

# PRESIDENT WILSON SPENDS HIS CHRISTMAS WITH DOUGHBOYS AT CHAUMONT, FRANCE

## BOYS ON RHINE GET PACKAGES JUST IN TIME

Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Americans Celebrate Day in Occupied Region.

## EACH COMPANY HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

Soldiers are Generous to Little Children of Inhabitants.

WEBB MILLER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY, Dec. 25.—Santa Claus reviewed the American armies in France and Germany. The jolly old saint found two million men in good condition and fairly bursting with the Christmas spirit. Until the last moment it was feared that 250,000 men in German territory would not receive their Christmas packages from home in time, but several carloads arrived unexpectedly in Cologne late yesterday. The distribution began immediately and practically every man had his remembrance from home. More than 200 "Y" and Knights of Columbus entertainers scattered throughout the highland area today are giving concerts and vaudeville entertainments. Except for patrol at the edge of the bridgehead, discipline is relaxed. The doughboys are permitted to fraternize with the German inhabitants. Many gifts were exchanged by the two nationalities. Our men found particular delight in giving presents to German children. Every company had its own Christmas tree, with some doughboy or officer playing the role of Santa Claus' deputy. The regular rations were supplemented by ducks, geese, and chickens. In the hillside areas, entertainments and feasts naturally more elaborate than in the occupied territory, owing to the fact the French villages naturally contributed largely to the festivities. The Red Cross gave special dinners and dances to officers and men.

## PRESIDENT SENDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The following Christmas message from the president to the people of the United States was cabled from Paris today and given out at the White House: "I hope that it will cheer the people at home to know that I find the boys over here in fine form and in fine spirits, esteemed by all those with whom they have been associated in the war and trusted wherever they go, and they will also, I am sure, be cheered by the knowledge of the fact that throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war public opinion strongly sustains all proposals for a just and lasting peace and a close cooperation of the self-governing peoples of the world in making that peace secure after its present settlements are formulated. Nothing could constitute a more acceptable Christmas reassurance than the sentiments which I find everywhere prevalent."  
"WOODROW WILSON"

## FOUR NEW FLU CASES QUARANTINED TODAY

Four new quarantines for influenza are reported this morning by U. O. Branch, quarantine officer, as follows:  
Charles Despain, 107 Bush.  
J. T. Tobin, 305 Jane.  
Dr. Robbins, 513 Thompson.  
V. L. Coble, 244 College.  
Following have been released from quarantine:  
Frank Baker, 225 S. Main.  
Frank Groulx, 712 Cassin.  
W. L. Kidder, 617 Marie.  
J. J. Gibson, 501 Maple.  
L. A. Minton, Douglas Court.  
This leaves 84 as the number of homes in the city under quarantine.

## GOVERNOR REFUSES PARDONS FOR THREE

SALEM, Dec. 25.—John Pender, William Brannon and Anna Booth, all serving terms for homicide at the penitentiary, will receive no Christmas pardons this year, although a number of Portland women had written to Governor Whitcomb asking permission to intercede in their behalf. The governor expressed himself as being opposed to granting Christmas pardons for sentimental reasons, saying: "If a man is entitled to a pardon, he is entitled to it regardless of whether or not it is due him during the holiday season. If he is not entitled to it, the fact that it is the holiday season is no reason why leniency should be extended. I am adverse to granting pardons or paroles for sentimental reasons and those who are granted pardons or paroles must come up in their regular order."

RIOTING IN SPAIN  
BARCELONA, Dec. 25.—Several soldiers and civilians were wounded yesterday in a clash between the police and crowds who were demonstrating in favor of home rule for Catalonia. Many shots were fired.

## FIRST OFFICER IS HOME FROM OVERSEA DUTY

Lieut. Charles Despain Delivered Troops to British Front in Flanders Zone.

## NEVER SAW BROTHER IN CANADIAN ARMY

Local Man Not Sure When He Will be Relieved From Duty.

