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

Fair tonight and Wednesday; not so cold tonight.

GERMANS CLAIM 2 DESTROYERS SUNK IN NAVAL BATTLE

British Losses Larger Than London Will Admit, According to Statement From Berlin.

1 BATTLE CRUISER IS LOST

Claims of English Loss Repeated in German Official Statement and it is Further Declared That Enemy's Ships Showed Badly Damaged Condition After the Fight.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Repeating the claim that a British battle-cruiser was sunk in the battle on Sunday and adding that information has been obtained that two British destroyers were sent to the bottom, the war office today issued another official statement regarding the naval encounter. "Well informed parties declare they have information that a battle cruiser of the British fleet was sunk by a torpedo boat with two shots after the cruiser had suffered heavily from the fire of our guns," the statement declares. "German airships cruising along the coast while the battle was in progress, confirm this report. Two destroyers were also seen to capsize and sink, and it was further noted the ships of the enemy were badly damaged."

HAWORTH GOES TO VICTORIA WITH A STRING ATTACHED

FORMER PENDLETON PLAYER TURNED OVER TO BEES BY THE M'CREEDIES.

Homer Haworth, catcher for the Portland-Ballard team last season, was turned over with a string attached to the Victoria Bees yesterday by the M'Creedies, says the Portland Oregonian. Haworth was one of the players retained by the M'Creedies when they gave up the Northwest league team.

He was procured from the Pendleton club, in the Western Tri-State league, and had a tryout with the Beavers last spring. He was kept on the Beaver roster until Yantz joined the team and then was turned over to the Colts.

Haworth did not do a great deal of work last season. He did not get many chances to receive for the Beavers, and Murray, who will have a trial with the Beavers this spring, was going at a good clip for the Colts. Haworth managed, however, to get a batting average of .289 for the season.

Walter McCredie thinks Haworth is a clever catcher. He hits the ball hard and has a good throwing arm. His only fault is slowness on the bases, which, however, he should be able to overcome.

The young player has played amateur and semi-professional ball around Portland since he was able to walk. His first experience in organized ball was when he joined the Pendleton club in 1913. Prior to that he had played Sunday ball with the Astoria club. He is 23 years old.

Few people to whom you are introduced really care to know you.

AGED LABORER TELLS STORY OF BRUTAL ASSAULT TO ROB HIM

Luring William Townsend, an elderly laborer of this city, back of the Hackett pelt house on Cottonwood street late last night, George Fay, another local laborer, assaulted him brutally in an effort to rob him. Such at least is the story told by the bruised and bleeding man a few moments later and it is the story which will be presented to the grand jury tomorrow.

Townsend and Fay had been in a saloon just before closing time when Fay invited his companion to accompany him to get something to eat. A number of other men in the saloon heard the invitation and some fifteen minutes later they met Townsend as he came on to Main street holding his hands over his bloody face. He told them that Fay had enticed him off Cottonwood street between two buildings and had then commenced beating him.

They took the old man to the Palace lodging house and got him a room and within a half hour Fay walked into the same rooming house and asked for a room. James Dodson, one of the men who had helped take care of Townsend, immediately seized Fay

ROCKEFELLER AND MOTHER JONES TO DISCUSS PROBLEM

Aged Strike Leader Meets Millionaire at Industrial Hearing and Shakes Both His Hands.

OLIVE BRANCH IS ACCEPTED

Meeting Arranged for Later in the Week—Mother Jones Says she Will Tell Magnate What He Can do to Prevent Trouble in the Colorado Coal Fields.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has extended the olive branch to Mother Jones. Rockefeller evidently has forgiven the aged strike leader for her attacks on Rockefeller and his father, during the Colorado strike. As detectives were escorting Rockefeller from the stand at the federal industrial commission hearing today he saw Mother Jones among the spectators. Rockefeller bowed. Mother Jones came hurriedly over and shook both his hands.

