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COLD SNAP IS NEAR RECORD IN THE VALLEY

MERCURY DESCENDED TO MARK OF TWO DEGREES ABOVE ZERO FRIDAY NIGHT

EXCEEDED ONCE IN 28 YEARS

No Damage Resulted Except to Broken Water Pipes and Through the Loss of Electric Current

The record at the weather office shows that once during 28 years of which there is record the thermometer has registered a colder night than last night. There is record of the mercury having descended to the zero sign upon a single occasion within that period, whereas last night it came within two degrees of zero. The coldest day of recent years was December 21st, 1914, when a mark of five degrees above zero was reached.

There are "old timers" who tell of the time when "the Rogue froze over," and there are other traditions of the times when the cold was more intense than now.

The present cold snap, which descended upon the Rogue valley Wednesday night, affected Grants Pass not so much because of the cold or the snowfall here, as because the community is dependent upon the outside world for its electric current for power and light, and when the power and light plant fails to function the community has to go into a period of hibernation. The snow fall had tangled the wires of the power and light company, and the current failed to reach this city. All lines of industry suffered, the Courier with the rest. The linotype machine and the presses were quiet, and though attempts were made to harness them to gasoline power, it was only partially successful, and no paper could be issued on Thursday or Friday. About noon today the current was again available and the printing office is trying to catch up with itself.

In many parts of the city water pipes that were not properly protected were frozen, and the plumbers will be kept busy for days repairing the damage to bursted supply lines. The river shows some floating ice.

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CABINET PROPOSAL NOT FOR OLD IRISH PARTY

Dublin, Dec. 13.—America is warned by the Freeman's Journal not to be deceived by proposals which may be made by the British cabinet committee on home rule. The Journal criticizes the plan of the cabinet committee so far as it has been revealed by the reports circulated in Ireland. The newspaper attitude is believed to represent that of the old Irish party. It says:

"The scheme proposes partition of its worst form, and it ensures the grip of the bankrupt wastrels of Whitehall on the solvent Irish purse. The authors know the fate that awaits the scheme. It has two purposes, to throw dust in the eyes of America and to enable the home rule act to be scrapped. The scrapping was decided on long before the committee was constituted or even contemplated. But in the uncertainty of affairs at Washington the scrapping has to be done under careful cover and under pretense of offering a settlement on much more generous terms than have ever been proposed before. The generosity can be measured by the proposed trick to keep the control of the Irish purse in British hands. America will not be deceived."

ORDER TO RETURN TO WORK OBEYED

Word Received at the Union Headquarters Indicates That the Men Have Responded to Orders

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 13.—Reports received at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America here today were to the effect that miners generally throughout the bituminous regions have responded to instructions to return to work immediately.

LOCAL PEOPLE AID IN UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN

Earle Voorhies and Miss Jeanette Moss have been appointed by the student council of the University of Oregon to represent the Greater Oregon student committee in handling the local end of a \$30,000 campaign the students are starting to complete the unfinished women's building on the University campus, and will reach here the latter part of next week to take charge of the work.

The state has been divided for the purposes of the campaign into seven districts by the students of the University, who have taken entire charge of raising the last \$30,000 needed to finish the \$200,000 building. The district including this county is under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Grey of Medford.

The women's building will house the women's gymnasium, the department of household arts and others of the women's activities on the campus. Half of the necessary \$200,000 must be raised by private subscription, the legislature having supplied \$100,000 to match the individual generosity of citizens of Oregon.

FULL SERVICE FOR N. W. RAILROADS NEXT WEEK

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Full passenger service on all railroads in the northwest region will be resumed at midnight Wednesday, it was announced by the regional railroad administrator's office today.

FELIX DIAZ LOSES THREE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—Felix Diaz lost three members of his cabinet in the state of Vera Cruz recently when Fermin G. Panes, Jeaquis Montero and Isidoro Polanco were captured by federal troops. Among the documents taken from them was a circular from Diaz to businessmen in Jalapa promising that no taxes would be assessed upon them after the Diaz cause had triumphed if they would now show favor to the Diaz adherents.

