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**LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN.**  
 For the 24 hours ending at 7:00 p. m., Dec. 11, 1915:  
 Temperature at 7:00 a. m. .... 6  
 Temperature at 7:00 p. m. .... 21  
 Highest temperature ..... 22  
 Lowest temperature ..... 4  
 Precipitation ..... None  
 Highest wind velocity ..... 12—SE

**Forecast.**  
 For North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday! no decided change in temperature.  
 ORRIS W. ROBERTS,  
 Section Director.

**POSTAL DEFICIT.**

Postmaster General Burleson reports an audited deficit in his department of \$11,333,308.97. Most of this is charged up to the war, but there is little or no specific information in his annual report by way of explanation. He merely states that the cost of the war to the postal service is estimated at \$21,000,000.  
 It would be refreshing to meet a governmental deficit not caused by the war.

Just as the world was beginning to believe the war baby myth, Germany offers prizes to stimulate the birth rate.

**ARMY PLANS.**

Bismarck is vitally interested in the plans of Secretary Garrison contained in the annual report of his department. If his method of distributing the troops is adopted by Congress Lincoln Post should be utilized to its full capacity. Discussing the middle west, Secretary Garrison says:  
 "The center of population of the United States is in the middle west, and here should be located a mobile force for use in case of need, on either the Pacific or Atlantic coast, and the northern and southern borders."  
 Combatant troops are assigned for the middle west as follows under the new plan: Nine infantry regiments; three cavalry; three and a half field artillery; two and a half engineer battalions, one and a half battalions signal corps and one aero squadron.  
 The distribution of troops is practically equal between the Puget Sound area, California, North Atlantic and Middle West.

This probably will lessen some of the sectional opposition to the plan, as all the large centers of population are placed practically on the same basis.  
 It behooves the commercial interests of Bismarck to watch the progress of the army plans, so that Fort Lincoln will receive a quota of troops.

**GERMANY AND PEACE.**

Discussions in the German Reichstag contain little encouragement for the peace advocates. The demand of the Socialists that peace terms be made a subject of discussion brought a direct reply from the imperial chancellor. It may be summarized as follows:  
 Germany is not fighting a war of aggression, but is fighting in defense of German national life and rights.  
 The fatherland cannot accept responsibility for further fighting.  
 Germany will not sue for peace, but, conscious of the present military success, will discuss any proposals the enemy may make "compatible with Germany's dignity and safety."  
 Germany can accept as peace terms only those which will give the certainty that war will not return.  
 Germany will not talk peace yet upon any terms that the Allies can accept. A general weariness of war

is evident in the great capitals of Europe, but there seems to be no alternative but to continue the struggle to a more decisive conclusion. None of the campaigns on any front as yet has reached a grand climax. Paris is still safe. Calais has not been taken. Riga is in Russian hands and Greece or Roumania may turn the Balkan victory into defeat. Too much still hangs in the balance. The war must continue until results are more decisive.

While success attends the German arms it is not likely that there will be any overturn of peace from that quarter.

The German chancellor indicates that the imperial government is in a receptive mood, but the initiative must be taken by the Allies.

Rev. Hillis' failure in business is offset somewhat by the success of Rev. Stephen D. Creman, the Atlanta minister, whose \$100 flier in cotton netted him \$30,000.

**ABOLISH POSTMASTERS.**

President Taft suggests that the abolition of postmasters would save the nation \$4,000,000 annually. In view of the fact that most of the work is done by deputies in many instances, the suggestion of the former chief executive is worthy of investigation.

Speaking recently in Chicago, he said:  
 "Why devil a president with trying to pick an honest, efficient and economic postmaster at Devils Lake, N. D.?"

He probably could not have selected a more appropriate example than Devils Lake. The situation there has become quite notorious in postal annals and unless Senator Gronna goes to sleep on the job more history will be made this winter.

