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WEATHER: Tonight and Friday strong southerly wind. Saturday Weather: Maximum temperature 37; minimum 22; rainfall .12; wind light; weather, cloudy.

COUNTY OFFICIAL

BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE DISPLEASED WITH NOTE, ARGENTINE APPROVES

Private Messages From England and Canada Express Much Indignation Over Wilson's Move.

PUBLICATION IS REFUSED

Censors Halt All Cables Regarding Communication; Argentine Predicts Whole of South America Will Give United Support to America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Private messages said high British officials openly expressed the most intense indignation over President Wilson's note. This attitude may be responsible for the British government's action in refusing to permit the note's publication in London. Censors halted all cables regarding the note. The foreign office has received an official copy but refused to divulge its contents.

Canada Also Condemns

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Canadian officials and press condemned Wilson's note. Hon. G. H. Ferguson called the note "gratuitous and inopportune." Hon. P. G. McDermid predicted the British would strongly resent it. The Morning World headed its story "Wilson Starts His Killing."

It said the action was merely to safeguard American interests and believes the United States fears the allies will make trade deals among themselves after the war, barring neutrals not participating in the maintenance of the world's liberties.

Argentina Gives Support

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 21.—Argentina supports Wilson's note to the belligerents. Government members expressed the warmest approval. It is predicted the whole continent will unite to support the United States. His note greatly surprised officials. They informally expressed the belief that Wilson's request will clear the definition of both sides peace terms is most timely and seemed possibly successful.

TORPEDOED VESSEL CARRIED AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—American Consul Malta informed the state department that the British steamer Saint Ursula with six Americans aboard was torpedoed without warning. The Americans were saved.

WHEN AND WHY IS GAMBLING? QUESTION PERPLEXES COUNCIL

When is gambling and when is it not? This grave question is perplexing the city council and last evening was the subject of considerable speculation, cogitation and deliberation. There was no Solomon among them to give a happy judgment that would insure the elimination of the moral evil of cards and yet preserve the pleasure of a friendly game. The decision resulted from the mayor's query as to whether playing for "hickies" or trade checks is gambling. Recorder Fitz Gerald produced the ordinance which defines gambling as any game played for money, checks or anything that represents value. It was plain that "hickies" represent value and, almost before the discussion started, the city attorney and chief of police had been instructed to enforce the ordinance to the letter. But what is the letter? This was an afterthought and provoked renewed discussion. It was agreed that if trade checks were bet on a card game it constituted gambling. But how about playing for the "hog." By this it was explained that, when a card game is finished, it is the custom of the low man to pay the house five cents a hand. In return the management gives a 5-cent trade check for each nickle he receives. Instead however, of each player receiving a check, the high man gets them all, which is called "winning the hog." It was held by some of the councilmen that this technically was gambling inasmuch as the high man was receiving a prize of victory. Thereupon, some one asked, "How about a turkey shoot?" A turkey shoot is a

WOMAN ONCE MORE PROVES SUPERIOR TO LORDLY MALE

Another case of the female of the species being more deadly than the male has come to light. E. F. Averill, inspector for the U. S. biological survey, reports that Mrs. H. L. Tucker, wife of a government trapper at Richland, Wash., is a more deadly foe of coyotes, wolves and other predatory animals than is her husband. Attired in male clothes, she gets astride her horse every day and makes the rounds of the traps which she knows how to set, bait and scent as well or better than her husband who draws the pay for the beasts caught. She is the daughter of a Montana stockman and is an expert horsewoman. Recently her husband acquired a new saddle mount, which promptly threw him as soon as he got astride it. Thereupon, Mrs. Tucker mounted the animal and conquered it. Mr. Averill reports that Mrs. Tucker has applied for an appointment as a government trapper.

SECOND IDAHO IS ENROUTE HOMEWARD

Local Boys With Regiment That Has Taken An Active Part in Maneuvers On Border.