RHINELAND QUESTION IS PAN-GERMAN WORRY

With the American Forces in Germany, Dec. 13.—Pan Germans are still worrying over the Rhineland question. Although all is apparently quiet on the surface, they insist that the agitation for separation, first from Prussia and then from Germany continues under cover. This opinion is shared by the Democratic Frankfurt Gazette which commented recently on the efforts being made by the centrist party for the establishment of this republic "as a beloved land of Catholicism."

Leaders of the centre party have steadfastly denied having even the remotest idea of ever separating from Germany, but have admitted that they had been working with the hope of ultimate separation from Prussia by legal means.

TREATY RESERVATIONS AGREEABLE TO ALLIES

English and French Premiers State That Some Of The Qualifications by Foreign Relations Committees Will be Accepted by Other Nations

Paris, Dec. 13.—As a result of the conference being held in London by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, the American government will be notified that in order to facilitate a compromise between adverse parties in the American senate, the allies are willing to accept to as great an extent as possible, some of the reservations to the Versailles treaty as made by the foreign relations committee, according to today's issue of La Matin.

It is said the allies will do everything possible in order that America may participate in future conferences. Important problems, the newspaper says, will henceforth be settled by a council of the premiers of France, England and Italy.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Charging that President Wilson was "perfectly immovable" in urging unreserved ratification of the treaty of Versailles, Senator Lodge told the senate today that if the president should

present proposals for compromise he promised that the republicans would give them careful consideration. Charging republicans with refusing to compromise when the treaty was before the senate, Senator Hitchcock said he was "holding out the olive branch" by now suggesting a committee on conciliation, or private negotiations.

London, Dec. 13.—American Ambassador John W. Davis late today visited Downing street where Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau were in conference. Viscount Chinda, Japanese ambassador, was also called into conference. It was reported that Davis' presence was connected with proposals submitted from the conference to President Wilson relative to the peace treaty. Davis later told the Associated Press that no proposals from the conference to the president had been brought to his attention at the conference.

RESTRICTIONS ON FUEL USE ARE MUCH MODIFIED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The nation found partial relief today from the rigid fuel restrictions enforced through the railroad administration. Regional directors of railroads have modified restrictions and where conditions permitted, restrictions have been revoked. There was a substantial restoration of train service in many sections.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Orders removing all restrictions for the use in light, heat and power from bituminous coal in the entire northwest region were issued today.

MILLIONS IN XMAS BONUSES FOR CHICAGO BANK CLERKS

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Over \$10,000,000 in Christmas bonuses will be distributed to employes of Chicago banks and stores the coming week.

NEW PARTY WILL HAVE CANDIDATES NEXT YEAR

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 13.—A new political party will have a candidate for the presidential race next November if plans formulated at the national conference of liberals materialize. The conference, which opened here Tuesday, ended last night, and it was decided to hold a convention before July 1st for the purpose of nominating candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency.

INDUSTRY TO GET COAL FOR EMERGENCY USES

Washington, Dec. 13.—All industries may be supplied coal for emergency needs as far as the coal is available in any section for that purpose, under orders of the central coal committee, issued today.



ENVER PASHA IS CROWNED A KING

Former Turkish Minister of War Monarch of Kurdistan, Is Report From Constantinople

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—Enver Pasha, former Turkish minister of war, has been crowned king of Kurdistan, a Turkish region lying between Mesopotamia and Persia, according to reports reaching here.

JAPANESE PORTRAYS AMERICAN DIPLOMAT

Tokio, Dec. 13.—A famous Japanese actor, Koshiro, played the role of Townsend Harris, the first American minister to Japan in a play presented in the Japanese language in the Imperial Japanese theatre the other day. Koshiro gave a faithful portrayal of America's first diplomat to Japan, having borrowed a portrait of Mr. Harris from the American embassy, through the kindness of Roland S. Morris.

