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Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

## HEAVY SNOW COVERS THE NORTHWEST

### All Telegraph and Telephone Wires Are Down, and Rail- road Traffic Is Delayed by Blockades in Mountains

The west coast is pretty nearly snowbound today, and practically every telegraph and telephone line in the northwest is down. Not a tick of the telegraph instrument has brought the news of the world to the Courier and to the other newspapers that depend upon anything short of wireless for their service, the tie-up being the most complete recorded in years. All wires north and south are down, one lone railroad wire through from Ogden, Utah, being the first connection with the outside world to be established.

Late in the afternoon the United Press wire was opened through to San Francisco, and the Courier received service from that direction.

The snowfall in southern Oregon is one of the heaviest of recent years, being especially heavy through the Cow Creek canyon and over the Siakiyou range, where most of the damage is reported. More than five feet of snow fell in the Cow creek country, the report from Tunnel 9 being of five feet two inches on the level.

At Grants Pass, Weather Observer Paddock states that 5 1/2 inches of snow had fallen in 48 hours, but as it settled rapidly it did not show that depth at any one time, and has also been slowly melting. It was moist and heavy, however, and was a menace to a number of barn roofs that were not built to withstand the weight. A section of the glass roof of one of the greenhouses at A. Mayer's was broken down by the weight of snow, this being the only report of damage. Today the sun is fast melting the snow, though Observer Paddock predicts that it will freeze tonight if it remains clear. This will check any rapid thaw, and do away with danger of flooding waters. There is no frost in the ground, and most of the water from the melting snow is going into the ground.

The snowfall at all higher elevations is much greater than along the Rogue. The train on the new railroad was delayed an hour in reaching the Waters creek terminal this morning, there being 16 inches of snow at Waters creek. As it was moist and heavy, it was continually banking up in front of the engine, and it was necessary on a number of occasions to back up and take a run at the bank to get through, the engine not being equipped with a snow plow.

On the top of Hays hill about three feet of snow was reported, and the stages from the coast and from Illinois valley points are delayed. Several of the jurors called to report for duty at the circuit court this morning were unable to reach the court room when their names were called, those from the distant places in the country experiencing much trouble in getting through.

## GERMANS ADVANCE IN THE CHAMPAGNE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Paris, Jan. 10.—German forces began a violent offensive in the Champagne yesterday, following a bombardment with asphyxiating gas shells, the war office announced today. They were, however, checked, except for occupying portions of advanced trenches at two points.

## HARVESTER CO. DECLINES TO MAKE WAR MUNITIONS

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 10.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Idaho National Harvester company today contracts tendered for manufacture of war munitions were rejected. The company declined to convert its harvester plant to turn out shrapnel, torpedo caps and other war accessories.

The Idaho National Harvester company is the largest exclusively combine harvester plant in the world. The machine is an Idaho product invented by Idaho men and financed principally by State Senator Jerome J. Day, of Moscow, one of the owners of the famous Hercules lead-silver mine and the Tamarac-Custer mine in the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho; head of the new smelter being rebuilt at Northport, Wash., and of the refining and reduction works just purchased at Pittsburg, Pa.

The Idaho plant's product is designed for harvesting grain on side-hills as well as level ground; one operation cutting, threshing and sacking the grain. Two men and eight horses operate the machine at an expense of \$1 an acre.

## UNCLE SAM TO TAKE JOHN BULL TO ACCOUNTING

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Jan. 10.—The central powers having evacuated diplomatic positions threatening the United States in submarine matters, this government is now planning a diplomatic drive against the allies.

Full adjustment of the Lusitania and Persia destruction cases is expected this week. Meantime the state department is preparing a new complaint to England against her seizures of American merchandise, and a vigorous protest against the contraband lists of the allies.

## WOODEN COW IS RUSE OF SOLDIERS

Paris, Jan. 10.—The nearest thing in this war to the famous Horse of Troy is told in a French soldier's letter from a base hospital at the front. It was a wooden cow in this case and thereby hangs the story of how the soldier happened to be in hospital.

The French trenches at this soldier's particular part of the front were fifty yards from the German trenches. A harmless old cow relieved trench monotony each day by grazing between the lines. The French and German soldiers finally came to an understanding that the opposing lines should alternately have the opportunity of milking the cow and be immune from attack during the operation. This went on for some time, until a French officer suspected that the Germans were using their milking time for spying purposes and ordered the next German milking party to be fired on.

