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OREGON WEATHER

Weather for the Week

Pacific Coast states: Normal temperature; unsettled and occasional rain.
Tonight and Tuesday rain west; fair east portion.

PEARL OF BALTIC IS NOW MASS OF RUINS

Riga, Latvia, Dec. 11—(A. P.)—Riga, which was known before the war as the pearl of the Baltic and ranked as Russia's second port, is one of the saddest monuments to the destruction wrought by six years of ceaseless fighting, much of which took place on the soil of the governments of Livonia and Courland.

Half a million persons lived in Riga before the war and over 400 large factories kept it busy and prosperous. Now there are only about 200,000 inhabitants and less than a score of factories are operating. The empty shells of various industries stand awaiting the return of machinery which the Russians shipped eastward before the German advance. Lenin and Trotsky have promised to return all the machinery which belonged to Russian subjects. But many of the factories were owned by foreign capitalists and consequently cannot hope to recover their plants. Great rubber plants, car shops,

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wood-working shops and saw mills stand idle awaiting capital to buy machinery. The river Dvina and various lakes and inlets lying about the city are filled with logs. But there are no mills to convert them into timber, no ships to carry them into foreign markets. The docks are idle. Few trains operate and those are fired with wood.

Of the 1,500,000 persons in the new republic, nearly all are dependent upon agriculture for a living. The crops were a failure this year and consequently the outlook is blue for the new government headed by Ulmanis, the American-trained Minister-President. But the Letts have learned the joy of freedom in their few months of independence. They fought bravely against the Bolsheviks and later against the Baltic barons who tried to enslave them under General Bermond. And they are courageously building up a national life and a national consciousness in the face of terrible odds.

ACCIDENT SETTLES AIRPLANE DISPUTE

Peking, Dec. 11—(A. P.)—The question as to what use shall be made of several airplanes recently bought by the Chinese government—whether for war or for establishment of mail service as stipulated in the contract for their purchase from a British firm—has been settled so far as three of them is concerned.

Chang Tso-lin, who at present dominates north China militarily, ordered three of the six machines shipped to him at Mukden. The others were to be sent to Paotingfu for military purposes.

Those destined for Mukden were loaded on flat cars and started northward. Some distance beyond Tientsin they collided with the superstructure of a railway bridge, which,

along with the machines, was put out of commission. The wreck tied up traffic for a long time.

MORE VESSELS ARE APPROVED

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Los Angeles; a submarine and destroyer base at Astoria, Oregon, and a very extensive development of harbor and repair facilities at Hawaii. In all, the report declared, projects that ultimately will reach a cost of about \$160,000,000 are urgently needed for the Pacific coast proper.

Characterizing Hawaii as the "crossroads and key to the Pacific," Mr. Daniels recommends the creation there of a fleet-operating base capable of accommodating the entire American navy with all auxiliaries. Facilities for a fleet of a thousand vessels could be developed at Hawaii, the report asserts, adding that "the strategic location of Hawaii is realized, its possibilities have been carefully studied and set forth by naval experts and its development on a broad scale as a fleet operating base cannot be too strongly recommended."

Despite "sporadic criticism" in this country and abroad of the completion of capital ships authorized before the war, the battleship remains the "backbone" of the fleet, Secretary Daniels declares. The war proved that the time has not come for the abandonment of capital ships, he says, and in support of his declaration he points out that recent British building programs have included funds for dreadnaughts and battle cruisers and that Japan "has laid down five capital ships since the armistice and it is understood that eight others are projected for the near future."

Death to Him!

The American culture that lives on carries an immune against all disease germs and is believed to be instrumental in spreading the tubercle plague.



DO'S AND DON'T'S AT THE P. O.

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks and Carriers.

DON'T put off mailing that package until Christmas eve.

Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

Don't forget to write your own return address on all parcel post matter. Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better. Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck, with packages and foolish questions.

THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contrivances to Test Their Muscular Skill or Endurance.

WHAT shall be said of that blundering kindness of home folk that considers giving the boy only presents of such things as he actually needs? It is an outrage upon the spirit of Christmas to present him with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—something that he knows he will get anyway—when his sleeping and waking dreams for weeks before have been filled with visions of tops, balls, guns and magic lanterns, says Maud Souders in the Woman's Home Companion. The most beautiful knitted muffler woman's fingers ever constructed cannot compare with a jack-knife with four blades and a cork-screw attachment, when exhibited over the back fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas morning. Very soon after the days of kiltz a boy reaches the age when he yearns with his whole soul after any toy or contrivance that will test his muscular skill or endurance. At this age an appropriate present would be a rawhide or rope lariat, such as is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A pair of hand or arm stiltz will be received with equal favor, and in the same category comes a new fishing rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf clubs, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer for his wheel, or even a live pet, a new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea pigs—something that he can pet and train for his own.

Funny Christmas Habit.

There is not a drug store, cigar shop or barroom in the larger cities which has not been made the storage room for Christmas presents bought before the rush sets in. The strange part of it is that every man who utilizes the friendship of his favorite place round the corner thinks he is the only one who thought of the plan. Realizing that the stores will be crowded, many far-sighted heads of families bought their presents a week in advance, and then, fearing the nature of the mysterious package would be discovered at the office or at home, they hid upon the device of making a cache in some resort near home.

Recommended To School Children

This is the season when children are subject to croup, colds and coughs. Rena C. Marchard, 26 Lawrence St., Salem, Mass., writes: "I used Foley's Honey and Tar with good results. I had a very bad cold and it gave me relief at once, so I recommend it to every child that goes to school." This standard, low priced medicine loosens and clears mucus and phlegm, checks strangling coughing, makes easy breathing, soothes and heals raw, inflamed membranes, and stops tickling in throat.

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