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WILSON'S NOTE EMBITTERS GREAT BRITAIN ... THE OFFICIAL BRITISH ATTITUDE IS NOW UNKNOWN ... MUST COMMUNICATE WITH ALLIES FIRST

PAPER HOPES PRESIDENT WILSON IS NOT ILL

British Public Rebuts Assertion That Both Sides in Monstrous Conflict Are Striving for Same Ends—Washington Officials Say England Won't Refuse Wilson Note for Several Very Good Reasons.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The more England digests the note from President Wilson of the United States the more bitter it feels. The afternoon papers today exceeded even the denunciation of the morning papers.

President Wilson's assertion that both sides in the great war are striving for the same objects is most bitterly resented.

"We most sincerely hope the president is not ill," comments the London Globe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—For the same reason that Great Britain and her allies did not flatly refuse the German peace proposals, they have not flatly refused President Wilson's note. They dare not slam the door on peace.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The official attitude of Britain on President Wilson's note to belligerents cannot be defined until after England has consulted with her allies, Honar Law announced before the house of commons this morning.

LISKEY CASE IS BEING HEARD TODAY

The preliminary hearing of the case against Dave Liskey, charged by Ruth Lemon with illicit intercourse, is being held before Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen today. It probably will not be concluded until tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Casebeer Jr. have moved to Klamath Falls for the winter from their home near Illy.

SINNOTT TO SELECT TWO FOR WEST POINT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Representative Sinnott will have two appointments of West Point cadets next spring. He has arranged for preliminary civil service examinations for applicants on February 1, at Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, Bend, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles. Stirling Garrett and Leon Bolter, both of Klamath county, now are at Annapolis as appointees of Representative Sinnott.

BEND IS COUNTY SEAT DESCHUTES

SELECTED AS TEMPORARY SEAT BY NEW DESCHUTES COUNTY COURT—OFFICERS ARE NAMED FOR NEW COUNTY.

BEND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Bend was selected the temporary county seat of Deschutes county on Tuesday by the new Deschutes county court. The selection was made without a dissenting vote.

The court appointed the following temporary county officers: Clerk, J. H. Haner; assessor, W. T. Mullarkey; treasurer, Clyde M. McKay; superintendent of schools, J. Alton Thompson; coroner, Elmer Uiswonger; sheriff, S. E. Roberts; surveyor, George S. Young; county physician, Dwight F. Miller.

The new officers will qualify at once so that the wheels of the new county government may be set in motion as soon as possible.

Blizzard Sweeps Lake CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Lake Erie and northern Ohio is being lashed today by a blizzard of tremendous proportions. Fears of loss of life and shipping is expressed everywhere.

Germans Realize Dream of Railway From the North Sea to the Orient



The German dream of a railroad from the North Sea to the Orient is so nearly realized that the British are frightened for the safety of India. For years the British government opposed concessions by the Turks to the Germans for a railroad southeast from Constantinople through Asia Minor.

With the war on and Turkey an ally of Germany, the line has been almost completed. The road, which is ultimately to end at Bagdad, now runs from Antwerp through Berlin, Vienna, Budapest and Constantinople to the Taurus mountains in Asia Minor. There the great obstacle was met, but a tunnel has now pierced the mountain, and soon trains will be running on to Bagdad. The Persian Gulf is not far distant, and the way toward China must be blocked by Great Britain and Russia if the Germans are to be kept out.

What Christmas Should Be

By BLANCHE WARREN, Klamath County High School

Christmas is not what it should be. We have drifted away from the original meaning of Christmas. The festival is no longer in keeping with the whole-souled joy at the birth of Christ. The old, simple Christmas of "Peace on earth, good will to men" has not been heeded throughout the ages.

We have failed to maintain the happiness of giving as the "Three Wise Men" joyfully gave centuries ago. We have failed to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We are more prone to give, not from the promptings of joy, but from duty and obligation. If we joyfully and more free-heartedly gave at Christmas time, we would be the happier and younger for it.

The children have kept the Christmas alive, but we, the older people, have drifted from the original meaning and have demoralized the sacred meaning of Christmas. Surely this is a time when we can cultivate a more generous, gay and joyful spirit.

Christmas is an occasion when rich and poor, weak and strong, meet on a footing of common ground. Let there be a little more good fellowship, human sympathy and understanding.

Christmas comes at the close of the year and should be rightly celebrated by yielding to the pent-up feelings and emotions of joy and gladness for living. The more prosperous and happy the past year, the more joyful and thankful should we be. Especially at present we, as a nation, should be supremely happy since in this time of almost world-wide wretchedness and misery, we have escaped. Why not try to get back a little closer and in closer sympathy with the real meaning of Christmas? Let us start this Christmas.

CHURCHES WILL GIVE EXERCISES

PROGRAM FOR LITTLE FOLKS WILL BE HELD AT ALL PROTESTANT CHURCHES SATURDAY EVENING AT SEVENTH-THIRTY.

All Protestant churches of Klamath Falls will give their annual Christmas exercises for the children tomorrow evening at their respective churches at 7:30 o'clock. The Sunday schools of the churches will give the exercises which are intended primarily for the little folks, although all persons are welcome to any of the exercises.