The French soldiers thereupon built a wooden cow, as near as possible a counterpart of the real one, and put a machine gun inside to await the German milkmen. The soldier who relates the story took his station inside the cow and was successful in slaying three Germans as they approached with milk pails. Having fulfilled his mission the soldier prepared to slide his wooden cow back to the trench when he was interrupted by a terrific shock. The cow was smashed to pieces. The soldier succeeded in escaping, though wounded. That is how he happened to be in hospital.

## TURKS HAVE SURROUNDED BRITISH

### Ten Thousand English Troops at Kut-El-Amara Have Been Enveloped, and Retreat of Detachment Is Cut Off

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 10.—Ten thousand British troops have been surrounded by the Turks at Kut-El-Amara, Mesopotamia, according to Constantinople advices today. The Turks are attacking the main defenses at Kut-El-Amara.

The 10,000 surrounded British constituted a detachment left behind to cover the main body of General Townshend's English forces. By an enveloping movement the Turks cut off the retreat of this detachment.

## MULES RESCUED FROM SNOW SLIDE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Yreka, Cal., Jan. 10.—Two mules kicked up their heels today from the last of a heavy snowdrift that had buried them since Friday between Sawyers Bar and Aetna Mills, at the same time dissipating a report that their owners, John A. Helgren, John Manhart, and Ben Ritz, rural mail carriers, had perished, for it was the carriers who dug them out. Animals, mail carriers and mail were caught beneath a snow slide Friday, but the men managed to reach safety in a miner's shack, later returning to rescue the animals and their burden.

## OPEN GAMBLING IS ON THROUGH CANADA

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Gambling machines, built like giant cash registers, shipped here from Chicago, and placed on street corners here and throughout the province, on which rich and poor alike may place their bets on any one of six current sporting events, started business today under government charter. This marks the beginning of unopposed open gambling in Canada.

Returning to O. A. C.—  
Ted Cramer, Dwight Jewell, Darwin Ingalls and Earl Douglas left Sunday morning for Corvallis to continue their studies at the Oregon Agricultural college.

## SPEAKER ARGUES THAT TO PREPARE FOR WAR IS MEASURE AGAINST WAR

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Boston, Jan. 10.—Speaking in Faneuil hall this afternoon before the closing session of the conference of the Society to Eliminate Economic Causes of War, Raymond L. Bridgman, publicist, declared the most vital purpose of preparedness is not preparedness for war, but preparedness against war. He said in part:

"Nor is our purpose preparedness for war, but preparedness against war; not that we may be able to fight successfully, if we are forced, but that we may not be forced.

"The present popular craze for preparedness leads straight to militarism, Prussian preparedness, the very root of modern militarism, was the direct cause of the exhausting armaments of modern European nations. Militarism inevitably perverts national moral sense. It breeds treachery, the policy of frightfulness, cruelty, slaughter, the trampling of treaties as scraps of paper, the sinking of Lusitanias, the murder of the

## SESSION OF CIRCUIT COURT

### New Grand Jury Is Drawn, and Men Indicted Are Ar- raigned Before Judge Calkins and Time Is Set for Pleas

On the convening of the circuit court this morning a new grand jury, to probe into the morals and business of the community during the year 1916, was drawn. The members are Jas. Slover, foreman; W. C. Ahlf, G. M. Flint, Jas. M. Dean, A. L. Edger-ton, T. B. Cornell and C. H. Bismann. The grand jury will meet in its first inquisition on the first Monday of April.

A number of parties against whom indictments were returned by the last grand jury were in court for arraignment, and will appear and enter their pleas at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. These were Elbert Tucker and Geo. Barlow, indicted upon a charge of having wantonly killed a mare, the property of Geo. Farra; Alfred Hutchinson, charged with killing a calf belonging to another; W. C. Jackson, charged with assault upon Wm. Scroggins; and W. T. Dunlap and Jas. Porter, who are charged in the indictment with having shot at R. G. Smith and his brother, A. Lincoln Smith.

St. McClung, indicted for larceny from a building, the specific charge being the robbery from Bunch Brothers' warehouse when a number of trunks and suitcases stored there were cut open and rifled, entered a plea of guilty when arraigned. Sentence will be passed later. The offense carries with it a sentence of from two to five years in the state penitentiary.

The first cases upon the docket for trial before a jury in the circuit court are civil cases, Peakin vs. the Rogue River Irrigation and Power company, being called first.

## KRUPP WHEEL WORKS AT ESSEN DESTROYED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Amsterdam, Jan. 10.—Fire today destroyed the Krupp wheel works at Essen, part of Germany's gigantic munitions system, and damaged other buildings.