"I wish you'd come to my office at your convenience," said Rockefeller. "There's so many things on which you could enlighten me. We may not work at cross purposes if we freely discuss what you know."

Mother Jones smiled broadly and said: "I'll be glad to accept. I'll come to your office whenever it suits you."

An interview was arranged for later in the week.

"I will tell him what I think he can do to prevent further trouble in Colorado," said Mother Jones later.

GAMBLING CHARGE MAY BE OUTGROWTH OF ENCOUNTER

ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING, TWO WILL BE HELD PENDING AN INVESTIGATION.

Arrested because they had engaged in a fistie melee yesterday afternoon, Charles Patton, well known colored porter, and W. O. Marn of Helix hopped from the frying pan into the fire in their efforts to show in police court the cause of their altercation. Fining them \$25 each on a charge of disorderly conduct, Judge Fitz Gerald ordered that each be held pending an investigation to determine whether they could be prosecuted for gambling.

Marn it was who laid the foundation for the filing of the more serious charges. He declared that he and Patton had been gambling in the room of Ed Switzer in an upstairs building on Court street and that he had won \$22 from the colored man which the latter refused to pay. This led to a fight, he said, and about this point there was no discussion for there was plenty of evidence that the two men fought all over the building.

Officer Manning went to the Switzer room and found nearly 50 decks of cards and a bucket of poker chips all of which was confiscated. The matter will probably be presented to the grand jury.

Newest President of Mexico



This is General Roque Gonzales Garza, the newest president of Mexico. He won the job over night when Gutierrez fled fearing he would be attacked not only by Villa, but by the Carranza followers. The provisional convention, which has more or less assumed to direct the affairs of

BRITISHERS ROUT GERMANS AND GAIN DECISIVE VICTORY

PARIS, Jan. 26.—A brilliant victory for the British at West Labasse and between the Lys and the Oise river, was announced in a war office statement. German assaults at these points were thrown back with frightful losses, the statement asserted. In the La Basse encounter the Germans charged numerous times but were routed by the Britishers in a bayonet charge. At Cunchy the British artillery raked the Germans who were attempting to advance and the effort was abandoned after heavy losses had been sustained.

COURTS WILL DECIDE WHO IS MAYOR OF PENDLETON

QUO WARRANTO PROCEEDINGS ARE FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TODAY.

It is now up to the courts to decide whether John Dyer or R. F. Kirkpatrick is the mayor of Pendleton. Acting for the former, City Attorney Charles H. Carter this afternoon filed in the circuit court quo warranto proceedings against Kirkpatrick, charging him with unlawfully intruding himself into the office of mayor, illegally exercising the functions and taking unto himself the emoluments and honors of that office. He asks that the court require the defendant to come into court and show by what warrant he claims the office and he asks further that the court declare him an intruder and impose a fine upon him for his pretensions. The filing of the suit is one of the steps in the plan adopted by the council for clearing up the question of Dyer's right, as chairman of the council, to act as mayor since the death of Mayor Matlock. Kirkpatrick was appointed mayor by the council at the last meeting and immediately qualified in order that the matter could be tested out. He has employed an attorney who will contest the contentions of Acting Mayor Dyer.

QUESTION OF FREE TEXT BOOKS DEALT SEVERE BLOW IN HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26.—The text-books were dealt a severe blow when the house passed the committee's bill repealing the present law. The house passed the Blanchard bill allowing civil war veterans to hunt and fish without paying a license fee. By a vote of 17 to 13 the senate passed the Kellaher resolution submitting to the voters a constitutional amendment giving the governor power to veto single items in appropriation bills.

CANAL NOT READY FOR BIG SHIPS DECLARES GOETHALS

DITCH WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR BATTLESHIPS IN MARCH HE SAYS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The admission by General Goethals that the canal probably will not open to naval vessels in March when the president planned to steam through the canal on the battleship Oregon, enrouts to the San Francisco fair, is worrying government officials. Goethals explained that he feared it would be impossible to clear away the thousands of tons of earth now blocking transportation through the canal as a result of the recent earth slide at Gold Hill. The frequency of slides along the banks of the canal are believed to have prompted Bryan's declaration that it was not unlikely the United States some day may build another ocean waterway to supplant the canal. He explained he regarded it as a wise precaution for the United States to negotiate treaties with Nicaragua and Costa Rica giving this country an option on a canal route across that section of Central America.

