

The East Oregonian has the largest paid circulation of any paper in Oregon, east of Portland and over twice the circulation in Pendleton of any other newspaper.

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

Tonight and Wednesday unsettled, probably rain; colder tonight.

GERMANS READY TO MEET WITH ENGLISH FLEET

London Awaits News of Clash in the North Sea as Teutonic Navy is Reported About to Dash Out.

NAVAL BASE IS VERY ACTIVE

Reports declare Kiel Canal is Busy Place—Zeppelins and Taubes May Take Part in Dash—German Ships to Be Fitted With Immense Seventeen Inch Guns.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A mighty battle in the North Sea is imminent, London believes. Dutch rumors that the Germans are preparing for a dash have been corroborative in reports from other sources. The Hague reported the Germans along the Belgian coast have withdrawn and taken refuge in the Kiel canal. Leaves of absence of all officers are reported to have been cancelled. Copenhagen reports extreme activity in the Kiel canal indicating the German ships are about to venture forth and risk an engagement.

Four Zeppelins and a flock of laubes reinforced the flotilla in the Kiel canal, and it is assumed, will accompany the warships making the dash. It is reported Germany's dreadnaughts are equipped with 17-inch guns. The Zeppelins have torpedo tubes. The English fleet is reported ready.

Plan Proposed to Incorporate Many Measures in One

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS MAY DECIDE ON DARING POLITICAL STRATEGY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Democratic leaders today considered the daring political strategy of passing most of the democratic legislation in a single omnibus bill. The house ways and means committee on Thursday will consider the proposal of Representative Fisher. The following measures will be incorporated in one bill: Revision of the income tax; levying new inheritance taxes; repeal of the war taxes; increased duties on whiskey and cigars; taxation of munitions; creation of a tariff commission in accordance with the president's desire; enactment of anti-dumping clause in trust laws to prevent re-exportation of goods after the war; retention of sugar duties; repeal of tax on mixed flour.

The increased whiskey and cigar duties would raise thirty five millions replacing that amount the stamp taxes, are scheduled to repeal. Although the whiskey tax is bound to meet opposition, leaders believe this is more popular than a stamp tax.

Umatilla People Will be Aided in Making Tax Returns

GENERAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR SWEEK OF U. S. SERVICE IS IN THE CITY.

To assist the Umatilla county citizens who are subject to the income tax, Thad T. Sweek, of Portland, general deputy collector of the U. S. internal revenue service, is in Pendleton today and will remain through Thursday. He is making headquarters at the Hotel Pendleton and holds himself ready to assist any one in making out their returns.

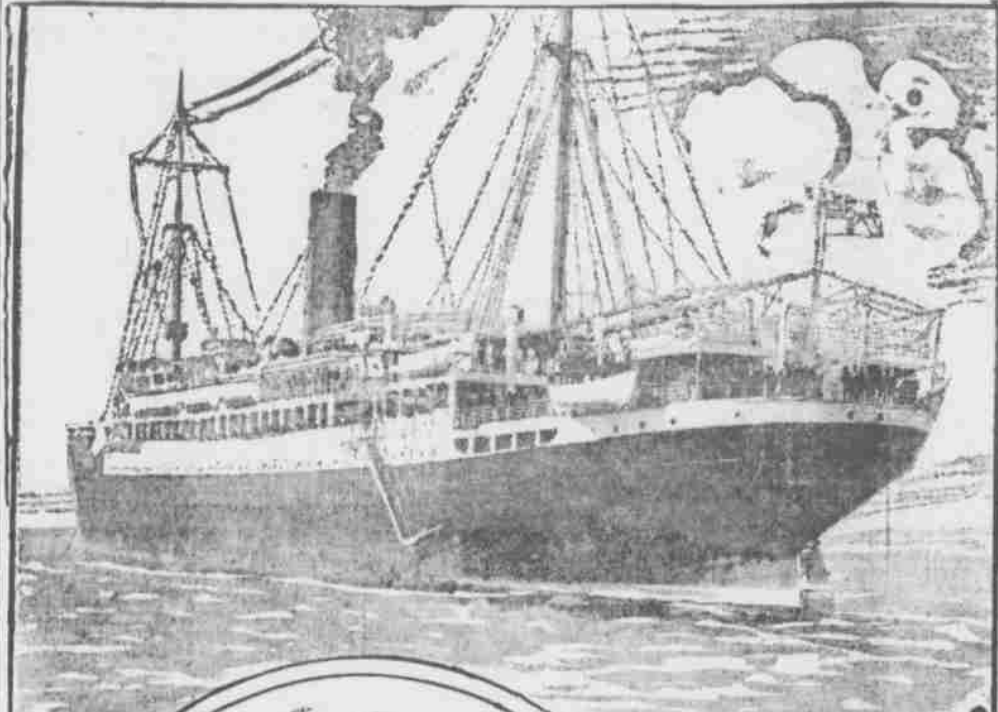
There are between 150 and 175 residents of the county, according to an official opinion of Mr. Sweek, who are subject to the income tax. Returns must be made to the internal revenue collector by March 1, after which date those subject to the tax become delinquent and are liable to penalties of various amounts. Mr. Sweek has a supply of return blanks in the event that anyone has not yet been supplied.

