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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Thursday generally fair east, occasional snow or rain west portion; slowly rising temperature; southeast-ly winds.

DECEMBER ON THE ROGUE.

A glance at the December report of Weather Observer Paddock, published in the Courier today, will show that the weather man at his worst is not such a very bad fellow after all—providing you consider his deportment in southern Oregon. December in the country, east and west, was marked by storm and punctuated by frost and snow. Here at Grants Pass the coldest moment was one when the mercury touched 17 degrees above zero for a few minutes one night. But that "cold spell" was unaccompanied by wind, and a scant two inches of snow has fallen during the entire month, that to stay but a few brief hours. When there is a whisper of winter in the Rogue valley, there is a howling blizzard at about every other point of the compass, even California getting more of it this winter than has the Rogue.

THE NEWS DURING 1915.

Emperors, statesmen, warriors, and a staff of newspaper correspondents circling the globe have worked together in the columns of the Courier during the last twelve months to make 1915 the most wonderful year for news in the history of journalism.

Through the United Press, the Courier has been enabled to tap the European war areas, the orient and domestic field for exclusive news throughout the year. The list of correspondents who have given the Courier its brilliant stories of the war is headed by Ed L. Keen, the European manager of the United Press. Among those associated with him have been William G. Shepherd at various battle fronts; William Philip Simms in Paris, Carl W. Ackerman in Berlin, Henry Wood in Rome and southwestern Europe, Wilbur S. Forrest in London, Charles P. Stewart with the Ford peace expedition and others.

Starting ahead of all rival news reports last New Year's day with the story of the destruction of the British battleship Formidable, the Courier has received over the United Press wires during 1915 a continuous stream of similarly exclusive stories.

When the Russians were finally driven out of East Prussia last winter, it was the Courier and the United Press that had the story of the titanic struggle in the northern snows. When Count Zeppelin felt the time had come to defend his air raiding monsters, he did so through the courier and the United Press. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, made the same selection to announce to the world after the fall of Warsaw, what Germany was still fighting for. The prime minister of Bulgaria, through the Courier and the United Press, proclaimed Bulgaria's final terms for intervention in the war just before German diplomacy won its victory at Sofia.

The fall of the French ministry, the finding of the body of Daniel Frohman, the description of the first Zeppelin raid over the heart of London, the story of the war's first battle between submarines and the Bulgarian attack on the American flag at Monastir are a few other events

LORD NORTHCLIFFE PREDICTS TROUBLE AHEAD FOR UNITED STATES

By Lord Northcliffe. (Written for the United Press. Copyrighted 1916 by the United Press.)

London, Jan. 5.—When some months ago I had the honor of communicating with at least 50,000,000 Americans through the United Press I plainly expressed the belief that we are in for a long, long war. Events have followed the lines indicated. I do not pose as a prophet, but I know something about the thoroughness of the Anglo-Saxon fibre as compared with the Prussians, and I know that each day that brings access to our strength is weakening them.

The German point of view toward the war is frankly that of money making and territorial aggression aggrandisement. Germany's treasurer, Helfferich, constantly dilates upon the indemnities that Germany is going to get. Germany hopes, in addition, to obtain the Belgian Congo. She was under the impression that the wealth of France would pour into her lap within a few weeks after the outbreak of the war.

England was not expected to enter. Our pacifist, like yours, repeatedly informed the world that we did not raise our boys to be soldiers. England's entrance into the struggle was a great surprise to our government as it was to the Germans, for we had, with one or two exceptions, a pacifist administration. But as soon as Germany entered Belgium the common people insisted on the defense of Belgium and its king. The outbreak that followed in Germany was like the rage of a tiger balked of its prey. Germany consoled itself by the thought that John Bull was an effete old plutocrat, whose sons and daughters were given up to sport and amusements.

Our army was little larger than yours. The kaiser in his famous Aix la Chapelle address referred to of the last year the Courier, through the United Press, was able to give its readers in advance of its rivals. Count Okuma, the Japanese premier, sent to the Courier over its United Press wire exclusively its story of Japan's ultimatum to China concerning the readjustment of internal relations in the Orient.

When Yuan Shi Kai was chosen emperor of China he, too, made sole use of the Courier and the United Press to announce the reasons for his acceptance of the office.

