

# STEAMER NORTHERN PACIFIC WITH 2500 WOUNDED MEN ABOARD GOES AGROUND ON FIRE ISLAND, 40 MILES FROM NEW YORK THIS MORNING

## WILSON STILL STANDS PAT ON SEA QUESTION

Attitude of President Not Changed by Visit in England Says Correspondent.

### WILSON LEAVES FOR ITALY THIS EVENING

Two Days of Rest in Paris Follows Close of England Trip.

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PARIS, Jan. 1.—Wilson's trip to England resulted in no change of deviation from the original program on the general principle of the freedom of the seas. The United Press is able to state authoritatively that the president's so-called coalition with Lord Northcliffe, as a result of which the full force of the Northcliffe press seems to be lined behind the general Wilson program, was not brought by any Wilsonian backdown on the freedom of the seas proposal.

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PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Wilson today enjoyed his first relaxation since coming to Europe. Despite a cold rain, he played golf early at the famous Stouard links. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Admiral Strasser. The latter ordered the president to take two days of absolute rest. He will spend one of these days in Paris, the other en route to Italy, departing at 7 this evening.

## WAR PUT QUIETUS ON LOCAL BUILDING WORK

Pendleton experienced a decided slump during 1918 from a building standpoint. Measured in dollars and cents the total cost of building in the city during the year was about one-third the amount expended during 1917, which showed a good gain as compared with 1916.

In 1918 the total cost of building improvement as shown by the building permits issued by Recorder Thos. Fitzgerald was \$82,212.50, as compared with the previous year when the total was \$277,529, and in 1916, \$189,952. The largest permit issued during the year was to H. W. Collins for improvements made at the Collins grain elevator on east Webb street, and was for \$19,000. The number of permits issued was 215.

## ARRESTS FOR 1918 SHOW BIG DECLINE

The year just closed shows the least number of arrests made by Pendleton police in many years, the number being 194, against 349 during 1917. In 1916 the number was 258, almost double the number of cases in the police court last year. The year 1916 was what is called a "plain dry" year while last year was "hone dry."

September was the banner month for amount of fines collected as it was also for the number of arrests made. Fines in that month amounted to \$572 and the number of arrests was 31.

The following table shows the arrests made and fines collected by months:

Month	Arrests	Fines
January	16	\$ 327
February	18	276
March	14	128
April	14	378
May	24	208
June	15	450
July	25	140
August	15	269
September	31	572
October	19	418
November	6	203
December	6	115
Total	194	\$3566

## MAY HIS WEAPON PROVE AS WORTHY AS THE SWORD



## BUFORD BUTLER DESCRIBES FIGHT BETWEEN TRANSPORT AND SUB ON TRIP OVERSEAS

In an interesting letter to a Pendleton friend, Buford B. Butler, Co. B, 44th Reg. T. C., American Expeditionary Forces, tells of his experiences in France. His letter in part is as follows:  
Somme, France, November 24, 1918.  
Dear Bill—This is a rainy old Sunday and no football game so I'll write you as I promised I would in my letter yesterday. Write a badly an eight page letter for his Christmas present. I can tell you most everything about our doings as the rule of censorship have been greatly reduced.  
We left the docks of Hoboken, N. J., on the afternoon of July 21st, on the large transport, Maui. There were nine transports in our fleet and we were accompanied by a large battleship, several cruisers and an observation balloon part of the way. When we hit the danger zone we found a bunch of subchasers waiting to take us in. It grew tiresome seeing nothing but water and fish of every description.  
On the eighth day out we sighted a sub about 500 yards off our port side. Our boat was equipped with large six inch guns and she fired loose and the little chasers were soon on the spot where it was sighted. The way the depth bombs were dropping wasn't slow. They run us below as soon as possible so we didn't see much but we had a real battle for a while.

## PENDLETON'S FIRE LOSS FOR YEAR IS LOWEST ON RECORD

A loss of only \$6000 from fires during the year just closed is the splendid record for Pendleton. This is the best record in this respect for Pendleton in a good many years. It is an average loss of about \$500 a month and with but 26 calls during the year or an average of three a month Pendleton has come through the year with a record that should be pleasing to insurance companies. In fact, so good that policy holders would not be in the least displeased if the underwriters would grant the city reduced premium rates instead of increasing the rates as has been threatened.

