

RAINS INTERFERING IN POLISH CAMPAIGN

United Press Service
PETROGRAD, Jan. 7.—Owing to unprecedented rains, which are miring the roads, and making maneuvers of any kind almost impossible, operations in Southern Poland have been checked.

The fighting has shifted more to the north. The Russians are making a strong offensive against the Germans near Mlava.

There is to be a general battle there, as both armies are reinforcing. The skirmishing is becoming hotter every day.

The rout of the Turks in the Caucasus continues. The Moslems, abandoning supplies, are in many places fleeing as disorganized mobs.

United Press Service
TURIN, Jan. 7.—The Stampa says that Italy has demanded a full explanation and reparation from Austria for the arrest of four Italians. They were held as hostages at Belgrade, it is alleged.

United Press Service
LONDON, Jan. 7.—Widened activities of a precautionary measure by the authorities today indicate a belief that the German aerial fleet is expected in the near future.

Additional men have been sent to all of the coast guard stations. Besides this, the crews in charge of the aerial defense guns have been strengthened.

United Press Service
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 7.—Berlin advices say that Japan has agreed to send a representative to the conference at the Vatican to consider the exchanging of wounded prisoners by the warring nations.

TELEPHONE PLANS ASSUMING SHAPE MOOSE PILLOW IS WON BY M'COY

COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING BOTH GROUND AND ALL-METALLIC LINES BETWEEN HERE AND MT. LAKE
SUPERINTENDENT OF HEARLD PRESSROOM WINS SPLENDID L. O. O. M. EMBLEM THAT IS MADE BY PRISONER

Members of the committee working toward telephone lines between Klamath Falls, Mt. Lake and Merrill, are now giving consideration to the kind of circuits to be installed. It has been estimated that a grounded wire system can be installed complete, even to the instruments, for about \$20 a subscriber, but some favor an all-metallic line.

An all-metallic circuit will cost more money, but it is held that this will be repaid in the fact that there will be less damage by lightning and other causes. It is also held that the latter kind of a line is free from noise.

At present the committee are awaiting replies from inquiries sent out regarding estimates, supplies, etc.

"In luck for once in my life," said Bert D. McCoy today, when he was informed that Number 41, which he held, won the beautiful hand-embroidered Moose head pillow top, worked by Charles Meader, a prisoner in the county jail. The pillow top is a beautiful piece of handwork, and contains over two miles of silk floss. It attracted much attention when on display.

Meader lost a limb some years ago in a railroad wreck, and while in the hospital, he learned needlework. With the money derived from the sale of chances, he expects to buy some parts for his artificial leg, and also to pay something toward his defense in court.

Today's news in The Herald.

Probes Subway Deaths

District Attorney Says Company to Be Prosecuted

United Press Service
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—In order to fully investigate the fire in the subway yesterday, which caused several deaths and seriously affected others, District Attorney Perkins plans to summon a hundred witnesses and victims of the occurrence before the coroner's jury.

Perkins has pledged himself to fully prosecute the case. The following charges are made against the company:
That the insulation cables are over eight years old; that the guards had locked the car doors when the insulation caught fire, refusing to permit the passengers to leave until they were half suffocated; that the cables were overloaded.

The trouble, which occurred yesterday morning, was a blow-out in the subway under 59th street, this started the fire, which resulted in the

complete tying up of the subway system.
The fire filled the tube with smoke. For this reason, it was impossible to open the windows. Shutting off of the power made it impossible to operate the fans and the heat became unbearable. On account of the third rail, it was impossible to move from the cars.

It is estimated that 300 were overcome by the smoke, and one woman died. Others may die, so seriously were they suffocated, and there are thousands of others who are suffering from the shock so seriously as to require doctors.

There are thirteen who are in serious condition, and may die.
This afternoon it was announced that the examination of witnesses by District Attorney Perkins was postponed until tomorrow, as physicians warned him that fatalities might result if the victims left the hospitals and their homes to testify.

Ruins of Whitby Abbey After Being Shelled by German Ships



RUINS OF Whitby Abbey after bombardment by German Warships

This photograph, just received in the United States, shows part of what was left of Whitby Abbey, one of the most famous historic churches of England, after the bombardment by German warships which raided the east coast of England, December 16. Shells from the cruisers some miles at sea beat down the old walls

until little was left. It was among many other buildings of Whitby, Scarborough, Hartlepool and West Hartlepool damaged by German shells.

Whitby, which was the smallest of the bombarded towns, was famous chiefly for its beautiful old cathedral. Tradition has it that Robin Hood

and Little John practiced archery from its towers.

The abbey was founded in the seventh century, but the buildings were practically rebuilt in the twelfth and fourteenth centuries. The old church towers formed a conspicuous landmark from the sea. The town itself has never been robbed by modern enterprise of its Old World charm.

PETERSON TELLS PROPOSED LAWS

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM STATE CONVENTION OF SUPERINTENDENTS

County School Superintendent Fred Peterson returned last night from Eugene where he attended the state teacher's institute, and from grading papers and attending the state and county school superintendent's convention at Salem. He was a member of the committee appointed by the superintendents to take up proposed legislation with the members of the Legislature in Portland the first of the week.

"We were particularly interested as to the method of distributing school monies," said Peterson. "The Multnomah teachers and school boards favored a ratio of one-third for each teacher, and two-thirds for the pupils attending."
"This would be an advantage to Portland with its large enrollment, but not to the smaller districts, so we urged the ratio of half for teacher and half for pupils enrolled." We also advocated the creation of a number of constructive day's attendance for the small district—say a minimum of 300 days a month, to give them an equal chance to get as good teachers as larger districts.
"Another thing we took up was

to make the county treasurer the depository for all school funds, instead of having them in the hands of the various boards as at present. It is felt that the facilities of the treasurer's office would permit better attention being given the funds, and in this way, the money, deposited by the treasurer in the banks would bring in two percent, which, added to the county's general fund, would help materially.

