

ALLIES BELIEVE TEUTON ADVANCE WILL BE HALTED

Decisive Battle is Pending as French and British Continue to Fall Back in Serbia.

SALONIKA MAY BE THE SCENE

German Intent to Cross Into Greece After Enemy in Tremendous Effort to Drive Allied Forces Into the Sea—Greece May be Forced Into War Within Few Days.

BY HENRY WOOD. ROME, Dec. 11.—One of the most decisive battles of the war is believed imminent as the allies continue to evacuate Serbia. It seems probable, because Athens and Salonika dispatches indicate the Germans intend to cross into Greece if indeed they have not already done so.

Local Merchants Are Victims of a Clever Bunco Game

WOMAN MAKES PURCHASES, SAYS SHELL RETURN, AND THEN DISAPPEARS.

A number of Pendleton merchants were victimized several days ago by a clever bunco woman who gave her name as Mrs. J. C. Thomas and her address as 519 Johnson street.

Tillman Presents Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senator Benjamin Tillman introduced in the senate a bill calling for an appropriation for \$11,999,999 for the establishment of a government armor plate factory.

Heads of Insurance Companies Predict Wave of Prosperity

GOOD TIMES ON COAST ARE REALITY SAYS HEAD OF PACIFIC MUTUAL CO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Prosperity is sweeping the country is the opinion of the presidents of six big life insurance companies expressed in optimistic interviews with the United Press.

The men interviewed are attending the annual convention of the life insurance presidents' association, President George Cochran, of the Pacific Mutual Company of San Francisco, declared prosperity on the coast is a reality.

BRYAN IS CITED TO APPEAR IN ALLEGED CONTEMPT CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Bryan will be cited to show cause why he should not be declared in contempt of the state court for failing to answer a subpoena to testify in a case involving a quarrel between two Greeks over the sale of obsolete American warships to Greece.

M'KAY CREEK FARMER LOSES HOME IN FIRE WITH ALL CONTENTS

BLAZE IS CAUSED BY YOUNG DAUGHTER WHO WAS PLAYING WITH MATCHES.

Word comes in from McKay creek that S. W. Wattenberger, a well known rancher of that vicinity, lost his home and all of the family household possessions last Thursday by fire.

Federal Officers to Investigate in Minnesota Affair

AGENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BOARD THE VESSEL IN PORT.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Acting on orders from the department of justice, A. M. Blanford, local agent, attempted to locate the freighter Minnesota to board her this morning.

The ship passed San Pedro before Blanford arrived. Blanford then established wireless communication with the Minnesota and located her off Santa Barbara, keeping carefully within the three mile limit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Following the receipt of orders from the department of justice at Washington, Federal District Attorney Preston is preparing to board the Minnesota immediately it arrives here.

British Steamer Sunk. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The 2700 ton British vessel Busiris, was sunk by a submarine. The crew was landed.

Hocking Ordered Released. HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—The admiralty court ordered the release of the American steamer Hocking, recently seized.

Recalled by Kaiser



CAPT. VON PAPEN.

Von Papen has been requested to return to Berlin by the kaiser in compliance with the demands of the United States government for his recall.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Thousands of recruits flock to enlist under British flag. Allies continue to retreat in Balkans and may make stand in Salonika.

ACTING HEAD OF AUSTRIA MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE

Successor to Former Ambassador Dumba Faces Evidence That May Result in Demand for Recall.

DISCLOSURES ARE EXPECTED

Photographed Letters over His Signature Have Been Found, It is Claimed, Which Connect Him With Plot for Wholesale Misuse of United States Passports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"War would follow immediately upon the receipt of such a note as press reports say America sent Austria if these were peace times," a German embassy official said today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The department of justice officials intimate that the status of Austrian Consul General Nuber of New York is precarious, and the situation at New York is "extremely tense."

One official said "but everything is running smoothly and developments are expected to be rapid."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Simultaneously with the announcement that the American Annona note had been delivered at Vienna, it became known today that acting Austrian Ambassador Zwidonek is in grave danger of recall.

