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Tonight and tomorrow... Weather... Maximum 52; minimum 20; fall 46; wind, west, 10; threatening.

MEXICAN BANDITS KILL 3 AMERICAN COWBOYS; BODIES MUTILATED

Twelfth Cavalry Concentrates on New Mexico Border; Women and Children Flee.

SALAZAR PLANNING RAIDS

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 16.—Funston announced that Salazar's threat to attack American border towns would not affect the redistribution of troops. Funston is in constant communication with General Siskel who is commanding the New Mexico district.

TEACHERS FELT SAFE NOT TO ATTEND DANCE

Teacher Signs Statement Showing Superintendent Park Correctly Quoted.

Bearing on the story relating to the advice of Superintendent Parks that teachers not attend the Bachelors Club dance Wednesday evening one of the high school teachers today gave the East Oregonian the following statement in which she says that the superintendent was correctly quoted by this paper last evening.

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 16, 1917.

I take issue with the statement that the teachers' view differs materially to that of Mr. Park as to what was said by him to the teachers Wednesday evening concerning going to the dance given by the Bachelors Club. He said the same things quoted in last evening's copy of the East Oregonian, and nothing else. The teachers saw Mr. Park's position and felt it best to stay away.

CAROLINE E. BONNEY. It is understood one cause of indication on the superintendent's action is that he waited until a late hour before informing teachers on the subject. One high school teacher was already in the party before she received word and others are said to have been dressed to attend before being warned against going.

MORE THAN 500 ATTEND FIRST NIGHT OF AUTO SHOW; CROWD KEEP DEMONSTRATORS BUSY

The second day of Pendleton's first annual automobile show is but a continuation of the success of the opener, and that means it is an unequalled success. Indeed the show is being received with a popularity that is surprising to the men who planned it.

Split Motors Attracted. The split motors, in which the working of the engines was shown, found high favor and were always surrounded. Ladies, who care more for comfort than for a soft-purring motor, went from car to car and tried the cushions, and was the demonstrator who could keep his car occupied with ladies. "It draws attention to the car," one dealer said.

Farmers Like Trucks. Farmers, to whom the age of gasoline has meant most, flocked about the big motor trucks and the demonstrators of these trucks always found interested audiences. The necessity

FOOD RIOTS OCCUR IN HOLLAND AND SWEDEN

THE HAGUE, Feb. 16.—There were serious food riots in the royal palace last night. Workmen staged a demonstration in front of the queen's residence and ministerial buildings. The Hussars and police repeatedly charged the mob.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16.—On account of the increasing food shortage the Swedish government is determined to seize the barley crop throughout the country. It has forbidden feeding potatoes to animals.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—It is authoritatively learned that Germany has cut the Belgian civil population's rations one half.

TROUSERS SLIP! HOW CAN CAPTIVES FLEE?

Latest German Scheme Cuts Off Prisoners' Buttons so Galluses Quit Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—On the theory that a prisoner with no galluses can not run rapidly, Germans have cut off all the buttons from prisoners' clothes, according to confidential war department reports. They think a would-be fugitive would keep himself busy trying to hold his clothes on while he was escaping.

CHICAGO INDUSTRIES ARE THREATENED BY FREIGHT CONGESTION

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The rail road congestion has threatened Chicago industries. It is the most serious situation since the threatened general railroad strike. Thousands will be jobless unless relief comes immediately. Domestic stagnation is increasingly pronounced. It is believed the only solution is urging President Wilson to arm American merchantmen and provide naval convoys.

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WOMEN PREPARE TO FIGHT



WOMEN'S MILITARY RESERVE IN ARMOY.

NEW YORK. One of the first organizations to prepare for action in the event of war with Germany is the Women's Military Reserve, composed of thirty prominent society women of this city.

Costumed in smart olive-drab riding clothes, they hold cavalry drill in the Central Park Riding Academy and later go to the roof of a neighboring hotel for dismounted drill.

Miss Laura Hitchcock, the commanding officer of the small but valiant army, hopes to raise the strength of the organization to a full squadron within the next two weeks.

CLARKE NELSON HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Loss of \$2500 Is Caused from Overheated Stove in Upstairs Room; Fully Covered by Insurance.