"For this, of course, it is only just the treasurer's salary to be increased. It is estimated that the school funds of Oregon, with half out on two per cent interest, would return \$91,000 to the counties of the state."
"These two changes will come up in the county code bill to be introduced. It provides for more efficient methods in the county administration."

MAY HOLD A BIG CELEBRATION 4TH

Instead of a Rodeo it is possible that a big Fourth of July celebration may be held here this year. This, at any rate, is being discussed by members of the Business Men's Association, as they believe on account of the exposition that it will be difficult to get any outside attendance at the Elks' wild west show.
The association last night went on record as heartily favoring the raising of a fund by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce to maintain an exhibit at the exposition.

GET THE FARMER, RICHARDSON SAYS

BOOSTER TELLS THE PEOPLE THAT LANDS MUST BE SETTLED UP BEFORE TALL BUILDINGS ARE NECESSARY

If Klamath county and Klamath Falls are to forge ahead, it will be by the settling up and cultivation of the thousands of acres of manless lands in this section. One good way to get the proper kind of farmer to come in here is to enable the Klamath Chamber of Commerce to send a convincing display and representative to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to interest the homeseeker attending the fair.

This was one of the main arguments made at last night's booster meeting at the Opera House, when Tom Richardson, booster plenipotentiary for the state of Oregon, was the principal speaker. He brought out convincing facts to prove his statements, and made a deep impression upon his hearers.

Besides the talk by Richardson, Judge Webster and W. F. McCredie both made well received talks.

Library Club Meets

The Woman's Library Club meets tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the library hall.

FRENCH CLAIM BIG CAPTURE IN ALSACE

United Press Service
PARIS, Jan. 7.—Heavy fighting is reported in the vicinity of Altkirk, in Alsace. It is reported that the French attacked in force, and made slight gains in the hills to the west of the city.

Besides this, the French offensive, in night assaults, drove the Germans from the outpost trenches near Herzbach.

The war office admits that the Germans, by desperate fighting, regained some of these trenches. The heights, though, it is said, still belongs to the French.

The Germans are making a counter attack in Argonne.

The latest Communiqué claims uninterrupted successes for the Allies at every point of contact.

The rain continues in the north. In some places the inundation is now a foot in depth.

Between the sea and Lys, the new heavy French artillery has silenced several of the main German batteries.

United Press Service
THE HAGUE, Jan. 7.—A correspondent of the Nieuwe Courant, who has just returned from a visit to the French headquarters in Belgium, says that the Allies have made substantial gains along the Yser. These, he says, were not given publicity, for strategic reasons.
At one point, he declares, the entire front made a two-mile gain.

United Press Service
BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Severe fighting continues to the north of Arras. The French are endeavoring to retake the trenches lost earlier in the week.

It is admitted that the fighting continues in Alsace, but it is denied that the French have made gains.

VERDICT FAVORED BELGIAN PROTEST GROCERY FIRM VERDICT FRIDAY

JURY IN CIRCUIT COURT THIS AFTERNOON AWARDED ROBERTS & WHITMORE \$218.08 FROM T. C. OLIVER

UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE WILL STATE THAT CRIMES CHARGED NOT LAID TO GERMANS

Following a deliberation of over an hour, the jury empaneled in the case this afternoon returned a verdict awarding Roberts & Whitmore \$218.08 in their suit against C. T. Oliver.

The suit was to recover four different accounts, some of them assigned to the concern. J. C. Rutenic appeared for the grocery firm.

Today's news today in The Herald.

United Press Service
HARVE, Jan. 7.—The report of the committee from the court of account investigating the alleged German atrocities in Belgium is completed, according to George Payelle, the president.

The report, which contains 20,000 words, will be published in full tomorrow. It is believed that the alleged crimes were not proven to have been committed by the Germans.

Goes for W. F. Wyland

Indicted on Charge of Shooting at Sherman Brown

The identity of the last of the "John Doe" indictments returned by the recent session of the grand jury, has at last been learned. The man indicted is W. F. Wyland, who has a homestead near Crystal, on Upper Klamath Lake.

Wyland is charged with shooting at Sherman A. Brown, who also resides in that section.

Since the indictment was returned, the sheriff's office has been making diligent search for Wyland. He has just been located near Coquille, in Coos county, by the sheriff there.

This morning a deputy sheriff left for the Coast, to bring back Wyland for arraignment and trial.

The indictment of Wyland is only one of a series of legal steps that have been taken by the Wyland and the Browns in a neighborhood feud. Both families have been frequently in court on charges preferred by the other.

A fence and the location of a road are the principal causes of contention, it is understood. The Browns in the earlier summer, had the Wylands arrested, charged with threat-

ening to kill, and with threatening and advocating the committing of a felony.

Immediately after this the Wylands had the Browns arrested on a charge of tearing down the Wyland fence.

The case kept getting more bitter and similar charges were made by both factions, and an officer was continually on the road between here and Crystal, to serve warrants or subpoenas.

After much squabbling of this kind at the expense of the county, District Attorney John Irwin and Charles F. Stone, attorney for the Wylands, made a trip to the warring neighborhood to try and effect a settlement. They held a council with all parties concerned, and it was agreed that with both factions making a little concession, and a new road being laid out, there could be peace again. The suits were then dropped.

Late in the summer a shot was taken at Sherman Brown as he was out in the woods. Just who fired this was not learned at that time. It is alleged in the indictment that Wyland did the shooting.