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Portland and vicinity—Sunday, occasional rain; southeasterly winds. Oregon—Occasional rain west, unsettled east; southeasterly winds. Washington—Bala west portion; light rain or snow east portion; southeasterly winds.

NEUTRALS GIVE ASSURANCE OF AVOIDING CONFLICT

Germany Said to Have Forwarded Proposal to United States to Feel Out Possibility of Avoiding Conflict.

RECONSTRUCTION OF OLD TREATY IS REQUESTED

Swiss Minister, Acting for Germany, Refuses to Give Light on Subject.

By Robert J. Bender. Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Germany is feeling out the United States as to availability of war.

Neutrality diplomats have notified the state department that they are anxious to do everything within their power to straighten out the tangled diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

Government officials admitted they had expected such a maneuver, but at the same time admitted that they did not take kindly to the reported German move.

They said Germany was merely trying to becloud the issue, and that the neutral ranks and block the hand of President Wilson, should Germany's ruthless submarine war demand action.

"We cannot consider any conference while Germany is sinking ships," was the expressed semi-official viewpoint. "That the neutrals had offered their services toward Germany, at first revealed at the state department late this evening.

President Wilson is known to have received some communication from the Swiss minister during the week, but its contents were concealed.

Swiss Minister Denies Report. The state department officially said it knew nothing of any German proposal to reconstruct the old treaty.

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Inquiry Into Fate of Writer Started

Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—In response to an inquiry from the brother of George Bacon, a Cleveland newspaper man, the state department has started an investigation abroad, but has been unable to trace him since Bacon disappeared in December, after going abroad to write articles on the slim Felm report.

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23 Persons Frozen To Death in Winter

Record Breaking Cold Weather Has Claimed Heavy Toll in Lives in the United States; Many Are Maimed.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Twenty-three persons have frozen to death and 25 persons have been maimed for life by freezing this far in this record-breaking cold winter.

The dead during the winter are, in northern Wisconsin, 2; Minnesota, 3; North Dakota, 5; South Dakota, 1; and in Iowa, 2.

Germany wants this reaffirmed, so that citizens of Germany may remain here nine months, unmolested, in case of war, while the neutrals in America have the same privileges in Germany.

Some of the vital paragraphs of the treaty, hearing on this subject, is: "If war should arise between the two contracting parties, the merchants of either country then residing in the other shall be allowed to remain nine months to collect their debts and settle their affairs and may depart freely, carrying all their assets with them without molestation or hindrance."

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Wilson's Play GOLF Despite Winter Chill

Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Though the temperature was below freezing, President and Mrs. Wilson went out for a golf game today. The president had made no engagements for today or tomorrow.

TONG OUTBREAK HAS CHINA TOWN HELD IN TERROR

Trouble Complicated by Removal of Hip Sings to Quarters of Bing Kong-Bow Leong Tong.

OTHER SOCIETIES MAY JOIN PRESENT FIGHT

Release of Prisoners Makes Suey Sings Mad All Over.

Portland Chinese, especially the residents of the two Chinese districts, lived completely under a reign of terror Saturday night.

On North Fourth street and on Second street above and below Police headquarters, for long periods at a time, not a Chinese would be in sight.

The stores were boarded up with their wooden shutters. Lookouts sat on the doors, and if one was lucky enough to gain entrance to a business house, he would be accosted by hollow eyed Orientals who have slept scant sleep since the trouble began Thursday night with the killing of a Suey Sing man by three Hip Sing gunmen.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night, one of the most remarkable processions Portland has ever seen wended its way through the north end streets.

The Hip Sing tong moved its possessions, money and personal belongings, in a closed touring car from 83 1/2 North Fourth street to the Bing Kong-Bow Leong quarters in the Chinese Mission hall at Second and Oak streets.

Money and Treasure Moved. One thousand dollars and large treasures were transferred. The money was guarded by Hip Sing men.

Had not the Chinese district been closely policed, civil authorities, as well as Chinese of every fraternity would have been alarmed by the fact that a battle would have taken place last night.

At 6 o'clock last evening, the word went out from the social headquarters, "no peace and no quarter." Imported gunmen were said by the police to be in the city.

Wong Hong and Wong Yen, two Hip Sing members who were arrested with 13 others, following the shooting Thursday night, were released yesterday.

Out of the 15 arrested, only one is now held by the police. This is Joseph Woo, alias Louie Leong, the Hip Sing member, presumably a gunman, who was shot in the battle and is now in the emergency hospital.

Which one will be chosen by the legislature undoubtedly will depend upon the action of the Multnomah delegation, as the question is considered to concern Multnomah county alone, and the up-state members will not be able to do anything.

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Statistics Show Falling Off in Victims Since February 5. Losses Heavy, However.

London, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Today's sinkings by German submarines totaled seven, with a combined tonnage of 22,334. They were: British steamer Mantola, 6328 tons; British steamer Lullington, 2516 tons; British steamer Beach Tree, 1277 tons; Norwegian steamer Solbakken, 2618 tons; British steamer Japanese Prince, 4736 tons; British steamer Elzavara, 2732 tons; Norwegian steamer Havgard, 1279 tons.

Statistics of vessels sunk in the "barred zone" since February 5 at midnight, when all restrictions on their operation were removed, showed this retrogression in the totals of ships lost: February 6—Fourteen ships, total tonnage 44,457.

February 7—Nine ships, total tonnage 28,725.

February 8—Ten ships, total tonnage 32,712.

D. R. PAUL RITTER, Swiss minister to the United States, who has been placed in charge of Germany's official interests in this country and who, it is stated, is working, on behalf of Germany, for a continuance of peaceful relations.



SELECTION OF A NEW PORT COMMISSIONER HAS POLITICAL TURN

George Kelly's Forces Work at Legislature Against the Alfred Tucker Candidacy.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—One of the questions of large importance to Portland and the Columbia river which will come before the legislature next week will be the election of a commissioner for the Port of Portland.

Two candidates are in the field. One represents and is backed by the business interests who are much concerned in the development of the port for the commercial advantage it will be to all Oregon, and do not want to see the port commission become a political hot-bed.

The other represents political and personal interests which many believe would be detrimental to the best interests of the port.

The first candidate is Alfred Tucker, well known Portland business man, who is at present a member of the commission by selection of a majority of the members of the legislature.

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FORBES DELAYS ACTION OF THE TAX GRAFT BILL

House Judiciary Committee Has in Hand Farrell-Orton Measure Repealing Delinquent Publication Law.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS RECEIVED WITH FAVOR

Change Would Require Printing Only When Mails Fail to Reach Owner.

Delay Is Dangerous. Although the senate bill abolishing newspaper advertising of delinquent taxes was introduced early in the session, it has not yet had opportunity to vote on it.

In the hands of the house judiciary committee and if no measure now before the legislature will not become a law. There is still time for taxpayers who desire to abolish this abuse to make themselves heard.

Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—Representative Forbes, chairman of the house committee on judiciary, is now standing between the house and its consideration of the Farrell-Orton bill, repealing the delinquent tax publication law.

The bill was referred to the committee on February 2. It was considered in an open meeting on Wednesday last, since which time Mr. Forbes has not had a meeting of the judiciary committee, though other members of the committee have been working on various measures now before the legislature.

It is understood that the committee will have a meeting Monday, at which time the Farrell-Orton bill will be reported out, very probably in an amended form.

The bill came into the house from the senate February 15. It provides that the first cars will leave Second and Washington streets at 6 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 1:30 p. m., when a 25-minute service continues until 12:15 a. m., the final trip.

Cars leave Third and Main streets, Vancouver, on a half-hourly basis, starting at 6:47 a. m., until 7:14 p. m., when a 24-minute service continues until 12:48 a. m. This applies for all days except Saturday and Sunday, when a straight 30-minute service covers the entire route.

The actual running time between Portland and Vancouver will be about 38 minutes, saving 15 minutes over the time formerly consumed in crossing by ferry.

Lincoln's Birthday At Cumberland Gap. Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—This little town in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia today was thronged with visitors, who gathered to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Memorial Union and the birthday of the Great Emancipator.

The university was founded by public spirited people who desired to honor Lincoln's memory by naming for him an institution where young men could bring up their education and gain for knowledge may achieve their goal. A movement is on foot to raise \$1,000,000 for the extension of the university's work.

Stanford Students Balk at Sea Trip. Los Angeles, Feb. 10.—(P. N. S.)—The 24 Stanford students who were to have left for a sea trip to Europe on the French field ambulance corps refused to sail when President Wilson declined a warship convoy, according to the students' own statement from Roland Spear, one of the students.

Marion Kyle, son of Mrs. George A. Kyle, of 543 East Thirty-seventh street, Portland, is a member of this party of Stanford students, but it was stated at the Kyle residence last evening that no word had been heard from him of the action reported above.

Military Training Favored by House. Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—The house, with 35 affirmative votes, went on record this afternoon, just before adjournment, in favor of military training in the high schools of the state, by passing the Cranall bill, which provides that the directors of such schools should have the power, if they desire to avail themselves of it, of providing military training in all the high schools of the state.

Crandall, Mackay, Corbett and Mueller spoke in favor of the bill, while it was opposed by Mrs. Thompson, Beland and Gatzert. The bill, as passed, with 35 votes in its favor, and several absentees.

Lansing Says Nation Can Trust President. Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Secretary of State Lansing, at the Amherst alumni dinner tonight, reiterated his recent declaration that the "United States is on the verge of war."