Fire last night did about \$2500 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark E. Nelson, 909 Thompson street. Starting from an overheated stove in the upstairs bathroom the flames quickly reached the attic, necessitating the use of much water. Most of the damage done to the furniture was done by water.

Mr. Nelson was not at home last evening, being in Heppner on a business trip. Mrs. Nelson had gone out in the auto for a short ride and when she returned about 8:30 the fire was discovered. The alarm was turned in and the fire department responded quickly. The nature of the fire made it impossible to fight it with chemicals. Considering its location, the fire was extinguished quickly. A good deal of the upstairs furniture and clothing was ruined by water but some of the valuable oriental rugs downstairs escaped with but slight damage.

Fire Chief Ringold estimates the damage to the house at \$1900 and to the contents at \$1500. The loss is covered by insurance.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY AUTOMOBILES ARE ATTENDING SHOW

Men From All Over Northwest Are in City Including Between 30 and 40 Portland Agents.

The first annual Pendleton Automobile Show is proving a magnet that is drawing automobile representatives from all over the northwest to the city. Between thirty and forty men of the Portland automobile fraternity are here and there are others from Walla Walla, La Grande, Heppner and other nearby points.

Among those at the show this afternoon are S. R. Gilbert, representative of Federal motor trucks, Charles L. Dunham, wholesale representative of the Saxon, L. V. Rawlings of the Gerlinger Motor Car Co., distributor of the Chandler auto and the Federal truck, R. J. McNeil, state representative of the Hudson, Harry C. Hays, traveling representative of the Howard Automobile Co., distributor of the Buick, H. W. Roberts of the Roberts Motor Car Co., distributors of Republic Motor trucks, T. J. O'Keefe of the United States Rubber Co., Louis H. Reese, representative of the Packard, W. R. Barnes, sales manager for the Paige, P. A. Collins of the engineering department of the Reo, L. W. Elyea, salesman for the Winton, A. E. Sheldon, service man for the Winton, Charles Campbell, salesman of Goodrich tires, Charles Pruitt of the Fisk Rubber Co., H. L. Keats, representing the Chalmers, J. F. Groce,

representing the auto supply house of Archer & Wiggin and specializing in Warner lens, F. G. Delano, traveling representative of the Maxwell, F. W. Volker, head of the Northwest Auto Co., distributors of the Marmon, Cole S. Dort and Reo, H. G. Lytle of the same company, A. T. Brown, district manager of the Studesbaker agency, Thos. F. Coward, manager of the La Grande agency of the Ford, S. G. Evans, territory advisor for the Ford, Manager Coleman of the Chevrolet, J. M. Greif, state manager for Monogram oils, A. G. Henderson, Walla Walla representative of the Detroit, and C. J. Miller of the Bond Auto Co. of Pilot Rock.

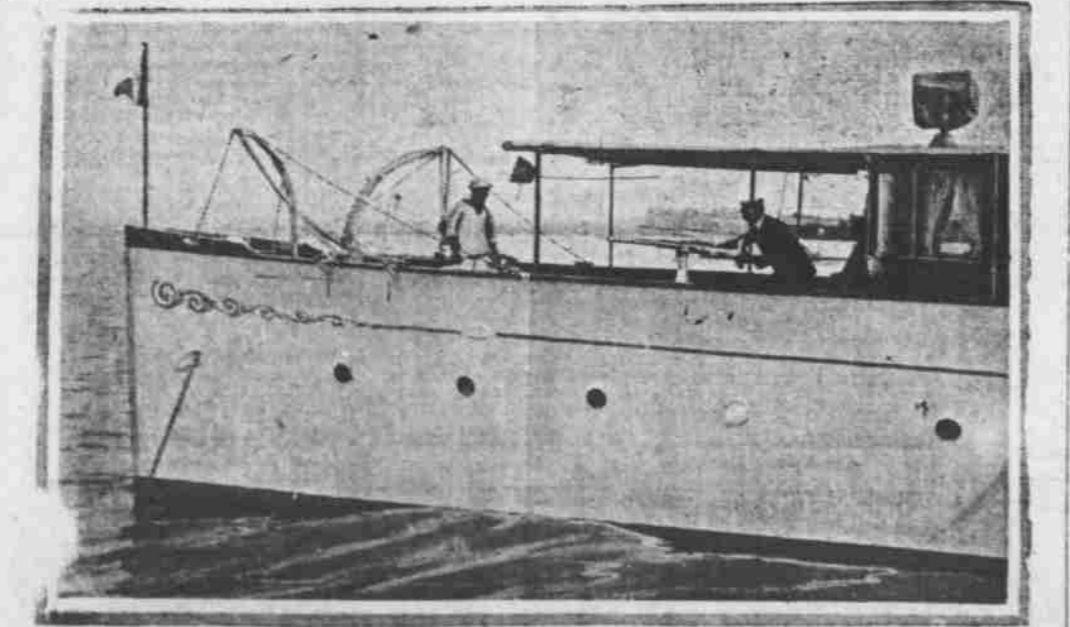
STRONG TONE IN CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