Mr. Taft's objection to postmasters comes under two general heads: First, they are political liabilities as soon as appointed, and second they are a useless expense from a purely business standpoint.

"I want the postoffice department managed by the United States as any big going business is managed privately," he said. "The deputy postmaster, named under civil service could and should be the executive and we would have an end of this interminable politics and actual waste."

Most people will agree that federal patronage is managed in a bungling fashion. Millions of federal expense could be eliminated provided useful jobs were abolished.

Taft is right, but it will take a generation or two to convince the politicians.

Do your Christmas shopping early, or, as someone has put it, "get the shop girls out of the trenches before Christmas."

**STEPHEN PHILLIPS DEAD.**

Lovers of dramatic poetry will regret the death of Stephen Phillips one of the greatest of modern poets. He died last Thursday, at Deal, England, following a lingering illness.  
 He was born in 1868 and in his youth became an actor. Some of his best known poetical dramas are: "Herod," "Paola and Francesca," and "Ulysses." These were marked by great beauty, especially "Paola and Francesca," which in the estimation of his critics reflects his art at its best.

His verse was exquisite. A few lines from "Marpessa," one of his well known poems, indicates the power of his art:  
 "Not for this only do I love thee, but  
 Because infinity upon thee broods;  
 And thou art full of whispers and of shadows.

Thou meanest what the sea has striven  
 To say

So long, yearned up the cliffs to tell;  
 Thou art what all the winds have uttered  
 Not.

What the still night suggesteth to the  
 Heart.

Thy voice is like to music heard ere  
 Birth.

Some spirit lute touched on a spirit  
 Sea;

Thy face remembered is from other  
 Worlds.

It has been died for, though I know  
 Not when.

It has been sung of, though I know  
 Not where.

It has the strangeness of the luring  
 West.

And of sad sea horizons; beside thee  
 I am aware of other times and lands;  
 Of birth far back, of lives in many  
 Stars.

O, beauty lone and like a candle clear  
 In this dark country of the world!  
 Thou art

My woe, my early light, my music  
 Dying."

Congress assembled last Monday. The first day more than 5,000 bills of all sorts and conditions were poured into the legislative hopper. The Senate bills passed the thousand mark. Champ Clark's prediction of perpetual Congresses probably will come true.

**MORE STRINGENT NEUTRALITY RULES**

Washington, Dec. 11.—A central organization for gathering evidence of offense against the neutrality of the United States has been created as the first step in the federal government's determination to more stringently to enforce neutrality as outlined by President Wilson in his address to congress.

The postoffice department, the state department, the department of justice and the treasury department will join in gathering information which will be uniformly assembled and acted on in the state department under the direction of Consul Polk.

Heretofore there has been no uniformity of action between the various agencies of the government having to do with detection of the conspiracy against the nation's neutrality.

**YUAN SHI KAI IS CHOSEN EMPEROR**

Pekin, China—Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China, tendered to him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of government of China to a monarchy and found that the vote of 1193 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

**PASSENGER RATES ARE GIVEN BOOST**

Washington, Dec. 11.—General increases in passenger fares on western railroads was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce commission. Some of the reasons for which the roads asked increases were disapproved, but such as were allowed will result in an increase in revenue.

Proposed increases in Illinois, Wisconsin, the Michigan, Upper Peninsula, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, north of the Missouri river and in Kansas on and north of the main line of the Union Pacific and Kansas City to the Colorado state line were disapproved. But the commission held that interstate rate of 2.4 cents per mile was justified.

Increases in fares to the east of Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, based on rates newly authorized in that territory, were pronounced reasonable.

**BOWLING STANDINGS.**

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Allies	17	6	739
Travelers	16	8	667
Postoffice	12	9	572
Firemen	2	9	500
Juniors	9	9	500
I. H. C.	10	10	500
Hoskins	9	12	428
Single Men	9	12	428
Tribune	10	14	417
Orpheum	6	15	285

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