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

Fair tonight and Thursday, colder tonight.

SANTA CLAUS IS PREPARED TO BE HERE THIS WEEK

Arrangements for His Reception are Complete by the Committees in Charge of City's Tree.

LITTLE ONES TO GET GIFTS

Candy Will Be Distributed and Children Will Be Made Happy—Program on the Street Will Be One to Be Remembered—Chorus Rehearsing Its Songs.

Plans for the municipal Christmas exercises Friday evening are working out well and the committees in charge announce everything in readiness for a celebration that will linger long in the memories of the children of Pendleton.

The large shipment of candy has been divided into hundreds of parts and packed up ready for hanging on the big Christmas tree at the intersection of Main and Court streets. The children's choir, which will sing carols from a float early in the evening, is being trained daily by Miss Eleanor Vincent and Eugene Molitor and the large mixed choir which is to sing hymns from an elevated platform has had its final rehearsal.

Jack Robinson, who is making the necessary arrangements with Santa Claus, has fitted up his auto for the accommodation of the genial old gentleman in case the absence of snow prevents him from driving in with his reindeer. Mr. Claus declares his candy factory has turned out a fine Christmas stock both in quality and quantity and writes Mr. Robinson that he will have plenty for every boy and girl in the city.

The musical program will start at 7 o'clock and will precede the appearance of Santa Claus. The elder people will be asked to take places in the background so that the children may have positions from which they may enjoy to the full the happy occasion. This evening at 4 o'clock a meeting of the high school boys will be held and they will be commissioned as special officers to assist in marshaling the crowd.

The appearance of Santa Claus will be made at 8 o'clock, instead of 9 as formerly announced.

SEVERAL KILLED IN RIOTS AMONG VILLISTAS TROOPS

EL PASO, Dec. 21.—Several thousand Villistas are reported sweeping into Juarez and plans for the surrender of the city are believed to have fallen through. Several were killed in riots. Villa is reported heading the troops.

The police said 1000 Villistas are already in Juarez, 5000 in the striking distance. Carranza has placed a price on Villa's head. A renewal of rioting is feared.

According to a German scientist, animals have been distributed over the world by the oscillation of tides, which has changed the climate in various lands.

LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS ATHENA TOMORROW

PENDLETON BOYS WILL TRY TO DEFEAT FAST VISITING QUINCY.

Tomorrow night the boys' basketball team of the high school will endeavor to annihilate defeat to the fast quintet from Athena. This will be the first boys' game of the season and it is expected to be a hot one. Several new men at the game will be seen on the floor. Although light, they are fast and show good knowledge of the game. Much will depend upon the two men of last year's team, Gordon and Fowler. Gordon will be at guard with either Latourelle or Perrin as his side mate, while Boylen will play the other forward. Mims will hold down center.

The Athena team has met and defeated all the weaker schools of this section of the county and is now looking for a harder team. Just last week they won from Touchet, Wash., by a large score. Besides the regular game there will be a preliminary between the high school girls and the all stars of the town. This is expected to be one of the fastest games of the season, as the high school girls are in good condition and the all-star team is composed chiefly of former high school stars. The whistle will be blown at 7:45.

U. S. Will Not Argue Points Over Sinking of the Ancona; Austria Must Meet Demands

Points of America's Rejoinder. By the Austrian admiral's own admission that its commander torpedoed the Ancona after her engines stopped and passengers were still aboard, Austria violated International law and "entirely disregarded" humane principles which should govern sea warfare, in America's view. Details of the sinking, and the matter of who perished, as sought by Austria, are hence "in no way essential matters of discussion."

The commander's culpability is in any case established. Americans were put in jeopardy by his lawless act. The administration holds Austria does not question or dispute recognized international law nor humane principles, so the United States does not feel called on to debate them.

America renounces the demands of her original note and "sincerely hopes" Austria will meet them in a spirit of frankness and with "the same concern for good relations" now existing between the nations on which the United States makes the demands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States will not argue with Austria any points involved in the sinking of the Ancona. In the second American note to the Vienna government, made public by the state department today when it was delivered to Foreign Minister Burián in Vienna, this government states that it must "renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December."

This second note, extremely brief, is friendly in tone, but leaves no doubt of the determination that Austria shall make full reparation for American lives lost and shall punish the Austrian submarine commander whose "culpability is in any case established," and whose act, details of which were given in the Austrian admiralty statement, is held to be "wilful violation of the rules of international law and the principles of humanity."

