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Tonight and Sunday snow, not so cold tonight.

GRAVE OUTLOOK OVER LUSITANIA FACES THE U. S.

Situation is Growing More Critical as Result of Germany's Reluctance to Agree to Disavowal.

WILSON AND LANSING CONFER

First of Series of Meetings is Held Today to Decide Upon Future Policy Toward Berlin Government—Report From Colonel House Will Probably be Awaited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Lusitania situation is very grave. President Wilson met Secretary Lansing today in the first of a series of important conferences to determine America's future policy toward the Teutons. No decisive step was planned today. A confidential report from Colonel House is believed to say the Teutonic public opinion is opposed to an admission of an illegality in the torpedoing, hence the hands of the foreign office are tied.

It was hinted the administration will wait until the return of Colonel House before taking any drastic step. If the president refuses further negotiations, it is believed he will await House's complete report before sending an ultimatum which will demand a disavowal, with a diplomatic break the only alternative. The Lusitania cloud submerged political and non-political affairs. It was admitted everywhere that a point had been reached where a showdown was necessary. Bernstorff is the only official who views the situation optimistically. He asserts that matters are not as serious as Washington regards them. It is believed Bernstorff will await the decision of Wilson before making fresh proposals. Bernstorff's optimism is based on the belief he can propose a compromise which would be acceptable to America and which Berlin would not reject. It is not known whether his instructions permit greater concessions than yesterday's memorandum allowed. The analysis believes House's report will lead the president to accept the compromise.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Germany does not foresee an immediate crisis with America over the Lusitania torpedoing. It is believed that further formal exchanges are certain to occur before German troops are forced to leave the last American note. If a deadlock is reached it is believed possible to avert a break by referring the dispute to arbitration. Few believe America would refuse such a proposal.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Newspapers displayed prominently the report that Germany and America are near a rupture. The consensus of opinion is that the physical participation of America on the side of the allies is undesirable because it would stop the source of ammunition supplies. The papers agreed a moral participation is of greater value. Amsterdam reported prices on the Berlin Bourse had dropped heavily.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General.** Crisis said to be reached between Germany and United States over Lusitania affair. Big war supply house is burned at Ottawa. Storm in northwest begins to abate.
- Storm.** Blockade on O-W. R. & N. and N. P. broken. O-W. R. & N. had three slides between Pendleton and La Grande. Hay sets for \$27.50 on Hinton creek near Heppner. Wheeler county stockmen grow short of feed. Sheep killed in "pile up" on Smythe ranch. Snow of '84 deeper than this says H. J. Taylor. Sixty horses killed by train at Stanfield. Residents of low parts of city prepare to move to hills. Estimated weight of snow in Pendleton over 500,000 tons. Schools will reopen Monday.
- Local.** Three year old girl accidentally killed by brother. First arrest under prohibition law sets up problem for officers. Dr. Smith in east finds much confidence in Wilson. Notices of road hearing toru down and court canceled hearing.

BROTHER KILLS SISTER WHILE BOTH AT PLAY

Children Were Playing Friday Morning When Five Year Old Boy Picks up Loaded Revolver—Bullet Enters Girl's Head.

News was received here today of a terrible accident yesterday morning at the Ben Hendrickson place, west of Adams, wherein Ben, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson shot his three year old sister through the head with a pistol, killing the child instantly. The bullet entered the head between the nose and mouth and went entirely through the head. According to the information at hand the children were playing in their night clothes early in the morning and the little boy climbed upon a cupboard and picked up a loaded revolver. Pointing it at his little sister pulled the trigger and the charge went off with deadly effect. The Hendrickson place is five miles west of Adams at the edge of the Finnish settlement and one mile west of the Finnish church.

Murder at Salem Baffling Police

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—Though three suspects have been arrested, the police are still baffled over the brutal murder last night of Mrs. J. R. Hinkle, 66. George Clarke, an escaped convict, is being sought. Apparently three blows of a blunt instrument crushed Mrs. Hinkle's skull when she surprised the robber in the kitchen of her home. The house was ransacked and \$40 in cash stolen. Her husband, a wealthy retired farmer, discovered the body when he returned home. He is frantic with grief.