Heretofore the programs have been given on Christmas Eve, but the change is made this year to December 23 because the Business Men's Association will stage a big municipal

exercise on Main street Christmas Eve, beginning at 4 o'clock. "Grandpa's Christmas Guards" a cantata, will be given at the Methodist church tomorrow evening. The chorus will be led by V. T. Motschenbacher and E. M. Chilcote will direct most of the other parts.

CONGRESS WON'T ENDORSE WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22. Both houses of the national congress today refused to endorse President Wilson's dispatching the stiff message sent to belligerents last Monday. However, congress will give the president a free hand to attempt to find a common ground for peace in Europe.

Stockier Visits Martin Stockier of Dairy is a county seat visitor today on business.

Foreign Trade Large WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The foreign trade of the United States for 1916 will total \$7,000,000,000, the department of commerce announced today.

RAILROADS ARE HELD TO BLAME

CAR SHORTAGE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH COST OF LIVING, SAY FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The shortage of freight cars on many railroads of the country is largely responsible for the high cost of living, according to federal officials. They announce that readjustment is hindered by refusal of eight large systems to co-operate.

Catholic Services. Services of the local Catholic church will be held Sunday and Christmas day in the church at Tenth and Jefferson streets, at the usual hours.

GROWTH KLAMATH FALLS IS SHOWN THROUGH CENSUS

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS NOW HOLD 478 CHILDREN

Although City Has This Number, Only 119 of Them Were Born in Klamath Falls, Showing Influx of Outside Population—Thirty-two Different States Represented and Three Foreign Kingdoms.

The growth of Klamath Falls beyond the natural increase of its own native born population is clearly shown in the census of nativity of the school children of this city. The census has just been completed by R. E. Dinkum, superintendent of city schools, on request of the Herald.

Of the total enrollment of 478 in the grammar schools of Klamath, only 119 were born in Klamath county. This leaves 359 children, who have moved to Klamath Falls from other places with their parents.

Of the enrollment of 478, only 187 were born in Oregon.

Thirty-two different states are represented in the census of nativity, California leading after Oregon with 82 children. Washington comes next. Arkansas, Alabama, Massachusetts and Nebraska are last, with one each. Three foreign kingdoms and one dominion are represented in the census. One child comes from Sweden, one from Germany, one from Italy and one from Canada.

Following is the complete census of nativity of school children in Klamath Falls:

Oregon	187
California	82
Washington	39
Michigan	15
Kansas	12
Illinois	12
Colorado	12
Montana	12
Oklahoma	10
Ohio	10
Idaho	8

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German Official Defends Deportation of Belgians

HAVRE, Dec. 22.—The reply of General von Blasing, German governor general in the occupied portion of Belgium, to the protests of Belgian senators and deputies against the deportation of Belgians, has been received by the Belgian government. It is addressed to M. Favereau, president of the senate, and follows:

Your Excellency: In reply to your letter of November 24th asking me to renounce the sending of workers to Germany, I would explain to you why I am not able to yield to your request. Since the beginning of the war a large part of the Belgian laborers have abandoned work. One reason was the stoppage of numerous industrial undertakings for lack of material caused by the isolation created by the enemy. Another is the refusal to work. The long continuance of this situation has to be felt by evil effects, and so

administrator of the occupied territory I had a duty, conformable to international law, to take administrative measures.

"Clear sighted Belgians in the spring of 1915 drew my attention to the dangers of idleness and distaste for work. They showed that assistance, from whatever direction it came, constituted finally a burden upon the economic life of Belgium and brought with it also idleness. The result was that the working people deteriorated physically and morally and that especially skilled laborers lost their capacity and could not be employed in time of peace in Belgian industry.

"Guided by these motives and in collaboration with competent Belgian ministers, my decrees against idleness

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Christmas Program is Enjoyed by Visitors

A number of townspeople were guests of the Klamath County high school this morning at the regular assembly hour, when a Christmas program was offered and thoroughly enjoyed.

The work the high school students are doing in music surprised many. The singing by the assembly, with the high school orchestra accompanying, was a revelation to many who heard it the first time. According to M. S. Taylor, instructor in music, very few people, comparatively speaking, have availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the musical department and hence cannot realize what the pupils are doing.

Music plays an important part in the curriculum of the high school, a fact which was readily recognized by all those who enjoyed the program this morning. The solo by Mrs. V. T.

Motschenbacher and the address by Rev. C. T. Hurd were especially appreciated, although all numbers were enjoyed.

The program rendered follows: Opening Song—H. S. Assembly Selection "Philo Sennett" High School Orchestra Vocal Duet, "Waltz Song" Marie Hambo and Joie Low Piano Solo, "Lobestra" Ina Graham Solo, "Awake" High School Assembly Vocal Solo, Selected Mrs. V. T. Motschenbacher Violin Solo, "Bohemian Overture" John Stewart Selection, "Sultana Waltz" High School Orchestra Christmas Address Rev. Chas. T. Hurd Closing Song, "America" High School Assembly