## CHARGE FOUR WITH MURDER OF MOHR

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Dr. Mohr, of Providence, well known in Newport and New York, was murdered about 9 o'clock. He was shot in the head and right shoulder and died at the Rhode Island hospital a few hours later.

With Dr. Mohr at the time of the murder was Miss Emily G. Burger, young and pretty, for several years his housekeeper. She also was shot in the head and right shoulder. She recovered. Dr. Mohr and Miss Burger were on their way to Dr. Mohr's Newport home. Their machine was operated by George W. Healis, a negro, who had been in the employ of the doctor a short time. Healis called for help and gave the police the first story of the crime.

R. J. Boswell, of Holland, who has been spending a few days in town, visited Medford Sunday, returning to Grants Pass this morning.

## CONSCRIPTION IS ADVOCATED BY GENERAL SCOTT

Washington, Jan. 10.—General Scott, chief of staff of the army, declared flatly for universal conscription between the ages of 18 and 21 in his testimony at the house military committee hearing.

He declared that England would have been better off if she had established conscription in peace times. He pointed out that as 700,000 boys reach 18 years of age annually, over 2,000,000 men would be provided under the three-year training system. He said that at least 1,000,000 men would be needed to defend the country.

## RECEIVES LETTER FROM BROTHER IN BRITISH SERVICE

T. M. Ferguson, who recently came to the Rogue valley from Seattle, and who is now making his home here, has just received a letter from his brother, A. Ferguson, who was with the Australian imperial forces in the Dardanelles campaign. The letter was written on November 21, but did not reach Seattle till January 6, when it was forwarded to Mr. Ferguson here. The brother is with a machine gun section, and was landed at Gallipoli peninsula with the British troops and had been fighting the Turks in the campaign prosecuted in an endeavor to force the Dardanelles. He says that as all mail is strictly censored, he can not go into much detail, but from the tone of his letter the young soldier seemed to feel much optimism, though he candidly admitted that the shells sent over the trenches by "Abdul" had him "bluffed." He spoke in high praise of the work of the British fleet, and of the terrific execution done by their guns against the Turk hosts. Since the letter was written, however, the British have withdrawn from the Dardanelles campaign. Mr. Ferguson has two other brothers on European soil, one having been wounded while with his company in France, while another, of whom he has not heard lately, is somewhere in Belgium.

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## ALASKA LAND OF ROSEATE FUTURE

### Gov. Strong Makes Annual Report to Secretary of the Interior on Conditions in the Northern Territory

Washington, Jan. 10.—"Alaska is a 'land flowing with milk and honey' like the promised land of the ancient Israelites. But the 'milk' must be sought out and the 'honey' carefully gathered."

The future and possibilities of the territory of Alaska are thus ambiguously expressed in the annual report to the secretary of the interior by Geo. J. F. A. Strong, made public today.

The roseate word picture painted by Governor Strong is based on solid facts and figures as to the increased agricultural activities, greater mineral output, and the vast coal fields which await only the coming of the new government railroad to make them big factors in the coal market.

Discussing the Alaska coalfields, the report says: "Tests of the Matanuska coal for steaming purposes were made during the year under the direction of the navy department, and the coal was found eminently satisfactory. This field, therefore, should supply the government with all the coal it needs on the Pacific coast, including Hawaii and the Philippines, for naval and other purposes."

That the Pacific coast will find a new market at which it can purchase coke, thus affording it relief from the present situation, is indicated by the statement that the Alaska coal fields contain large quantities of coal suitable for coking purposes.

"The completion of the government system of railroads at the earliest possible time is a matter of prime importance to the territory," says the report. "Many farms are being homesteaded in the vicinity of the railroad surveys; the prospectors are abroad on the hills and in the valleys of the interior and the coastal regions.

"As the railroads of the west were the pioneers of civilization, so will the building of the railroads in Alaska cause the wilderness and now waste places to bloom and blossom."

Although "gold" and "Alaska" have been made synonymous almost, the report states that "probably the most conspicuous feature of mining development in Alaska during the last year is shown in the greatly increased production of copper ore."

"Shipments of copper ore by the Kennecott Mines company have reached as much as a million dollars per month or more, the ore being shipped to Tacoma, Wash., for treatment."

"The vast possibilities of Alaska industrially, agriculturally and commercially justify the prediction that within the next decade the potential greatness of this territory as a producer of natural wealth will have become so firmly established as to dispel the last lingering doubts of those who have assumed the expressed or implied attitude of scoffers when Alaska has been under discussion," says the report in conclusion.

## FRENCH AIRMEN BOMBARD SOFIA

Saloniki, Jan. 10.—Considerable damage was wrought when French airmen bombarded Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, according to advices here today.