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Forecast for Eastern Oregon, by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Probably rain or snow tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

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WOMAN INSTANTLY KILLED IN PLUNGE FROM HOTEL LIFT

Mrs. John Kilkenny Opens Elevator Door at Hotel Pendleton and Drops Four Stories to Death.

CORONER WILL PROBE CASE

It is said Mrs. Kilkenny had been in ill health—had arrived at the Hotel But Few Minutes Before Fatal Accident—Elevator Boy Says Woman Jumped From Car.

Falling four stories down the elevator shaft of the Hotel Pendleton, Mrs. John Kilkenny, wife of a prominent Morrow county sheepman, was instantly killed shortly after noon today.

Roscoe Vaughan, one of the bell boys at the hotel was in charge of the elevator at the time. Mrs. Kilkenny and Henry W. Collins had stepped into the car from the lobby about 12:10, to the car to go to the fifth floor.

Young Vaughan states that he stopped the car at the third floor to discharge Collins and that, after he had started the car upwards again, throwing the door shut meanwhile, he saw Mrs. Kilkenny suddenly seize the door just before it closed, throw it back and step out.

That she knew she had not reached her floor seems apparent from the statements of both Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins states that as the car stopped at the third floor, he hesitated momentarily to allow Mrs. Kilkenny to precede him out in case she desired but, as she made no sign of leaving, he walked out of the elevator.

After leaving the car, Mr. Collins started down the corridor for his room but was attracted by a cry from the elevator. Looking back, he saw Mrs. Kilkenny as she was pitching out of the door. He realized her position and hastened to her aid but was too late to prevent the fall.

The body fell down the shaft to the concrete floor of the basement. The noise of the fall attracted the attention of Fred Block, the proprietor, and several other men in the lobby. They hastened to the basement and there found the body. Death had probably been instantaneous as the force of the fall had broken many of the bones of the body.

Coroner Brown and a physician were immediately summoned. The body was taken to the Brown undertaking parlors and H. M. Warren, a friend of the Kilkenny family, telephoned the message of the accident. Coroner Brown stated this afternoon that he would probably hold an inquest sometime tomorrow.

The deceased woman arrived in Pendleton only fifteen minutes before her death. She reached the city at 11:45 on No. 17, coming from Hot Lake where she had been taking treatment and had just registered before entering the elevator. Besides her husband, she is survived by a number of children.

APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE LAID ASIDE IN THE HOUSE

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO FURNISH STATEMENT ON FUNDS.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—Following the announcement by Schuebel that he intended to vote against every appropriation bill until he could ascertain the total appropriations passed, pending and contemplated, the house laid bills on the table aggregating more than \$700,000 and instructed the ways and means committee to provide an itemized statement of the funds to be appropriated. Porter protested against what he termed a hurry-up method of trying to force through important legislation. The committee is expected to report late this afternoon.

REPUBLICANS WILL BE BLAMED IF THE SHIP BILL FAILS

President Will Not Call a Special Session is Word Received Today From Washington.

RISK IS TOO UNCERTAIN

Wilson Said to Be Favorable to Weeks—Gore Compromise to Let Purchase Measure Go to Conference for 10 Days That Appropriation Bills May Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—There will be no extra session of congress, was the word given out on the highest authority today. It was indicated the president is favorable to the reported plan to allow the Weeks-Gore compromise ship purchase bill to go to conference for about ten days to permit the passage in both house of appropriation bills. Afterwards another attempt will be made to pass the ship bill but if the republican filibuster continues the bill will be abandoned.

It is understood that the president had decided it will be more expedient to place the blame for the failure of the ship measure on the republicans than to risk the uncertainty of an extra session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The amended government ship purchase bill rushed through the house yesterday failed to gain ground when it reached the senate, and administration leaders were in doubt as to what would be its fate. Early in the day it was discovered the amended bill had failed to satisfy the recalcitrant democrats or progressive republicans. Without support of either of these factions, it could not be passed. In this situation the regular democratic leaders realized that nothing could be done unless some change in the measure could be effected in conference, but all their efforts to send the amended bill to conference failed.

Interest centered in the special senate committee's inquiry into charges of outside influences concerning the ship measure. At the first of the hearings, Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore, formerly connected with the Atlantic Transport company, told the committee of conferences with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in which he told the secretary that 80 per cent of foreign ships tied up in American ports because of the war could not be considered as available for purchase by the United States because they were passenger-vessels. Mr. Baker also stated that W. J. Sickie, an official of the Hamburg-American line, had told him he had received orders from the German government not to sell any German vessels in American ports to the United States. This testimony, prompted the committee to summons Mr. Sickie. Mr. Downey, a New York shipbuilder, also has been summoned.

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE PUTS HIS SIGNATURE TO DRY ACT

"THIS ALONE IS WORTH THE EXPENSE OF SESSION," HE DECLARES.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—"It is the best piece of constructive legislation in the world," declared Governor Withycombe as he attached his signature to the prohibition bill. "I heartily approve of its every provision. If the legislature does nothing else this act alone is well worth the expense of the session."