Lieutenant Charles Despain, first Pendleton overseas officer to return, arrived here this morning on train No. 4 from Camp Lewis for a six days' visit with his wife. Lieutenant Despain arrived at Camp Lewis yesterday with 350 overseas men and immediately obtained permission to come on to Pendleton for the holidays. He landed in New York on the Mauretania, the first ship to carry overseas men home, on December 2, where an elaborate home coming celebration was tendered the returning heroes. Lieutenant Despain spent most of his time during the war in England, but on two different occasions delivered troops in France to the British lines. Although several meetings were planned for he was never successful in seeing his brother, Joe Despain of the Canadian forces. The lieutenant is feeling in fine fettle outside of a slight cold contracted at Camp Lewis yesterday. He is uncertain when he will be discharged.

## STOLE \$100,000 IN JEWELS

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—One hundred thousand dollars worth of diamonds were stolen from Mose Irwin at his office in the busiest part of Chicago by four handiis yesterday. The robbers made a thrilling escape, fleeing down seven flights of stairs, pursued by officers who shot at them. One is believed to have been wounded.

## WILSON SAILS FOR ENGLAND THIS EVENING

For First Time American President Greets Army as Commander in Field.

## YANKS AND FRENCH HAVE GALA TIME

Busy Holiday is Spent by Executive With Boys in Field.

(ROBERT J. BENDER)  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
CHAUMONT, Dec. 25.—President Wilson spent Christmas in the heart of America's military organization in France. For the first time an American executive assumed the actual role of commander in chief of the United States army in foreign territory. After passing through the field of the Marine battles of 1914 and 1918, on a special train during the night, the President arrived at American headquarters here early today. As he stepped from the train the French and American guards of honor snapped to attention and American band played the "Star Spangled Banner." General Pershing, general Verdel, the French commander in this zone, the mayor and president of police greeted him. The President and party were driven in automobiles through the quiet old streets to the hotel Deville and given a rousing welcome by the doughboys, police and civilians, as he passed through the beleaguered streets, from the struggling village, upbuilt around the centuries-old cathedral. Chaumont has become the chief American city of Europe. Its architecture and beauty have been somewhat marred by the rough wooden buildings which sprang up everywhere to house the American military machine, but these are more or less successfully hidden under a camouflage of flags and bunting. The President, after a brief reception at the hotel, left for Langres where he reviewed and addressed the troops. From there he went to Montigny-Le-Roi, headquarters of the (Continued on page 5.)

## TROOP D BOYS HAD FEW WAR CASUALTIES

"We never lost very many Troop D boys. We had extra good luck from some cause or other, though we have a few in the hospital with influenza or had colds," says Eddie Lanning, one of the Troop D men who left Pendleton last year, in writing to Miss Dimple Brown, 200 Main street. The letter was written on the day of signing the armistice, and writing of this occasion, he says, "I am well and happy, more so today than ever before. As all of you will know before you receive this letter, the terrible war is at an end, or rather temporarily so at least. The guns, large and small ceased firing at 11 o'clock, the 11th day of the 11th month. It don't seem that a war like this one could stop so sudden. There isn't a sound of war far or near, except for some of the boys wandering about occasionally firing some German rifle action in the field or beside some roadside."

## INDIAN ASKS RELIEF FROM LAND TRANSFER

Ross Emmett, an Indian, in a complaint filed in the circuit court yesterday, alleges that Aaron M. Isaac, taking advantage of his ignorance and lack of value of lands, secured from him a verbal agreement to sell his land for \$5500. That he accepted a payment of \$100 to bind the bargain and that a conveyance of the property was executed on that basis, and that later on he, Emmett, tendered the return of the \$100 to Isaac and that it was refused. Emmett is now asking an order from the court requiring the defendant to return the deed to Emmett and to accept the return of the \$100 which he has received from him. Will M. Peterson is attorney for Ross Emmett.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS EXTENDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Because of the influenza epidemic handicap the Red Cross Christmas roll call campaign in the Pacific division was postponed to January 10. Determined efforts will be made everywhere to secure a 100 per cent enrollment.

## HAPPY SMILES MARK PENDLETON CHRISTMAS

## SANTA NOT BARRED BY FLU BAN; SOLDIERS ARE FEATURE OF HOLIDAY

## OREGON COLONEL COMMENDED FOR VALOR AT MARNE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—General March, chief of staff, has announced that it was the thirty-eighth regiment of the Third division which so distinguished itself at the Marne as to receive special mention in the report of General Pershing to the secretary of war.

