

The East Oregonian has the largest paid circulation of any paper in Oregon, east of Portland and over twice the circulation in Pendleton of any other newspaper.

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

Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

GERMAN AVIATOR DROPS BOMB ON DOVER AND ESCAPES

POSTOFFICE SHOWS XMAS BUSINESS IS LARGER THAN EVER

Records of Nine Years Broken in Amount of Packages Handled Here—No "Hard Times" in Evidence.

EMPLOYEES WORKING OVERTIME

Two Extra Clerks Engaged Also to Help Out in the Rush—Drays and Autos are Kept Busy Delivering Packages—Heaviest Christmas Postal Business in History.

As a result of the heaviest Christmas postal business in the history of Pendleton, the office is swamped with packages, the employees, regular and special, are working four hours overtime and all of the Penland Bros. trucks besides two automobiles and a motorcycle are engaged in the delivery of parcels.

"Not in the nine years that I have been connected with this office has there ever been such a volume of Christmas business as we are having this year," said Assistant Postmaster Lester Croning this morning.

The packages received and also those going out are much more numerous than ever before and certainly do not indicate that Christmas is suffering from "hard times."

Two extra employees have been working during the holidays and the entire force has been working 12 hours instead of eight.

The drays and autos have been delivering the parcels for several days and are kept busy from morning until night. Drays stacked full of presents may be seen most any time of day playing the part of Santa Claus.

The postoffice will open at 9:30 in the morning and will remain open until the crowd clears away. Postmaster Tweedy declares every package received tomorrow will be delivered before nightfall.

OKUMA CABINET DEFEATED IN ITS MILITARY PROGRAM

GOVERNMENT MAY DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT IN JAPAN TO CARRY ITS POINT.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Okuma cabinet was defeated in parliament in its efforts to pass bills increasing the appropriation for military purposes as a necessary preliminary to its program for additions to the army.

COMMANDER LOSES PLACE BECAUSE OF HIS RETREAT

AUSTRIAN GENERAL REMOVED FOR RETIRING FROM SERVICIAN GROUND.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—A formal announcement of the already unofficially known fact that Archduke Eugene, Emperor Francis Joseph's cousin, has succeeded General Potiorek, in command of the Austrian forces recently driven from Serbia, was issued today.

"After successful fighting," said the statement, "the Austrian commander decided on account of immense difficulties he was encountering, to withdraw from Serbia. Our troops are neither broken nor beaten. They are ready for further fighting but naturally the withdrawal meant serious losses in men and material. Serbian reports of our losses are greatly exaggerated."

\$1.25 OFFERED FOR WHEAT BUT GROWERS HOLDING BACK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—A dollar and a quarter was offered on the Merchants Exchange for spot delivery of club wheat. This is the highest price known here for spot delivery. Regardless of the high price, growers are refusing to sell.

Ambassador Page on Way to the British War Office



This is a photograph of Ambassador Page just leaving the American embassy, No. 4 Grosvenor Place, London, and his work in behalf of stranded Americans and those in trouble has brought him very prominently before the public in London.

CHURCHES OF CITY TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

Christmas in Pendleton will be observed principally by the suspension of all official business and practically all commercial activities, by church services and family gatherings. Tonight, the eve of Christmas, will usher in the Yuletide festivities.

At the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist, Christmas programs will be given this evening commencing at 7:30 and at each church there will be brightly illuminated trees laden with gifts for all children.

At the Catholic church tonight at midnight there will be held a high mass followed immediately by two low masses. Promptly at 12 o'clock the big choir, which has been practicing under the direction of Eugene Molitor, will start singing "O Holy Night" and this will be followed immediately by the solemn high mass with several priests presiding at the altar.

The choir will sing the mass in G by Millard, which is composed of the following: Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei. In the Gloria will be a beautiful solo selection by Miss Alma Scheer and a solo, "Et Incarnatus Est" will be sung by Eugene Molitor in the Credo. In the Benedictus the solo part will be sung by Carl Hemmelgarn and in the Agnus Dei by Miss Adeline Thome. Other low masses will be held during the morning and at 10 o'clock another high mass will be held.

AUSTRIAN BATTERIES SAID TO HAVE SUNK SUBMARINE

ONE CRAFT OF ALLIES DESTROYED—DETAILS OF ACTION ARE NOT GIVEN.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Austrian batteries have sunk one of the allied submarines, according to claims of German newspapers. Where it occurred was not stated.