The play was called "America-no-taukai" or "The American Messenger" and was written by Okamoto Kido. The gate in the Azabu temple in Tokio which housed the first diplomatic mission from the United States was the background for the first scene of the play. Two samurai, father and son, are on guard to protect Harris from attack. Suspicious characters lurk around, ready at the first opportunity to assassinate the stranger from overseas. One of them is caught by the samurai and freed, but at Harris' request is set free. Koshiro's entrance by the temple gate, carrying the Stars and Stripes over his arm, was impressive. The great topic of the day was whether Japan would open a port to foreign trade and conservatives clashed with progressives on this point. This was shown in a scene in a tea room in which a serving maid overhears a plot of two ruffians who are to lay in wait for the minister on a nearby hill and kill him.

One scene is laid at the approach to the bridge near the great temple of Zozoji where the minister was attended by an escort of samurai. Just as they reach the place of ambush the tea house maid rushes to the rescue, stops the retinue and delivers information about the plot. Before long the two parties are engaged in a hand to hand fight. Townsend Harris in his white dust coat emerges from his palanquin, pistol in hand. But his escort ends the fray before he is obliged to use his pistol. One of the protecting samurai, who is the lover of the tea-house maid is slain. In the final scene Harris is shown placing a bouquet of white lilies on the coffin of the slain young samurai.

PRESIDENT WILSON NOW WALKS ABOUT HIS ROOM

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson is now permitted to walk about his room and along the hallway a short time daily, Dr. Grayson announced today. The president, the doctor said, dresses himself and walks with the aid of a cane unattended.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SINKING IN ATLANTIC

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—A radio message received here today said that the British steamer Messina was sinking in the North Atlantic and would require boats for the rescue of passengers. The message said it would be impossible to save the ship.

AMERICANS BEING HELD FOR RANSOM

TWO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ONE ENGLISHMAN IN HANDS OF VILLISTAS

WERE TAKEN IN MUZQUIZ RAID

Advices Also State That Eight Mexicans Are Among Those Captured by the Bandits Tuesday Night

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 13.—Two Americans and one Englishman are reported among the men taken by Villistas in the Muzquiz raid last Tuesday and are now being held for ransom. Advices received here today said that eight Mexicans also are being held.

JACKSON FARM BUREAU SHIPS 11 CARS STOCK

Ashland, Dec. 13.—Through the sales department of the county farm bureau the farmers of Jackson county have shipped out 11 cars of stock in November. Three cars will be shipped this week and several are booked for shipment after the holidays. The total number of cars for the year will range between 50 and 60, nearly all of which are hogs. All cars are shipped to Portland and the market price less freight is received. The farm bureau employs a man to handle the shipping and marketing. Three hundred tons of sulphur have been sold to Jackson county farmers this fall through the farm bureau, with a saving of \$30 a ton over the price paid last year when bought through dealers.

USE RADIUM GAS FOR CURE OF DISEASE

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Radium while being used in the treatment of cer throws off a gas which may be caught in glass tubes and used in treating the disease with the same success that attend the use of radium itself. University of California experts are reported to have discovered.

The state university is rapidly becoming one of the most important radium distributing agencies in the country. Public spirited citizens are subscribing to a fund enabling the university to increase its supply.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER ROGUE FINISHED

Forest Supervisor MacDaniels returned from a trip down Rogue River to Agness and to Powers, returning by way of Marshfield and Eugene.

Mr. MacDaniels visited the Shasta Costa ranger station, the trail camp on Rock creek and looked over the cutting of government timber near Powers.

Deputy Supervisor Hunt has completed the rebuilding of the suspension bridge across Rogue river on the government trail 7 miles below Alameda. The improvements included in the new bridge are the construction of a concrete pier 14 feet high on the south side; concrete footing on the north side, new 28 foot towers and new cable anchorage. The original bridge was built in 1908.

POINCARRE MAKES GIFT TO THE POOR OF LONDON

London, Dec. 13.—President Poincarre has sent the sum of \$1,000 to the lord mayor for distribution among the poor of London "in sincere thanks for the reception given him at the Guildhall on the occasion of his recent visit."