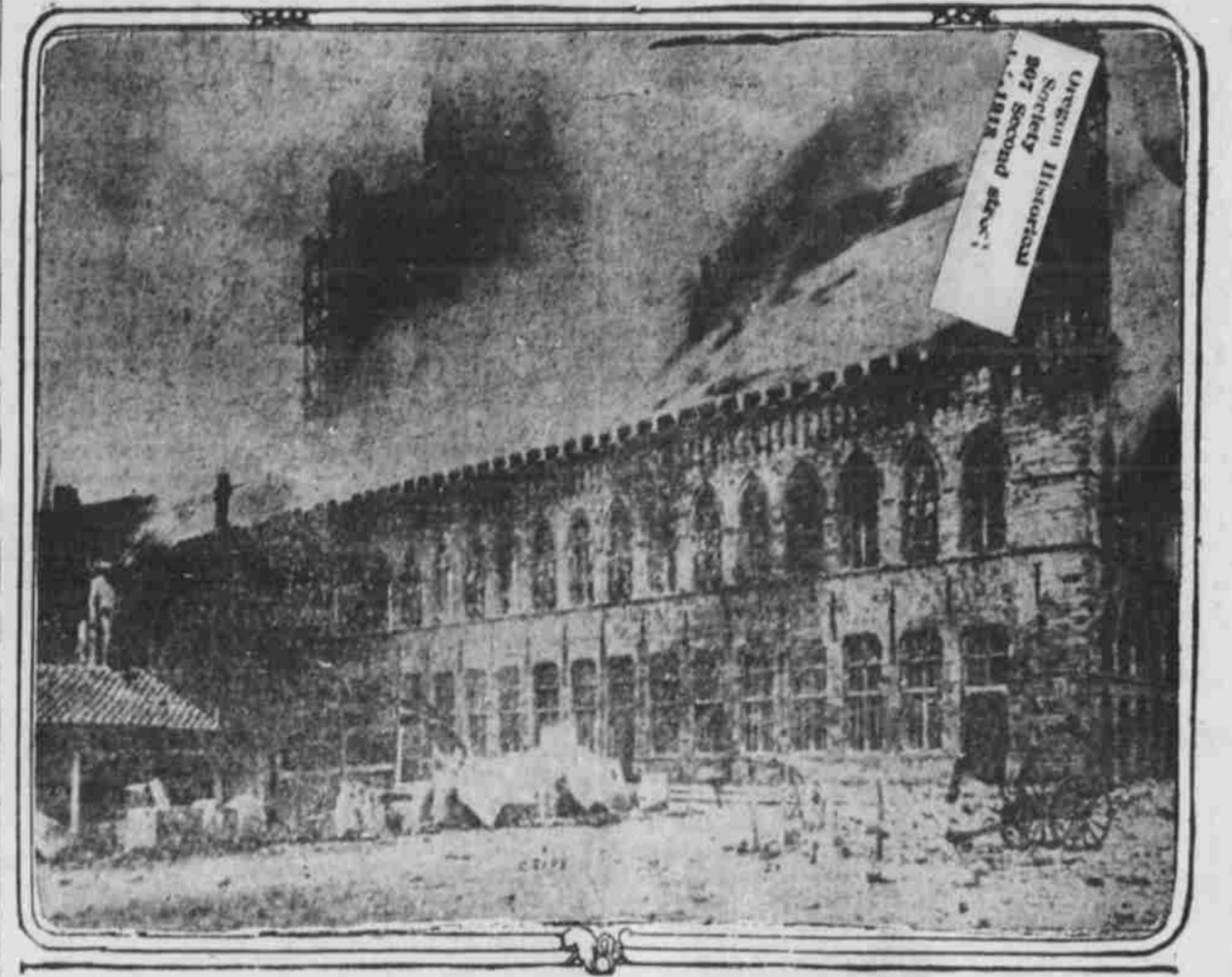
Among most of the farmers there is a feeling of uneasiness as the ground is very dry and the cold has lasted unusually long. However well informed men say it is impossible to tell as yet whether the wheat is hurt. E. L. Smith believes that if moisture immediately follows the cold spell there will be no damage. The same view is taken by E. P. Marshall, who has heavy interests in the northwestern part of the county. The chief danger is in the region where the rainfall is lightest. It is said there is little danger of a freeze-out in the main wheat belt.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General. Men of international prominence in plot to destroy British and French shipping. Portugal prepares to join England against Germany. German flank threatened by Russians. Local. Agents chosen to assume charge of charity work. Judge Parkes holds that unloaded revolver in pocket is not a concealed weapon. Milton man, charged with non-support, will have to stand trial. Two cars of cavalry horses expressed to Denver. State hospital adds a library.