MANY PEOPLE READY FOR FLOOD PREPARE TO MOVE FROM HOMES

Though many people are discounting the dangers of a flood when the snow goes off, others are making preparations with as much thoroughness as if they had advance information that the waters are going to overrun Pendleton. Not a few residents of the lower sections of the city, particularly of those sections along the river, are, in all seriousness, arranging for removal to the homes of friends living on the hills. Merchants generally are taking the precaution of moving their stocks out of their basements, many recalling the heavy losses sustained during the flood of 1906 by the fact that their goods were still in the basements when the waters came. The loss to Baker & Folsom alone at that time was appraised at \$10,000. The Peoples Warehouse for the past two days has been moving the warehouse stock of groceries to the room in the Judd building recently vacated by M. Galt & Son. In the event that water sets into the basement the substore stock will be moved also and the grocery business will be continued in that location. There is much dissenting opinion as to whether flood water will follow the melting of the snow. Many contend that such a condition will be inevitable while others declare that it is extremely unlikely that the water will reach an unusually high stage. These latter contend that a chinook wind rarely continues more than three days and they express the opinion that a three-day chinook would not melt more than start the vast volumes of snow to melting. After that they say it is likely that the remainder of the snow will go off very slowly. Some old-timers recall floods that resulted from heavy snows and others bring to mind other snows that did not result in high water. But the general opinion is that while precipitation costs a little money, it sometimes saves a great deal of disaster.

Assistant Superintendent Buckley in Caboose When Slide Lifts it off the Track

First hand news of the snow troubles in the Blue Mountains was received here today from Miss Verna Marple teacher of the school at Dundon and East Oregonian correspondent at that point. Miss Marple came to Pendleton on train 17 last evening, the first train to reach the city from the east. Her school is closed because of the storm and will probably be closed all next week. The reason for this is that most of the children use the railroad track in walking to school and they cannot do this in safety now because the snowplows make cuts only sufficient to allow the trains to pass. Hence anyone walking along the track would be in danger of being run over. The Snow Slides. The O-W. R. & N. had three principal snow slides in the mountains between Pendleton and La Grande. There was a large slide just below the meacham tunnel between Meacham

Estimated Weight of Snow in City is 557,568 Tons

INTERESTING FIGURES ARE COMPILED TO SHOW PENDLETON CONDITIONS.

How heavy is the snow which is covering Pendleton? Most people regard snow as light and fluffy, little thinking of its tremendous weight when it piles up until some collapsing roof gives evidence of an unwell-come kind. Some computations made by sub. F. E. Hayes of the water department will be interesting to all and amazing to many. Mr. Hayes places the weight of the present snow on each square foot of surface at 20 pounds. With that as a unit from which to work, he estimates that there are more than 78 tons of snow on each of the two city reservoirs or more than 156 tons on the two. The dimensions of each roof are 124 feet by 43, giving it a total surface area of 5322 square feet. At 20 pounds to the square foot, the total weight on each roof would be 156,448 pounds or 78.2 tons. Mr. Hayes figures that the roofs are sufficiently strong to withstand three times that weight, but, nevertheless, he has had both roofs cleaned. The weight of the snow on the roof of the grandstand at Round-up Park is estimated at 300 tons. The structure being over 400 feet long. A crew of laborers is still at work today removing this snow. The weight of the snow on a lot 50 by 100 feet is approximately 50 tons. Figuring Pendleton at two miles long and one mile wide, the weight of the snow in the city figures out 557,568 tons. Some snow!

Club Now Quoted at 98 Cents in Portland

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—May \$1.34 1-4, \$1.32 7-8 bid; July \$1.25 3-4, \$1.24 5-8.

Portland. Club 88, \$1.00; Buersten \$1.08, \$1.11

BIG SUPPLY CO. AT OTTAWA PREY OF INCENDIARY

Grant, Holden and Graham Concern, Making Clothing for Soldiers, is Total Loss This Morning.

SUSPECT IS LATER RELEASED

Belgian Musician Arrested But is Allowed to go After an Investigation—Officials Were Probing Destruction of Parliament Buildings When New Fire Breaks Out.

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 5.—Fire, believed to have been incendiary, destroyed the war supply plant of the Grant, Holden and Graham company this morning, while officers were investigating the destruction of the parliament buildings. Thousands of dollars worth of clothing and haversacks were ruined. Few men in the plant escaped safely. The watchman in convinced a firebug was responsible. Charles Strony, a Belgian musician held as a suspect, was released later.

Referring to the parliament fire, Sir Wilfred Laurier declared a "cruel foe is responsible." B. B. Law, a member of parliament and a deputy clerk have been added to the list of missing.

