

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.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

RUSSIANS TAKE FORTS IN FACE OF HEAVY FIRE

Strongly Fortified City in Turkish Armenia May be Forced to Surrender Before Slav Attacks.

CHARGE IS MADE UP HEIGHTS

Czar's Troops in Zero Weather Storm and Capture Nine Fortresses—Task of Taking Remaining Strongholds Will Be Difficult—Are Strongly Fortified by Artillery.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Petrograd this afternoon declared Erzerum had been captured.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16.—Nine forts defending Erzerum, the principal city of Turkish Armenia, have been captured. It was officially announced. The Russians charged up the mountain sides in zero weather, under an intense fire and stormed the forts. Capturing the remaining forts will be a severe task. Artillery guards them and a Turkish garrison of 150,000 is reported inside the walls of the city. The fall of Erzerum will pave the way for the Russian spring advance through Armenia and perhaps will force Turkey to sue for separate peace. Erzerum is one of the strongest fortified cities in the east. The surrender is not expected before weeks of artillery and infantry attack.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Stormy weather has stopped artillery fire on the western front, though furious infantry attacks are being made around Ypres and Champagne without important results. British announced the English thrice attacked their new positions at Ypres and were repulsed. They lost 100 prisoners. It was said the French attacks northwest of Ypres have failed. Paris did not claim important activity. Deep snow prevented fighting on the eastern front.

County Officials Pour Liquor Into the City Gutters

TWO ONE-PINT BOTTLES ARE DESTROYED—CROWD GATHERS, BUT DISAPPOINTED.

The liquor, seized by the sheriff in the recent raid of the Empire lodging house, was destroyed this morning at 11 o'clock, as advertised, and such of the crowd gathering to watch the proceedings, as reached the scene promptly at the hour of 11 witnessed the destruction, which required about one-half of one second, and received hardly a sniff for their pains.

As a matter of fact, there were just two one-pint bottles of liquor seized, one containing whiskey and one alcohol. However, the amount to be destroyed was kept quiet and the crowd was anticipating some such scene as was witnessed last week when about 300 bottles were cracked. This morning Deputy Sheriff J. A. Shakerly took one bottle and Deputy Sheriff J. H. Estey the other. At the stroke of 11 the corks were pulled and the contents emptied into the gutter. It took the crowd some minutes to realize the thing was all over so soon.

This afternoon before Justice of the Peace Parkes W. L. Mountain is seeking to establish a claim to the 52-gallon barrel of whiskey seized at the Harris rooming house. He alleged he had stored it there for his own use. The state seeks to show that the liquor was not stored in his room but in a common store room with other liquor, and therefore, it comes under the term "nuisance" as defined by the law. Mountain is a son-in-law of Mrs. Harris.

Chicago Wheat is Advanced Few Cents

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—May \$1.25 1-2, \$1.30 2-8; July \$1.22 1-4, \$1.27 1-2.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 146 1/2-1-24; No. 2 hard winter, new 128 1/2.

In American terms the highest price at Liverpool at present is \$2.15 7/10 per bushel.

Fight Postponed Again. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Willard-Moran fight was postponed until March 25. Tom Jones announced.

Man Has Narrow Escape Trying to Ford Birch Creek

OTTO REIMAN IS CARRIED DOWN STREAM BUT FINALLY IS RESCUED.

In attempting to ford Birch creek this morning with a team and wagon, Otto Reiman, who is farming the Martin place, had an experience that he will not care to have repeated. With two men and a water barrel in the wagon, he started to drive across the creek, the bridge having been washed out. In midstream the wagon overturned and spilled the occupants in the cold water. The two men accompanying Mr. Reiman succeeded in clambering out without much trouble but Mr. Reiman was carried down stream. He was finally rescued in a half-frozen condition. The team and wagon were swept with the current for a half mile before the men could reach them and get them to land. The story of the experience was brought in today by F. A. Michaels.