PORTUGAL WILL PREPARE TO JOIN IN WAR

Landmark at Ypres Fired by German Shells



This photograph shows the famous Fifteenth-Century Cloth Hall, on the marked place, at Ypres, a prey to the flames that spread throughout the heart of the town as a result of a terrific German bombardment.

MAY ASK SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON IMPORTANT POINT

IS UNLOADED REVOLVER CARRIED IN THE POCKET A CONCEALED WEAPON.

Is an unloaded revolver carried in the pocket a concealed weapon? Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes declares it is not under the language of the statute, while District Attorney Frederick Steiwer is of the opinion that it is and may ask the supreme court to make a ruling. Yesterday Justice of the Peace Parkes ordered dismissed the case of the State vs. Joseph Bohl who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. In a quarrel at Gibbon with John Thompson over some calves, Bohl, by his own admission, drew a revolver and presented it at Thompson. His defense was that the revolver was not loaded and his attorney, Judge Lowell, contended that under the language of the statute covering the offense of carrying concealed weapons, the defendant was not guilty.

The statute reads, "It shall be unlawful for any person to carry concealed about his person in any manner whatever any revolver, pistol, or other firearm, or any knife (other than an ordinary pocket knife), or any dirk or dagger, slung shot, or metal knuckles, or any instrument by the use of which injury could be inflicted upon the person or property of any other person."

Judge Lowell contended that the clause "by the use of which injury could be inflicted, etc., referred back to the weapons specifically named, while the district attorney argued that the clause was used to define "any instrument" other than those named. Furthermore, he contended that if the construction placed upon the statute by the defense were correct, even then the defendant was guilty for the reason an unloaded revolver is an instrument which can be used to inflict injury. Judge Parkes, after taking the case under advisement for a day, accepted the interpretation of the defense and dismissed the case. The state can take no appeal but another similar case, that involving Charles Britton (Powder) will probably come up soon and the district attorney may ask the supreme court for an opinion.

PLANS FOR PENDLETON'S NEW BUILDING COMPLETED

BIDS FOR FEDERAL STRUCTURE WILL BE CALLED FOR IN FEBRUARY.

- WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Plans for the Pendleton public building have been completed and bids will be asked for in February. The treasury department advises Slinnot that one hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars is available.
- Hill is Renominated. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Henry C. Hill of Colorado, was renominated by the president for a seven year term as interstate commerce commissioner.

AGENTS CHOSEN TO DIRECT WORK OF THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Mrs. E. C. Onibal and John Halley Jr., were last evening selected as agents for the newly organized Associated Charities and they will have charge of the relief work for the society. The headquarters for the receipt of supplies etc., will be at the home of Mrs. Anibal, 712 West Alta street, phone 392 M. Anyone having food or clothing to offer are requested to call Mrs. Anibal. The supplies will be transported free of cost by Penland Bros. or by D. B. Waffle. Parties knowing of cases where relief work is needed are also asked to phone the headquarters. Considerable support has already been subscribed for use by the organization. The Elks have donated the sum of \$150 from the proceeds of the recent minstrel show and this fund will be used by the Elks, cooperating with the Associated Charities in distributing Christmas cheer. The Royal Arch Masons have contributed \$50 to the relief fund while private individuals have given sums ranging from \$1 to \$25. A. D. Frost was one of those contributing \$25. Each member of the organization is assessed \$1 for the work.

MILTON MAN HELD IN JAIL ON CHARGE OF NON-SUPPORT

YOUNG MAN, IMPLICATED IN RECENT CASES, SAID TO HAVE DESERTED WIFE.

