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WEATHER: Tonight and Saturday fair or snow, warmer tonight. Weather Data: Maximum temperature, 48; minimum, 20; rainfall, 0; wind, southwest, light; weather, cloudy.

NEUTRALS ARE WAITING FOR U. S. DECISION

Dutch, Spanish and Scandinavian Governments View the Situation With Extreme Seriousness.

HOLLAND IS HARDEST HIT

Is Nearest Barred Zone; Germany's Activities Near Border Further Alarm Hollanders; Time Thought Ripe for Invasion since Canal, Are Frozen Over.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 2.—More German troops are reported massing this afternoon on the Dutch border points near Weilen and Venebrugga. Holland is generally apprehensive.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Norwegian steamers Perla and Hekla and the British stamer Ravenbourne have been sunk. Three of the Ravenbourne's crew perished.

European neutrals are anxiously awaiting America's decision. Dutch, Spanish and Scandinavian dispatches hinted that these nations are delaying action until the United States plans are announced.

German army activities near the border have rather alarmed the Hollanders. It is pointed out that the time is most favorable for a German violation of Dutch territory. The canals are frozen preventing the inundation of the lowlands.

THINKS SPELL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS LONG ILLNESS

Chief No Shirt of the Walla Walla, living at the point of death at his home near Thorn Hollow, resolutely refuses aid from the white man's doctors because he believes that a spell has been cast over him by She-low-he-tammy, an old Indian doctor on the reservation.

This is the report brought in from the reservation today. It is said that the condition of the aged chief grows steadily worse. He has one of the Indian medicine men in attendance but holds no hope that this "doctor" can overcome the evil influence of She-low-he-tammy who is familiarly known as "Big Jim."

PREPARATIONS OVER NATION ARE RUSHED

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Adjutant General Pearson announced that the Massachusetts militia is preparing to answer any possible duty call in connection with the submarine crisis. He sent instructions to all state commanders to prepare the units for service.

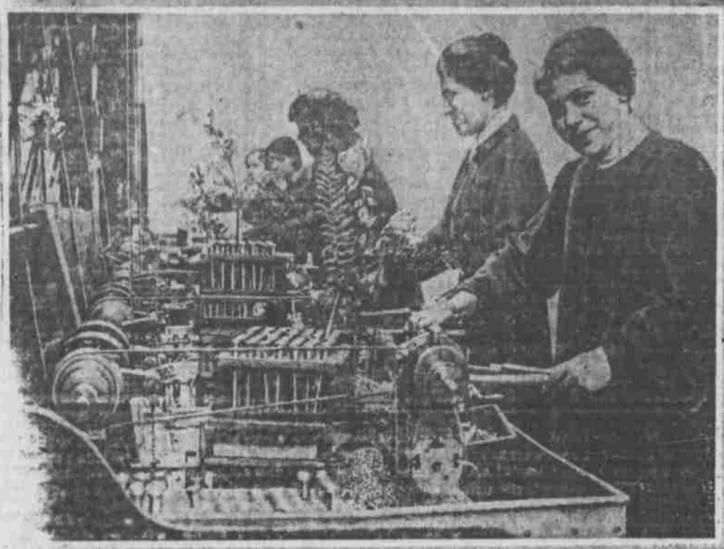
PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—The collector of the port boarded any inspected the German ships Dalbek, Arnoldus, under orders from Washington. He expected also to inspect the Kurt at Astoria.

OHIO VIEWS CRISIS WITH DEEP ALARM

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The Ohio house of representatives passed a resolution unanimously declaring they "viewed with alarm" the present crisis and asked every citizen to stand behind the president as one man.

BRUSSELS Under Martial Law. HAGUE, Feb. 2.—The Exchange Telegraph learned that Germany has decided to establish martial law in Brussels and issue new deportation orders affecting sixty thousand Belgian workmen.

FLOWERS FOR WOMEN MUNITION MAKERS



OH WOMEN MUNITION WORKERS.

This picture shows French women their female employees worked more efficiently in pleasant surroundings. Flowers served to brighten the dull, dark rooms, so the management now supplies the women with flowers daily.

ANTI-ALIEN LAND BILL WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR

AN UNIMPASSIONED CONSIDERATION OF CRISIS IS URGED

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Twenty-six prominent men have started a movement for an "unimpassioned consideration" of the German crisis. A signed communication to the president was published in all newspapers.

"We recognize the perplexity of the problem before you and wish to express our confidence in your wisdom, power and leadership. Don't allow the nation to be dragged into a war at the very end of the belligerents' desperate acts. We suggest that the president ask congress and the press for deliberate, unimpassioned consideration with mankind's future in mind. We ask the belligerents to meet and state their terms. We address the severities and executive heads of the belligerents giving our final and personal mediation offer."

The message reminds Wilson that the "hasty reaction of the public press do not represent the people's fundamental feeling." It concludes: "We believe your great opportunity as fighting leader in this country is at hand. The men and women who elected you will back you in the most extreme measures for keeping the nation from an ignominious eleventh hour participation in the struggle for a mastery not their own."