That Pendleton's contingent in the Idaho regiment on the Mexican border will soon be home is shown by a night letter received by the East Oregonian from Richard Devine this morning. The message is as follows:

Colton, Calif., Dec. 20, 1916. The East Oregonian, Pendleton, Ore. Idaho regiment left Nogales Tuesday, Dec. 19, en route for Boise via Salt Lake and Ogden. The boys are all in fine spirits and are glad to be going home. Will be in Boise about three weeks. Several boys from Pendleton received their discharges at Nogales in order to accept work there. Wish every one in Pendleton a merry Christmas. DEVINE. Twenty-six local boys enlisted in the Graniteville company in the Second Idaho and have been with that command on the border. It is presumed all will be returned to Pendleton with the exception of the several spoken of as having received their discharges at Nogales.

RALPH EARLE NAMED AS ORDONANCE BUREAU CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's nomination of Commander Ralph Earle as chief of the ordnance bureau with rank of rear admiral has been sent to the senate.

FORD FACTORY IS SHUT TO RELIEVE CAR CONGESTION

Forty-Two Thousand Employees Will be Out of Work Until January Third.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—General Manager Klingensmith has announced that the Ford plant will close tomorrow until January 3, for the purpose of relieving the railroad congestion. Forty-two thousand employees will receive no pay during the suspension. This means a wage loss of two million dollars. The factory will sacrifice the profits of approximately twenty-five thousand cars, as it makes 2500 daily.

Klingensmith said: "We are doing this from a humane standpoint. We have lots of orders and could combine shipping but believe the railroads should not be congested with the commodities and not necessities of life. By closing the plant we are doing our share to assist the railroads in relieving congestion. It will save fuel, labor and cars for the transportation of freight highly necessary to life."

EMPLOYEES OF U. P. GET SALARY BONUS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Union Pacific has declared an extra dividend of two per cent on common stock with a bonus of one month's salary to employees receiving eighteen hundred dollars.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORABLY REPORTS NATIONAL "DRY" BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate judiciary committee favorably reported the national prohibition bill. It provides absolute prohibition for the United States. Senators Reed, Culberson and Brandegee voted against it. As amended, the bill prohibits the sale, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors within the importation thereof into and the exportation thereof from the United States and all its territories.

BOY LOSES ARM IN WORK ON WOODSAW

While working on a wood saw at Adams day before yesterday, Clarence Baker, a 16 year old boy of that town, had the misfortune to have one arm cut off. He was reaching over the revolving saw to fix a bolt that had worked loose and his coat sleeve became caught in the saw, drawing his arm into it. The arm was completely severed between the wrist and the elbow. He was brought in to St. Anthony's hospital Tuesday night and the wound dressed. He is reported to be recovering very satisfactorily. His mother is visiting in Portland and effort to reach her has so far failed.

BLUESTEM UP 1c PORTLAND MARKET

Table with market data for Chicago, Portland, and Liverpool. Columns include Open, High, Low, Close for Dec and May.

News Summary

- General: President asks warring nations for show down. Local: Council undertakes to define gambling. All ready for big Christmas celebration. Adams boy loses arm.

WILSON ASKS WARRING LANDS FOR SHOWDOWN

OUR RIGHTS INVADED AND NATION NEAR WAR LANSING SAYS IN EXPLAINING NOTES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing said the desire for a complete showdown by the belligerents because American rights had been invaded was the real purpose behind President Wilson's note. He declared frankly the United States was "drawing nearer to the verge of war." The situation cannot continue. He authorized the following statement: "Our rights have been invaded. The situation is becoming intolerable. Belligerents on both sides are invading American rights more and more. The situation is increasingly critical. I mean the United States is drawing nearer the verge of war and is therefore entitled to know what the belligerents want, so we can regulate our future conduct." Lansing emphasized positively that the German peace proposal and Lloyd George's speech were not connected with the sending of Wilson's note. He declared the president did not intend to suggest peace. He wants to render the neutrals positions less intolerable. Lansing's whole talk emphasized the idea that America must "do something" in the event her rights are further invaded. British, Italian, Japanese, German, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish ambassadors visited Lansing this morning and received copies of the note to forward to their governments. Lansing said Wilson finally decided to send the note Monday. He forwarded it Monday night and Tuesday morning. Lansing said: "No nation has been sounded on this matter. We didn't know in advance what Lloyd George would say. No consideration of the German overtures or Lloyd George's speech had any connection with the sending of the note. The German overtures possibly delayed the note a few days. "The president feared the note maybe would be construed as a peace movement in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denied that the overtures were a factor in the communication." Lansing repeatedly emphasized that the feeling there is danger the United States may be drawn into the war. He said the administration wanted to learn "what would satisfy the belligerents in regard to ending the war."