The federal income tax law is the same this year as last. It makes any bachelor with a net income of \$2000 or over subject to the tax and any married man with a net income of \$4000 or over. However, it provides that every individual or corporation with a net income of over \$3999 must make a return to the revenue office regardless of whether he is married or single.

Mr. Sweek is not required to be here to assist in making out the returns. He is doing it as a courtesy and convenience.

British Victim and Her Daring German Commander

THE APPAL, OUT OF FORTRESS MONROE.



This is the former British ship Appal, which looked off Old Point Comfort under command of a German commander, Lieutenant Berge of the German navy. The photographs were taken when he went ashore at Old Point Comfort.

Collection of Taxes for the Year 1915 Will Begin on the Fifteenth of Present Month

Assessor C. P. Strain yesterday turned over the tax roll to Sheriff Taylor but the actual collection of the 1915 taxes will not begin until February 15. Tax Collector Funk requires a week in which to make the necessary preparations.

Any person having title to real property on yesterday will be looked to for the 1915 taxes upon that property, regardless of transfers between that date and the time of payment. Personal taxes will be collected from those holding the personal property

at the time of assessment, March 1, 1915. The total amount of taxes to be collected by the sheriff's force this year is \$671,774.75 as compared with \$469,694.29. This includes the county and state tax, the special school tax, special city taxes except for the city of Milton, which collects its own tax, the tax for the union high school at Helix and the tax for the Teel irrigation project.

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But Little Damage Reported in Northwest As Result of High Water; All Rivers Full

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—Although streams throughout the northwest are running bank-full slight damage has been reported. The crest of the flood in the Willamette river is scheduled to reach Albany today. It already has fallen three feet at Eugene.

The Callapoola river has wrought some damage at Brownsville. The thaw continues throughout the northwest. Occasional rain is predicted for western Oregon and Washington. Colder weather in the east portion is predicted for tonight.

Avalanches Cause Apprehension. SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Small avalanches, occurring frequently in the Cascades, caused apprehension among railroad offices. The Great Northern has abandoned its efforts to route trains over its tracks detouring them via Portland. A Milwaukee train reported two slides near Keechelus

Two persons were killed at Seattle last night when a mud slide buried the home of Edward Gurney, killing him and his wife.

Lumber Mills Close. GRANITE FALLS, Wash., Feb. 8.—Camps and lumber mills are closed because of snow and high water. During the last 24 hours 41 inches of snow fell.

Farmers Save Stock. AUBURN, Wash., Feb. 8.—The rising water caused farmers in the Green river valley to drive their stock into the hills.