President Butler of Columbia University: "A grave situation. The world's best educated people are warning." Bishop Greer characterized the situation as "grave and threatening."

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Max H. Houser, the world's largest single grain exporter, believed President Wilson should have a free hand. He said: "I do not believe in hasty action, but the president has been extremely lenient and patient. I think he should take a firm stand for our rights and neutral rights. I believe the matter will be well handled."

Houser owned the grain aboard the American ship Frya destroyed early in the war.

Japan Difficulties Grow. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Lansing told senator Borah the proposed Idaho anti-alien law "will not meet Japan's approval." Borah explained the measure was directed against all aliens. The threatened diplomatic Japanese-American difficulties are nearer.

Three More Vessels Sunk. LONDON, Feb. 2.—The admiralty announced the following additional sinkings this afternoon. The British steamer Ewonite, the Spanish steamer Algora and the Belgian steamer Marcell. This is a total of six today.

(Special East Oregonian Wire Service.)

SALEM, Feb. 2.—Senator Wilbur withdrew his anti-alien land bill. He said since Germany had changed her submarine policy, he was unwilling to impose any further burdens on the administration.

EDDY BILL IS PASSED.

The house passed the Eddy bill providing a recall of school directors by thirteen negative votes. Smith's bill providing that taxpayers only may vote in school elections was sent back to educational committee.

MINORITY REPORT ADOPTED.

The house adopted the minority report favoring Stott's bill providing that the public service commission regulate irrigation projects. The bill passed to the third reading.

PIERCE BILL PASSES

The senate passed the Pierce bill prescribing a method for submitting any proposition for levying taxes in excess of the six per cent limitation to a popular vote.

SAW NO TRACE OF ANY TIMBER WOLF

Not only was John Hammerly, Jackson county government hunter, not devoured by wolves as reported but he did not even see the track of a timber wolf, according to his monthly report received this morning by Inspector E. F. Averill. He states in his report, which was mailed Jan. 29 before he had learned of the reports of his death, that he had found no traces of the pack of wolves reported in the neighborhood of his cabin on Willow Flat.

During the month he killed four foxes and two cougars, according to his report. One of the cougars, he said, was the largest he had ever bagged. He reports that he will go out again this month in search of the wolves and expects to locate them.

PORTLAND MEN TO ATTEND AUTOSHOW

That the coming Pendleton Auto Show is attracting attention far beyond the borders of the county is shown by news brought from Portland this morning by J. W. McCormach. There will be a number of Portlanders here for the show. F. W. Volger, manager of the Northwest Auto company through whom the Pendleton Auto Co. handles the Reo and Marmion cars, will be in attendance. It is also possible the Pacific Coast Franklin manager may be here from San Francisco. Fred Dundee of Portland may have an auto machine shop exhibit, says Mr. McCormach and various accessory houses are planning to have exhibits here. The only cars to be exhibited will be those handled locally.

SNOWSLIDE HOLDS UP ALL TRAFFIC

Avalanche Turns Over Rotary Plow, Engine and Caboose at Bacon; No One Is Injured.

MEACHAM, Feb. 2.—All traffic on the O.-W. R. & N. main line is held up today by a big snowslide at Bacon, four miles east of Union Junction, which caught the rotary plow and engine and turned it and the caboose over. Fortunately no one was hurt in the accident. Some time will be required to clear the track. Trains No. 4, 18 and 6, east bound, are all held at La Grande pending the clearing work, and westbound trains are held east of the slide. There is now six feet of snow at Meacham and it is still snowing hard.

FORTY DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Five were rescued alive from a burned tenement in the crowded Ghetto district this morning. One woman was found under the icy debris among the corpses. Forty are believed dead.

CHALLENGE WILL BE ANSWERED IN COMING 24 HOURS

SURE, NO MAN CAN BE A COWBOY WITHOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS

OLNEY SEXTON MAY HAVE NEW BUNGALOW

Division of Sentiment in Council as to Just How Much Money Should be Expended On It.

With the matron question settled, the library controversy referred to a "peace commission" and the Standard Oil franchise up for settlement tonight, the city council will probably find its next matter of debate in the proposal to build a bungalow at the Olney cemetery.

A modern house, to be used as a dwelling for the sexton and as a rest room for visitors, will undoubtedly be constructed but there is a division of sentiment as to how much money should be spent. An appropriation of \$1500 was provided for this purpose in the budget for the year but some of the members of the council have in mind plans that will call for at least \$2500. Whether they get a majority endorsement for their plans remains to be seen.

The plans in mind call for a house plain but attractive and well built. The committee considers it essential that the sexton should live at the cemetery where he can be reached at all times. A wide porch for the reception of visitors is also intended, and inside and outside toilets are included in the plans.

WHEAT STILL ON WAR TOBOGGAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

Table with 4 columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May and July wheat prices.

Portland. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Club \$1.41; blues team \$1.46.