MINES UNDER SAND DUNES LET ALLIES PROGRESS FURTHER

Advance is Reported Along Belgian Coast as Result of Strategy—Belgians Also Gaining.

COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

French Are Advancing at Many Points and Effectiveness of Their Artillery Keeps Germans from Carrying Out Offensive—Zouaves Distinguish Themselves in Battle.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Effective mines of the sand dunes along the Belgian coast has won further allied advances against the Germans in that region, according to a war office statement.

The gains were described as made between the North sea and the river Lys.

Progress is claimed by the Belgians on the right bank of the Yser. South of Dixmude, Argonne and Woivre regions, it was said the French have advanced. Everywhere, it was stated, the German counter attack has been repulsed.

In such encounters mentioned specifically as having occurred at Lombards and Zwartel and in the Aisne district, brilliant resistance was made by Zouaves who were referred to as having proved entree successful.

Another German attack in the region of Ville-Zur-Tourbe, in the Champagne district, was declared to have been repulsed owing to the effectiveness of the French artillery. The report made it clear, from the number of counter attacks undertaken by the Germans that the latter were putting up an increasingly vigorous resistance to the allies' general advance.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Russian troops have rushed their line extending from Kielce to Radom, as well as to the southward in an effort to check the German advance which forced a Slav retirement from the Cracow district on Wednesday.

The war office admitted that German and Austrian military movements in the Pietrakow region threatened the Cracow army's line of communication and compelled its withdrawal.

The consequent repositioning of forces was described as having brought the Russian main defense to within 20 miles of Warsaw and strengthened their front to the southward so it presented an unbroken line 160 miles long.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A continuation of the German offensive in Poland and a rather quiet day in the western war zone was reported in an official government statement issued this afternoon.

"It was quiet Wednesday at Newport," said the communication, dealing first with the operations in Belgium. "On December 22 we took 220 prisoners near Hixchoote. The enemy was active Wednesday at Chalon and we finally abandoned a position we had taken by a successful counter attack, because the trenches were nearly leveled by the enemy's fire. We took more than 100 prisoners. In the eastern theater of war we have assumed the offensive along the Niedenburg-Soldau line, repulsing the Russians."

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

German aviator drops bombs on Dover, England, and escapes British officer who gives pursuit.

Christmas will be observed by England despite war. Gifts are sent to troops at the front.

Mines planted under sand dunes along Belgian coast make it possible for allies to drive Germans further back.

President Wilson gives each employe of White House a turkey for Xmas.

Local.

Churches and homes to be centers of Christmas festivities. Greatest volume of Christmas business in history reported by postoffice.

Seattle Sir Knights send certificate of good fellowship to local commandery.

Report of Coffee Club management show increased patronage. "College Kids" defeat high school quintet. Trip agreement permits Happy Cannon to live until Oct. 19, 1915.

New Photograph of Belgian Queen



This is the latest photograph of the queen of Belgium. It shows the effect of the war. While she never was a heavy woman her face has grown thin since the war began.

CHRISTMAS WILL BE OBSERVED IN ENGLAND DESPITE THE WAR

LONDON, Dec. 24.—For 31 hours, beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon, England will turn its attention to Christmas celebrating, receiving no war news whatever. The official military information bureau closed promptly at the stroke of 2, announcing it will have nothing more to give out until 9 p. m. Friday.

The censor office stayed open, permitting the transmission of such unofficial information as it sees fit to approve, together with official statements from other belligerent countries.

Every possible effort has been made to make the anniversary a happy one for the troops at the front. As a result of Princess Mary's efforts, more than half a million dollars was raised to send gifts to the men. Every sailor, wounded and unwounded, also will receive a personal Christmas card from the king and queen.

PARDON IS GRANTED HELIX MAN CONVICTED OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Having served but a few weeks of his sentence for highway robbery, Milton Anderson of Helix is again a free man, made so by a pardon granted by Governor Oswald West yesterday. He arrived home this morning.

His pardon was secured through the efforts of his attorney, Will M. Peterson, who presented the matter to the governor in person Monday and who fortified his own pleas with a petition signed by 400 citizens of the Helix community and by 40 or more letters from men knowing Anderson.