Having failed to appreciate properly the leniency extended him by the officers of the law, Cecil Buswell of Milton now finds himself in the county jail awaiting further action from these same officers on a charge of non-support. He was brought down from Freewater last evening by Deputy Sheriff Joe West and turned over to the sheriff.

Buswell was one of the young men implicated about a year ago in the cases growing out of alleged immorality and traffic in young girls in Milton and Freewater. To cheat the law, the officers declare, he married the girl who was the complaining witness against him. However, they state that he deserted her immediately and has ever since failed to support either her or the child born to her. By his own admission, they state, he has given her only 30 cents in a year and afterwards borrowed 20 cents of that back.

He was indicted by the grand jury last spring on a charge of non-support but upon his promise to correct his ways and the urgent request of his young wife, the officers did not push the case, deciding to give him another chance. His promises were not kept, they now allege, the man deserting his family again and going up into Washington, leaving his wife and her mother to make a meager living by hard work. The man now wants another chance but District Attorney Steiwer declared this morning he was not disposed to extend any more leniency and would let the man make his plea to the court. He is a big man, physically able to work, and the district attorney feels that he has forfeited all claims to further consideration.

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ROYAL FAMILY OF ENGLAND WILL REMEMBER SERVANTS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED—BULLOCKS WILL FURNISH BEEF.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—King George ordered the slaughter of five of his royal prize bullocks to enable him to make his regular annual gift of beef to his tenants and employes at Sandringham. The royal family went to Sandringham to remain over Christmas.

The Queen and Queenmother planned gifts of woolen jackets and scarfs for the men tenants and employes on the royal estate and shawls and flannel petticoats to the women. Special dainties, prepared in the royal kitchen will be distributed among the children of invalids on the estate. In the palace ballroom will be a huge Christmas tree with presents on it for the servants.

PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT HAS LEFT MEXICO CITY

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—That Gutierrez and a few loyal troops left Mexico City after a disagreement with General Angeles and Palafox was the information received from Nuevo Laredo by the Mexican consul. The dispatch said a commission of Villistas and Zapatistas will rule the capital, pending the selection of a new provisional president at the peace conference on January 10.

Woman is Cause of Duel. RENO, Nev., Dec. 23.—In an impromptu duel over a woman, W. Murphy and C. Farias emptied pistols at each other on Center street from a distance of 15 feet. Murphy was hit four times and a fifth bullet slightly wounded a bystander nearly a block away. Farias was not hit and gave himself up.

PROMINENT MEN IN PLOT TO BLOW UP SHIPS OF ALLIES

Discovery is Made at New Orleans of Scheme to Plant Bombs in British and French Vessels.

TIMED TO EXPLODE AT SEA

Arrests Made Leads to Unearthing of Plot to Destroy Merchant Vessels—Man in Custody Admits He is Expert Bomb Maker—International Figures Are Involved.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Disclosures involving "higher ups" of international prominence in an alleged conspiracy to plant bombs in British and French ships, timed to explode at sea, were made by Hans Halle, according to Police Chief Reynolds.

Halle was arrested yesterday and a quantity of percussion caps, gun powder and fuses were found in his apartment. The police say he admitted he is an expert bomb maker. An investigation disclosed the fact, Reynolds said, that New Orleans was the center of the gang's activities. Reynolds declared bombs had been sent from here to ports from which merchant vessels of the allies were to sail. These bombs, he said, were devised so as to explode after the ships put to sea. "Men of international prominence" are involved in this conspiracy. When we are in a position to announce our information, we will startle the entire country."

Slavs Lose Heavily. VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Via Berlin and London.—In the Carpathians and the Lotze region the Russians renewed their attacks on the Austrian forces without success on Tuesday, the war office announced. It was stated also that the Slavs lost heavily in the lower Donajec valley.

Can't Trade With Germans. PARIS, Dec. 23.—Minister of Justice Briand introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill making trading with Germans an offense punishable by five years' imprisonment or a fine of from \$100 to \$4000.