Important Cabinet Session Started This Afternoon Believed to Presage a Break in German Diplomatic Relations.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS ARE ORDERED AT PANAMA CANAL

(Robert J. Bender.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The state department announced: "Nothing has been sent Germany yet." It was strongly hinted officially that a definite announcement would be forthcoming within twenty-four hours. Every indication is that President Wilson is still undecided.

The most important cabinet meeting since the Spanish war starts at two thirty this afternoon. It is expected to last until evening. Preceding the meeting the president conferred with Chairman Stone and the senate foreign relations committee.

Extra Guard at Panama. Army officials ordered extra precautions guarding the Panama canal. It was learned the locks have been closely watched since Tuesday. There have been special preparations throughout the country, to prevent German plots. Secret service men are watching for possible conspiracies.

Senator Poindexter presented bill asking for a hundred submarines in addition to the eighteen already provided. It provides eighty coast and twenty big seagoing submarines and appropriates four million dollars to equip the government yards for their manufacture. Thirty one are to be built on the Pacific coast.

The navy department this afternoon refused to divulge warship locations. Heretofore they have been published daily.

Action Will be Unhurried. There is obviously no chance of hurried action. It is reported the president sent confidential messages to Ambassador Gerard. Officials believed he will not act until Gerard replies, officially interpreting certain phrases of the German note.

Lansing has prepared a detailed written statement of the whole situation. It will be submitted to the cabinet this afternoon. Official feeling predominated that a break was inevitable, if Germany follows her avowed intentions.

German Embassy in Gloom. An almost studied gloom surrounded the German embassy. Officials were unable to explain the German circles declaration that "Bernstorff is ready to pack his trunk." Central powers diplomats hinted that "Germany means business and will go the limit."

It is reported that Bernstorff expects his passports within forty-eight hours. It is flatly stated that Germany is ready to select the Spanish embassy, to handle Teuton matters here in event of a break.

Wilson Arrives at Meeting. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Wilson arrived at the cabinet meeting at two thirty this afternoon. Secretaries Lane, Redfield and Baker and Postmaster General Burleson arrived at the same time. Wilson carried a bulky envelope, evidently containing the outline of his position. He greeted the ministers solemnly. No cabinet member was willing to discuss the situation.

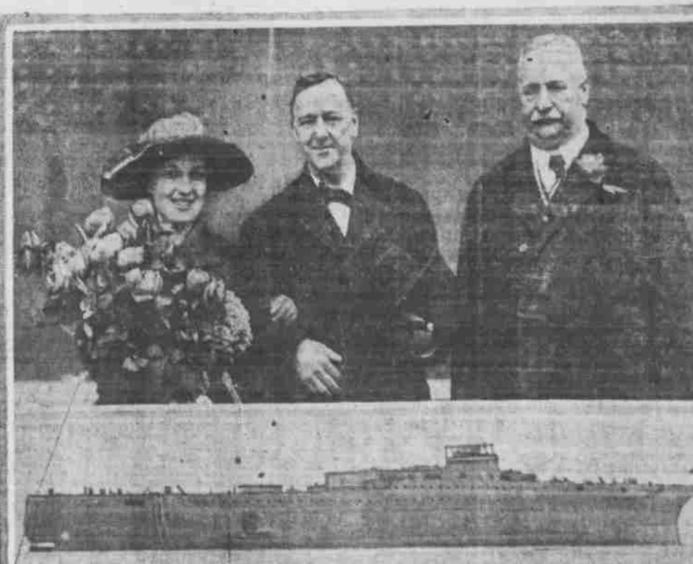
BULLETIN 3:15 O'CLOCK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The cabinet meeting adjourned after the longest session since the Lusitania sunk. President Wilson immediately went to the capitol to confer with Senator Stone. The members were very grave.

NIJEU AMSTERDAM IS ORDERED TO HOME PORT

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 2.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam sailed enroute for New York yesterday. She was officially ordered to return to her home port immediately.

LAUNCHING OF THE MISSISSIPPI, UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST SUPERDREADNOUGHT



MISS CAMILLE McBEATH, SPONSOR; SECY OF NAVY DANIELS & GOV F.G. BILBO OF MISSISSIPPI. Below—U.S.S. MISSISSIPPI AFTER LAUNCHING.

As 15,000 spectators cheered, the superdreadnought Mississippi, third naval ship to be named after that state, was launched at Newport News, Va., on January 25. This giant superdreadnought, almost identical in design with the Pennsylvania and the Arizona, will have a speed of twenty-one knots and will displace 23,000 tons. Her main armament will consist of twelve 14-inch guns of larger than usual calibre. Hence, longer range and "hitting power." Besides her secondary armament, she will carry three anti-aircraft rifles and four 24-inch torpedo tubes. The photograph below shows the great hull of the Mississippi as she appeared after being safely launched. Above are shown (left to right) Miss Camille McBeath, daughter of J. M. McBeath, democratic national committeeman, of Meridian, Miss., who christened the ship; Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, and Governor Stuart of Virginia.