Republicans Refuse to Endorse Root

NOT WANTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE—WHITMAN ALSO TURNED DOWN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Republicans have refused to endorse Elihu Root for the presidential nomination. The resolutions committee on the state convention reported unfavorably, by a vote of 26 to eight, that the committee also refused to endorse Whitman, but it is possible an endorsement may be made separately. Root supporters sought to force the endorsement, but it was reported Root did not approve of this. Chairman Dewey lauded Root before the convention as the greatest American statesman. The refusal of the committee to endorse Whitman was construed as a victory for Burnes. The committee discussed the wisdom of commending Root as the most fit candidate. Nicholas Murray Butler said it was completely agreed as to Root's fitness, but differences of opinion existed regarding the wisdom of pressing the resolution. It was generally believed this puts a question in the Root presidential boom.

MAN WANTED FOR ARSON IS CAPTURED NEAR SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Deputy sheriff last night captured Charles McDaniels wanted in Portland on a charge of arson. They found him in a truck carrying four Cedar Mountain logs from Seattle. He tried to escape and his brother displayed a revolver, but the deputies guns forced him to submit to arrest. McDaniels is charged with Tom Pattison and Hugh Priest of an attempt to burn the University Shingle mill at Portland. Pattison and Priest were convicted in May and are serving ten years in the penitentiary.

Searching Ruins For Bodies



This picture shows men at work searching the ruins of the burned Canadian parliament house at Ottawa for the bodies of those killed in the fire. The man with the crowbar is David Desjardins, searching for the bodies of his brother and uncle, who were killed in the falling walls in the common chamber where they were making an effort to save some of the records.

SENTIMENT HAS TURNED AGAINST GERMAN ORDERS

Official Washington is Opposed to Teutonic Plan to Torpedo Armed Merchantmen Without Warning.

LATEST PROPOSALS ARE MADE

Matter is News to Wilson and Lansing—American Attitude Toward Orders Not Yet Determined and Will Await Complete Report From Colonel House in Europe.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Germany's latest proposal in the Lusitania case was presented to Lansing today. Its acceptance or rejection is now up to Wilson and Lansing.

Berstorff declined to discuss the situation after a brief conference. It is understood that if a final settlement is reached the department will not announce it until Berlin calls London.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Although official sentiment turned today against the Teutonic announcement that she will torpedo armed merchantmen without warning, determination of the final attitude of America is unlikely until Colonel House returns from Europe. He is now obtaining the London view of the situation. Already he has learned the purpose and the reasons of Germany, through conversations with Berlin officials. He will return about March 1. It is believed the situation here will hang fire until then.

Beyond acknowledging the decree, officials said no further cognizance of the Teutonic plan will be taken until the allies announce their positions. There will be no protest against the decree until a concrete case involving America arises. It is believed Germany will apply the new order largely to ships off trans-Atlantic routes, hence the chances of complications with America are regarded as remote. Senator Stone today proposed a meeting of the foreign committee. The shelving resolution, protesting against recognition of the decree will be pigeonholed.

Will Exert Full Strength. LONDON, Feb. 16.—The issuance of two new orders in council was announced today. One gives the government control of practically all merchandise after February. The other forbids the importation of tobacco, furniture, woods, hard woods, ivory, slate and materials for making paper. The government intimated the matter has decided on a series of aggressive measures designed for the more vigorous prosecution of the war. Asquith announced England is preparing to exert her maximum war strength and therefore is investigating her financial and industrial resources.

Alaska has a workmen's compensation law.

NEW VICEROY OF INDIA



LORD CHELMSFORD

LONDON, Feb. 16.—It is expected that the appointment of Lord Chelmsford as Viceroy of India, to succeed Baron Hardinge will shortly be officially announced.

Frederick John Napier Thesiger, third Baron Chelmsford, is 48 years old. He is an Oxford man (Magdalen College) and aside from having held several positions in the local government of London, member of school board, county council and alderman, has been, since 1905, successively governor of Queensland and New South Wales. In politics he is a Conservative. He is a Knight of Grace of St. John Jerusalem in England and Chancellor of the order of St. Michael and St. George.

