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WEATHER  
Fair tonight and Wednesday.  
Weekly Data:  
Maximum temperature, 54; minimum, 26; wind northwest, light; weather clear.

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## ECHO WOMAN CRUSHED UNDER TRAIN AND INSTANTLY KILLED

**Mrs. Anna A. Coburn Was Attempting to Cross Track Just in Front of No. 19, Early This Morning.**

### INQUEST WILL BE HELD

**Accident Appears Almost Inexplicable; Woman on Way to Work Stepped Directly Before Train; Engineer Failed to See Her Until Within a Few Feet.**

(East Oregonian Special.)

ECHO, Ore., Feb. 6.—Crushed under the engine of train No. 19, second section, Mrs. Anna A. Coburn was instantly killed at 6:05 this morning in an accident that seems almost inexplicable. The woman was going to her work at the Test Grill and evidently attempted to cross the railroad track just in front of the incoming westbound passenger train. The engineer did not see Mrs. Coburn until within a few feet of her. She had a scarf over her head and it is possible she either did not see the approaching train or else did not realize it was so near. The accident occurred at the Buckley crossing, where the Main road crosses the tracks.

A strange feature of the accident is that after it had occurred the glasses worn by Mrs. Coburn were found undamaged on the plot of the engine.

Mrs. Coburn was 45 years of age and had lived in Echo for 12 years. She was divorced from her husband A. J. Coburn four years ago and Mr. Coburn now lives in Kansas City as does also their son Herbert. Another son, Edwin 12 years of age, is ill with the measles at the family home here. A daughter, Ruth, is attending a business college in Portland. A sister, Mrs. Marshall Tarvin is now here.

Coroner Brown was notified of the tragedy this morning and arranged for the holding of an inquest.

## HOUSE PASSES BILL REQUIRING BRANDS TO BE REGISTERED

Measure is Considered of Great Benefit to Stockmen Particularly Those of Eastern Oregon.

(East Oregonian Special by Mail.)

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—House bill No. 321 which requires that all brands for livestock be registered with the state veterinarian passed the house today. The measure was introduced by Representative Crandall.

Speaker Stanfield declared that many of the stockmen in various parts of the state, particularly eastern Oregon have registered their brands under the present laws and were in favor of a law requiring registration of all brands as being more fair to all stockmen.

Senate bill No. 157 introduced by Hurley and passed by the senate today is a similar measure except that it provides that the use of any brand other than one registered with the state veterinarian shall be considered a crime.

### CREW OF VESSEL SAVED.

GALVESTON, Feb. 6.—The coast guard cutter Commanche rescued the crew of the water-logged British schooner Irma Bentley seventy miles off Galveston. All hands are safe. They were exhausted after a long battle with the tempest.

## HOUSE PASSES REPORT OF NAVAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Under the stress of a national emergency the house almost unanimously adopted Padgett's naval committee report. This assures its passage. The appropriations include a million and a quarter for machine guns, a million for anti-aircraft guns and six million for arming auxiliary cruisers.

The measure authorizes the president to commandeer all ship building plants and all plants capable of producing war materials and gives the president a hundred and fifty millions to rush the completion of ships. It appropriates a million for the purchase of a new aeroplane patent.

## ZIMMERMAN REGRETS WILSON'S MEASURE

German Foreign Secretary Declares Germans Have Not Forgotten Traditional Friendship With U. S.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—(Delayed.)—The official news agency quoted Secretary of State H. C. Wood as saying: "There is no way back. We shall go forward until the end. We are convinced the neutrals will be thankful. We consider submarine warfare an efficient means to shorten the war. We will break English tyranny on the sea and shall do everything to destroy English brutality."

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—(Sayville)—Foreign Affairs Secretary Zimmerman said: "I exceedingly regret President Wilson's measure. It cuts Germany from all direct communication with the Trans-Atlantic world. It is against all tradition and international law. We also remember the United States diplomats have attended to German interests during the war with efficiency and success."

The text of the president's message was being minutely examined. There is no real cause for German hostility with the United States. We remember the traditionally friendly feeling between America and Germany since the United States' earliest days. Naturally we appreciate Wilson's unwholesome words, included among the words of different character.

"Wilson says he does not wish a hostile conflict. We appreciate that and understand the reasons prompting the United States to its present attitude. We expect Wilson to recognize our reasons."

The break distinctly surprised Germans. A leading Berlin editor said: "We never expected the severance of relations. We hoped Wilson would realize Germany was fighting for her existence. I do not believe the German-Americans will support Wilson. The war will proceed and Germany will win."

Newspaper comment included: "German people will accept America's decision with the most earnest strength of character and ether. Submarine is a self-evident necessity. We never minimize the United States. Those who minimize and underestimate the German nation's defense strength are blind."