Tracks Are Flooded. MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 8.—Ten miles of S. P. tracks are flooded between Marshfield and Conville. A train ran to the summit of the hills then transferred passengers to motor boats.

GUESTS ESCAPE IN SAFETY FROM FIRE IN THE HOTEL ECHO

SMOKE AWAKENS PORTER WHO GIVES ALARM—DAMAGE IS COVERED.

(Special Correspondence.) ECHO, Ore., Feb. 8.—Dense smoke about 4 o'clock this morning awoke the porter at the Hotel Echo and his investigation showed that a fire had gained considerable headway between the partitions. Guests were awakened and all made their way out in safety. The fire department responded to an alarm and after a stubborn fight had the blaze under control. The damage will be several hundred dollars, fully covered by insurance.

The building is owned by C. J. Stabling and The Dalles and is leased by B. G. Mashburn of this place. It is believed the flames started from a range in the kitchen.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. German fleet may meet British in North sea. Lantania affair may end satisfactorily.

Local. Millrace, ice-blocked, floods east end of city; river falling a little. Three plead guilty and pay fines for bootlegging; booze to be destroyed. Tutuilla creek dammed by snow and water floods flats. Tax rolls turned over to sheriff; collection begins next week. Income tax man in city to help prepare returns. Chester Fee may be professional.

TUTUILLA CREEK COVERING FLATS ON RESERVATION

Snow-Dam Ho'ds Up Water and Spreads it Out Over Low Lands According to Reports Brought Here

WEBER HOME IS FLOODED

Superintendent Swartzlander Unable to Drive to Tutuilla Mission Because of Deep Water Backing Into Road—In Some Places is Said to be 3 Feet Deep.

Flood waters of Tutuilla creek have been prevented from reaching the low lower end of the stream by a snow dam which has backed up the water and spread it out over the flats of the reservation. This is the report brought in by farmers living on the upper portion of the creek.

When news of the high water in Tutuilla reached Pendleton yesterday numbers of people made their way to the lower end of Webb street to note the stage of the creek there. They found only a little stream running down the channel and consequently view the previous reports as hysterical exaggerations.

Nevertheless, authentic reports indicate that the stream up on the reservation reached proportions unequalled in recent years. John Crow, well known reservation farmer whose place is on Tutuilla, is in the city today and reports that the water has spread out on both sides of the banks and is several feet deep in places. He states that there is six inches of water in the farm house of Bruno Weber.

Superintendent E. L. Swartzlander telephoned in this morning that yesterday afternoon he was unable to drive to Tutuilla mission on account of the water having backed up into the road south of the Crow place. In some places it was three feet deep, he stated.

The chinook struck on the foothills where the Tutuilla has its source and rapidly melted the snow. A big volume of water started down the creek but as it proceeded a wall of snow formed in front. As this dam grew it naturally retarded the progress of the water and forced it to spread out when the flats were reached. The snow on the ground absorbed some of it and the ground also soaked up a portion of it. Had the flood water made its way down to the mouth of the creek, where the channel is narrow, it would have probably have done much damage in the lower end of the city.

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STEAMER IN GOLDEN GATE IS SUNK IN COLLISION

LINER HARVARD IN FOG RAMS EXCELSIOR—ALL HAVE TIME FOR ESCAPE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The Pacific Navigation Company's fast passenger turbine Harvard, inward bound from San Pedro, ran into and sank the steam schooner Excelsior last night in San Francisco harbor during a dense fog.

The Excelsior, outward bound in ballast, was struck on the starboard beam and went down shortly, giving all hands ample time to find safety in the launches that were quickly alongside. A report that one member of the crew was missing could not be confirmed.

The Harvard was undamaged. The Harvard's steel prow cut into the Excelsior's engine-room and Chief Engineer J. E. Dorwars of the Excelsior, was severely burned about the hands and legs by escaping steam. A fireman and night watchman were also scalded by the hot steam.