Addressed to Ambassador Penfield, the note follows: "Department of State, Washington, December 19, 1915.—You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration."

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiassnik, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the

A snow blockade of the macadam road between Pendleton and Walla Walla existed from Sunday until yesterday afternoon, according to word brought to this city. The heavy fall of snow about Athena and Weston, followed by a windstorm which caused much drifting made the roads impassable for autos for more than two days. The auto stage between Pendleton and Weston made its first trip through yesterday afternoon. Even snow is banked up along the roadside in several places to a depth of three or four feet. The fall about Athena and Weston varied from nine inches to a foot and was dry enough to drift easily in some places the road was filled with a mass of snow for a considerable distance. Many automobiles were caught in the drifts. One Adams man essayed to go to a dance Saturday night, got stuck in a drift, abandoned his car and, returning for it later, found it snowed under. The following day he had to hitch four horses on and put a shovel gang to work before he could rescue it. A number of Athena and Weston autists had similar experiences.

PROPOSES CONSCRIPTION



Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of senate committee on military affairs, has introduced a bill in congress proposing conscription for all between the ages of twelve and twenty-three. It is proposed that from twelve to seventeen all eligible young men should be organized into cadet corps and from eighteen to twenty-three into a citizen army.

JURY FOR NEW TERM OF COURT MOSTLY FARMERS

LIST DRAWN THIS AFTERNOON BY CLERK SAILING AND SHERIFF TAXIOL.

The jury panel for the January term of court will be composed for the most part of farmers. The list was drawn this afternoon by Clerk Frank Sailing and Sheriff T. D. Taxiol and 25 of the 31 drawn are farmers. Eight of the number live in the Freewater-Milton district and nine live in this city.

The following are the names of those drawn, their residences and occupations: T. G. Smith, Stanfield, farmer; Fred Koepke, Helix, farmer; E. J. Gaston, Freewater, farmer; J. C. Pritchett, Freewater, farmer; A. W. Simmons, Freewater, farmer; J. P. Myrick, Astoria, farmer; Isaac Christopher, Adams, farmer; Valentine Stroble, Pendleton, merchant; R. Kishoff, Pilot Rock, farmer; J. H. Sommer, Hermiston, farmer; J. T. Lambirth, Pendleton, banker; L. M. Green, Freewater, farmer; W. H. McCormack, Pendleton, farmer; C. L. Stewart, Freewater, farmer; C. L. Woodward, Adams, farmer; D. K. Bell, Pendleton, farmer; J. J. Anderson, Milton, farmer; Charles J. Koch, Pendleton, merchant; L. J. McIntyre, Milton, barber; G. I. La Dow, Pendleton, merchant; H. C. Mills, Pendleton, farmer; G. M. Rice, Pendleton, banker; C. D. Hobbs, Milton, farmer; Harry Gliese, Hermiston, farmer; Walter Parr, Weston Mountain, farmer; G. M. Morrison, Adams, farmer; E. Raymond, Pendleton, farmer; Robert Bellke, Pilot Rock, farmer; Trojan Tucker, Weston, farmer; C. E. Vonderhage, Milton, farmer; and Hugh McIntyre, Athena, farmer.

Georgetown Hotel Burns. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—The Georgetown hotel at Gearhart was destroyed by fire. The Seattle fire department was too late to assist. The fire started in the engine room and a heavy wind fanned the flames.

Capture of Varna by Russians Said to Have Been Made

BULGARIA SEAPORT FALLS BEFORE GUNS OF BLACK SEA FLEET. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins, the garrison suffering heavily. The Russians then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and a sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attack.

STORM HOLDS UP TRAFFIC ON ALL RAILROAD LINES

Northwest is Paralyzed and Communication is Practically at Standstill in Many Sections.

ALL TRAINS LATE INTO CITY

Washouts, Snowslides and Swollen Streams Add to Difficulties of Travel—Eastbound Trains Held Up by Slides—Gale Along the Coast Has Abated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Washouts, snowslides and swollen streams throughout the northwest delayed traffic and paralyzed communication as a result of a three-day storm. The 80 mile gale off the coast abated some this morning.

At Cascade Locks four inches of rain has fallen in the last 24 hours. Almost two inches have fallen in Portland in that time. From Falls City, Ore., it is reported that the river is higher than at any time this season and that a part of the dam owned by the electric light plant went out yesterday afternoon. The water is still high enough to furnish power.