"But," Lansing added, "ominous though the situation may seem, there is always hope that our country may be spared the terrible calamity of being forced into the European conflict." "President Wilson," the secretary said, "can be trusted by the nation to act justly and fearlessly in whatever course he may deem best for the national honor is safe."

Woman With Letter Turns in Fire Alarm. The three-story story of the rube who came to town, mistook a fire alarm box for a mail box and turned in an alarm by trying to put a letter in the box was enacted again last night, but instead of a rube, a woman turned in the alarm.

She attempted to mail a letter in the fire alarm box at Twelfth and Morrison streets about 8:15 o'clock, pulled the little lever down and when the muffled bells within the box began to ring, she backed away from the box. When she saw the approach of the fire apparatus she did not wait to explain her actions, but beat a hasty and well concealed retreat up Twelfth street.

While she beat a retreat, hundreds in the downtown streets "beat it" to the scene. All the downtown fire apparatus was rushed to the intersection of Twelfth and Morrison streets, while traffic in Morrison street was entirely suspended for about 15 minutes.

Mexican Escort for Fletcher Expected. Laredo, Tex., Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—A party of prominent Mexican officials, including the personal representative of First Chief Carranza, is expected to arrive in Nueva Laredo tomorrow to await the arrival of United States Ambassador designate Henry P. Fletcher, and escort him to Mexico City.

Flames Sweep Plant Making War Munitions

Main Buildings of the Union Switch & Signal Company Near Pittsburg Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Fire tonight totally destroyed the main buildings of the Union Switch and Signal company at Swissvale, near here. Breaking out late this afternoon in the shipping department of the big plant that for many months was one of the biggest producers of munitions for the entente allies, the flames, quickly spread to other buildings of the concern and to nearly 50 houses and stores in the town.

The loss was estimated at \$4,500,000 by leading officials. Three thousand men were thrown out of employment. Government officers, under the direction of Marshal Joseph Howley, immediately began a sweeping investigation. Though the fire department was recently dismantled, at the expiration of European contracts, much of the machinery still remained. In the past it has filled United States government orders amounting to many millions of dollars.

Ruins fell across the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad's main line and blocked it shortly before 6 o'clock. Nearly two hours elapsed before traffic was resumed.

Portland-Vancouver Car Service Revised. Interurban Electric Trains on 30-Minute Interval Basis, Effective Next Thursday, Has Been Announced.

Car service between Portland and Vancouver on a 30-minute interval has been announced by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The present service is of 25-minute interval. A new timetable just issued by the company effective February 15, indicates that the first cars will leave Second and Washington streets at 6 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 1:30 p. m., when a 25-minute service continues until 12:15 a. m., the final trip.

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Oregon Guardsmen Are Enroute Home. Calexico, Cal. Feb. 10.—The troops of Oregon and Washington are homeward bound on the last section of a train that left here this evening. They expect to reach Vancouver Barracks Tuesday or Wednesday.

The first section is bringing Battery A, which is to be a flat camp equipped with equipment. Troop A, with the Washington cavalry and signal corps, is aboard the second section, which is also bringing equipment and stock. Captain White is in charge of both sections.

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SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES GERARD TO SWITZERLAND

American Ambassador and Party Scheduled to Leave Berlin at 8:20 Last Night, According to Dispatches.

SPECIAL POLICE GUARD TRAVELERS IN CAPITAL

Swiss Government Will Attend to Journey to Spain for Embarkation.

The Hague, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—By 8 o'clock tonight, America's break in diplomatic relations with Germany will have been physically and completely carried out. Ambassador Gerard, with his staff, and all American consuls in the German empire expected to leave the capital at 8:20, according to Berlin dispatches received here late today.

The German government has provided a special train in two sections, carrying sleepers and dining car. On the first section will be the ambassador, his staff and a few American newspaper men. On the second will be the consular officers, a number of Red Cross workers and a few citizens. All arrangements have been made for passage of the baggage of the diplomatic and consular officials without examination, but the personal effects of all others on the train will be thoroughly examined.

The Kaiser's enquiry will be the emperor's personal representative on the journey, and Berlin advices indicated that the American train will be given all possible courtesies. A special police guard will escort the party to the train in Berlin. Police protection will also be provided for the building housing the American embassy records, although a great many of these archives have already been transferred to the Spanish legation, which will represent the United States hereafter.

Arrangements for the trip from Berlin to Spain were not revealed in Berlin advices tonight. It is assumed that the Swiss government will have trains ready so that Gerard's journey will be facilitated with all possible speed, which will not know on which liner Gerard plans to leave Spain.

Gerard Lodges Protest. London, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from The Hague tonight indicated that the American government had lodged formal protest with the German government against cutting off all telegraphic communication in the embassy immediately after he had received passports for the United States. The American diplomat, it was declared, had submitted his protest through a neutral embassy.

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