Nearer home, John D. Rockefeller told of his objections to the Anglo-French war loan in an exclusive United Press story to the Courier. Over the Washington wire of the United Press the Courier was informed of William J. Bryan's reasons for resigning as secretary of state long before the news was known elsewhere.

FEAR HUERTA'S ILLNESS MAY BE RUSE TO ESCAPE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Jan. 5.—Agents of the department of justice resumed today their watch on General Huerta's house, suspecting that his illness is a ruse to offset the San Antonio jury's investigation of charges that he violated American neutrality. Previously they had let down the bars.

CHICAGO CUBS SOLD TO CHAS. WEEGHMAN

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—Charles P. Taft, owner of the Chicago National league club, announced this afternoon that he has agreed to sell the Cubs to Charles Weeghman, former owner of the Chicago Federals. The transfer will be made January 20. Weeghman will pay \$500,000 for 90 per cent of the Cub stock.

it as "Sir John French's contemptible little army." Since then, by voluntary enlistment, we possess one of the world's largest armed forces. Your position is not at all unlike ours before the war. You are as eaten up with commercialism and pacifism as we were. And you are not in such a good position for fighting as we are because of the lack of unity of races composing the United States.

On the other hand, you offer the same temptation to any hungry, aggressive enemy that we did. Troops can be moved to your shores from hostile nations in little more time it took to move bodies from New York to Boston 200 years ago. The fact that we have transported at least \$1,200,000 across the sea shows that any European or oriental nation could, if you were unprepared (as you are), ship them to you.

Personally, I doubt that the United States will really prepare for war. There will be an immense amount of talk, as with us, and you will have people like our late Lord Roberts preaching wisdom, but his views will be drowned in such melodies as "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," and so on.

One day the Laplanders or Greenlanders or some other nation (you can change the words as you choose) will notice that you are a rich, pacifist country and will come and take what they want. How would you like for us to interfere when they had accomplished part of their task and you were not yet ready, and for us to cry "Peace," when, say, the Laplanders or Greenlanders were occupying Oregon and Washington states, and perhaps California, places, as you know, extremely accessible to the Laplander.

This is how we feel about peace-making before we are ready to impose terms we think necessary for the freedom of the world.

EXPECT STRENUOUS OFFENSIVE BY THE ALLIES IN SPRING

Budapest, Jan. 1 (Delayed).—A great offensive by the allies on all fronts in the spring is expected by the Teutons. Hungarian officials, however, are certain that the move will meet with defeat.

"The allies fail to take into account our military position, however," said Count Andrássy today to the United Press. "We are situated so that we can help each other. We can send men and resources to any front at any time. We can concentrate—something that the enemy can not do. This makes our victory certain, because it overbalances our opponents' resources."

Contrary to Berlin opinion, the Hungarians believe that there will be no early peace.

"I think it will be a long, long war," continued the count. "There is no chance of peace in sight at present. We could make peace next week, but the allies do not desire it; they are not yet convinced of our superiority."

"But the world is becoming hysterical. Even neutral nations are impatient. It is a shame for humanity that we can not make peace now."

The count expressed admiration for the manner in which King Constantine has handled the Greek situation.

"He will keep his nation neutral and save her from the disaster that wrecked Belgium and Serbia," said the count. "Greece will increase her territory without sacrificing men and money and without risking her future. No one can say that King Constantine is traitorous."

He predicted success for Teutonic arms in Mesopotamia.

"I see that the English were forced to withdraw from Bagdad," he commented. "And when the Turks bring up reinforcements, the British will lose what they now hold of Mesopotamia, and presently the Suez canal will be in danger."

The Way It Goes. Little children who are permitted to look at a tarantula in a bottle are expected to gain some valuable lesson from the grewsome sight, although nobody knows just what that lesson is. A good many of the models and horrible examples that are held up before the rest of us are of just as vague value.—Judge.

MASON TELLS WHAT WAR MOVES MEAN

New York, Jan. 5.—A warning to America to prepare for a probable conflict with Japan is given by Lord Northcliffe today in his copyrighted interview given to the United Press, when he points out that America's wealth and defenselessness will inevitably persuade some one to come and take what he wants.

