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WEATHER: Tonight and Sunday rain to snow, warmer tonight. Weather Data: Maximum temperature, 44; minimum, 22; rainfall trace, wind, west, light; weather, cloudy.

LOS ANGELES IRON WORKS ARE BLOWN UP WITH LOSS OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS; ALL EMPLOYEES ESCAPE; BOMB IS SUSPECTED

Two Explosions Precede Fire-Plant Partially Wrecked When Times Building Was Dynamited.

BUILDING FRAME STRUCTURE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—An explosion wrecked the Lewellyn Iron Works here with no casualties but damage of half a million. A bomb is suspected.

Night Watchman Williams reported that two explosions preceded the fire. Fifty men barely escaped the flames.

Electric wires nearly trapped the machine shop employees. Robert Lacey, employed in the machine shop, told Police Chief Butler that bombs were undoubtedly responsible.

A bomb explosion partially wrecked the Lewellyn plant in 1910 when the Los Angeles Times was dynamited. Today's blast was near the same spot. The building was a frame structure and burned rapidly.

PENNSYLVANIA TOWN IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 16.—Fire swept a wide path in the Shamokin business district. Sixty families are homeless. Firemen from half a dozen nearby towns were called. Fire jumped the streets, driving the inhabitants into zero weather.

ASKS EXTENSION OF TIME FOR NEWLAND'S PROBING COMMITTEE

Adams Declares Work Can Not Be Finished in Present Time Limit—Edmonds Wants \$3,000,000 Appropriation for Militiamen's Families.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Chairman Adams of the house interstate commerce committee, has offered a resolution to extend the life of Newlands railroad investigation committee until January first, nineteen eighteen. He declared it impossible to complete the work and make congressional recommendations within the present time limit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Representative Edmonds of Pennsylvania, has offered a resolution asking an appropriation of three million dollars to support border militiamen's families.

PRESIDENT PLEASED WITH GIRLS' GIFTS

Four Pupils of Lincoln School Send Four Carnations to President After Re-election—Action Was Unknown to Parents Until Receipt of Thanks.

Seven little girls of the Lincoln school are today the happiest girls in Pendleton, for the mail has just brought to them an acknowledgment from President Wilson of a gift they sent him as soon as they learned of his re-election.

Unknown to their parents these girls, when they learned of Wilson's victory, purchased with their nickles two red carnations and two white ones and dispatched them to the White House. Yesterday a letter was received from Joseph Tumulty, secretary to the president, stating that President Wilson desired him to thank them for their kindness in sending the token of their regard.

The girls who joined in buying and sending the flowers are Geraldine Horton, Martha Hogan, Grace Haw, Daisy Jones, Beanie Stockton, Leota Johnson and Eleanor Beam. All are about 11 or 12 years old.

ENGLAND'S "MAN OF THE HOUR" REFUSED POST



LORD & LADY NORTHCLIFFE

Next to Premier Lloyd George, Lord Northcliffe is the most dominant figure today in the British political crisis. He is not only looked upon as the "man of the hour," but as one who will undoubtedly play a most conspicuous part in the formation of the new cabinet. Lord Northcliffe has refused to accept a berth in the

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF AMERICANS AND MEXICANS ON BORDER PLANNED

EL PASO, Dec. 16.—United States secret service men plan wholesale arrests of Americans and Mexicans at El Paso and other border points. They have allegedly violated neutrality and aided revolution. The Mexican junta is under surveillance. The action is delayed pending the ratification of the American-Mexican protocol.

The secret service men are hunting the source of Villa's ammunition supply. It is positively learned that

GOVERNOR CANNOT SERVE AS SANTA FOR PENDLETON

Pendleton almost secured Governor Withycombe to act as Santa Claus at the municipal Christmas celebration. The committee having in charge the selection of a man to impersonate the beneficent Kris Kringle, hit upon the happy idea of having Oregon's chief executive assume the role, and accordingly he was invited.

This morning J. F. Robinson, chairman of the committee, received a letter from the governor expressing regret over his inability to act. Preparations for the coming session of the legislature prevents him from leaving the capital this month, he writes, but he expresses the hope that he can act next year providing a similar invitation is extended to him.

IRISH QUESTION IS NEARING PEACEFUL AND QUICK FINISH

Amicable Union of Ulsterites and Southern Irishmen Appears to be Imminent.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The long delayed settlement of the Irish question is near. An amicable union of Ulsterites and southern Irishmen is visible. Lloyd George's negotiations started following the Dublin revolt at first appeared a failure but they are steadily progressing and have reached the stage where definite agreement is expected daily.