WILSON SIGNS BILL FOR MORE CADETS AT ANNAPOLIS ACADEMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Wilson this afternoon signed a bill adding 500 cadets to Annapolis academy, and appropriating \$500,000 for the immediate improvement of Maryland and the Brooklyn navy yards.

SCORES OF PERSONS ARE IN DANGER IN FLOODED TOWN

NATCHEZ, Feb. 16.—Scores of persons are marooned in the flooded town of Newellton. It is reported one hundred and fifty thousand acres are submerged.

American Club Building in Toronto Destroyed by Fire

MYSTERIOUS FIRES OVERNIGHT.

Two ships burned at Brooklyn pier. Loss \$4,000,000. Business section of Fall River swept; estimated million and a half damage.

Small fire, apparently incendiary, found near the laboratory in the city hall, Chicago, where the poison of suspected anarchists are held.

American club, Toronto, destroyed. Explosion started the fire.

Mysterious fire on the steamer Veendyk forced her to put back to New York.

The sugar laden steamer Daitin of Philadelphia, scheduled to sail for England, mysteriously burned. Loss \$100,000.

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND 2 ARE SERIOUSLY HURT

American is Victim of Flames—Explosion Comes Before Fire Breaks Out—Fall River is Badly Damaged by Fire and two Steamers in New York Harbor Also Destroyed—Series of Fires Come During Last Night.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—One person is dead and two were seriously hurt as a result of a supposedly incendiary fire which destroyed the American Club. P. I. Hurston of Dallas, Texas, a guest of the club, perished. The caretaker and paymaster of the American legion were badly hurt. An explosion, preceding the fire, shook the whole building. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Big Blaze in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Fire early this morning destroyed the steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific and burned a portion of the Brooklyn pier between them. The damage is \$1,000,000. No one was killed.

Fifty naked men were rescued from a barge. The fire started about 1 o'clock this morning, and seemed uncontrollable. Despite the efforts of all available firemen and fireboats, it soon spread to the pier. Joseph Johnson, engineer on the Castle, declared he heard a heavy explosion in the hold while walking on the forward deck. The fire started immediately and Johnson was forced to leap overboard.

Both ships are English but recently engaged in the Russian trade. Authorities are investigating the bomb theory.

The steamer Bellagio, nearby was ignited, but was saved after a hard fight. A score of lighters along the pier were damaged. Firemen rescued the captain of the Castle, with his wife, after they had jumped overboard.

While the fire was at its worst, a fireboat crew, rising their own lives, went alongside the Pacific and towed it away from a lighter laden with gasoline on which sparks were falling. Fifty stevedores and their families were sleeping on six lighters near the burning vessels and had to be rescued over a rope bridge. The Pacific was 2800 and the Castle 3500 tons.

Fall River Visited by Flames

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 16.—Fire, starting with an explosion in the basement of the Steiger department store, wrought a million and a half dollars damage before the combined apparatus of the New Bedford, Taunton and Newport fire departments controlled it this morning.

A shift in the wind threatened the congested tenement district where the textile workers lived. Quick work prevented a spread of the flames. Guests at the Lexton Hotel ran into the snow clad in night clothes hurriedly their homes through the streets.

(Continued on Page Eight.)

Carranza Government Said to be on Verge of Falling Through Lack of Finances

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Mexico is seething with threatened uprising, which needs only a strong leadership to send the Carranza government into "oblivion," said semi-official mail information to the state department. The Carranza government is reported crumbling rapidly. The regime has lost vast ground within two months and apparently is facing serious financial troubles. Many consuls and interior officials are unpaid regularly. Three consuls in America are far in arrears in their office expenses.

