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

Unsettled tonight and Thursday; probably snow.

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PROTEST OF THIS COUNTRY AROUSES BRITISH INTEREST

Cabinet is Called to Consider Note Calling Attention to Violation of American Neutrality.

WILL THRESH OUT QUESTION

Negotiations Likely to be Prolonged Owing to Different Interpretations of International Law Governing Matter—England Will Insist on Some Points.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—It is doubtful if a single incident of the war has aroused such an interest as was manifested today in the cabinet session, called to consider the Washington administration's protest against the treatment, by the British navy, of American commerce.

Foreign Minister Grey carefully reviewed the American communication before he joined the other members of the ministry. To the meeting he carried the message itself, together with the reports his assistants had prepared, covering the various points made in the protest.

The American statement having been based on an interpretation of international law by Washington legal experts, it wasn't thought likely the issues raised could be easily disposed of. Prolonged negotiations probably will be necessary.

Concerning some points at least, it was said, international authorities differed widely. There were even members of the British cabinet who took the view there was absolutely no precedent existing governing the case as a whole.

There was no disposition to dispute the right of the United States to insist there must be no interference with vessels carrying cargoes unquestionably non-contraband. The British undoubtedly will hold, however, that the American protest isn't enforceable in cases where the former have positive information that "conditional contraband" cargoes are intended to reach Germany or Austria-Hungary, even though consigned in neutral bottoms to neutral firms in neutral countries. It was said this view will prevail especially in the case of shipments of meat or other foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Government officials made it plain that no reply was expected from England for several weeks to America's protest against the treatment accorded American shipping by the British fleet. The delay will result, they said, from the serious character of the protest and the necessity for care in framing a reply. They declared the situation from an American viewpoint was neither critical nor urgent.

The president and his advisers were admittedly puzzled over the delay in the transmission of the note. It was learned from reliable sources that the note was completed Thursday of last week. The president personally said yesterday he thought it was delivered in London on Saturday. Instead, press dispatches declare the document didn't reach the British foreign office until yesterday.

It was evident in high official circles here that the protest will be strongly backed. Party lines in congress will be obliterated and both houses will be united in support of the president and his demands.

Oregon on Trial Cruise.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—The battleship Oregon, which has been overhauled in preparation for her place at the head of the naval parade through the Panama canal, steamed from the Puget sound navy yard for a two days trial cruise to Cape Flattery and return.

ARTILLERY DUELS ARE IN PROGRESS IN WESTERN ZONE

German Batteries are Being Engaged Violently Near Aspach and at Several Other Points.

TEUTONIC ATTACK REPULSED

Forces of Kaiser in Vosges Are Held Back by French—Renewed Effort Is Made by Germans to Recapture Saint George, Near Nieuport, Where Allies Have Advanced.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Terrific artillery fighting was in progress today at many points on the battle front west and northwest of Paris. The German batteries were engaged violently in the vicinity of Aspach.

Despite the fearful weather in the extreme north, the Germans renewed their efforts to recapture Saint George near Nieuport, where the allies advanced nearly two miles on Tuesday.

The French have re-occupied highly important positions southeast of Zonnebeker, and were in a position to drive a wedge into the German front at that point. A war office statement confirmed these reports, adding that Saint George was being bombarded fiercely.

Between the Aisne and in the Champagne regions, continued the communication, there was continuous heavy cannonading. The French claimed to have advanced slightly in the Four-de-Paris region, between Arronnes and the Moselle, especially on the heights of the Meuse. Fierce artillery duels were reported in progress.

In the Vosges a German attack on Tete-de-faux was said to have been repulsed.

UMATILLA COUNTY GRAND JURY TO MEET ON MONDAY

MANY CASES ARE SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE JANUARY COURT TERM

The grand jury has been called to meet Monday morning, January 4, and a week later the circuit court will begin its regular January term. In addition to the criminal cases, the number of which will be determined by the grand jury's report, there are at least a dozen civil cases set for jury trial. The cases which have been set by Judge Phelps to date are as follows:

- Jan. 11, 1915, A. M. Seay vs. J. L. Hammack. H I Watts vs. Moses Taylor. Emery & Gelse vs. J. L. Stork.
- Jan. 12, 1915, Carlson Currier Co. vs. Peoples Warehouse.
- Jan. 13, 1915, J. J. Gum vs. Walter S. Ferguson et al.
- Jan. 14, 1915, E. H. Fix vs. Ace Thornton.
- Jan. 15, 1915, Marie E. Johnson vs. Charles Ogilvey.
- Jan. 18, 1915, National Fire Ins. Co. vs. O. W. R. & N. Co.
- Jan. 18, 1915, Sun Ins. Co., and Emery & Gelse vs. O. W. R. & N. Co.
- Jan. 19, 1915, M. J. Moran vs. O. W. R. & N. Co.