The greatest roundup of allies since the beginning of the war was ordered when Dominion police instructed men at all points to apprehend all foreigners who left Ottawa on the night of the parliament fire. Railroads furnished tickets to a number of destinations for alien passengers. The war supply house fire resulted in half a million dollar damage. It was reported here that the plotter who attempted to dynamite the Victoria bridge was drowned. His tracks were traced to the open water.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 5.—After spending the night in jail, Charles Strony, a Belgian musician was released this morning from suspicion of causing the firing of the Ottawa parliament buildings. A telegram from the chief of the dominion police said the evidence was not conclusive. He had been detained as a foreigner so he might explain his presence in Ottawa when the fire was raging.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—Troops frustrated an alleged attempt to wreck the Victoria bridge. They fired on a man creeping along the ice in the bridge. He fled and escaped. He had appeared previously at midnight, but fled when the St. Lawrence, is one of the largest on the continent and is closely guarded.

FORMER LOCAL DOCTOR SAYS EAST STRONG FOR WILSON

C. J. SMITH NOW IN NEW YORK PREDICTS RE-ELECTION BY BIG MAJORITY.

That he finds sentiment in the east almost solid behind President Wilson in his preparedness campaign and that everyone save the staunch stand-pat republicans are predicting his re-election by an overwhelming majority are among the statements contained in a letter from Dr. C. J. Smith, formerly of this city and now candidate for governor, to Will M. Peterson of this city. Dr. Smith's new in New York on business and will return to Oregon about March 1. Dr. Smith writes that he made a trip to Washington and had a short talk with the president before he left on his tour of the middlewestern states. He states that the business boom in the east is the greatest known in years and that everywhere he finds optimism and a general confidence in the administration.

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN SESSION ON MONDAY

- It is announced today by superintendent A. C. Hampton that the public schools will resume work Monday after having been closed for several days because of the heavy snow.
- People living on streets leading to the schools are asked to take particular care to clear walks so the school children will not have to wade through snow.
- The public library resumed operations yesterday after having been closed for a time.

STORM THROUGH NORTHWEST NOW BEGINS TO EASE

Streetcar Service at Portland is Mostly Resumed and all Wires are Being Slowly Restored.

SNOW FALLS AT HOOD RIVER

Wood and Meat Famine Threatens—Some Trains Are Still Stalled There—Twenty Miles of Telegraph and Telephone Lines Are Down Along the Columbia River.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—While ploughs, caterpillar engines and scrapers were being used in the streets of Portland this afternoon, the snow fall was resumed and threatens to continue tonight. Ice on some streets is ten inches thick and covered with snow. Mules and farm plows are breaking the ice along the street car tracks in some sections. Several eastern trains reached Portland today. Little mail was distributed or delivered. Suffering is reported in the southeastern section of Portland. Inhabitants there are without groceries.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The northwest is wriggling from beneath blankets of snow. Telegraph and telephone lines are slowly being restored. Streetcar service in Portland mostly has been resumed. The temperature is slowly rising in western Oregon and rain is predicted tonight or tomorrow. Snow is falling heavily at Hood River. A wood and meat famine is threatened there. Two trains are stalled there. Twenty miles of telephone lines are down along the Columbia, northwest of Portland. Astoria is reached only through Seattle. Telegraph companies route Seattle business through Chicago or Spokane.

Heavy Snow in 1884 Went off Without Flood; Fall Was Even Deeper Than Now Says Taylor

That the snow is not as deep now as it was in December, 1884, is declared by Henry J. Taylor, prominent farmer and member of the council. In that year the snow was 26 inches deep on the level at Mr. Taylor's place and it is now but 20 inches deep there. However, he admits more snow may have fallen this time than in 1884 and that the snow may have been packed down more. "It snowed for seven days and nights and we had nine weeks of sleeting. The coldest weather we

REPORTS HESE ARE THAT TRACKS WEST ARE NOW CLEARED

Several Trains from Portland are Said to be Enroute Over O-W--No. 18 is Marked to Arrive This Afternoon and if it Gets Through Will be the First Train to Arrive from the Rose City in More Than Four Days.

Though the trains did not succeed in breaking through the snow blockade along the Columbia yesterday afternoon as anticipated, reports today have it that the tracks are cleared and that several trains from Portland are en route to Pendleton over the O-W R. N. The first train, No. 18 of yesterday, is marked to arrive at 3:45 this afternoon and, if it gets in on schedule time, it will be the first train from Portland for more than 100 hours.