At Hood River, a section of a dam constructed by the city, state and fish and game commission, went out with the high water. In places throughout the Cascade mountains the snow is reported ten feet deep. Some snow has fallen in the valleys but this is rapidly melting.

Shipping is held up by the high winds off the Columbia river. The rainfall for the season is 4.40 above normal to date.

CENTRALIA, Dec. 22.—The entire north end is flooded by the swollen waters of the Skookumchuck river, which began to recede only this afternoon. Other sections of the city are under water in places. Police with a flat boat moved stranded families. The schools have closed. Yesterday the city was compelled to furnish conveyances to the school children. The China ditch, flooded yesterday, is back within its banks.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—Train schedules are demoralized as a result of the storm trains from the east are five and ten hours late.

A landslide forty feet wide along the Columbia highway near Wyeth has blocked all traffic from the west on the O. & N. line. The slide occurred during the early part of night and in time to prevent the fast mail and No. 6 from coming through. Crews have been at work for the past twelve hours and got the track open late this morning, according to latest reports. The first train through is marked up for 2:30 this afternoon and will be followed shortly by No. 6.

Wyeth is a little station just a few miles this side of Cascade Locks. Heavy rains have been pouring down in that vicinity during the past few days, causing the earth on the bluffs to loosen.

Wheat Remains High in Chicago Market

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(Special)—\$1.24 1-4-\$1.21 3-8; May \$1.25 3-4-\$1.23.

Portland. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Club 91-97; business, 97-100.

Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 12s 4 1-2d; No. 2, 12s 3d; No. 3, 11s 10 1-2d; No. 4, hard winter new, 11s 6d.

In American terms the highest Liverpool price is \$1.75 4-8 per bushel.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Russians Take Varna from Bulgarians. Russia is willing to open Dardanelles to Russian commerce as concession toward peace. Local. Landslide at Wyeth blocks O. & N. traffic from west. County court has \$2500 available to prosecute bootleggers. January jury panel is mostly farmers. Plans for Christmas celebration are complete. Associated charities elect trustees. Snow blockade on Pendleton-Walla Walla road broken. Motion Picture news on page 5.

County Court Has \$2500 on Hand to Aid in Financing Enforcement of "Dry" Law

For those who may contemplate violating the prohibition law after the first of the year there is bad news in the fact that the county court has in the general fund for the coming year the sum of \$2500 available, if needed, for the purpose of employing detectives and otherwise working for the enforcement of the law. It is evident the county court is ready to do its share toward making the new law effective. The position is taken by Judge Marsh that with a state-wide prohibition law in effect it will be proper for the county government to cooperate in a financial way, if necessary, towards seeing that the law is complied with. Particularly so since the county will get the money from fines.

Recently the county authorities were asked by Hermiston people to take action against a druggist accused of selling liquor illegally in that town. The request was not complied with on the ground that being dry through the local option law it was better that the Hermiston town authorities handle the matter. Accordingly local prosecutors were brought against the offender.

The Divine Sarah is Dying at Paris Declares a Report

BERNHARDT'S LIFE IS SLOWLY EBBING AWAY—GRANGRENE IS THE CAUSE. PARIS, Dec. 22.—Sarah Bernhardt is dying from grangrene it is reported. Recently her leg was amputated and she had not fully recovered from the operation. Her life is slowly ebbing it was authoritatively reported.

C. K. CRANSTON BACK FROM THE PANAMA PACIFIC FAIR

After an absence of two and a half months spent at the Panama-Pacific exposition where he had charge of the eastern Oregon exhibit in the Oregon building, C. K. Cranston, secretary of the Pendleton Commercial association, arrived home last evening. He stopped in Portland several days to attend the annual convention of sportsmen.

Mr. Cranston remained in San Francisco after the closing of the fair to assist in packing up exhibits and arranging other details. He was unable to secure any part of the exhibits for the Pendleton schools on account of the endless red-tape necessary. Others having the same purpose met with like results he stated.

Kaiser Unable to Visit Western Front



This photograph was taken during a recent visit of the Kaiser to northern France. The Kaiser is seen at the right.

The failure of the county authorities to take up their case caused an impression in Hermiston that the same attitude would be continued after the first of the year. This notion is dispelled by Judge Marsh, who says that after the first of the year the matter will be upon a different basis and the county will be ready to give financial aid for law enforcement purposes if such aid is required.

