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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Tuesday rain or snow west; snow east portion; southerly winds, strong near coast.

A STRONG ORGANIZATION.

The coming of R. B. Miller into the Coast railroad organization proves that the Twobys are building upon a broad-gauge plan. They are bringing into the departments of the company the very best ability to be found in the northwest, men who measure up in their special lines just as do the Twobys measure up as organizers and contracting builders.

THE LUMBERING INDUSTRY.

The revival of the lumbering industry, which has been most quiet for a number of years, will have an immediate influence upon the progress and prosperity of southern Oregon. The following from the editorial columns of the Spokane Spokesman Review will therefore be read with interest throughout this section:

"You can not be too optimistic about the future of the lumber industry of the Inland Empire," said Vice-President and Manager A. L. Flewelling of the Milwaukee Inland company, a large owner of timber lands in the Pacific northwest.

"The lumber industry has swung back into prosperity, and it is present, not prospective, prosperity. Lumber and shingle traffic over the Great Northern from the coast to the east, according to General Superintendent J. J. O'Neil, exceeds in volume all previous shipments since 1907.

"With enlarging market prices are trending upward, and trade authorities note advances on the Inland Empire product ranging from 50

cents to \$3 a thousand feet. If the average advance were but \$1 a thousand it would bring \$1,000,000 more for the present annual output of the mills of the Inland Empire. Mills reporting to the Western Pine Manufacturers' association headquarters in Spokane had a cut in 1914 of \$30,000,000 feet, and small mills not reporting probably cut enough to make the total 1,000,000,000 feet.

"The normal cut in the Inland Empire in good times is close to 1,500,000,000 feet—50 per cent more than the present output. When the industry comes back to normal the 200 plants in the Inland Empire will market 500,000,000 feet more than they are now marketing, give employment to 30,000 men as against 20,000 now, pay out \$15,000,000 yearly in wages as against \$10,000,000 now, and roundly speaking, with a 50 per cent increase in the output and normal prices in place of the ruinously low prices of the last few years will double the sums now brought into this region by the lumber industry.

"With the coming back of lumber all the basic industries of the Pacific northwest are running on sound and prosperous conditions. Good prices have prevailed for several years for the products of the farm and stock ranch. This has been a year of fairly prosperous conditions for the orchard industry. Mining has been wonderfully prosperous during 1915. Now lumber picks up and lumbermen, who have carried heavy burdens with fine courage and patience, are enthusiastic over realization of long-deferred expectations."

The Santa Claus that is headed toward Grants Pass has a number of suspicious looking humps in his sack of gifts. One of them looks as though it was made by the smokestacks of a sugar factory and another one is undoubtedly caused by rails, ties and equipment for a railroad to salt water.

All the mines and torpedoes that damaged the Ford peace ship on its way through European waters came from on ship-board. There are more explosives on the Oscar II than can be found on many a warship.

AUSTRIA TO GET NOTE FROM UNITED STATES WEDNESDAY

Washington, Dec. 20.—America's sharp rejoinder to the Austrian Ancona reply will probably be in the hands of Foreign Minister Burian at Vienna tomorrow or Wednesday. As it insists on prompt reply, it is expected Austria will answer within a fortnight.

The note sent Vienna is the first one which has gone without President Wilson's final "OK". While he approved and dictated a rough draft of it Saturday, Secretary Lansing sent the completed document without the usual presidential approval.

The administration refusal to enter into an extended discussion of facts unless Austria repudiates her admiralty's announcement in justification of the torpedoing, is expected to insure a prompt reply.

The state department is kept informed of popular and official opinion in Austria by Ambassador Penfield.

FORMER MEXICAN DICTATOR SOON TO BE PROSECUTED

San Antonio, Dec. 20.—Arrangements for prosecuting the one-time Mexican dictator, General Victoriano Huerta, as a plotter against American neutrality were concluded here today by United States District Attorney Camp and agents of the federal Bureau of Investigation. Huerta, however, will not be brought here to testify as to German efforts to foment a revolution until he is indicted by the grand jury convening January 3,

GEN. VILLA QUILS HIS REVOLUTION AGAINST CARRANZA

(By United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Dec. 20.—General Villa and his revolution are all in, down and out. The once victorious "Pancho" is ready to seek an asylum with the United States and quit his struggle against Carranza.

In a secret session of Villa and Carranza officials here with United States authorities, peace proposals were put forward yesterday. These sought an asylum for Villa and his brother, and agreed that the new leader of the Villa movement, yet to be selected, would not carry on aggression against the Carranza regime, according to information today.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department advised border officials today not to prevent General Villa from entering the United States, as he is reported wanting to do. Asked today if the United States government would honor a request for the extradition of Villa, Secretary of State Lansing replied: "America does not extradite political refugees."

If Villa tries to enter as a private citizen after surrendering his command, he will be treated as an ordinary immigrant. If he is driven here by Carranza he will be regarded as an alien enemy and interned.

CRYSTALLIZED STEEL CAUSE OF BRIDGE COLLAPSE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Spokane, Dec. 20.—Crystallization of an "I" beam in a steel chord supporting the middle span of the bridge that collapsed here Saturday, sending five persons to death, caused the accident, according to a report of bridge experts, on file today with the city authorities.

PORTLAND SUFFERS FROM A VIOLENT WIND STORM

Portland, Dec. 20.—Wire communication was disrupted and a portion of Portland thrown into darkness last night by a wind storm. Electric signs in the business district suffered.

No heavy damage was done.