The largest fire of the year occurred in July when the John Temple property on W. Main street burned at a loss of \$2600.

Following is the fire loss for the past four years in the city: 1915, \$19,800; 1916, \$78,245; 1918, \$17,506; 1918, \$6000.

## LONDON PAPER SAYS DANIELS OFFERED AN INSULT TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Secretary Daniels' speech declaring the United States should have the largest navy in the world seems to have been deliberately framed as an offense to Great Britain, the Graphic declared. Other London newspapers made no comment.  
"The speech, therefore, is out of place between friends," the Graphic continued. It urged Wilson to caution Daniels to restrain his language.

## 200 KILLED DURING FIGHTING IN POSEN

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—More than 200 casualties have occurred so far in street fighting in Posen, according to the Tagblatt. Newspapers declare Paderewski probably is leading the fighting.

## Bolsheviki Naval Chief Is Taken by English

HELSING FORS, Finland, Jan. 1.—British naval forces raiding Wolf Island, captured M. Tschukinoff, the bolsheviki naval commissioner. It is reported.  
KILLED IN BUCHAREST  
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Six persons were killed and 15 wounded when troops fired upon a bolsheviki demonstration in Bucharest, it is reported.  
FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT  
LONDON, Jan. 1.—A coalition government is being formed in Poland, it is learned here.

## ALL MEN ABOARD SHIP ARE SAFE THUS FAR; WOUNDED TO BE TAKEN OFF UNLESS STEAMER IS FLOATED

### 4 BOYS HURT WHEN POWDER GOES OFF

Ralph McCulley, Neil Bo, Bert, Fred Rohman, Byron Eldreth, four young Pendleton boys, were severely injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion while experimenting with powder. The boys were playing along the Umatilla river near the Lee street bridge with a mixture of powder when it exploded.  
The bones of the right hand of the McCulley boy were broken and he may lose the first finger. The Bogert and Rohman boys both had their hands hurt badly and the latter had powder burns on the face. Byron Eldreth's fingers were mostly on the face and eyes, though it is not thought his eyesight will be injured.  
The boys mixed up the explosive themselves and were loading it in holes in a block of wood when the jar of hammering in the holes caused it to explode.

### News of Pendleton On Page 4 Today

## ONLY ONE NEW CASE OF INFLUENZA TODAY

The influenza situation continues to improve materially. Today sets a new low record for some time in new cases, when Officer C. O. Breach quarantined but one home, that of Ed McElbroom, 424 Madison. The quarantine was removed from six homes suffering with influenza. It seems highly probable that the epidemic has been put on the shelf by the ban and the cold, clear weather of the past few days.  
The homes where the quarantine was lifted today are:  
Leo Davis, 301 Aurora.  
William Craig, 211 Lincoln.  
Forrest Baker, 412 W. Bluff.  
Charles Despain, 501 Bush.  
C. M. White, 716 E. Alta.  
William Jappe, 212 Snowfall Jackson.

### FLEET OF RESCUE CRAFT STAND BY TO MEET EMERGENCIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Efforts to float the Northern Pacific at high tide this morning failed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The American transport Northern Pacific with 2100 wounded and 400 casuals aboard, ran aground on fire island this morning. It is believed there is no danger of loss of life. (The Northern Pacific is a sister ship of the Great Northern and both formerly operated in the passenger service from San Francisco to Astoria.)  
The eight thousand ton steamer ran into the rocky shore while traveling at moderate rate of speed, during a dense fog. Her position will be perilous if a wind storm comes up, if she is not floated soon, the men must be removed. The fog was so thick when the Northern Pacific grounded the fire island light was shrouded from view. In answer to her wireless calls for help destroyers and navy tugs dashed to her assistance. They are now standing by. The Northern Pacific was due in New York today from Brest, with her cargo of wounded American soldiers, and a few passengers. Most of the men aboard are too badly wounded to walk.

### CROWN PRINCE DANCES

WIEN, Jan. 1.—Former German crown prince is mingling with the people for the first time since the recent unpleasantness connected with the gift of a pair of silk stockings to a local modiste. He attended a public dance last night. He neither ate nor drank, fearing, it is believed, he might be poisoned.