RUSSIANS WITHDRAWING LINES

Main Defenses Are Brought Within 20 Miles of Warsaw Stronghold.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Russians have withdrawn their main lines of defense in Poland to within 20 miles of Warsaw. This was evident from the positions mentioned in Petrograd accounts of desperate fighting in progress west and southwest of the city.

Big Guns Brought Up.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Three German 42 centimeter guns, the monstrous guns used so effectively against the Liege fortifications, have been sent from Belgium, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the kaiser's eastern frontier town of Thorn. It was conjectured they will be hurried across Poland for use against Warsaw.

HIGHER RATES ON MELONS JUSTIFIED HOLDS I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The interstate commerce commission announced that the proposed increased freight rates on melons from Sacramento and nearby points to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, are justified.

Troop Trains in Crash.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Nearly 1000 Austrian soldiers are reported to have been killed or injured in a collision of two troop trains near Kalisz, Russian Poland, according to the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. The trains are reported to have met while running at full speed as the result of the accidental opening of a switch. Many of the cars were reduced to matchwood by the impact and the passengers were crushed.

Leather Profits Grow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Directors of the Central Leather company declared today a 3 per cent dividend on the common stock. A 2 per cent dividend was declared last year.

Goethals at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Goethals arrived on the steamer Panama. He goes to Washington tonight to confer with government officials.

DEPUTIES VOTE TO MAKE ARMY READY TO HELP BRITAIN

Action Comes Today in Legislative Body—More Progress Reported by Allies in France.

ADDITIONAL TRENCHES TAKEN

800 Yards Said to Have Been Gained in One District—Turkish Troops Cross the Egyptian Frontier in Force—Night Attack by Russians Said to Have Been Failed.

LISBON, Dec. 23.—The Portuguese chamber of deputies voted today in favor of preparations to join Great Britain in the European war.

The note followed an announcement by the colonial secretary of fresh German aggressions in the Portuguese African possession of Angola. The Portuguese colonists were said to have retreated, having but few troops at their command, pending the arrival of reinforcements. It is understood the invaders were from the adjoining German territory.

Besides declaring for war preparations, the chamber approved measures for the defense of the colonies and such other steps as might be necessary to place the country on a war footing. It was said the Portuguese forces' principal field of activity will be in Africa.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—General progress by the allies was reported by the official war office bulletin today. Among the gains mentioned was the recapture by the British of Village Givency, east of Bethune, and the advance by the French in the Bixchoote region.

"We have progressed slightly," said the communication, "between the North sea and the road from Neuport to Westende. In the region of Steenstraete and at Bixchoote we have advanced, capturing a wood near Bixchoote. For its interfering with operations in the Arras region, East of Amiens, in the Aisne, and Champagne districts, there is cannonading. We have captured from the Germans the last line of trenches, part of which were previously taken, in the region of Perthes-Les-Hurlus, gaining 800 yards. Here both guns and prisoners fell into our hands."

The statement concluded with a review of the situation in the eastern theater of the war. Reports of a German repulse along the Nidenburg-Lautenburg line were confirmed but it was admitted the kaiser's forces had reached the Bzura and the Rawa rivers in the Warsaw advance.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—Turkish troops have crossed Egyptian frontier in force according to an official statement.

It was asserted the Russian night attack on the Turks east of Keperlek had been repulsed.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—From the front came news today that the offensive of the allies continued all along the line.

It was said the Germans were beginning to resist more stubbornly, presumably as a result of shifting the kaiser's his troops at points against which the allies were delivering their heaviest attacks.

LIBRARY OF 1500 VOLUMES ADDED TO BRANCH HOSPITAL

STANDARD WORKS OF FICTION AND EDUCATION INCLUDED AMONG LIST.

A library of 1500 volumes has been installed in the eastern Oregon state hospital for the use of the patients and is proving a big factor in making life brighter for the unfortunate inmates of that institution. The library consists of standard works of fiction and educational works, sets of Dickens, Thackeray, Poe and other standard authors being included. Each week there is a library day on which the patients are permitted to enter the library and make their own selections. The books they are allowed to take back with them to their wards and to keep for two weeks, at the end of which time they must either return them or renew their privilege. An index system is kept much the same as in the post library. The library will be added to from time to time.