The governor was in a happy mood when he signed the bill. He declared that it gave him a real pleasure to be able to have a part in so wholesome and so beneficial a piece of work. Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other persons, who have been interested in the "dry" movement in Oregon for many years, stood about his desk.

HAY NOT STOLEN; ORDERED HAULED AWAY BY OWNER

PENLAND BROTHERS GET BUSY TO FIND THIEF AND THEN REMEMBER.

If you want to make the fur stand up on the back of any one of the Penland brothers, just yell "Hay!" In consequence of a recent experience that word is charged with a good deal of opprobrium to them, for the experience was a very chagrined one.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION MEASURE PASSED BY HOUSE

BILL WILL NOW GO TO GOVERNOR—IRRIGATION MEMORIAL IS KILLED.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The senate refused to memorialize congress of urge the secretary of the interior to urge an appropriation of \$450,000 for expenditure in the central Oregon irrigation project on condition the 1917 legislature appropriate a similar amount. The senate passed the permanent registration bill. It now goes to the governor. The senate killed Moser's compulsory vaccination bill. The house passed the bill abolishing the uniform accountancy system and indefinitely postponed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of buildings for the medical department of the state university.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—A joint resolution which directs the attorney general to intervene in the Oregon-California grant case now pending in the United States supreme court, was passed by the senate.

40 DAY LIMIT COMES TO END TOMORROW AT SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—The 40 day limit for the legislative session ends tomorrow. Indications are that both houses will clean up the work so that adjournment will be taken some time tomorrow night. A considerable number of bills are in the hands of committees and many of them will die there.

The house refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Schuebel compensation bill.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Kaiser is determined to continue plan to blockade British Isles. Republicans will be blamed if ship purchase bill fails. German war office admits reverses in Argonne region.

Local. Mrs. John Kilkenny of Heppner falls to death down hotel elevator shaft.

All positions at state hospital may be thrown into politics. Penland Bros. stole their own hay. Indian male quartet makes hit at campmeeting.

Counsellor of State Department



Robert Lansing, counsellor of the state department, is the author of the notes to Germany and England concerning the use of the American flag at sea. The note to Germany, coming as near an ultimatum as could be written without precipitating the country into a war, has been

GERMAN REVERSES ARE ADMITTED IN BERLIN STATEMENT

French Gain Materially in the Argonne Region Where Teutons are Forced to Retreat.

VILLAGE OF NORROY TAKEN

Text of Note to United States Made Public at German Capital—Friendly Tone Toward America is Most Evident—Blockade Plan Forced by England, It is Said.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Material German reverses in the Argonne district are admitted by the war office. "The village of Norroy, commanding a hill, previously captured by the Germans has been evacuated in the face of a superior force of French," the statement said. "The entrenched positions of the French were dynamited before the troops retreated. Heavy fighting continues north of Rheims, north of Perthes and about Lille and Arras."

The text of the note to the United States was later made public. In it Germany firmly reiterates the determination to continue a submarine blockade of the British coast. The tone of the note is especially friendly to the United States. The note says the blockade in no way is directed against neutral commerce, but represents solely a measure of self-defense imposed on Germany against England's methods of warfare.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Material advances of the French lines in the vicinity of Cheppy were announced by the war office. Supported by concealed artillery the French were declared to have cleared a large section of woods of Germans. Sanguinary fighting is reported south of Bois Forges, French troops advancing a quarter of a mile, the statement declares. Efforts to dislodge the French from recently occupied trenches failed. Artillery duels are in progress along the Aisne.

EASY DIVORCE BILL IS PASSED. CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 17.—The "easy divorce" bill passed the senate. It already has passed the house. The bill reestablishes the law permitting the granting of divorces after only six months residence in the state.

KAISER STANDS FIRM ON ORIGINAL PLAN TO WAGE WAR WITH SUBMARINES

German Reply to American Protest is Received But Text of Message Has Not Been Fully Divulged.

BRITAIN'S REPLY BLAMES GERMANY Denial is Made That the Depression in American Industries is Due to the Activity of British Fleet.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The official text of the German reply to the American protest against the blockade order is being withheld from the press, but summaries give evidence that the kaiser's government stands firmly on its original intentions. The foreign office takes the position that Germany is within its international rights in ordering the sinking of merchantmen because England has refused to lift the embargo on food shipments intended for German civilians. The note is couched in friendly terms, but points out that the allies sought unlimited supplies in the United States and that absolute contraband is being exported from America to both England and France.

The note explains that Germany is anxious that there be no misunderstanding or disagreement with the United States and pays a tribute to the friendly relations now existing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Great Britain's second and complete reply to the American note of protest, which on December 25 last asked for an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public last night by mutual agreement between the state department and the British foreign office.

The note, addressed to Ambassador Page by Sir Edward Grey under date of February 19, denies that the depression in American industries is due to the activity of the British fleet, and suggests among other causes the shortage of shipping facilities, the consequent diminution of the cotton trade and the destruction by submarine mines "laid by the enemy indiscriminately" of many neutral vessels.