The pardon was, however, conditional. Anderson, by its terms, is to abstain from the use of liquors for the period of a year, is not to enter a saloon and is to report each month in person or in letter to the governor.

Anderson was jointly indicted with James Navin, a well known farmer, on a charge of highway robbery committed against Pat Dempsey. Navin, having given \$750 bonds, left the country but young Anderson entered a plea of guilty and made a clean breast of the affair. He was sentenced to the penitentiary from one to ten years and an application for a parole was made. Judge Phelps, while of the opinion that the man was deserving of clemency, did not think that he could hold such a crime as he committed lightly. He therefore, denied the application and recommended to the state pardon board that Anderson be made to serve his minimum sentence and that, thereafter, he should receive consideration.

Mr. Peterson enlisted the citizens of Helix in behalf of his client and also secured a recommendation for parole from District Attorney Steiwer.

EVERY WHITEHOUSE EMPLOYE RECEIVES 12 POUND TURKEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson personally presented 12 pound turkeys to all the white house employes. He also remembered his associates in the executive offices with handsome gifts. As far as possible the president refrained from all work, devoting most of his time to preparing for the family reunion at the white house tomorrow.

GARRANZA MAKES IT PLAIN HE WON'T LEAVE MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Carranza wired the Mexican constitutionalist agency here he was at Atzacaco, Vera Cruz, inspecting his troops and states he found them in high spirits and eager to assume the offensive against the Villistas. Carranza asked that

BRITISH MACHINE GIVES CHASE BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS

Fortress Replies to Fire of Birdman—Latter Swoops Over City Shortly After 10 O'clock This Morning.

NO DAMAGE TO ENGLISH TOWN

Bomb Explodes in a Garden According to Official Statement by War Office at London—Heavy Fog Over Bay Prevents British Flyer Catching up With Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dover was bombarded from a German aeroplane today.

The fortress replied to the fire from the aerial craft.

A British plane put up and pursued the German some distance but the invader escaped.

Although there have been stories circulated before of aerial attacks on Dover this is the first time such an attack has been officially verified.

An official statement today contained the following:

"One of the enemy's aeroplanes was seen over Dover at 10:55 o'clock this morning. It dropped a bomb which exploded in a garden but did no damage. The aeroplane flew out to sea pursued by a British aircraft but the pursuit was unsuccessful. The weather was very foggy.

An unofficial account was that the missile did some damage, tearing tremendous holes in the garden where it landed and smashing windows in the vicinity. It was said it evidently was aimed at Dover castle and actually struck within four hundred yards of it.

FAIR PAVILION TO REMAIN UNTIL OCTOBER 10, 1915

AGREEMENT IS REACHED WHEREBY REMOVAL IS HELD UP FOR YEAR.

By an agreement between Elmer Searcy, the Pendleton Commercial association and the Umatilla county fair board, the fair pavilion will remain as it is until October 10, 1915, thereby giving "Happy Canyon" one more year of life in its present location. A report of this agreement was made to the city council last evening and accepted by that body as a satisfactory settlement of the controversy which arose out of Searcy's petition for the removal of that part of the pavilion occupying Railroad street.

The street committee reported it had made an agreement with B. L. Burroughs & Co. and the Farmers' Union Grain agency to vacate a portion of Vincent street upon the payment of \$400. This report was adopted and the city attorney instructed to draw up the necessary papers.

A petition from C. S. Cole and others for the removal of an "obnoxious" barn on Tustin street was referred to the police committee and the health officer.

INJUNCTION IS DENIED IN ARIZONA PROHIBITION CASE

APPEAL IS FILED AND QUESTION WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPREME COURT.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The United States district court denied the petition of certain Arizona interests for an injunction restraining the operation of the Arizona prohibition amendment. An appeal to the supreme court was announced and allowed by the court. The court decision asserted that no evidence was presented to cause the granting of an interlocutory injunction.

Vegetarian Diet Urged.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 24.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin prints an appeal signed by leading German professors of political economy which urges Germans to live on vegetables and rice bread, leaving meat, white bread and delicacies for the sick and wounded.

"England wants to starve us and we must therefore, do everything possible to economize in the use of our food," the appeal says.

October 23-24-25 Oregon Historical Society... not for sale