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Central News reported Gerard already left Berlin and expected to reach Switzerland today. All previous Berlin reports said Gerard would remain until Thursday.

### MOVE TO PROTECT GOLD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The first move toward preventing Europe from raiding America's gold accumulations after the war was taken today when the House Banking and Currency Committee reported favorably on an amendment to the law under which the Federal Reserve Bank will mobilize more than \$700,000,000 in gold coin and bullion against a present gold reserve in those institutions of approximately \$350,000,000.

The amendment requires the country banks to keep in Federal Reserve vaults at least 7 per cent in gold of their total deposits; city banks 10 per cent and the three great central reserve banks 12 per cent. In the case of the country banks their total reserve including gold, will be as at present, 12 per cent of the deposits, while the total reserves of the city and central banks will remain at respectively 15 and 18 per cent of the deposits. It is estimated that \$500,000,000 in banking credit will be added to the reserve system.

## CHARGES RUSS CAPTAIN HAS FLOWN TO ESCAPE SUIT



MRS. MAE WHEELER RUPERT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Mae Wheeler Rupert, who has instituted proceedings to procure a separation from Captain Rupert, of the Russian army, today told her counsel that she believes the soldier of the czar has fled to Canada. Justice Cahalan, in the supreme court, after reading the complaint, issued an order for Captain Rupert to show cause why his

wife should not be granted a separation, \$500 a month alimony and counsel fees. Mrs. Rupert says that she met the captain after he had come here to buy munitions for his government. She asserts that he has an income of \$18,000 a year. The papers in the case were served on him at the office of the Imperial Russian government munition commission, in the Patron building.

## ORATORICAL BATTLE IS WAGED OVER RURAL CREDITS MEASURES

(East Oregonian Special Wire Service.)

SALEM, Feb. 6.—By unanimous vote the senate adopted the house concurrence resolution conveying to President Wilson assurance of loyal support. Huston appealed to the public to be careful of the language and asked that American citizens of German birth not be unnecessarily antagonized.

### STEWART RESOLUTION TABLED.

The senate is not ready to enter as a committee of the whole to determine which bills shall be listed as the most important and be given precedence. Stewart's resolution providing such an action was tabled. President Mower invited the senators to meet with him to select the measures they plan to push to the front.

### ROGUE RIVER FISHERIES.

Another open hearing will be held tonight by the senate fisheries committee on the Rogue River bill. No other legislation has caused such a fight. The delegation from Medford is expected to speak for the bill.

### GORE BILL POSTPONED.

The Gore bill providing "one day rest in seven" was indefinitely postponed by the house. Gore protested against killing the bill, saying in view of the public sentiment in favor of it, sufficient consideration was not given.

### RURAL CREDITS BILL BATTLE.

A big oratory battle was waged in the senate over the opposing rural credits bills. The question came before the senate with two reports from the senate committee on agriculture. The majority report favors senate bill 126. It was introduced with the approval of the state land board and grants. The minority report favors senate bill 142, introduced by Barrett. The fight is being made over Shanks' motion to substitute the minority report for the majority. Shanks talked for an hour on his motion and was answered by Senator Huston. The debate is being continued this afternoon.

### NEW HIGHWAY BILL.

An "Oregon highway law" was introduced in the house by the committee on roads and highways, as a substitute for the Schimpf code bill and Laugaard bill. The bill provides for the creation of a state highway commission, three members appointed by the governor, and one from each congressional district to serve three years, at a salary of \$500 per annum payable monthly. Each commissioner shall give a \$5,000 bond. The bill further provides for the appointment of an "engineer" to hold office at the pleasure of the commission at an annual salary of \$5,000.

## WAR CLOUDS ARE THICKENING OFFICIALS SEEM CONVINCED THAT FIGHT IS INEVITABLE

### LATE WIRE BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The state department is scheduled to advise the American line today regarding American liner sailings. The government several times refused officially to advise. It is unofficially indicated the ships should not sail. Today's decision may establish a precedent. The government deems the submarine blockade illegal, unless outright. Americans have an inalienable right to send ships to allied ports under the circumstances.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is announced the British Warley Pickering was sunk in the barred zone. The Leyland liner Florida was also sunk. Sixteen were saved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Consul General Dennison of Christiania, Norway, cabled that all Norwegian sailings to the United States were temporarily suspended.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Rumors the Spanish submarine Isaac Peral had been ordered to sail to Spain immediately, caused excitement. It has been here for days, loading supplies on its trial trip. Officials claimed ignorance of the order.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is announced the British steamer Warthenfels has been sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is announced a German submarine sank the British steamer Port Adelaide. The captain was captured. Ninety six sailors and passengers were rescued. The Russian steamer Cerera was submerged.