The Irish did not seriously object to Sir Edward Carson's appointment to the new cabinet. The Irish strongly objected when Carson was first included in Asquith's cabinet. There was no criticism over Lloyd George retaining Henry Edward Duke as chief secretary for Ireland. Lloyd George's action is undoubtedly the result of Duke's efforts to reunite Ireland.

Major Redmond's appeal in the House of Commons yesterday, where he cited the fact that the Ulsterman, and nationalists were most amicable companions in the trenches was the first open indication of impending events. Bonar Law's acquiescence in debates showed negotiations are proceeding successfully.

TRANSPORT SUMNER ASHORE; CREW SAVED

Captain and 61 Sailors Rescued Off Barnegat, New Jersey—Ship is Buffeted by Heavy Seas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Captain Weber and sixty one sailors of the transport Sumner, aground at Barnegat, New Jersey, abandoned the ship this afternoon. A revenue cutter and lifesavers rescued the crew. Heavy seas were buffeting the ship. She is expected to break up imminently.

LEVY FIXED AT 7 1-2 MILLS

The county court at 2 o'clock this afternoon fixed the tax levy for state and county purposes at 7 1-2 mills as predicted by the East Oregonian Thursday. In order to raise the full amount specified in the budget, a levy of 7 1/2 would have been necessary but, in order to keep the levy the same as last year, the court lopped off \$4000 from the appropriation for general expenses and \$200 off the road and highway appropriation.

The levy, divided on a millage basis, is as follows: For state and county general purposes 3 22-66 mills; for school library 1 29-66 mills; for indigent soldiers 260 of a mill and for roads and highways 2 36-66 mills. The money raised will be divided as follows: State tax \$112,316.50; general expenses \$75,100; schools \$72,000; school library \$800; indigent soldiers \$1600; roads and highways \$127,000.

CONFESSES TO CRIME DONE 18 YEARS AGO

James Foley Surrenders Himself to Tacoma Police Declaring Murder Committed in Alaska Has Prayed on His Mind.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—James Foley, fifty five, has been jailed on a suspicion of murder. The police declared Foley confessed to killing "Diamond Dutch" in Nome, Alaska, eighteen years ago.

Foley, wrinkled, wearing overalls and a ragged overcoat, approached the desk sergeant and said: "Partner, I'm a murderer. You're the first living soul besides myself that knows you're talking to the man who shot 'Diamond Dutch' one summer night eighteen years ago on an old sandbar at Nome. My God, this has been preying and eating my mind all these long years. I couldn't stand it any longer and came here to surrender. I am not crazy, not feeble-minded and not drunk. I have told you what I've done. Now take me."

Deputy Sheriff, former Alaskan, closely questioned Foley and declared the names and dates were accurate. Foley said he shot Diamond Dutch following an argument where-in Dutch killed Dublin McKee, Foley's partner. He escaped to Seattle on a boat the following day.

GERMANY WILL PRESENT FULL STATEMENT TO ALLIED POWERS

Is Willing to Discuss Disarmament League for Permanent Peace and Kindred Subjects

BERNSTORFF SEES LANSING

Asks Whether U. S. Will Supplement Central Powers' Statement to Allies—It Will Not Be Discouraged If Refused.

(ROBERT J. BENDER.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Bernstorff officially announced that Germany is ready to give the allies a full statement of terms in a peace conference. He said he did not know the terms. He made the announcement following a visit to Lansing.

He said Germany was also willing to discuss disarmament, a league for permanent peace and kindred subjects. He asked Lansing whether America intended to supplement Germany's proposals. The fact the United States decided not to urge suggestions has not discouraged Germany. It believes Wilson may act later.

WOOLMEN OFFERED 34c FOR NEXT CLIP

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Dealers offered thirty-four cents a pound for next year's clips. The normal price is fifteen cents. Unusually high prices of woolen clothing are foreseen.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WANT CLERK JOBS

Merchants of the city who are in need of errand clerks or extra clerks during the Christmas rush next week should apply to the commercial department of the high school, according to F. H. Young, instructor in charge. Several members of the salesmanship and store management and according to Mr. Young, are capable of rendering efficient service along simple salesmanship lines. Mr. Young may be reached by phone and can furnish clerks at any time during next week.

NEW BLOOD IN ALLIES CABINETS HAS ALREADY PRODUCED VICTORIES

HUGO MUNSTERBURG DIES WHILE SPEAKING

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 16.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg, noted Harvard psychologist, dropped dead while lecturing to a class at Radcliffe College.