HOME OF VEGETABLE DEALER BADLY DAMAGED BY BOMB

WEALTHY PORTLAND MERCHANT IS MADE VICTIM OF BLACK HAND PLOT.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—The two-story home of Frank Amato, a wealthy vegetable dealer who lives at 578 Division street, was damaged at 11 o'clock Thursday night by the explosion of a bomb which had been placed under the front porch.

Mrs. Amato was the only member of the family who heard the explosion. She thought the sound was caused by an automobile, and the bomb was not discovered until yesterday morning.

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Wheat Prices Down in Portland Market

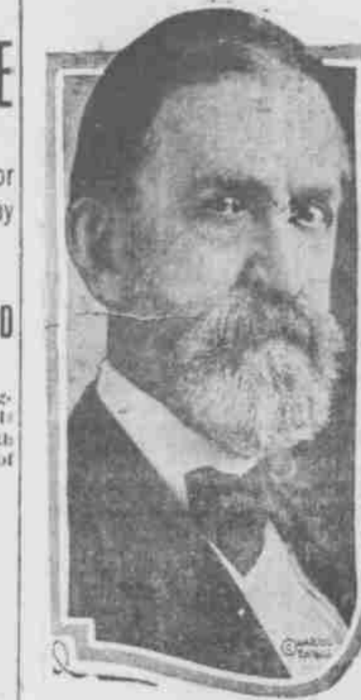
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Merchants' Exchange prices today, club, 81 bid, 84 asked; blue-stem 86 bid, 88 asked.

Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Today's wheat quotations, Dec. 11-15, \$1.13 7-8; May \$1.14 2-4 bid, \$1.15 asked; July \$1.06 2-4-\$1.07 1-4.

Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 12s 4 1-2; No. 2, 11s 11d; No. 3, 11s 11d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 11s 10 1-2.

Jewel Collection Stolen. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A thief stole the jewel collection, worth \$29,000, presented to the Chicago Art Institute by Laverne Noyes, a multi-millionaire, in memory of his late wife.

Heads Democratic Caucus of Senate



Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, has been reelected to the chairmanship of the Senate democratic caucus. His election took place at the first meeting of the caucus several days ago.

Santa Claus Most Popular Now With Kids of Pendleton

OLD GENTLEMAN ARRIVES THIS MORNING AND IS ALMOST MOBBED.

Santa Claus is extremely popular among the Pendleton kids, so much so in fact that he came nearly being mobbed today when he dared to show his red coat and bushy white beard in the streets.

The Popular Cash Store yesterday advertised the fact that old Kris Kringle would arrive in Pendleton today on No. 17, leaving his reindeer at Meacham, and that he would have a present for every boy and girl in Pendleton who showed up.

When the train pulled in there was probably 200 children at the depot and, when Santa clambered down out of the vestibule, he was charged from all directions.

He became the center of a struggling mass of humanity and had difficulty in making headway. Several times he stumbled and fell and came near being trampled and smothered beneath the feet of the excited urchins.

Making his way down Main street, scattering candy and toys as he went he finally got to his headquarters at the Cash store and proceeded to keep his promises by presenting all with gifts.

German Evacuate Lemberg. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Humors from Petrograd repeated the recent reports that the Teutons had evacuated Lemberg on account of an epidemic.

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Columbia Highway Route May be Put Through Pendleton

That State Engineer Cantine and the state highway board will visit Ematilla county soon after the first of the year for the purpose of making a tentative selection of a route for the continuation of the Columbia Highway through eastern Oregon is the word brought back from Portland by County Judge C. H. Marsh who has been attending the fifth annual convention of county judges and commissioners.

No definite plans for the extension of the highway have been decided upon but are under consideration by the state officials. The convention proved a very interesting and helpful one, according to Judge Marsh.

Discussion of some of the foremost problems confronting county courts by competent men formed the principal part of the program. Judge Marsh and Commissioner Cockburn took part in the formal discussion of the juvenile court.

Judge Marsh was also named as a member of the legislative committee which will meet next year just before the convention to recommend to the legislature certain changes in the laws desired by the county courts.

RECRUITS FLOCK TO JOIN COLORS OF THE BRITISH

Thousands of Enlistments Take Place in London and Other Cities at End of Derby's Campaign.