ANOTHER RECORD REACHED IN PRICES OF BLUESTEM

- PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—Five thousand bushels of February bluestem sold at \$1.33, a new high record. March club brought \$1.32.

King and Queen of Belgium



King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, photographed at a division headquarters behind the firing line in Belgium.

INTERNAL EXPLOSION WAS CAUSE OF BULWARK WRECK

INQUEST FINDS SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—An inquest into the case of the sailors who lost their lives in the recent explosion of the battleship Bulwark, ended with a verdict of "accidental death." The authorities evidently satisfied themselves the vessel was destroyed by spontaneous combustion of smokeless powder in one of the magazines.

PAROLE OF LAFRANCE IS REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR

MAN WAS CONVICTED OF DEFRAUDING INSURANCE COMPANIES OF MONEY.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—The governor revoked the parole of J. C. LaFrance, released from the penitentiary several days ago on representations made by District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county. LaFrance was convicted in Portland of defrauding insurance companies of \$15,000 by faking death. The parole board recommended LaFrance's release.

CALLS ON UNITED STATES TO CEASE SELLING MUNITIONS TO ENEMY

War Would End in 90 Days, Declares Representative Vollmer, if This Country Would Decide.

"PARTNER IN CRIME" HE SAYS

Foreign Affairs Committee Is Urged to Report Favorably on Resolution to Prohibit Exportation of War Material to European Nations—Censures Method.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Representative Vollmer of Iowa, urged the house foreign affairs committee to report favorably on the Vollmer-Barthold-Loebbeck resolution which would prohibit the exportation of munitions of war for European belligerents.

He called the United States a partner in the "greatest crime against civilization in all history."

Referring to prayers for peace offered Sundays at various churches, Vollmer said: "Are we so anxious to achieve a reputation of being the world's arch hypocrite that we go to the Lord's sanctuary and offer up prayers, when we have blood money in our pockets? If the United States stopped furnishing munitions of war to the belligerents the war would end in 90 days."

Neither Kipling nor Doyle nor yet Bernard Shaw ever wrote anything that was read as eagerly in England as are the lists of England's slain.

FIERCE GALES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE HINDER FIGHTING

Torrents of Rain Fall and Flurries of Snow Add to Suffering of Troops in the Trenches.

EPIDEMIC IS BEING FEARED

French Are Believed to Be Preparing to Clear Upper Alsace of Germans—Along the Center of the Allied Army, Situation Is Better—German Trenches Being Shelled.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Belgium and northern France are being swept by fierce gales. Torrents of cold rain fell today. There was an occasional snow flurry. For 24 hours these weather conditions have prevailed and have compelled a slackening of activity even of the artillery.

Water filled the trenches and the troops were soaked. Grave fears were entertained that an epidemic may break out. Already there is much sickness due to exposure and suffering.

To the southward, along the allied center and on the right the situation wasn't so bad. In these districts the French displayed much activity, advancing steadily. The German trenches on the heights of the Meuse were being shelled heavily.

It was believed the Gallic forces were preparing to attempt the recapture of Saint Mihiel.

Important operations were reported also in upper Alsace and indications were the French troops already had begun an effort to clear the province of Germans.

CZAR'S FORCES IN EAST CLAIM LARGE GAINS OVER ENEMY

West of Warsaw, Says Petrograd Statement, Bad Roads Alone Prevent Advance of the Slavs.

AUSTRIANS ARE IN RETREAT

Much Equipment and Supplies Are Abandoned in Flight—Many Fugitives Surrounded and Their Capture Is Certain—Situation in Galicia Is Very Much Improved.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—Russian successes against the Germans, Austrians and Turks were claimed today in a statement issued by the war office and so pronounced was the advance against the Germans and Austrians that it was predicted they would be speedily expelled from the territory of the czar.

To the west of Warsaw, it was said, the bad condition of the roads was the only thing delaying the progress of the Slavs.

