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THE WEATHER:

Table with weather forecasts for various times of day, including temperature and conditions like 'Generally fair in northwest'.

GERMAN APPEALS TO U.S. PRESIDENT FOR LENIENCY

WILSON TO DINE WITH TROOPS CHRISTMAS DAY. Paris, Dec. 19.—President Wilson's present Christmas plans contemplate his departure from Paris Christmas eve for Chantilly, American headquarters, on General Pershing's special train.

SEASON'S LARGEST FISH SHIPPED TO PRESIDENT. Boston, Dec. 19.—A 24-pound codfish, caught off Nantucket by the steam trawler Fish Hawk, was shipped today to Paris as a gift to President Wilson for his New Year's dinner.

'AIR LINE' LETTERS FORWARDED BY TRAIN. Chicago, Dec. 19.—The second day's operation of the Chicago-New York aerial mail route was marked today by the failure of the air postmen to reach either Chicago or New York.

M'ADOO SAYS RAIL RATES MUST BE REDUCED. Washington, Dec. 19.—Director General McAdoo said today that with an assurance of five years of government control of the railroads, existing freight and passenger rates could be materially reduced within the next calendar year without any reduction of the existing railroad wage scales.

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PLU WORST PLAGUE SINCE BLACK DEATH. London, Dec. 19.—The Times medical correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that throughout the world about 6,000,000 persons perished from influenza and pneumonia during the past three months.

MRS. ROLLER INVOLVED IN ALLEGED SWINDLE. Atlantic City, Dec. 19.—Stephen N. Curry of New York, arrested here Monday on a charge of passing worthless checks aggregating \$60,000, and Mrs. Maud Roller, divorced wife of Dr. Roller, the wrestler, who is charged with being an accessory, were taken back to New York today by agents of the Department of Justice.

LIBERTY BONDS STOP BULLETS SAYS OFFICER. Detective Tells of Instance in Connection With Case of Della Dodder Against Insurance Company. The value of a package of Liberty bonds as a bullet arrester was referred to in district court yesterday afternoon during the progress of a civil action brought by Della Dodder against the Standard Accident Insurance company.

SOLDIERS' CONGRESS ATTEMPTS TO GOVERN

Vorwaerts Fears as Result of Situation Allies May Stop Negotiations and Occupy Entire Country. Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The Swedish foreign office has handed to American minister Morris a communication from the German minister in Stockholm on behalf of the German government appealing to President Wilson for leniency to the German people.

SENATE VOTES TO REPEAL ZONE POSTAL SYSTEM. Progress With Revenue Bill Increases Confidence of Its Passage Before Session Ends Monday. Washington, Dec. 19.—By adopting the finance committee amendments to the revenue bill and insurance reports the senate today cleared the way for disposal of the few other contested, but important features remaining.

Robbers Stage Bold Holdup in Freytag Drug Store. The drug store of John J. Freytag, Twenty-fourth and California avenues, was the scene of a bold hold-up late Thursday night, when two robbers forced him behind the prescription counter and took his watch and then rifled the cash register.

Property in France Valued \$12,900,000,000 Destroyed by Germans. Paris, Dec. 19.—Deputy Louis Dubois, in the Chamber of Deputies today during the discussion of bill dealing with reconstruction and war damages, said he estimated the value of French houses destroyed at 20,000,000,000 francs; furniture at 5,000,000,000; agricultural losses at 10,000,000,000; mines at least 20,000,000,000 and railroads 9,500,000,000.

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Scoutmasters Defy "Flu" Round Roaring Campfire

Gather in Elmwood Park to Devise Means for Boosting Work Among Youth of Omaha. The Scout Masters' Training association, of the Omaha boy scouts, entertained the scout executive committee in a novel and appropriate way, around a roaring campfire in the wilds of Elmwood park Thursday evening.

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DEATH OF WOMAN CAUSED BY BLOW ON BACK OF HEAD

Autopsy Performed to Obtain Evidence in Case of Insurance Agent, Held on Charge of Murder. Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 19.—Findings in the autopsy performed today on the body of Frieda Wiechman of Chicago, that her death was caused by crushing of her skull, have not cleared up the circumstances of the case.

Six Million Enrolled in American Red Cross in Three Days of Drive. Washington, Dec. 19.—Six million persons have joined the American Red Cross since the beginning of the Christmas "roll call" Monday. In making this announcement tonight Red Cross headquarters said reports from all states indicate that the campaign now is going at top speed and steadily gathering a momentum that will continue until the close of the drive next Monday.

Germany Ruined for Generations, Says Industrial Leader. London, Dec. 19.—"Germany is ruined for generations, politically, industrially and economically," Dr. Walter Rathenau, president of the German General Electric company, is quoted as declaring to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express.

Reserve Officers' Corps for Bellevue and Creighton. Washington, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram)—A Reserve Officers' Training corps will be located at Creighton university to take the place of the Student Officers' Training corps, according to information from the War department made public today by Congressman Lobeck.

Soldier Returns to House. Washington, Dec. 19.—After six months' service with a machine gun company in Europe, Lt. Royal C. Johnson, member of the house from South Dakota, today resumed his seat.

PLANS FOR PARLEYS STILL ARE IN THE AIR

Wilson Said to Be Satisfied French and British People Are in Accord With His Peace Principles. Paris, Dec. 19.—Definite plans for the peace conference are not shaping as rapidly as some of the American commissioners expected.

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Haig and His Generals Given Ovation in London

Warriors Evince Delight at Cordiality of Reception; Welcomed by King at Buckingham Palace. London, Dec. 19.—(British Wireless Service)—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British armies in France and Belgium, attended by Generals Plumer, Rawlinson, Birdwood, Byng and Horne, who were his mainstays in aiding to defeat the Germans, reached London today and was accorded a notable welcome.

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WILSON TO BE GUEST OF KING IN ENGLAND

British Officials Making Plans Tentatively to Receive President Immediately After Christmas. London, Dec. 19.—President Wilson will probably be the guest of the king at Buckingham palace during his visit to England. This official announcement was made tonight.

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