Outwardly, he veils his warning by suggesting the "Laplanders" will be the invaders, but he reveals his inner meaning by the suggestion that "you can change the words as you choose," and by describing an invasion of the Pacific coast.

The seriousness of his warning is emphasized by the possibility of a Teuton-Japanese understanding after the war. Such a situation may be foreseen by the fact that German prisoners are being favored in Japan, while it is reported from Tokio that the Nipponese will not block the kaiser's efforts after the war to regain Germany's lost prestige in China.

Moreover, there is a growing dissatisfaction in England over the British alliance with Japan. Canada, Australia and New Zealand are hostile to oriental intimacies of John Bull, and these portions of the British empire are destined to have a wider influence in international politics than they have had heretofore. They oppose future pledges of British support to Japan in case she is involved in war.

This colonial disapproval is probably the reason why Great Britain does not sanction having the Japanese fight with the other allies in Europe.

The colonies doubtless will favor an understanding with America over Japan, and Lord Northcliffe has probably sensed the feeling of England on this point.

His warning may well be cryptic prophecy that Japan and Germany will be found together in a new alliance in the future, with the United States as their common enemy. Then America might have to rely on Great Britain for support. Indeed, it would be inevitably necessary if such a combination made simultaneous attacks against the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and caught America unprepared.

WILSON'S CABINET WILL MEET FRIDAY MORNING

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson will call his cabinet together Friday morning, when, it is expected, the nation's policy toward submarine attacks will be formulated. It is hoped details of the Persia sinking will arrive before then.

GRANTS PASS WEATHER

Following is a summary of the weather observation at Grants Pass for the month of December, 1915.

Table with columns: Date, Max., Min., Range, Pre. Rows 1-31 showing daily weather data for December 1915.

Summary: Mean temperature, 45 degrees. Maximum temperature, 58 degrees; date 25. Minimum temperature, 17 degrees; date 30. Total precipitation, 5.39. Total snowfall, 2 inches. Clear, 3 days; partly cloudy, 8 days; cloudy, 20 days. Direction prevailing wind, southwest.

JOHN B. PADDOCK, Co-operative Observer.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Club, 97@99; bluestem, 1.01 1/2 @ 1.04. Oats—No. 1 white-feed, 24.50. Barley—Feed, 26. Hogs—Best live, 6.50 @ 6.60. Prime steers, 7.50 @ 7.75; fancy cows, 5 @ 6; best calves, 7 @ 7.50. Spring lambs, 7.75 @ 8. Butter—City creamery, 30. Hens, 14 @ 15; broilers, 14 @ 15; geese, 9.

WANT EVIDENCE OF MAN HELD IN JAIL

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Federal officials here indicated they may seek to have "Count" Van Koolbergen paroled from imprisonment at Calgary, Alberta. The "count," now seeking parole, has expressed a willingness to aid authorities here in connection with the alleged bomb plots of C. C. Crowley and Baron von Brincken of the German consulate, and authorities believe that he could give valuable evidence, as he claims to have been closely allied with the pair.

Coffee

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Schilling's Best

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This elegant and delicate starch is the product of a plant that is cultivated very extensively in the Malay peninsula, where its culture is almost entirely in the hands of the Chinese. The tubers of the plant (Manihot utilisima), which weigh on an average from ten to twenty-five pounds, are first scraped and then carefully washed, after which they are reduced to a pulp by being passed between rollers. This pulp is carefully washed and shaken up with abundance of water until the fecula separates and passes through a very fine sieve into a tub placed beneath. The flour so obtained is repeatedly washed and then placed on mats and bleached by exposure to the sun and air. It is finally converted into the pearl tapioca of commerce by being placed in a crude shaped frame covered with canvas. It is slightly moistened and subjected to a rotary motion, by which means it is granulated. It is next dried in the sun and finally over the fire in an iron pan greased with vegetable tallow and is then ready for the market.

Figured Out.

"Miss Day claims she is just twenty-four years old." "Miss Day: I knew her father well. He died thirty years ago." "Then what chance has she?" "I don't know. Location notices. Courier.

Large advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco featuring a caricature of a man smoking a pipe and a pack of Prince Albert cigarettes. Text includes: 'You've hit the right tobacco when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. And you know it! Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made right; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke. You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about, it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue at the same time—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert! R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.'