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JAPANESE LINER TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN BY GERMAN SUBMARINE; 300 ARE RESCUED

One American Reported to Have Been Aboard—No Warning Given According to Report.

FLOATS HOUR AFTER STRUCK

Yasaka Maru Cost \$5,000,000—French Warship is Said to Have Gone to Rescue and Taken Passengers Off No One is Believed to Have Been Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Japanese liner Yasaka Maru has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean sea by a Teutonic submarine, according to cable reports here today.

Three hundred persons aboard, including one American, were rescued by a French warship. No one is believed to have been lost.

According to the brief messages received here, the liner was attacked without warning. She remained afloat an hour after being struck.

The Yasaka Maru was constructed at a cost of \$5,000,000.

CHRISTMAS TO SEE MEXICO WELL ON THE WAY TO PEACE

EL PASO, Dec. 23.—That Christmas will descend on a Mexico well on the way to peace was the belief generally expressed here today.

Throughout the northern Mexican states former Villista leaders are flocking to the Carranza standards. Messages from the city of Chihuahua reported that Carranza representatives were in control there and throughout Chihuahua state.

Normal conditions prevailed today in Juarez, where fighting broke out two days ago when the Carranzistas assumed charge of the city.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—"General" Francisco Villa will spend Christmas on American soil. His wife received a telegram from him today saying that he would arrive here tonight.

Some Features of "Dry" Law Explained by District Attorney

(By Frederick Steiner, District Attorney.)

It will be assumed that readers of the following comments on the Oregon prohibition law are intending to obey the law. The purpose will be, therefore, to point out what can be done lawfully, and what, under the law, would appear to be prohibited. No attempt will be made to discuss procedure for the punishment of those who violate the law, or the penalties fixed by the statute for the various violations. Nearly every branch of society, and every kind of business is affected directly or indirectly by this statute, and it is important that all people inform themselves about the operation of the law, and it will not be to the advantage of any citizen to violate the law first, and then learn its meaning afterward. The first feature of the law that will be considered are the privileges and duties of the purchaser and customer.

Intoxicating liquor is defined in the act. It includes ordinary liquors like beer, whiskey and wine, and includes also all mixtures or preparations reasonably likely or intended to be used as a beverage which shall contain in excess of one-half of one per centum of alcohol by volume. The definition also includes other compounds and preparations, whether liquid or not, from which, or by which intoxicating liquor can be produced. This will cover beerine, and other solid materials, which, by mixing with water, will produce an intoxicating liquor. It also covers hard ciders and any fruit juice that is permitted to ferment until it contains in excess of one-half of one per cent of alcohol.

It is generally understood by this time that the law provides that one person, if he be single or one family can lawfully purchase outside of the state of Oregon and receive at any point within the state through a common carrier, two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquor, or twenty-four quarts of malt liquor each 25 days. It is believed by attorneys that the purchaser must select, that is, he must take the two quarts, or the twenty-four quarts. He cannot lawfully accept both during any one period of four successive weeks. In

Refund is Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The interstate commerce commission denied the appeal of San Francisco shippers for a refund of \$4,999,000 paid to transcontinental railroads for switching charges during the last four years. The appeal was made through the San Francisco chamber of commerce.

Club Now Quoted at 85 Cents in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—The price of wheat struck the season's highest point when it bloomed reached \$1.92 and fortyfold \$1.61. The unusually heavy demand for war shipments was the cause.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Dec. 11:21 1-2-41.24 5-8; May 11.24, 11.25 5-8 asked.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Club 95-98; bluestem, 98-11.02.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Spot No. 1—Manitoba, 12s 3 1-2d; No. 2, 12s 3d; No. 3, 11s 10 1-2d; No. 4, hard winter new, 11s 8d. In American terms the highest Liverpool price is \$1.78 4-5 per bush.

Ford is Recovering. CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 23.—Ford's dreams are shimmering, his friends believe. It was suggested that he plans to end the trip as inconspicuously as possible. Neither Ford nor Madame Schwimmer have appeared in public for several days. Ford is recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

STREET WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE XMAS EXERCISES

Traffic Will Not be Allowed to Interfere With Tree Celebration Tomorrow Night Here.

ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 7

Tickets Being Distributed Today Among Children Which Will Entitle Them to Receive a Bag of Candy From Santa Claus—Committee Reports All is Ready.

From 7 o'clock until 9:30 tomorrow evening Main street from Alta to Water and Court street a half block each side of Main will be closed to traffic in order that the municipal Christmas exercises will not be interfered with by vehicles. Hopes will be stretched across Main from the American National bank to Sayre and from the Hotel Pendleton to the Brown furniture store and across Court street just east of the Oregon garage and just west of the Hamley store.

The committee in charge of the entertainment requested the police committee of the council for this privilege last evening and it was granted. Chief Manning will station special police at each rope barrier to enforce the regulation. By keeping these streets vacant, there will be plenty of room for all citizens to see the entertainment which will start at 7.

Today tickets are being given out to all of the children of the public schools and of the St. Joseph's academy. These tickets will entitle the bearers to receive a sack of candy from the big Christmas tree at the intersection of Main and Court. Parents of children under school age are requested to call at the Tallman or Pendleton drug stores today or tomorrow for tickets for the younger children.

Carryna to Protect Foreigners. QUAYMAS, Dec. 22.—(San Diego wire)—Forty Canadians of Carranza soldiers have been sent to protect American settlers at San Pedro, who are threatened by 1500 Yaquis. The Americans are now considered safe. The Yaquis are said to have attacked a ranch at Ontagota where one American and five German sailors from an interned warship are besieged.

Manifesto Urge German Soldiers to Quit the Trenches; Kaiser Must be Deposed, it Says, Before Peace Will Come to Nations

Best Says He Will Have Smoking in Council Stopped

MAYOR-ELECT DECLARES THAT TOBACCO GIVES HIM THE HEADACHE.

Dr. J. A. Best, mayor-elect, threatens to provoke a revolution in the council at the very outset of his administration by an order prohibiting smoking during the sessions of the council. He attended the meeting last evening as a spectator and, after adjournment, remarked that one of the first things he would ask of his council would be to "cut out" the smoking.

It has been the habit of members of the council to smoke during their deliberations for many years past and it is hard to conceive of a meeting without several cigars fogging. Only when waited upon by a delegation of women have the councilmen put aside their cigars.

Dr. Best declares "smoke makes his head ache and, as an added reason for his order, he declares it will be a stimulus to action. "If the councilmen can't smoke during meetings," he said, "they will rush the work along in order to adjourn and light up."

On the present council there are only two men who do not smoke, the Councilmen Ell and Sebett of the third ward. Three of the year and will retire the first of the year and two, at least, of the new councilmen love their smoke. The new order is going to be tough on such men as Councilmen Murphy and Phelps and the abstinence from the soothing that the mayor will be willing to resign his office in order to restore them to a pleasant frame of mind. And then there are the newspapermen whose only source during the reading of a long-winded ordinance is the smoke curling up from their fragrant stogies.

Ancona Trouble Clears. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Officials are optimistic over the Ancona controversy as a result of the Ackerman interview with Texas scoffing at the possibility of a break. It was reported Austria is paving the way for a repudiation of the admiralty statement on the torpedoing of the ship.

HENRY FORD NOT WITH PARTY ON WAY TO SWEDEN

Whereabouts of Automobile Manufacturer Causes Speculation—Norwegians Refuse to Join.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 23.—The whereabouts of Henry Ford offered a field for considerable speculation to a curious public here today. The Ford peace party departed this morning for Stockholm, but Ford was not with the other members. It was believed that he remained in Christiania upon his physician's orders to hasten complete recovery from the illness that overtook him here.

There were no additions to the party as the result of its visit here. Contrary to expectations, no prominent Norwegian peace advocates joined the pilgrimage. Certain ones, it was reported, objected to having their names used in connection with the expedition.

A Norwegian cabinet member told Madam Hosika Schwimmer, one of the party's leaders, that the time is not ripe for a peace movement. He said, further, that Norway will refuse to cooperate in such a movement should President Wilson request it unless similar action is taken by Sweden and Denmark.

It developed today that Ford is reimbursing Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver for the money he lost by cancelling a lecture tour in America to accompany the Ford party.

MOUNTAINS OF MAIL KEEP POSTAL FORCE BUSY THIS MORNING

DELAYED TRAINS ADD TO BURDEN OF CHRISTMAS RUSH ON MAILMEN.

Anyone entertaining the idea that Santa Claus is giving Pendleton the "go-by" this year would have had that notion dispelled this morning by a glance into the back room of the postoffice. As a result of the holding up of trains from west yesterday the mail from six trains was dumped upon the busy postal clerks during the night and, when they came to work they found a pile of packages six feet high by twenty feet square awaiting them.

Thousands of packages poured in from all points of the compass and when delayed No. 6 arrived at 8:20 another great pile was unloaded for distribution among Pendleton people. With systematic and rapid work, the postal employees had divided the great stack of packages into different piles before the No. 6 mail arrived and by evening will have all of the many packages delivered or distributed. Besides the motorcycle conveyance, a delivery team, the regular carriers and a push cart are assisting in the delivery of the Christmas gifts.

FATE OF VARNA IS IN DOUBT; REPORTS ARE CONTRADICTORY

TAKING OF SEAPORT BY RUSSIANS NOT CERTAIN—CITY BOMBARDED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The fate of Varna, an important Bulgarian Black Sea port, remained in doubt today.

Stories to the effect that the city had been bombarded heavily by a squadron remained uncontradicted. No accurate reports of the possible damage had been received.

Strengthening reports from Teutonic sources that the city still holds out, a message from Petrograd indicated that the Bulgarians remain in possession.

The same Petrograd dispatch stated that Russian torpedo boats pursued a Bulgarian vessel under the shadow of the Bulgarian shore batteries, where it found refuge.

German Humanity Society Makes Appeal to Troops in the Field—Flag is an Emblem of Infamy, Declares Statement—Nine Prominent Germans Sign Message Which is Circulated at Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 23.—Signed by the German Humanity League, a manifesto urging German soldiers to quit the trenches and demanding the deposition of the kaiser, appeared here today.

"Today the German name is a scorn to civilization," the manifesto asserted, "and the German flag is the emblem of infamy. There will be no peace until the kaiser is deposed."

The appeal bore the signature of Karl Fernstein and nine other prominent members of the German Humanity League.

Total State and County Levy not to Exceed 7 1-2

LEVY WILL BE AT LEAST HALF A MILL LOWER THAN LAST YEAR.

The total state and county tax will not exceed seven and one half mills and, in all probability, that will be the amount of the levy. The county court is meeting this afternoon to make the order and authorized the statement that the levy would be at least a half mill lower than the levy of last year.

According to the tentative order drawn up and which will doubtless become the official order this afternoon, the seven and a half mills will be divided as follows: for state and county purposes 2 23-60 mills; for school purposes 1 29-60; for roads and highways 2 27-60 mills.

Inasmuch as all town and city property is this year subject to the road tax, the seven and a half mill levy will produce more revenue this year than the eight mill tax did last year.

The total tax upon Pendleton property will be 26 mills, the school levy being nine mills and the city levy nine and a half mills. This is two and a half mills more than last year owing to the increase in the city levy due to the loss of saloon revenue and to the road tax.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE PAVING HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED

With the pavement on Riverside Drive and up Bush street to Haley all completed, the city council last evening passed an ordinance assessing and apportioning the costs which total \$4874.22. An ordinance was also passed authorizing the issuance of improvement bonds to cover the amount of unpaid assessments on the south Main street improvement. The bonds will total \$3965.02.

In response to the petition of the Washington school, presented a week ago, the city council last evening instructed Street Commissioner Heathman to take city prisoners and commence at once on the improvement and drainage of east Lewis street. The recommendation was made, as Chairman Cole of the street committee put it, by "the north side members of the street committee." The school children also asked for an arc light in front of their school but no action was taken upon this request.

An ordinance was passed last evening changing the provisions for the width and location of the sidewalk on Jackson street east of Main to permit the city to carry out its promise to Messrs. Alexander and Greulich.

2 Damage Claims Are Presented to the City Council

MRS. MARY EVANS WANTS \$2000 FOR INJURY FROM FALL ON SIDEWALK.

Two claims for damages were presented to the city council last evening. Mrs. Mary Evans, wife of C. E. "Doc" Evans, presented a claim for \$2000 for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall caused by an offset in the Main street sidewalk and L. V. Henderson presented a claim for \$39.29 for damages to his automobile when it was struck by the skidding auto truck.

Mrs. Evans sustained a broken wrist on Nov. 17 in a fall on Main street in front of the store of G. L. La Dow. It was caused, she alleges, by the offset of an inch or more in the connection between the sidewalks in front of the La Dow store and the Belts block. This is the same offset that the council has ordered repaired several times and was caused by a settling of the walk and pavement.

Mrs. Evans states in her communication to the council that she will never fully recover its use. For the injury, the expense it caused and the past, present and future suffering, Mrs. Evans thinks she is entitled to \$2000 and offers to compromise for that amount. The council referred the matter to the city attorney and claims committee without comment.

The claim of Mr. Henderson was rejected at the suggestion of the city attorney. This claim was presented originally about a year ago and was turned down at the time. City Attorney Carter holds that the city is not liable for damages. Mr. Henderson claims that, at the sound of the fire bell, he stopped his car along the curb as required by ordinance and that the truck, in turning the corner at Main and Webb after misreading the signal, caused the heavy truck to skid and strike his car.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Fate of Varna is still in doubt. Manifesto calls on Germans to quit trenches and depose kaiser. Japanese liner is torpedoed. Passengers saved.

Local. County levy will not exceed seven and half mills. Saloons will go out of business at 11 o'clock on New Year's eve. District attorney explains new prohibition law.

New mayor will taboo smoking in council room. Streets will be roped off for Christmas exercises. Related trains pour thousands of Christmas gifts into city. Motion picture news on page 5.

The Capitol Snowbound



An interesting view of the capitol, taken just after the recent storm.

Local Saloons to Have No Leeway New Years Eve; to Close at 11 O'clock Sharp

Though the state-wide prohibition law does not go into effect until one minute after midnight on the morning of January 1, the Pendleton saloons will go out of business at 11 o'clock on the night of December 31. New Year's eve falling on Friday the saloons will be required to close at 11 o'clock as specified by the city ordinance, Saturday night being the only night of the week when they are permitted to remain open until midnight.

Chief of Police Alex Manning and the police committee of the council declare they will enforce the letter of the ordinance and will give the saloons no leeway simply because it is their right of business. In the opinion of some the police would be justified in closing the saloons at an earlier hour to forestall any rowdyism that might develop as a result of the last expiring gasp of the saloons.

The closing of the saloons at 11 o'clock will bring an end to the celebration of New Year's eve in these places an hour before the year 1916 begins. The committee having in charge the big bonfire at the high school grounds, which will be started at 11 o'clock, will invite everyone to climb the hill and participate in the festivities there.