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Tonight and generally fair. Cooler tonight. Maximum temperature 57; minimum 39; rainfall. Light; weather, clear.

REAL DANGER PERIOD OF CRISIS BEGINS TODAY

LONDON HEARS BERLIN WOULD YIELD POINTS

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PAGE CONFERS WITH BALFOUR

Newspapers Go Wild Over News of American Break With Germany; Much Praise Given U. S. Navy and Its Spirit.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Berlin sent a message saying "negotiations are proceeding regarding further concessions in submarine warfare without jeopardizing its purposes." Ambassador Page conferred with Balfour and the foreign affairs minister. The Spanish ambassador visited the foreign office. Newspapers featured American news and gave an analysis of the American military and naval strength. They praised the navy. Naval experts judged America's seapower, estimated what help the United States could give the British navy. Some bewailed America's failure to provide fast cruisers. They expect the mobilization of volunteer motor craft to hunt submarines. All unite in lauding the American navy's spirit. The Standard quoted Farragut: "Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead."

BLOCKADE BROKEN TRAFFIC RESUMED

The snow blockade which has held up all through traffic on the Union Pacific since the first of the month has been broken and ten delayed trains from the east are due to reach here late tonight and tomorrow, according to word received by Agent T. F. O'Brien.

No. 17 of Feb. 3 is due to reach Huntington at 5 this evening. No. 16, of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, have been consolidated and will reach Huntington at 8 p. m. No. 5 of the 2nd and 3rd at 8:30 p. m. No. 17 of the 2nd at 9 p. m. No. 17 of the 3rd at 10 p. m. No. 5 of the 4th at 11 p. m. at 11 p. m. No. 15 of the 4th at 4 a. m. No. 17 of the 4th at 5 or 6 a. m. No. 5 of the 5th at 6 a. m. and No. 17 of the 5th at noon tomorrow. The running time from Huntington to Pendleton varies from five to six hours and the arrival time here can be figured accordingly.

A stub of 17 from Salt Lake reached Pendleton on schedule time today and eastbound trains are running on time. The blockade has been in Wyoming.

11 CATERPILLARS FOR LOCAL FARMS

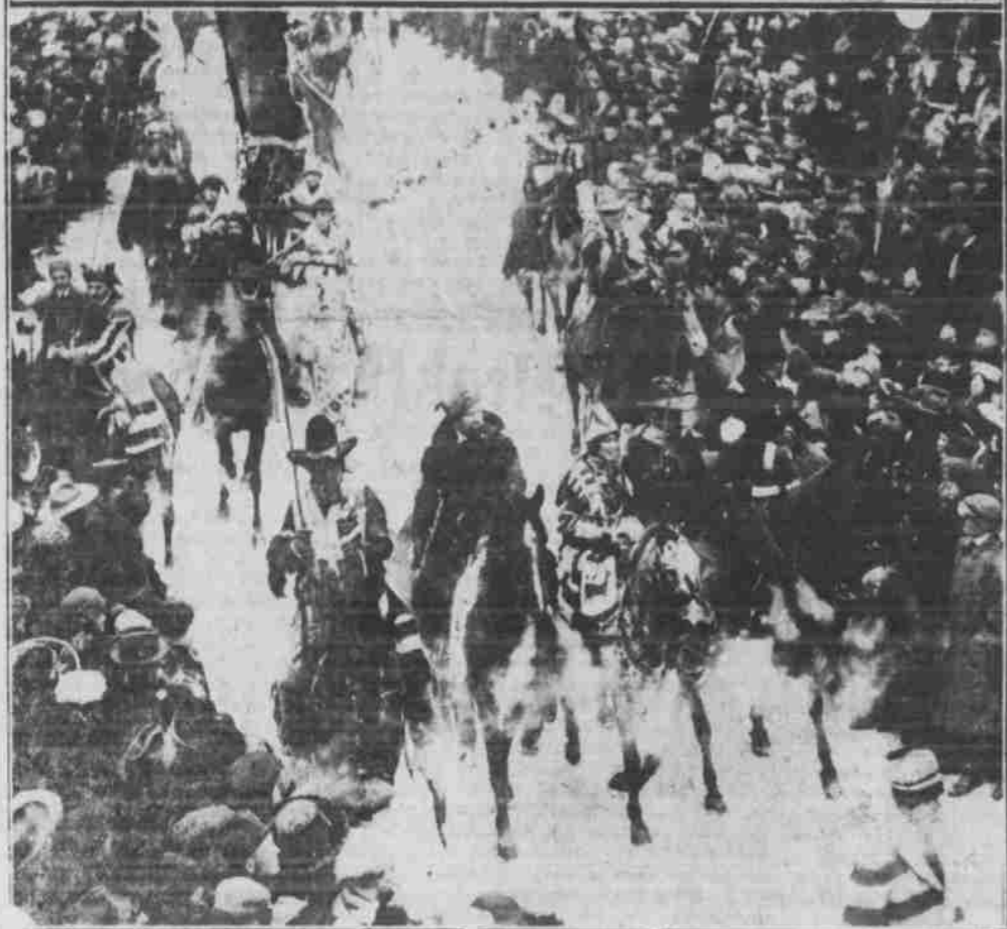
Ready for the work of farming in Umatilla county a consignment of 11 Holt caterpillar engines arrived here this morning for E. L. Smith & Co. At the same time a similar number of machines arrived for the firm at Walla Walla.