### THEY SHOULD THINK AGAIN

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Morning Post, commenting on Wilson's speech at Manchester, declared he had rejected the "determent factor" of the peace principles which the newspaper believes is Britain's ability to maintain its balance of power through control of the seas.

## PENDLETON SNOOZED AS NEW YEAR CAME

The New Year is here. It arrived promptly as per schedule, 12:01 a. m., and this while all Pendleton was peacefully sleeping and Jack Frost was getting in his work on the water pipes. All this Mr. Pendleton citizen realized this morning when he arose and saw the result of the indifference with which he had greeted the new year.

However, it was not because of any lack of desire on the part of Pendleton to give the new year a proper reception but by order of Old Man "Tu" who holds the whip hand that the city slumber through the night, and today finds the new year was able to find the city without the usual noise of previous years.

Today is proving to be the counter part of Christmas Day for Pendleton. For business houses are open and families are generally spending their day at home. With the ban last night on watch parties the spirit of the day has been taken away and today the taboo stands against the customary new year calls. The order of the quarantine officer against watch meetings was observed in every respect last night. No reports have been heard of violations of the order.

## TWO ABOVE ZERO IS GREETING FOR 1919

The New Year was given a rather cold reception upon its arrival this morning. From the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast new cold records for the season were established last night in Pendleton the thermometer dropped two degrees above zero, which is two and a half degrees colder than the night before and one degree colder than last year's cold record.

Comparatively, however, Pendleton was a summer resort to many of the eastern Oregon places and middle west states. At Mauchan the thermometer touched the eight below zero mark. North Powder and many other towns in the Blue mountain area report temperatures below zero. Trainmen passing through Mondak, on the border between Montana and Idaho, report 26 below zero there and an extreme frigid temperature all along the Rocky mountain plateau area. Heavy snows have prevailed the past two days in north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, which has tied up all train service in southern South Dakota.

Farmers and stockmen are well pleased to get the cold weather and winter over now as it foregoes an early spring. The winter of 1917 and 1918, while very mild, was a bad one for Umatilla county in that it caused a backward cold spring with frosts up into May, retarding the wheat growth. Farmers who had hoped for a day of rest today are the busiest of the year as many water pipes freeze and burst last night. The weather report is for continued cold.

## LEST WE FORGET

Joe Kremer, young Hermiston farmer of German blood, was a shaker in the Red Cross War Fund drives an dalso in the United War Fund Drive.  
CENTRAL LOYALTY COMMITTEE.

## Koltchak is Killed By Political Enemy

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—Admiral Koltchak has been assassinated according to reports from Siberia. Koltchak was killed by a political enemy, it stated. He was formerly commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet and recently set himself up as dictator of the Siberian government at Omak.

## ONE OF LARGEST SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The steamer Northern Pacific is one of the swiftest and largest transports in the service. It was on this boat that Secretary Baker made his last trip to France.

## LIFE LINE IS ABOARD

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Captain B. W. Blaine, chief of staff to Admiral Gleaves, is directing the rescue operations from New York by wireless. He is in constant touch, by wireless, with the Northern Pacific. He announced at eleven a life line had been shot across the ship by men from fire island life saving station. A breeches buoy was rigged on this line. If necessary the boys aboard will be taken ashore this way.

### THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Thursday fair, continued cold.  
Maximum temperature, 26.  
Minimum temperature, 2.  
Weather, clear.  
Wind, calm.  
Rainfall, none.

## LOCAL RECORD PROVES DAN CUPID "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Friend cupid fell far short in keeping up his work during 1918 in Umatilla county as compared with previous years as shown by the record of marriage licenses in the office of the county clerk. In 1917 the number of licenses issued was 232, compared with 184 during the past year. In 1917 it was said "war stimulates marriages," and now in accounting for the falling off in the work of the little match maker it is probably equally apropos to say "war retards marriages." Dan Cupid has been "somewhere in France," but on his return to the U. S. business in his line will doubtless pick up.  
While marriages may have fallen off during the year the divorce courts have held pretty close to the usual grind showing a falling off of but 19 during the year. In 1917 there were 318 divorces granted in Umatilla county, while the court docket for 1918 shows an even 199 divorces filed during the year.