STENOGRAPHERS SEEK JOBS WITH UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Stenographers and typewriters for the government service are being examined throughout the country today. The entrance salary averages \$720 a year. Thousands are being examined.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. England, anticipating air-raid, takes precautions to block attempt. Germans claim two British destroyers sunk. Local. Dyer institutes suit to oust Kirkpatrick. George Fay alleged to have "strongarmed" and robbed man. Fighters in court give evidence that leads to their detention on gambling charge. Pendleton and Round-up to be advertised at fair in booklet.

British Jackies While Away Hours in Camp



British Tars at Wood Carving. Commodore Wilfred Henderson, in command of the Royal British naval brigade, now interned in Holland, in

ENGLAND PREPARED FOR AIR-RAID BY GERMAN ZEPPELINS

Defeated on the Water, British Officials Believe Next Attack Will Come From the Sky.

PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN

Britishers Well Prepared for Expected Assault and Fleet of Aeroplanes Are Parolling Coast While Aero-guns Crews Are on Duty at Stations Day and Night.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—England is prepared for a Zeppelin raid tomorrow, the birthday of the Kaiser. Defeated on the water, the Germans undoubtedly will take to the air, according to the belief of British government officials. A foundation for this belief was seen today in dispatches from Switzerland which reported the movement of two new Zeppelins from Germany to the Belgian coast. Bad weather along the coast may prevent an attempt to raid England but the Britishers are taking no chances. A fleet of aeroplanes is patrolling the eastern coast of the island and the crews of the aeroguns have been ordered to remain on duty night and day.

Although the admiralty today withheld a specific denial of the German claims that at least one British battleship and probably two destroyers were sunk in Sunday's naval engagement, the claims were not generally credited here. Government officials declare they have information that the admission by the German war office that the cruiser Bluecher was sunk by the British has caused great indignation in Berlin.

Dispatches from Leith, Scotland, declare that Captain Erdmann of the Bluecher was among the German prisoners landed there after Sunday's engagement but the admiralty does not confirm this report.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Preliminary reports presented by the parliamentary committee which was named to investigate food prices, show that the necessities of life have advanced 25 per cent since the outbreak of the war. The committee is inquiring now whether speculators have been responsible for the advance. The suffering of the poor has been increased everywhere in England. It is reported that wholesale reductions in the wages of workmen and clerks have been made.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26.—Reports have been received from Malmo that the German light cruiser Gazelle has been torpedoed in the Baltic sea. The extent of the damage was not stated.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—The bombardment of Middlekerke and Westende by British warships was announced by the German war office. Many have been killed or wounded, the statement declares, including Burgo-master Middlekerke. Shells wrecked many buildings, burying noncombatants in the ruins.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Evening Star says a hostile submarine attacked the German Baltic fleet off the coast of Sweden. It was reported the German light cruiser Gazelle was torpedoed and reached Sassnitz in a sinking condition.

AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENT HAS REMARKABLE ESCAPE

BOMB DROPPED BY GERMAN AIRMAN EXPLODES BUT 10 FEET FROM HIM.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—A dispatch from Dunkirk declares that American Consular Agent Morel was only slightly injured Friday when a German airman dropped a bomb which partially wrecked the American consulate at Dunkirk. Morel's escape was remarkable. One bomb exploded less than ten feet from him.

NEW HIGH RECORD REACHED IN CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—A new high record was made for wheat today. May reached a dollar forty six and seven eighths, July a dollar thirty-one and one-fourth, advances of four and a quarter cents, over the opening. In the last 15 minutes the market eased off and all options except May closed slightly below the day's high mark.