MANY PREDATORY ANIMALS KILLED

More than 15,000 predatory animals, over 11,000 of which were coyotes, were destroyed during the fiscal government year by the trappers and hunters hired by the government, according to reports from Washington received by the local department of the biological survey. The report states that 11,800 coyotes, 1564 bobcats, 424 wolves, 9 mountain lions and 2086 miscellaneous wild animals were killed during the year, and this does not take into account many animals poisoned and whose bodies were not recovered. The government uses three methods in its warfare against predatory beasts, trapping, shooting and poisoning. Most of the animals were killed in the western states where rabies has been prevalent.

PORTLAND GARAGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fifteen Autos Are Burned and \$35,000 Loss Sustained in White Garage.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Fifteen automobiles were destroyed when the White Garage burned. The blaze started from fused oil. There was \$35,000 damage.

LOST BOY SOUGHT BY SALEM POLICE

SALEM, Dec. 16.—Roy McHenry, eight years old, has disappeared and the police are searching empty houses. He vanished under similar circumstances a year ago and was found sleeping in a barrel.

ENGLAND'S NEW PREMIER, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER



David Lloyd George, who rose from an obscure position to be premier of Great Britain at a time when his country was facing a crisis greater, perhaps, than at any time in its history. Lloyd George's daughter, Miss Margaret Owe, of Creclith, Wales.

Twelve Square Miles of Advanced Verdun Positions are Captured—Germans Forced Back.

GREECE CONCEDES DEMANDS

All Official Statements Reflect New Life and Joy—Nivelles Victory Regarded as Fitting Reply to Proposals of Central Powers.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—It is announced four French divisions defeated five German divisions in yesterday's battle north of Verdun. The Germans retreated artillery on the entire front from Meuse to Woerthe. The Macedonian front was uneventful.

(BY ED KEENE.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The French Verdun offensive resulting in the capture of twelve square miles and seventy five hundred prisoners is the first evidence of the new blood injected in the allied cabinets. The Greek acquiescence to demands is also creditable to Lloyd-George and Briand. It has justified the recent revolutionary policy in both countries.

News from all sources increasingly indicates the allies are determined to continue fighting. Official statements recently colorless, today reflect the new inspiration of joy. Lloyd-George's vigorous leadership has quickly settled the most important national questions. Newspapers emphasized that General Nivelle's Verdun victory is a fitting reply to the peace proposals.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—It is admitted the French have captured advanced positions northeast of Verdun. The Germans retreated to the second line at Talourie and the heights north of Louvemont, Chambrettes and south of Bezonvaux. The Germans penetrated the second British line southeast of Zillebeke. The ninth army's left in Roumania, has reached the Buzau-Rimnicul road after the heaviest fighting.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—The Greek government has revealed the text of its reply to the allies' demands. It completely complies with the ultimatum's terms and asks a resumption of the "traditional relations with the entente, based on a reciprocal confidence." It says Greece desires to give manifest proof of the sincere friendship of the entente and promised legitimate satisfaction for the Greek attacks on the allies December 1. It suggested arbitration for the adjustment of details and hopes the entente will reconsider the blockade decision.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—It is announced Russian Warships successfully shelled Rallichek. The fleet was undamaged despite the enemy shore battery, seaplane and submarine attacks. Bulgarian flour mills were destroyed.

PIONEER SETTLER IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Niel McDonald Succumbs to Ravages of Cancer and Old Age at Home Near Pilot Rock.

Death yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock claimed another pioneer settler of Umatilla county when Niel McDonald succumbed to the ravages of cancer and old age at his home seven miles from Pilot Rock. The body was brought to Pendleton and the funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock at the Presbyterian church with Rev. J. E. Snyder officiating. Interment will take place in the Weston cemetery at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Deceased was 72 years old and was a native of Tyree, Scotland. He came to this county years ago and engaged in farming and stockraising. His wife died about nine years ago. The following children survive him: Flora McDonald, Alex. B. McDonald, Duncan McDonald, Mrs. Jessie Richmond, Mrs. Kate Hurd and Daniel McDonald, all of this county. Nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Mary McFall and Miss Kate McDonald, both of Canada, survive him also.

CORPSE IS FOUND HANGING IN TREE

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—The corpse, believed to be that of Fred Henicker of Vancouver, Washington, was found hanging to a tree in Riverview cemetery. It had been hanging 24 hours.