Of the machines arriving here one is to be used for demonstration purposes for the class in agriculture at the Pendleton high school. Local farmers to whom caterpillars are to be delivered are Dave Nelson, Roy Row, Frank Carl, Joe Bagwell, A. M. Wynn, J. W. Maloney, R. P. Heyden, Wyrick Bros., M. E. Myers, Roy Winn and J. A. Lamsden. Caterpillars to fill other orders are to arrive soon.

WOULD CREMATE ALL UNCLAIMED BODIES

SALEM, Feb. 5.—Umatilla county house delegation introduced a bill providing the cremation of unclaimed bodies and of corpses of persons dying in the eastern Oregon state hospital.

PENDLETONIANS AT ST. PAUL



The top pictures show the Pendleton delegation with Louis W. Hill (Photo taken especially for the East Oregonian by staff photographer of St. Paul Pioneer-Press). The lower view shows the Round-Up contingent in the big parade Saturday.

A part of the Pendleton delegation which made such a noise at the St. Paul winter festival last week is expected to arrive home tomorrow or Wednesday. Some of the party have

already gone on to Chicago and New York, and telegrams from both cities state that, through President Hill of the Great Northern, they were received by representatives of that company.

Writing a special article on the St. Paul celebration for the Portland Journal, Marion McRae declares that the "spectacular feature from far away Oregon undeniably carried off the laurels of the event."

KENNETH ROPER, OF HOUSA TONIC CREW, BORN AND RAISED HERE

Kenneth C. Roper, assistant engineer on the steamer Housatonic, sunk by a German submarine off the Sicily Islands, in a Pendleton boy, having been born here and reared in this city until 20 years of age. Roper was a grandson of Dr. W. C. McKay and following the death of his mother was raised by Dr. McKay.

Roper is well remembered by hosts of friends and acquaintances. His father, William Roper, was a blacksmith and had a shop where the brick building occupied by Chinese now stands on Alta street. His father was a fireman and while helping fight a fire on Garden street lost an eye through the fact a stream of water was turned upon him accidentally at close range. From here Roper moved to Collierville, Miss. Wash., where the son attended school for a time.

While a boy in Pendleton Kenneth Roper was once severely injured while following the town band in a parade on Main street. A team ran over the boy almost breaking a leg. As one of the heirs of Dr. W. C. McKay young Roper has an interest in an allotment on the reservation. Miss Elsie McKay of Portland is his

NEITHER SNOW NOR MUD STOPPED HIM

Bucking through snow as deep as the radiator, plowing through mud up to the axles and encountering various other obstacles to traffic, yet finished the run without the slightest motor trouble, Robert Simpson reached here last evening from Portland in a Chevrolet roadster. He found the roads very fair in some places but terrible in others. The chief difficulty was between Hood River and The Dalles. From Wasco to Echo the roads are good but they are rather bad from Echo to Pendleton.

SIX CENT JUMP IN WHEAT PRICE

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today: Open, High, Low, Close. May \$1.59 \$1.74 1/4 \$1.67 \$1.74 1/4 July \$1.50 \$1.59 1/2 \$1.44 1/2 \$1.49 1/2

G. O. P. LEADER IS BACKING WILSON

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NO ACTION IS TAKEN ON THE ADAMSON LAW

SUPREME COURT TAKES RECESS UNTIL MARCH 4 WITHOUT GIVING DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The supreme court failed to act on the Adamson law. It has taken a recess until March fifth. No opinion before that date is possible.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house interstate commerce committee agreed to report favorably the new Adamson law, "with amendments." Committee members refused to say whether the strike prevention provision was retained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house interstate commerce committee authorized Chairman Adamson to redraft and introduce his railway bill. They promised favorable recommendation.

LINER CANCELS SAILING ORDERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The American liner St. Louis cancelled today's sailing. A blinding snowstorm worried the bridge guards. Armed soldiers challenged pedestrians. They prohibited loitering anywhere. Artillerymen manned the cannons on the Manhattan bridges. Searchlights illuminated the streets and rivers. The American line announced that the steamer Philadelphia reached Liverpool at eleven o'clock last night. The Finland arrived this morning. A lighted bomb was found under the customs house.

American flags are everywhere. It is the greatest display in years. The custom house has been closely guarded since finding the bomb. Secret service men are unable to explain how the bomb was planted. They declared no strangers entered the building.

BIG TIME PLANNED FOR DEDICATION

For the purpose of conferring with the Farmers' Union and the Commercial association on plans to make the dedication of the new grain elevator in Pendleton a big event, G. L. Hurt, formerly of Stanfield and now with the bureau of markets of the Oregon Agricultural College, arrived in Pendleton this morning. An attempt will be made to make the dedication the occasion of a general discussion of the bulk handling methods.

The dedication of the new \$25,000 elevator is set for the first week in March tentatively. The exact date will be named later. All farmers, regardless of whether they belong to the Farmers' Union will be asked to attend and listen to the discussion of the advantages of the bulk method. The Commercial association has been asked to co-operate in every way possible.

It is planned to make the Pendleton meeting one of a series of meetings throughout eastern Oregon for the purpose of arousing farmers to the necessity of abandoning the expensive sack. Mr. Hurt was in Heppner Saturday and reports that plans are under way there for the erection of an elevator with a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

GERMANY'S TIME LIMIT FOR NEUTRALS TO QUIT BARRED ZONE EXPIRED THIS MORNING

Wilson Continues Preparations for Eventualities; Attitude of Neutrals of Chief Interest to U. S.; Many May Refuse to Sever Relations; Austria Joins Germany in Unrestricted Sea Warfare Plans; Break Seems Near.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Home sent a message saying the Spanish ambassador declared Spain plans to follow the United States against Germany and declare war should the United States start hostilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Leading neutral diplomats said President Wilson's request to neutrals to break diplomatic relations with the Teutons practically was a war act against Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The real danger period has begun. Germany's time for neutrals to quit the barred zone expired this morning. It is officially believed the German situation will fully develop within a few days. Wilson is taking every step to prepare for eventualities. The United States is chiefly interested in other neutrals' attitudes. It is unofficially indicated that many neutrals will refuse to sever relations. The ruling Spanish and Swedish classes are understood to be pro-German. It is believed Holland will remain neutral. Germany made Holland many concessions following the mobilization of four hundred thousand Dutch soldiers within twenty miles of the Krupp works.

AUSTRIA JOINS GERMANS. Austria sent the United States a note practically identical with Germany's. The administration is attempting to make Austria change her plans and prevent a diplomatic break. Negotiations have been proceeding for two days.

Secretary Baker conferred with senate and house members of the military committee. President Wilson conferred with the war and navy department officials. Wilson has cancelled the army and navy reception at the white house tomorrow night.

FORD OFFERS FACTORY. Senator Stone presented a resolution endorsing the break. It was withdrawn when Lodge asked for a roll call. Stone asked for action on his resolution tomorrow. Henry Ford offered Daniels his entire factory to manufacture munitions in event of war, without profit.

Senator Wadsworth presented a telegram from representatives of five hundred German and Austrian societies, pledging one hundred thousand members loyalty to the United States. The state department has learned that between two thousand and six thousand Americans are in Germany.

\$1,000,000 EMERGENCY FUND. The house military committee decided to add a million dollar emergency appropriation to the army bill for the purpose of installing anti-aircraft guns at all government arsenals.

WOMEN TO ORGANIZE. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Women's Suffrage association asked that one hundred members of the executive council meet in Washington February thirteenth and plan women's war service.

The senate judiciary committee favorably reported seventeen bills prohibiting the destruction of foreign governments American property during peace.

Spain formally accepted the United States request to handle American interests in Germany.

INAUGURAL PLANS MAY CHANGE. General Devorl suspended preparations for military organizations participating in the inaugural parade. The inaugural plans may be changed.

TAX COLLECTION STARTED TODAY

Collection of taxes to meet the expenses of 1917 was begun by Deputy Sheriff A. C. Funk this morning, the rolls having been turned over Saturday evening by Assessor Strain. The total amount to be collected is \$659,714.56 compared with \$871,774.72 last year.

The taxes are divided on the rolls as follows: \$365,880.28 for state and county purposes, including road and school money; \$87,157.85 city taxes; \$206,829.31 district school taxes; \$22,048.08 union high school; \$11,962.03 special fuel irrigation project tax; \$17,969.72 special Paradise irrigation project tax; \$87.26 fire patrol tax.

There has been no rush today to pay taxes only about a dozen having appeared at 2 this afternoon. The first to appear was G. T. Klein of this city.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS GUARDED

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—City officials and federal officers met and ordered all public buildings to be specially guarded immediately. They announced that a detention camp would be established at Clackamas in event of war.

Federal District Attorney Reames, Mayor Albee and other officials participated in the conference. They arranged to guard the three powder magazines near the city.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The text of President Wilson's speech breaking off relations with Germany declared before congress follows:

"Gentlemen of the congress: The Imperial German government on the 21st of January announced to this government and to the governments of other neutral nations that on and after the first day of February, the present month, it would adopt a policy with regard to the use of submarines against all shipping seeking to pass through certain designated areas of the high seas, to which it is clearly my duty to call your attention.

"Let me remind the congress on the 8th of April last, in view of the sinking on the 24th of March of the cross-channel passenger steamer Sussex by a German submarine, without summons or warning and the consequent loss of the lives of several citizens of the United States who were passengers aboard her, this government addressed a note to the Imperial German government in which it made the following declaration:

"If it is still the purpose of the Imperial government to prosecute the relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines without regard to what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion there is but one course it can pursue. Unless the Imperial government should not immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels the government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire altogether."

German Pleads Restraint. In reply to the declaration, the Imperial German government addressed a note to the Imperial



SEN. HENRY CABOT LODGE