## JAPANESE CRISIS OVERSHADOWS THE GERMAN IS BELIEF

### SENATOR POINDEXTER POINTS OUT DANGERS ARISING FROM IMMIGRATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Senator Poindexter told the senate the Japanese crisis overshadowed the German danger. The immigration bill leaves the Japanese situation doubtful. The Japanese government complained the bill was aimed directly at Japanese immigration. Further protests are expected.

## WIDE RANGE IN WHEAT MARKET SHOWN TODAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	11.73½	1.76½	1.60½	1.73½
July	11.48	1.50½	1.46	1.47½

### PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Club, \$1.50; bluestem, \$1.54.

### POISONERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

DERBY, Feb. 6.—The court ordered the four alleged Lloyd George poison conspirators committed for trial. They pleaded not guilty.

Germany's Answer to Break Expected Within 24 Hours; May be War Declaration; Killing of American on British Naval Collier Increases Tension; Americans Advised to Leave Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Germany's answer to the diplomatic break is expected within twenty-four hours. It may be a war declaration. Officials believe war is inevitable. Bernstorff recently reiterated the assertion that Germany would declare war in event of a rupture. The government is rapidly completing its war preparation. A cabinet meeting was held this afternoon.

The Evestone case conclusively proved that Germany is waging ruthless war. Official state department reports said the submarine shelled the crew in lifeboats, killing Richard Wallace, an American negro. It was contrary to all international law, despite the fact the Evestone was a British naval collier. There is increased tension. The administration has requested full details.

The state department cabled Gerard, advising all Americans to leave Germany.

Chairman Hoover of the Belgian relief commission, announced that headquarters would be established in Holland, instead of the United States, in event of war.

### NAVY CENTER PREPAREDNESS WORK

The government's greatest preparedness efforts are being centered on the navy. It may halt dreadnaught work and rush to completion submarines and small launches to offset submarine attacks.

Officials believe Germany may predicate her war declaration with President Wilson's appeal to all neutrals to follow the United States' example. The president cancelled his usual conferences with newspapermen, on account of the crisis.

It is understood Daniels intends to immediately consult congressional leaders regarding the pending wireless bill, enabling the government to completely control all American radios. He believes the navy may need all wirelesses.

### BRITAIN CONFIDENTLY EXPECTS WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Whether America will deem the Wallace killing sufficient for war caused the greatest conversation topic. Britain firmly believes the United States will eventually fight. She momentarily expects a war declaration. Meanwhile Britain is still carefully regarding the United States as neutral.

Ambassador Page is gathering information on the sinking of the Evestone. He plans to submit the formal report to Washington. He is maintaining the closest touch with British officials.

## SPAIN STAVES OFF GERMAN RUPTURE BY WRITING A PROTEST

Note Refuses to Suspend Spanish Shipping; Switzerland Also Will Not Break Relations at Present.

MADRID, Feb. 6.—Spain handed the German ambassador a note protesting submarine. The action precedes an immediate Spanish-German break. The note refuses to suspend Spanish shipping.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—It is reliably intimated that Spain and Switzerland will not break relations in accordance with President Wilson's suggestions. They will remain neutral because of handling American and German diplomatic interests. Spain is scheduled to publish the outline of her position tomorrow.

## U-BOAT MAKES AN ATTACK ON U. S. STEAMER

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The American Liverpool consul reported that a German submarine halted the American steamer Westwego, and threatened to sink. It spared the vessel after the commander surrendered three barrels of lubricating oil. The admiral announced the submarine U-45 fired five shells at the Westwego but failed to hit.

### TO SELL RODIN PLAQUE

HERE FOR FRENCH ACTORS  
PARIS, Feb. 6.—Auguste Rodin has just finished a plaque entitled "Protection" to be sold by the French Actors' Fund in New York for the benefit of the relief fund for actors, actresses and the theatrical personnel of Paris.

As a special compliment to American philanthropists, Director Moles is permitting ten gold copies of the plaque to be made for the leading supporters of the fund in New York. A few silver and bronze copies also will be made for lesser subscribers.

### TEST LEWIS MACHINE GUN.

American Power Gives Better Result Than British on Trial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Seventeen members of the house military affairs committee today attended a demonstration of the Lewis machine gun which took place in a secluded spot near the navy observatory. In the demonstration both British and American ammunition were used, and the more satisfactory results were obtained from the American.

The current army appropriation act calls for the purchase of a much heavier gun than the Lewis gun, although a further army test of the Lewis gun is provided for. The demonstration today was made by a representative of the manufacturers.

## TRAINLOAD OF "CATERPILLARS" FOR LOCAL FARMERS



(Received Yesterday by E. L. Smith & Co.)