The blockade was reported broken yesterday afternoon and a train was scheduled to arrive during the evening some time. However, more snow barriers were found as the train proceeded and these were not cleared away until this morning. No. 1 and No. 10, is marked to arrive on time this evening, but will probably arrive late. From the east trains are coming through, though delayed several hours. No. 19, the fast mail, did not pull into Pendleton until after 9 this morning and at 9:15 continued on west. No. 17, due at noon, was marked to arrive two hours late. The steam train was taken off the west end run this morning and the motor car resumed. The trains on the Washington division are running almost on schedule time. N. P. is open. Word was received here yesterday afternoon by Local Agent Walter Adams of the Northern Pacific that trains would get through from Seattle and this morning he received Seattle mail, indicating that the road is cleared. The S. P. & S., on the north bank, is open and trains are running. Agent is commended. T. F. O'Brien, local O-W. R. & N. agent, has been a busy man the past week, what with caring for passengers on delayed trains and keeping the platforms and tracks about the depot open. That he has done his emergency duties well is indicated by the fact that some score or more of delayed passengers before continuing their journey yesterday presented him with an acknowledgement of their appreciation for his courtesies and service while they were snowbound here. The depot platforms are all cleared of snow and a big force of shovelers is still at work on the tracks and company sidewalks.

Porto Ricans on Strike. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Porto Rican police killed four Industrial Workers of the World and wounded four women, two children and two men while firing on strikers, a dispatch to the Federation of Labor said. Twenty thousand farm hands are striking.

Floods Cause Damage. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 5.—Eleven lives have been lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage done by the floods now investing Arkansas. Hundreds of families are homeless.

Hat Checks Serve for Meal Tickets During Blockade

RAILROAD IS FEEDING 185 PASSENGERS STALLED AT THE DALLIES. The O-W. R. & N. Co. had 185 passengers to feed while blocked in The Dalles and the railroad hat checks constituted the badge of identification. The following story from The Dalles under date of Feb. 3, tells of how the passengers were cared for. A railroad hat check isn't good for a meal ordinarily, but it is so honored in The Dalles these days while the O-W. R. & N. is taking care of the 185 passengers of the four trains which are stalled here. The company authorized three local hotels to serve meals to any one with an official hat check and charge the bill to the railroad. Some of the passengers sleep on the Pullmans and others have been provided with rooms in hotels by the company. The matter of caring for the stalled passengers is no small item of expense in connection with the railroad's tieup. If the passengers are here much longer they may have to eat along without butter and eggs. The supply is about exhausted in The Dalles due to the blockades.

Loss of Livestock is Threatened in 2 Nearby Counties

UNION AND WALLOWA FACING A SERIOUS SITUATION BECAUSE OF STORM.

Loss of live stock threatens both Union and Wallowa counties for the heavy snows prevent transportation of feed and also prevent driving livestock to feed, where owners have first says a late report from La Grande. In many cases the hay supply on different ranches has been exhausted and the situation that confronts the livestock owner is really serious. Reports from Union this morning tell of cattle starving in the Stamp Flat country, one man having lost fifteen head. Livestock owners around Union are now worried over the weather conditions. From Wallowa county comes the same report and while no precise figures are in, it is estimated that the living stock such as the yearlings is now would be very dangerous.

Hood at Lisbon. PARIS, Feb. 5.—A bill, increasing the proportions of a commission brought out at Lisbon last night and continuing today, provides allowing the republican guards and plugging the republicans.

East Oregonian Has Led the Field in Covering News of Big Storm

Such newspapers as have arrived here thus far indicate that in covering news of the big storm and its various aspects the East Oregonian has surpassed any other northwestern paper, large or small, in handling the news of its own territory. Yesterday the East Oregonian carried 21 live news stories relating to various features of the storm or consequences of the storm. On Thursday we had 13 different news stories on the subject and on Wednesday 17 stories. These news stories have covered all the most important and interesting phases of the storm story, from different angles and particular attention has been given to accuracy. Naturally special care has been accorded to conditions in Umatilla county and nearby counties in eastern Oregon. In securing such news we have had the benefit of a large staff of special correspondents located at different points and the long distance phone service, in constant use by us, has been excellent at all times. The East Oregonian desires to be and thinks it is the best newspaper in the world in a town the size of Pendleton. One reason for this is that the paper rises to the occasion and gives its readers special service when big news is brewing. We are always ready to do all the work needed and spend all the money necessary to obtain the results desired. Numerous compliments received by the paper together with the fact the past year has been in every way the most prosperous one in the history of the East Oregonian shows our aggressive policy is appreciated by the people.