WAR PARTY REFUSES TO VOTE IN GREEK ELECTION

Athens, Dec. 20.—The Gounaris party, supporting King Constantine's neutrality policy, was returned to power, with large majorities, in yesterday's election. The Venizelos "war party" men abstained from voting on the ground that the election was illegal.

U. S. RESERVE BANKS TO GET FEDERAL FUNDS

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Customs receipts, internal revenue and post office funds will be deposited in United States reserve banks after January 1, according to word from Washington, received here today. Customs heretofore have been placed with the California state banks.

Oregon-made cedar chests for Christmas gifts at Helmer's. 624

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HONEYMOONERS CENTER OF INTEREST AT HOT SPRINGS, VA.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20.—Though apparently happily oblivious of surroundings, President and Mrs. Wilson constituted the center of the winter colony's eager interest today. Wealthy New Yorkers, wintering here, anxiously awaited the "debut" of the honeymooners.

The president and his bride took breakfast in their private suite, as they did all of Sunday's meals.

Outside, the clear crisp air spoke a tempting invitation to take a turn at the golf links. The couple's plans, however, called only for an auto ride in the mountains during the afternoon.

Thus far public business has not intruded to mar the joy of the presidential honeymoon. During the forenoon the president answered congratulations that have poured in upon him in an unending stream. He also had a short session with his private stenographer, Charles Swem, over routine matters.

The executive, however, is prepared to keep in closest touch with international affairs, for he has a private telephone line over which he can talk with Secretary of State Lansing or Secretary Tumulty over state affairs at a moment's notice.

The Washington officials are instructed to keep him posted on any developments requiring his immediate attention.

The movie theaters of San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Boston and elsewhere will not get a chance to show pictures of the presidential honeymooners, as the president remains adamant against requests that they be permitted to snap him. A veritable army of the movie operators is on hand to get some views, but the secret service men guarding the president are prepared to smash their cameras if necessary to save the chief executive from annoyance.

12 AMERICANS WERE ABOARD THE ANCONA

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department announced today that 12 Americans were known to be aboard the Italian liner Ancona, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine. Three are known to have survived.

Secretary Lansing today announced that the American note will be made public Wednesday noon. From his statement that it will reach Vienna tomorrow, it is concluded that it is short.

DENY THAT GERMAN COAST IS BLOCKADED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Dec. 20.—Ridiculing British claims that the German coast is blockaded, the admiralty announced today that a portion of the German fleet last week searched the North sea without encountering the enemy. On Wednesday and Thursday the Teuton vessels cruised between Norway and Denmark, examined 52 vessels and seized one.

WINTER HAMPERS PROGRESS OF ITALIANS

Rome, Dec. 20.—Snow, rain and ice are bitterly hampering operations of the Italians, but they are nevertheless bravely continuing their struggle, the war office claimed today. The office told of a surprise attack in which the Italians captured an Austrian trench in the Monte San Michele region.

RECALLED GERMAN ATTACHES NAMED IN CONFESSION

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 20.—A complete confession that Paul Koenig and others plotted to blast the Welland ship canal, involving the recalled German attaché Roy-Ed and Von Papan, has been wrung from Fred Metzler, Koenig's alleged ally, according to federal officials here today. Indictments, based upon the confession, are expected by Wednesday.

In describing George Fuchs' trip to Niagara Falls in September to find the weak spots of the canal, Metzler said that the spy, reported back to Koenig that though the canal was vulnerable, it was too well guarded to permit a successful dynamite "plant."

Washington, Dec. 20.—Justice department heads believe that the arrest of Paul Koenig and his alleged fellow spies has broken the backbone of anti-ally bomb plots in this country. Koenig himself is regarded as the brains of the alleged conspiracies.

Chief Belaski of the investigation department returned today after directing the work in New York.

CHARGE VIOLATION OF NEUTRAL LAWS

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Captain T. M. A. Anderson, of the steamer Sacramento, today pleaded not guilty of violating the neutrality laws when arraigned in Federal Judge Dooling's court. It is charged the Sacramento carried supplies to German commerce raiders in the Pacific.

BRITISH LOSSES LIGHT IN BALKAN CAMPAIGN

London, Dec. 20.—British losses in the Serbian fighting to December 11 totalled only 1,278. Under Secretary Tennant announced today in the house of commons. Only 86 of them were killed.

MASON TELLS WHAT WAR MOVES MEAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The British have abandoned for the present their intention of reaching Constantinople by the way of the Gallipoli peninsula. The western side of that territory has been surrendered to the Turks, but this does not mean that the British have deserted the peninsula entirely.

On the other hand, the invaders have retained the southern section, which is the most important. Apparently only defense is contemplated in the future.

The withdrawals announced by London today are an official admission that the German leadership of the Turks has been victorious and that British direction of the campaign in that region has been faulty. The shift comes too late, however, to change the situation in the Balkans, for the British and French already have withdrawn from Serbia, and Germany has stamped her iron heel upon that country.

If the British had been withdrawn from the Peninsula when the Germans invaded Serbia, they might have saved Macedonia.

Now it is not certain that they will go to the Balkans. If they do, it will mean that London fears a Teuton and Bulgar attack on Saloniki. On the other hand, it is equally possible that they are destined for the Suez canal district.

FAIRBANKS SALOON IS SCORCHED BY FIRE

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 20.—Starting in the California saloon, fire early today caused damage to the extent of \$40,000, it is estimated. Fortunately there was no wind, and the Northern Commercial company's big plant, which was endangered, escaped damage. The fire started from an explosion in the gas lighting system of the saloon.

A good line of Japanese sea grass chairs and small tables for Christmas gifts at Helmer's. 624

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