INDIAN QUARTET MAKES A HIT DURING CELEBRATION

BARNSHART BROTHERS RENDER SONG IN NATIVE TONGUE THAT PLEASES.

"Barnhart Brothers, Indian male quartet." How would that look as a home product vaudeville headline? Those who attended the patriotic social given yesterday by the Christian Endeavor of the Tutuilla church on the reservation declare it would not only look well but that it would sound well, for the four Barnharts, William, Jim, Andrew and Albert, sang a quartet in the Nez Perce language to the audience yesterday and it was the hit of the occasion. It was a native song and, sung by the Indians in their own tongue, it provoked such enthusiasm that the visitors from other tribes took copies of the song book with them.

The social as a whole was a huge success, the program on Lincoln and Washington being unusually good. The program was followed by refreshments, 153 people, nearly all Indians, being served with coffee, sandwiches, oranges, bananas, apples and cake.

The campmeeting services at Tutuilla closed at 3 o'clock this morning with a lunch which followed a prolonged temperance rally and program of farewell addresses. The 25 adult Indians and six children, who were visitors from other reservations, did not go to bed at all, leaving at the close of the meeting for Pendleton to catch the early morning train.

Three freshmen explored the icy waters of the varsity mill race because they refused to honor the edict of the student body. Personal fights became common. The upperclassmen met in joint session yesterday and drew up a resolution which, after much discussion, was adopted this morning.

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Retaliatory Measures Threatened. After giving a lengthy detailed answer to the charge that American ships and cargoes were being unduly detained, the communication contains in its concluding paragraph the announcement that Great Britain intends to take retaliatory measures against the German submarine campaign against enemy ships, but does not reveal their nature.

Conceding that foodstuffs intended for the civil population of a country are not contraband, the British government points out that "in any country in which there exists such tremendous organization for war as now obtains in Germany, there is no clear division between those whom the government is responsible for feeding and those whom it is not."

BLOCKADE OF BRITISH ISLES NOW IN FORCE

Law Set for Insulating German Plan Dawns Cold and Wet and Gloomy—Driving Rain Sweeps Harbors.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The day set for the opening of the German blockade of the British Isles in its

BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN ON S. P. BUT SECURE NO MONEY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—Three unmasked bandits last night held up the northbound owl train on the Southern Pacific at Saugus, a few miles north of here, but did not obtain a cent. Unable to gain entrance to the mail car, they brandished their revolvers freely but no one was injured. They fled at the approach of Constable Fred Oppen.

Trade Balance Continues. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Foreign trade for the week ended February 13 netted the United States a favorable balance of \$30,320, according to returns from the 13 principal customs districts announced by the department of commerce. Compared with the preceding week, this was a decrease in the balance of \$6,612,619.

STATE HOSPITAL JOBS MAY BE PLACED ON SPOILS BASIS

Every position at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital from superintendent to stable cleaner, will be made a political job under the direct control of the governor and the politicians who influence him if a bill now in the senate becomes a law. The bill will pass the senate by one vote if it is sold and if through coercion house members are made to stand for the measure the foundation will be laid for a very extensive state political machine.

At the present time the state institutions are handled by the state board of control which consists of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. This board selects the head officials of the institutions and leaves to those men the task of choosing their own subordinates and employees.

The story of the effort now under way in the senate is told in the following story from Salem to the Portland Journal: Mad with power, the captains of the senate steam roller will make a strenuous effort during the rush

war on British merchantmen, dawned cold, wet and gloomy. A driving rain swept the British harbors, but neither it nor the threats of the kaiser halted shipping. British mariners apparently were not greatly affected by the submarine menace. Everywhere in England, supreme confidence in the British navy was expressed.

It was expected that losses would come to Britain's merchant marine as a result of the German blockade, but these will be considered merely as a part of the iron game of war. Private advices from Berlin stated 100 submarines are available for service against England and that German shipyards are working day and night increasing the strength of the undersea flotilla. It was declared that all these vessels are of the latest and fastest type and that they will be able to remain away from their bases for three or four weeks. So far there has been no sign of interruption in channel shipping.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived from New York. She did not encounter submarines or other hostile warships.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 18.—Berlin advices state the kaiser has returned to the capital from the eastern front and will go immediately to Wilhelmshaven to confer with naval officials. It is expected the kaiser will keep in close touch with the submarine blockade. (Continued on page eight.)

hours of the closing days of the legislative session to turn the state, lock, stock and barrel, over to the politicians for the purpose of building the most dangerous political machine that this state has seen in many a day.

Every state institution is to be turned over to them. The state board of control is to be made a figurehead. Two members of the board will be mere puppets, placed in official position by the people of the state to assume responsibility and direct the affairs of the state institutions, but now with their authority taken away.

This is to be accomplished by senate bill 237, introduced in the upper branch of the legislature late yesterday afternoon by Senator La Follett and Wood at al. It is reported that the "et al" stands for 14 other senators, who did not put their names to the bill but who have been lined up to support it. This will assure the bill's passage in the senate.

Gives Governor Sole Power. The bill takes from the board of control, consisting of the governor,

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