10,000 MEN AT BIRMINGHAM

Other Places Report Large Numbers Eager to Go to Continent to Fight Teutonic Allies—In Some Places Officers So Swamped They Are Unable to Handle Recruits.

BY WILBUR FORBES. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Thousands overwhelmed the recruiting offices today to enroll before night when Lord Derby's enlistment campaign to prevent conscription ends. Men of all ages and stations, enrolled. The crush was so great that doctors did not attempt to examine the recruits.

Other cities reported that recruiting officers worked all night. Pleas for more time came from Liverpool where the officers were unable to enroll the men already in line. Birmingham disposed of 10,000 armlets, indicating the wearers had enlisted and asked for more.

Women school teachers were drafted as aides to the recruiting sergeants in Glasgow where throngs of volunteers waited in the rain. Three hundred extra recruiters were sent to Leeds.

JUDGE MARSH SAYS COUNTY AND STATE TAXES NOT LARGER

GIVES OPINION THAT LEVY WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

County Judge C. H. Marsh is of the opinion that the combined county and state tax for the next year will not be any larger than last year. The reduction in the amount which the county will have to pay the state by \$28,000 will cut off a half mill and this will be about a standoff for the increase in the general fund expenses made necessary by the library appropriations.

The budget proposes an increase of \$29,000 in the road fund. However, last year the property within the limits of Pendleton, Athens, Weston, Milton, Freewater, Hermiton and Stanfield was exempt from the road tax and this year it will not be. Therefore, the road tax levy will be less than last year if anything, despite the increase proposed in the road fund. Last year the total county and state tax was eight mills, divided as follows: 4 1/2 for state and county fund, 1 25/100 for school purposes, 1/100 of a mill for school library purposes and 2 1/2 mills for road purposes.

Yuan Accepts Throne? WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The state department had no information today of report that Yuan Shai Kai had accepted the throne of China after it was tendered by the council of state.

Portland Swimmers May Come Here for Christmas Plunge

Hearing on the proposed Christmas swim in the public natatorium, the East Oregonian has received two communications, one from a Multnomah Club member, asking that Portland swimmers be brought here and the other from Dr. E. B. Haslop giving a word of caution to those expecting to take the plunge.

The Portland letter is as follows: Portland, Oregon., Dec. 10, 1915. Editor East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I see by today's Portland Oregonian that Pendleton is to have a Christmas swim this year in the natatorium at Round-up Park. There are several good swimmers that would like to go up for the event from Portland if their expenses could be paid.

If you could turn this letter over to the committee in charge of the swim, I would greatly appreciate it. Money to finance the trip could easily be raised by a 25 cent admission to the grounds and by subscriptions from the business firms of Pendleton.

The Multnomah club has stopped the Christmas swim on account of the danger to the swimmers in open water, and as Pendleton's swim would be held in a tank this danger is reduced to a minimum. Appreciating your courtesy in this matter, I am Sincerely, J. M. McMURRAY, Multnomah Club, Portland, Oregon.

Swimmers Cautioned.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 11. Editor East Oregonian: Regarding the article published in your paper concerning a cold plunge on Christmas morning, I would like to issue a word of caution. Perhaps it is unknown to the local aquatic enthusiasts that cold water and icy atmosphere are severe shocks to the system.

I had the privilege of knowing most of the swimmers taking part in the Christmas morning swim in Portland for the past three years while I was located there. I was aware of the fact that most of these that suffered no ill effects, prepared themselves for the shock. They did this by cold tub baths at home, short river plunges, coming out quickly and rubbing down. This was continued for three or four weeks before the Christmas swim.

I knew a few others who lacked this knowledge of training and suffered severely afterwards with congestion of the internal organs, kidneys, heart, etc. It is not always wise to trifle with health and it is unfortunate to injure it without knowing.

EDMUND B. HASLOP, Pendleton, Ore. Archduke Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian armies, is here shown in conference with one of his staff. The archduke is a cousin of Emperor Francis Joseph. He has been in command since the start of the war, Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, the young heir presumptive, serving in a subordinate command under him.

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