FRENCH AND ITALIAN SHIPS IN COLLISION; FIFTEEN DIE MARSEILLES, Dec. 21.—The Toulan reported the French cruiser Ernest Renen collided with an Italian steamer and fifteen perished. A warship rescued a hundred and fifteen. The impact split the liner.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGIST A SECRET BRIDE OF LAWYER



NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"Little Eva" Ward, the English suffragist, who came here three years ago with very definite ideas about the place women should occupy in the world, is returning to England today on the Baltic, the secret bride of Gilbert Rowe, a New York lawyer. Mrs. Rowe has changed many of her opinions. It was learned from her friends, she now believes that woman can occupy a place in the home and yet be of use to the world. She also said that she proposed to devote herself to home life, and the care of her sister's children in England, adding that she hoped that she and "Gilly" would have a large family. Mrs. Rowe, who was known to her intimates as "Little Eva" because she is six feet three inches in height, figured prominently in the New York suffrage hikes of some months ago.

Belligerents are Requested to Outline Exact Terms for Ending War; Does Not Propose Peace Nor Offer Mediation But Indicates Willingness to Serve if Desired.

COMMUNICATIONS ARE DISPATCHED WITHOUT NOTICE

President Explains that America is Only Interested Now in Seeing Conclusion of War—Means Used to Gain End Not of Importance to U. S., Although Moves to Gain Permanent Peace Will Be of Much Moment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has sent formal notes to all belligerent governments asking them to divulge peace terms, and asking their views on arrangements to guarantee permanent peace.

The president is not proposing peace, he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing.

The notes to the belligerents are prefaced with the instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors presenting them: "The president directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

Text of Notes Given. The text of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows: "The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to the government addressed a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend, but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows next: "The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers. It has, in fact, been in no way suggested by them in its origin and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its merits, and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

Allies Notes Slightly Different. In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted: "The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may seem to have been prompted by the recent overtures of the central powers. It is, in fact, in no way associated with them in its origin and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statements of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to play a part in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression of selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve

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BIG ARMY DECLARED BEST PEACE SOCIETY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Army League Secretary George Hewitt Myers said America's most powerful peace society would be three million young men under universal military service. "A system of universal service would be the strongest influence for honorable peace. Under the present volunteer system everybody outside the regular army and militia expects the other fellow to enlist. The average citizen believes the United States could easily raise a million men between sunrise and sunset if threatened. Despite unpreparedness the jingoists demand we rush into war without just cause."

FINE PROGRAM IS PREPARED FOR CITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas caroling, folk dancing, a drill by the cadet corps, a program of music and a visit by Santa Claus are included in the features of the second annual municipal Christmas celebration Saturday evening. The festivities will begin at 8:30 and will conclude about 3:30. At 8:30 forty children under the direction of Miss Edith Power will ride through the streets in all sections of the city singing Christmas carols. They will end up at the illuminated tree at the intersection of Main and Alta street at 7:15. The high school cadet corps, 60 strong under the direction of Sergeant Young, will drill on Main street between Court and Alta from 7:15 until 7:30 and at 7:30 70 school girls will dance folk dances under the direction of Miss Louise Bailey. At 7:40 the program from the elevated platform will begin with a concert solo by Mr. Quenter and carols by a chorus of forty voices under the direction of Mr. Hal Bishop. Following the singing Miss Olive Gwinn will give a reading. At 8:15 old Santa Claus will make his appearance in a brilliantly ornate sleigh. He will come down Main street from the north and on his arrival at the tree will begin the distribution of 1600 bags of candy and nuts and 1800 popcorn balls. The children will be required to pass by his sleigh in single file and each must have a ticket. These tickets will be distributed through the schools tomorrow. Parents having children under school age may secure the tickets by calling at the Alexander Department Store and inquiring for Miss Mildred Allen.