The commander of this regiment was Colonel Ulysses Grant McAlexander, who is well known in Oregon because of his having been stationed at the state agricultural college at Corvallis, and his having been inspector-instructor of the Oregon National Guard. His handling of the regiment resulted in his promotion to the temporary rank of brigadier general.

In the Pershing report the reference to this regiment is as follows: "A single regiment of the Third wrote one of the most brilliant pages in our military annals on this occasion. It prevented the crossing at certain points on its front while, on either flank, the Germans, who had gained a footing, pressed forward. Our men, firing in three directions, met the German attack with counter attacks at critical points and succeeded in throwing two German divisions into complete confusion, capturing 600 prisoners."

## WHITLEY RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Whitley, commander of the famous "Lost Battalion" of the 308th United States Infantry, who told the Germans to "go to hell" when they invited him to surrender, was given a congressional medal at exercises on historic Boston Common today.

## UNDERSTANDING EXPECTED FROM COMING CONFERENCE IN LONDON

FRED S. PETERSON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
PARIS, Dec. 25.—President Wilson's conferences in London are certain to be vital in laying the ground work for a understanding on the foremost issues of the peace conference, one of the most important matters to be discussed will be the freedom of the seas, in which he has made

clear America expects a sporting chance to compete in the world's markets. The United States will assert the right to maintain a seapower equal to that of any nation. The President opposes such useless waste of valuable material as the destruction of the German fleet. It is now certain the conferences will last until April.

## OREGON'S RECORD IN DANGER ON WAR SAVING STAMP DRIVE

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—Christmas cheer has so far failed to penetrate at least one office in Portland. The state W. S. S. committee is inclined to believe either that "there ain't no Santa Claus" or that his patriotism served only for the duration of the war. The "Keep Your W. S. S. Pledge" campaign has brought as yet little visible result. There are thousands of men and women and boys and girls in Oregon who made pledges and are breaking them. In similar measure, the Second National Bank at San Francisco, out of the Cheering House association at Portland that banks take over stacks of Uncle Sam's "Baby Bonds" for resale to customers has as yet not been followed according to reports received this morning at the W. S. S. office. Oregon, whose W. S. S. pledge was

\$15,000,000 and whose quota was \$17,250,000, will reach the end of the year, and of the campaign, a fall \$1,000,000 short of the quota—a fall million in broken pledges and flouted hooks. If the present rate for December is kept multiplied in the seven days yet remaining. Multnomah county, whose pledge was \$7,000,000 and whose quota was \$8,250,000, will be \$300,000 short of the quota, and this includes Portland's broken pledges, said Henry E. Reed, Multnomah county manager of the campaign. As the latter stands, Oregon, having met all other needs of the government for patriotic service and incentive, is about to fail in the last appeal one for the people of other states, who value their word and their pledge. Reed says that Oregon has failed to keep their W. S. S. compact with him.

## LEST WE FORGET

Porter Royce, Pilot Rock farmer who was exempted from military service, refused to buy Fourth Liberty Loan bonds to support the boys who donned their country's uniform. CENTRAL LOYALTY COMMITTEE.

## THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Thursday fair; continued cold.

## JOY WORTH WHILE COMES FROM MITIGATION, OTHER'S SORROW

BY REV. WILLIAM HENRY COX  
(Pastor of the First Baptist Church.)  
We are denied our usual Christmas services but I would like to direct your thoughts to the little town of Bethlehem, the city of David, the city of shepherds and finally the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The star of the east brought wise men to see the babe, Christ. The star led the angels chorus to sing that wonderful anthem, I wish we could reproduce it in Pendleton today. These Christmas days are milestones of history. We are rapidly passing. Today we are passing yet another. We rejoice today the war is over. We rejoice to see our boys coming home. We sorrow today in loving sympathy with those whose boys will never return. And we would as far as in our power help you bear your load. "Tell it to Jesus." Christmas is a day of rejoicing.

## A PICTURE WITHOUT WORDS