In southern Galicia, the Austrians were reported to have been routed. They were described to be in flight. Their haste was such it was declared as to compel them to abandon equipment, supplies and many cannon which were falling into the hands of the Russians.

The Russians were said to have surrounded many fugitives and their capture was expected.

It was stated that the situation in Galicia was much improved, from a Slav standpoint, and the general Russian advance was being predicted before the Muscovite New Year on January 30.

The Turks are accused of behaving with bestial ferocity to non-combatant residents in Russian territory, which the Turks have occupied, massacring thousands of men and outraging and torturing women.

NEEDED BIT OF WORK AWAITS SECURING OF RIGHT OF WAY

As quickly as right of way arrangements can be made a long needed and prayed for piece of work adjoining the city will be carried out by the county court. It will consist in the elimination of the present dangerous and steep curve at the south approach to the county bridge. Just above the east end of the city and the construction of a new bridge. The plans of the county court as adopted a month ago call for a cutoff that will provide a good grade and an almost straight piece of road leading to the bridge from the Pendleton side. In order to make this change it is necessary to secure a piece of land for right of way from the Byers estate and negotiations to this end have been in progress for some time past. The work could be started at once, if this right of way were secured, and thus the county would

have the advantage of being able to do the work during the slack period. At the same time employment would be provided for men now out of work. Plans for the new steel bridge have been drawn by County Engineer Martin and the bids for the structure will be advertised for in the spring. The bridge is to consist of two 110 foot spans and will replace the present bridge which is in such a rickety condition as to be dangerous to traffic. It is the plan of the county court to induce the railroad company to replace their present little wooden bridge, under which the road runs with a steel bridge of greater length so as to provide a wider roadway under the structure. It is said this request will be granted as the danger in the present state of the road is recognized by the company.

MINISTERS OPPOSED TO REPEAL OF LAW

LOCAL PASTORS UPHOLD MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE GROOMS.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 30, 1914. To the Public: We, the pastors of the city, have noticed the proposed action of the county clerk to secure the repeal of the law requiring a medical examination in order to secure a marriage license.

We regard the law as a good one and consequently urge the retention of it on the statutes. Let it be strengthened if it is weak in any particular, but let us not have it repealed.

A better law to repeal would be the one requiring the bride to be married in the county in which she resides. It occurs to us that this law

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NEWS SUMMARY

General.
American protest arouses intense interest in England.
Czar's army claiming successes over Austrians, Germans and Turks.
Fierce gales in northern France halt operations.
Artillery duels being continued in some quarters between allies and Germans.
Germans deny claims of French and Russians.

Local.
Seth Geer, formerly of Pendleton, passes away.
Cases set for trial at January term of court.
U. of O. glee club scores big success.
New bridge to be built in east end of city by county.
Ministers protest against repeal of law requiring medical examination for benedicts.

DECEMBER WHEAT CLOSES CENT UNDER YESTERDAY

- CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago wheat market closed at the following figures: Dec. 12 1/2; May, 12 1/2; July, 11 3/4.
- The closing price on Dec. was slightly less than a cent under the closing price yesterday.

GERMANS DENY CLAIMS MADE BY ALLIES OF GAINS IN FIGHTING

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Claims by the French of gains by the allies in the western zone on Tuesday, Russian stories of progress in the eastern theater and Slav accounts of successes against the Turks in trans-Caucasia were denied by the war office.

The Germans, it was asserted, were gaining southeast of Ypres and in the vicinity of Nieuport, it was declared a French attack northwest of Saint Menehould and an effort to retake certain German trenches were repulsed, several hundred of the attackers being taken prisoners. French attacks west of Apremont and elsewhere along the western

front were said also to have been repulsed. There were indications, it was stated, that the British were much displeased with the allies for flooding the Yser district, owing to the fact the high water trapped them at a number of places.

In the east the situation was reported unchanged. Along the Rawasura front and south of Lods, it was stated, the Germans are advancing. The official press bureau indulged in the comment that neutrals were entitled under the Hague convention to suggest peace at any time but added the German government didn't sanction peace talk.

First Photograph of Currency Reserve Board in Session



This is the first photograph of the the federal government, for it has control of all the national banks. The members shown here are as follows: William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and ex-officio member of the board on the extreme left; then John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency and also ex-officio a member; and around

from left to right, Adolph C. Miller, Frederick C. Delano, Dr. H. Parker Willis, the secretary, W. P. G. Harding, Paul Warburg and Charles S. Hamilt, the governor of the board.