The submerged Excelsior, with only smokestack and masts visible, floated off on the tide, and tug sent out to find the derelict were expected to have a long search, as a heavy fog blanketed the bay. The Excelsior was a wooden vessel and was built in Eureka in 1892.

RIVER FALLS SOME HERE; COLD SPELL MAY CHECK FLOOD

So Far There Has Been no Indication of Danger Although Streams Throughout the County are at Flood Stage—Pilot Rock People Returning to Homes—McKay Creek Reported to be Falling.

Ice-Jam in Mill-Race Backs up and Floods East End Home

Dynamite Used to Break an Ice-Jam on Willow Creek

It was necessary for men to use dynamite in clearing out an ice jam on Willow creek above Heppner yesterday according to a long distance report today to the East Oregonian from the Heppner Herald. The ice had blocked the creek and while no serious damage was done it was evident the fields along the creek would be washed out as strenuous measures were taken to relieve the situation.

The southern part of Morrow county had a real chinook on Sunday and on Monday but the northern part of the county had cooler weather. The sun is shining today at Heppner and the snow is melting rapidly.

Some stockmen in southern Morrow county are in bad shape, particularly the cattlemen. The sheep losses so far are only normal but quite a few cattle have died. Difficulty arises from the fact it is impossible to get feed to those ranches because of impassable roads. The thawing weather is making the roads worse and in places they are completely washed out.

A shipment of feed from Umatilla county arrived at Heppner yesterday and will be of considerable benefit to ranchers close to the railroad.

Fears of flood for Pendleton are so far wholly unrealized and with colder weather promised for tonight to check the melting of the snow there seems no immediate danger of high water. The Umatilla river is carrying but a moderate stream and while higher than yesterday is far away from a dangerous point. At noon today the river appeared to be falling.

At Meacham. At 1:30 this afternoon the East Oregonian had a phone message from Meacham saying the snow was melting there but not rapidly. Last night was cold in the mountains and stopped the thawing. It is estimated the snow is now three and a half or four feet deep on the level at Meacham.

Pilot Rock Composed. At Pilot Rock Birch creek was reported this afternoon as having fallen considerably thus lessening any flood danger. People who left their homes yesterday for higher points, fearing a possible flood, have gone back home convinced they are in no danger.

A phone report from Echo declared the river to be entirely safe at that place. Though up somewhat the stream is not dangerous and no damage has been caused. It has been warm at Echo today but there is no wind. The snow is now about a foot deep on the ground.

McKay Creek Falls. McKay Creek is lower today than yesterday according to word from the county hospital on McKay creek. The snow along McKay is melting but not at a fast pace.

Wheat up Cent Today After Drop Monday

After having dropped five cents yesterday the Chicago wheat market is up a cent today. The Portland price is weak, club bids being at 95 cents. There is no Pendleton market today. The Liverpool price remains high.

Chicago. CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—April—May \$1.28 1/2, \$1.29 1/4, July \$1.23, \$1.22 7/8. Portland. PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Special—Club \$2 bid, \$1.00 asked, Houston \$1.07, \$1.12 asked. Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 7.—Wheat—spot No. 1 Manitoba, 4s 7d; No. 2 hard winter new, 4s 4 1/2d. In American terms the Liverpool price is now \$2.12 per bushel.

Prince Oscar Wedded. BUREAU, Feb. 8.—(By telegram to Sag.) Prince Oscar fifth son of the Kaiser, was slightly injured in the head and (back by sprain) it was semi-officially announced.

To Rebuild Section. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Coroner Marsh announced 17 persons lost their lives in the recent Otay deluge. The city council has diverted large sums to pay for immediate improvements in the stricken district. The work is being rushed.

Farrar is Wed. NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—In the flower decked library of her home, Gertrude Farrar wedded Lou Tellegen, a movie actor. A few close friends were guests. Rev. Leon Harver, of the Brooklyn Unitarian church performed the ceremony.

New coal fields are announced in Manchuria.