DR. BEERS TELLS OF WORK OF GIRLS IN ELEANOR HOME

GIVES ADDRESS BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE GIRLS' FORUM LAST NIGHT

Last evening at the Girls' Forum, Dr. Beers of Chicago, gave to the girls in her gracious and pleasing manner, the plans, aims and the life of the girls in the Eleanor Homes of Chicago. The Eleanor clubs are for the working girls who are seeking a home life. These clubs have their motto, emblems, colors and songs, the same as any fraternity. "Eleanor," meaning "light" is signified by a colonial lamp. The girls have their parties, socials, dances and all forms of amusements. The meals are well balanced, beautiful yet simple. The table equipments are of the very best such as beautiful linen table cloth. Any one desiring to sew or do her laundry has these privileges for a nominal sum. Medical aid is always given regardless of financial circumstances when necessary.

No girl is ever turned away for lack of funds who shows a willingness to do right. The Eleanor homes are seeking to help "the eight dollar week girl" to live a clean and happy life. Another of their aims is to protect the girl from the vice of the city.

Dr. Beers gave these messages to the girls to carry away with them through life as shown in the life of Miss Roberts the founder of the homes. Her closing statements were: Do the little things at home, the great things will come. Be not self-sh and self-centered. Find some one less fortunate than yourself, be a sister to her.

About one hundred and fifteen girls were present. The supper was served by the mothers of several of the high school girls.

LATE BULLETINS

Resolution condemns Purchase. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senator Tillman introduced a bill to condemn the purchase of armor plate factories.

Ladies Can't Vote. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16.—The state supreme court ruled women cannot vote for national convention delegates nor central and precinct committeemen.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Scores of fires last night in different parts of the country do considerable damage. American building at Toronto destroyed and United States citizen loses his life.

Russians in strong attack against fortified Turkish city.

Official sentiment at Washington is against German orders regarding submarine attacks.

Carranza government is near fall through lack of finances.

Local. Birch Creek farmer has narrow escape while trying to ford.

County Supt. Young announces candidacy for re-election.

More liquor destroyed by sheriff.

AGAIN QUITS COMMAND



GEN. SIR J. SMUTS-DORRIEN

LONDON, Feb. 16.—General Jan Christian Smuts, ex-Boer leader, has been designated to command the British forces operating against the Germans in East Africa, succeeding General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien.

The new commander assumes the rank of temporary Lieutenant-General. He has been minister of the interior, mines and defence of the union of South Africa.

Smith-Dorrien, according to the official announcement, has relinquished command owing to ill-health. In June last he had been in command of the British second army in Flanders.

It can be stated on excellent authority that the illness which has bedeviled the recall of Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien is a recurrence of the nervous breakdown which forced the general last June to leave his command on the French front. The strain of the campaign in France from the Meuse to the Marne and the trench warfare of Flanders had so severely on Smith-Dorrien that it became advisable early in the summer to give him a complete rest. Friends who saw him in England say that the officer soldier had become a nervous and silent man, who spent his time in small walks about his estate avoiding all intercourse with his neighbors. The quiet and rest seemed to have restored him to his usual lively vigor and it was the conviction that his normal health had returned that caused him to report to the war office last July. It was thought that the new field for action in Africa would prevent a possible relapse, but this hope seemed not to have been justified.

Ambassador Maury Resigns. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The state department reported that Ambassador Maury at Petrograd had resigned. His formal resignation is expected in a few days. Ill health was assigned as the reason.

Young Announces He is Candidate For Re-election

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT PREPARES PITCH FOR PRIMARIES

County Superintendent J. Young is the first one of the present incumbents to declare himself as a candidate for re-election. This statement he prepared by formal notice asking that his name be placed on the ballot at the primaries as a school day for the republican nomination for the office he now holds and held it with the county voters.

Mr. Young is now serving his fourth year as superintendent of the 100-mile county schools, having been elected in the fall of 1912. He defeated Frank K. Wallis, then superintendent, for the republican nomination and was practically unopposed at the general election. Prior to taking the office he was superintendent of school of Milton.