District Attorney Steiner is emphatic in the statement his office will do its utmost to compel enforcement of the prohibition law and that the law will be enforced as it stands. For the purpose of explaining various features of the law, the district attorney is preparing a series of articles for the press. The first of these explanatory statements will probably appear in the East Oregonian tomorrow.

Sheriff Taylor says his office will consider the prohibition law in the same light as any other law. An effort will be made to secure evidence of violations but he asks that help be given in the matter so that the officers may have proper backing.

Trustees for the Local Charities are Chosen for Year

Trustees of the Associated Charities to act for the ensuing year were elected at a meeting held last evening. Mayor John Dyer, Mrs. A. F. May, Mrs. G. W. Rugg, H. B. Blydenstine, J. C. Woodward and Judge J. W. Maloney were re-elected and W. W. Harrah, Mrs. Lina Sturgis and Judge C. H. Marsh were added to the number.

J. V. Tallman and H. G. Blydenstine, appointed to look for a desirable location for the opening of a community house, reported their inability to find a suitable place thus far but hoped to be successful within the next week. A significant feature of their report was their finding that every saloon building has been rented already.

Report was also made upon the "Bundle Day" yesterday. The report showed that, while the results from some sections of the city were not as good as expected, other parts of the city responded very generously so that the Associated Charities now has a large quantity of good clothing and a limited amount of staple articles of food to distribute among the needy of the city.

Honored Woman Dies.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Susanna Fisher, 91 years old, who crossed the plains in 1853 to Marion county, died in Salem.

Following her arrival in Marion county with her husband they settled five miles north of Salem and lived there until 1852 when Mr. Fisher died. Since then Mrs. Fisher had remained in Salem. She is survived by five children and a brother.

Bill Calling for Million More Men Passes Commons

LONDON, Dec. 22.—After an all night debate the bill calling for a million more troops was passed by the house of commons. Chamberlain attacked the bill, arranged the Dardanelles campaign, while members snored.

PLEDGE TO OPEN DARDANELLES TO RUSSIA IS PLAN

Hungary is Said to be Willing to Make Concessions to Czar as Condition of Peace.

RIGA OFFENSIVE IS FAILURE

Germans Are Retreating from Region According to London Report Received from Geneva—French on the Western Front Report Taking 1200 Prisoners.

Von Emmich Dies. BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—General Von Emmich died at Hanover today. He was prominent early in the war. He captured Liege.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Hungary is willing to pledge Russia that the Dardanelles will be open to Russian commerce as a condition of peace, Count Apponyi declared today in a United Press interview. The Russian Balkan influence must be destroyed he said though he expressed surprise at America's tone in the Ancona note.

The violent expressions are unaltered for I would have asked America to amend her style and language before Austria replies," he declared.

Offensive at Riga Falls.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The German offensive in the Riga region has completely failed, a Geneva correspondent says. Hindenburg has retreated, abandoning many supplies. It was said five German divisions had retreated. Sanguinary fighting near Ukhul was reported.

Mutiny is Reported.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—It was reported that several staff officers were killed in a mutiny or allied troops at Imbros Island, the base of the Dardanelles operations.

French Take 1200 Prisoners.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The French advance at Hartmannswillerkopf took 1200 prisoners, it was officially announced today.

JEALOUSY PROMPTS WOMAN TO KILL HER HUSBAND AND SELF

MRS. R. LAMAN USES REVOLVER AT WALLA WALLA, FOLLOWING SEPARATION.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 22.—Craved with jealousy because of the belief that he was untrue to her, Ethel Dudd Laman, a bride of three months, garbed in male attire, drove in a taxicab to the rear of the Walla Walla bar, 204, West Main street, about 8:30 last night, called her husband, a bartender, to the rear door and opened fire on him with a .22-caliber revolver, killing him instantly. She then turned the weapon on herself inflicting two wounds, one in her side below the heart, the other in her head, from which she died at 10:20.

Laman was shot in the right ear, the bullet remaining in his head, and also below the heart, the bullet lodging in the skin of his back. He was removed to the Crockerly & Canton, who undertaking parlor, while his wife was taken to the Walla Walla hospital by Dr. Wallace R. Pratt, who probed for and removed one bullet. The bullet in the head could not be reached. It entered about the right temple and lodged diagonally at the base of the brain.

Had Quarrel Before. A conversation of the couple revealed that they had been quarreling for

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MEASURE DEBATED ALL NIGHT—CARSON ATTACKS DARE, DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN.