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

Snow tonight; Wednesday generally fair.

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SINKING OF TWO SHIPS MAY LEAD TO NEW TROUBLE

Japanese and French Liners Sent to Bottom Without Warning in Violation of Agreement.

AUSTRIA PLAYING FOR BREAK

Germany May Also Have Repudiated the Lusitania Agreement As to Warfare With Submarines—Secretary Lansing Will Start Immediate Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Serious features in the diplomatic situation were presented today by the sinking of the Yasaka Maru, and the Ville de la Clotie without warning. Whether Germany is repudiating the Lusitania agreement or Austria is playing for a near break with the United States, were the questions raised.

POSTOFFICE BEATS RECORD HANDLING CHRISTMAS BUNDLES

FULLY 35 PER CENT MORE PACKAGES HANDLED THIS YEAR THAN LAST.

Fully 35 per cent more packages were handled at the Pendleton postoffice during December of this year than during the corresponding month a year ago, according to Assistant Postmaster Lester A. Cronin, who has made a check upon the business.

An indication of the extra amount of work at the postoffice this year can be had from a statement of the extra labor necessary. In 1914, no Christmas rush and the regular clerks averaged only two hours a day overtime and the carriers one hour.

In 1914 all packages were delivered with one motorcycle with the exception of one day when an automobile was used. This year three carriers, one with a motorcycle delivery van and two with horses and wagons, were employed for five days and their work was supplemented at times by a push cart.

Pacific Coast Ideal for New Naval Academy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Pacific coast would be an ideal location for a new naval academy in the opinion of Secretary Daniels. He declared, however, he did not believe it a wise move to recommend the establishment of it this year.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION

URBANA, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Two Pennsylvania flyers crashed head-on killing three trainmen, injuring others and sending a score of passengers to the hospital.

The Philippine Islands produce nearly 10,000,000 gallons of alcohol yearly.

First Photos of Sinking of The Ancona



The large picture shows the side of the Ancona, with life boat No. 24 waiting for a load of passengers.

Suit is Filed By City to Forclose The Lien Against Property on Jackson Street

The city has commenced proceedings to test the reassessment amendment through a suit filed in the recorder's court to foreclose the lien against the residence property of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frazier, two of the Jackson street property owners who escaped payment of the original assessment through a draftsman's error in the description of the improvement district.

Gay Time Expected in Seattle With the Passing of Saloon

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—With the last day of legal drinking looming, cafe managers are preparing for the biggest night in their history. The proscriber's office is a veritable mecca for seekers after loopholes in the law.

Wheat Down Some in Both Markets

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Dec. \$1.24-1.23 3/4; May \$1.20 7/8-1.24 3/8.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Club \$7.92; bluestem \$1.00-\$1.02.

Vessel Goes Ashore

HONOLULU, Dec. 28.—Two men are dead and one missing as a result of the Chilean bark Franho going ashore at Heale on the island of Kauai.

London, Dec. 28.—The Kaiser will undergo a throat operation in a few days, Swiss advisers say.

DEFECTIVE FLUE IS CAUSE OF BLAZE AT AURA STREET HOME

HOME OF MR. AND MRS. CHAS. FINCH DAMAGED BY FIRE ON THE ROOF.

Fire, starting supposedly from a defective flue, last night caused several hundred dollars damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch at 708 Aura street.

Germans Believed French Chief of Staff was Aboard

SINKING OF VESSEL CAUSES THE DEATH OF 80 PASSENGERS SAYS REPORT.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The French liner Ville de la Clotie, torpedoed with a loss of 80 lives, was reported sunk by Germans who believed that Castelnau, the French chief of staff was aboard.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS COLLEGE BOYS

FAST CONTEST IS EXPECTED WHEN YOUTHS MEET THURSDAY EVENING.

For some excitement during the vacation week, the "College Kids" and the high school will clash in this annual basketball game on Thursday evening in the high school gymnasium at 7:45 o'clock.

The game is an annual affair and has always proven to be one of the best games of the season, played on the local floor. The high school boys will have teamwork to their advantage, while the college boys will be benefited by experience as well as speed.

Wilson's Appetite Gone. HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 28.—The way President Wilson goes after his meals has William Daniel Washington, one of his waiters, wearing a smile a yard wide.

NEW DYNASTY IN CHINA PROPOSED BY REBEL CHIEF

General Tsai Ao is Reported to be Planning to Found Separate Empire in Celestial Kingdom.

REVOLUTION IS SPREADING

Government Troops Being Sent Against Uprisings in Province—Messages Here Indicate Yuan Shi Kai is heading the revolutionary rumblings and will not ascend the throne at New Years.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—General Tsai Ao, leader of the Yunnan rebels, proposes to found a separate dynasty, according to the Telegraph's correspondent. He reported the anti-monarchy revolution has spread to Kwangsi.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The receipt of Peking cablegrams here led Chinese leaders to believe Yuan Shi Kai is heading the revolutionary rumblings and will not ascend the throne at New Years.

News reports from Norway, where the Ford peace party is recruiting delegates, state that King Haakon has not taken kindly to the propagandists and snubbed the wealthy manufacturer and his fellow pacifists.

THE people of China, as a whole, are pleased with the republic," said Bushford.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE JONES BILL

ASA B. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT, PREDICTS FAVORABLE ACTION IN SPEECH.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—"Without doubt, the irrigation congress will record itself in favor of the Jones bill," said Asa B. Thompson of Echo, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress which opened here today.

The Jones bill provides a guarantee by the government of interest on irrigation bonds during the first five years. This proposal put into effect will enhance the value of irrigation securities more, I am sure, than a state guarantee.

Generally speaking, there is more serious intention than I have ever before witnessed to make the work of the irrigation congress count with greater substantiality in the general interests of Oregon reclamation.

Mr. Finch carried \$1800 insurance upon his house and contents.

CITY HAS HEAVIEST SNOWFALL OF SEASON

Pendleton again this afternoon lies beneath a blanket of snow and, unless the weather forecast has made a bad guess, more snow will fall tonight.

A high wind that blew during the early morning hours developed into a blizzard which about 10:30 snow began to fall. The wind carried the flakes in swirls before it subsided.

Until 12:45 the snow continued falling heavily and a full inch was on the ground when the clouds parted and let the sun through.

The fall in the mountains was heavy, according to reports received, and No. 17 was more than a half hour late in reaching Pendleton.

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King Who Snubbed Peace Party



KING HAakon

Bulgaria to Keep Territory Taken From the Serbs

WILL NEVER RETURN CONQUERED GROUND, DECLARES KING FERDINAND.

SOFIA, Dec. 28.—Bulgaria will never restore the conquered Macedonian territory which rightfully belonged to the Bulgars, King Ferdinand told parliament at the opening session. He presented a review of Bulgarian victories.

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PROMINENT MEN ARE IMPLICATED IN STRIKE PLOT

Federal Grand Jury Returns Blanket Indictment Against Buchanan, Lamar and Fowler.

TRIED TO TIE UP PLANTS

Congressman from Illinois, Well Known Financier and ex-Congressman From Illinois Are Charged With Trying to Injure Manufacturers of Munitions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A blanket indictment was returned today charging Congressman Buchanan, of Illinois, David Lamar, a financier, ex-Congressman Fowler, of Illinois, and five others with conspiracy as a result of a federal investigation into the activities of labor's national peace council.

CONSCRIPTION WILL BE ISSUE FACED BY BRITAIN'S CABINET

SEVERAL MEMBERS MAY RESIGN IF COMPULSORY SERVICE IS ADOPTED.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British cabinet faced the gravest internal crisis of the war when it met to consider the momentous question of conscription. It was rumored several members would resign unless some form of compulsion was agreed upon.

Czar Requests Rumania's King to Help Allies

ROME, Dec. 28.—The czar has sent Ambassador Schlegel to Bucharest with a personal message to the King of Rumania asking him to join the allies. It is reported.

GLEE CLUB APPEARS HERE THIS EVENING IN CONCERT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SONGSTERS WILL GIVE PROGRAM AT OREGON.

Under the direction of Ralph Leman, dean of the school of music, the University of Oregon Glee Club will appear in concert this evening at the Oregon theater.

200,000 FEET HARDWOOD DESTROYED AT PORTLAND

EARLY MORNING FIRE DOES DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$100,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Fire starting in a dry kiln early this morning destroyed 200,000 feet of hardwood lumber in the plant of the Emery Hardwood Company.

Plumbers will turn to the light of the electric lamp just as they do in the sun.