Table with 4 columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Values for various commodities.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—(Special)—Club \$1.52; Bluestem \$1.57.

ENGINES WRECKED ON GERMAN LINER CECILIE



BOSTON, Feb. 16.—What apparently was a deliberately planned crippling of the German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecillie, interned here, is reported to the treasury department by Captain John B. Coyne, an engineer of the United States coast guard service, who made an examination of the vessel. Criminal prosecution may result against those responsible, inasmuch as the Cecillie was nominally in the custody of the United States marshal through civil suits pending against the ship's owners.

AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE FREED

Germany Makes Official Announcement of Release of U. S. Citizens Held on Yarrowdale.

U. S. MAY YET SEND PROTEST

Wilson and Lansing feel Germany Has Clearly Violated International Law and Want U. S. on Record Against Such Action.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—Berlin officially announced that American Yarrowdale prisoners would be released. Dispatches received here contained no details.

(ROBERT J. BENDER.) Washington, Feb. 16.—The administration may send the Yarrowdale protest despite press dispatches saying Germany has released two American prisoners. The government has not received official confirmation.

The note contains details regarding the treatment of interned German ships' crews in the United States. Wilson wants the note sent as a protest irrespective of the Yarrowdale prisoners' release. Wilson and Lansing feel Germany has clearly violated international law. They want the United States on record against such actions.

Austrian negotiations are continuing. The state department is very silent regarding developments. It is still attempting to preserve friendly relations with Austria, despite the identical ruthless submarining announcement. No Americans were advised to leave Austria.

Ambassador Elkus officially reported Constantinople conditions. Details are withheld. It is understood the American situation in Turkey is not as serious as feared.

Swiss Minister Ritter conferred with State Department Counselor Polk. It is believed they probably discussed the reported release of Yarrowdale prisoners.

FOOD IS PREFERRED TO MONEY GERMAN SUFFERINGS INTENSE GRAFT ADDS TO DESTITUTION

(CARL ACKERMAN.) PARIS, Feb. 16.—Germany is undernourished. The food and economic conditions are steadily growing worse. There is endless graft in the food distribution plans. Transportation problems are increasing.

Hindenburg does not consider the people. He has concentrated his whole nation to strengthen the army. He is organizing a million women to work in industries and enable additional men to enlist.

Americans leaving Berlin receives thousands of requests for food. A German physician asked an American family to pay in food instead of money. The police are powerless to halt grafting. Influential Germans are the greatest offenders. Dealers interchange wares. Magistrates friends get extra cards. Many cards are stolen.

Cold Destroys Potatoes. The recent cold destroyed quantities of potatoes and apples. Many schools and large offices and public buildings are closed on account of a coal famine.

PROVIDES MORE ESSENTIALS FOR THE INITIATIVE

House Passes Joint Resolution Making 8 Per Cent of Legal Voters, Representing Majority of Counties Necessary.

BITTER FIGHT IS WAGED

Enemies of Move Declare it Destroys Initiative Entirely and Gives Undue Advantage to the Wealthy.

(East Oregon Special Wire Service) SALEM, Feb. 16.—The house adopted the joint resolution providing that eight per cent of the state's legal voters representing a majority of the counties are necessary to put an initiative measure on the ballot.

Enemies of the move claimed the resolution practically destroys the initiative. The vote was thirty to twenty six. Eaton led the fight against the resolution. He claimed it gave undue advantage to the wealthy and was unjust to the poor. He declared it would prevent placing many measures on the ballot.

682 VESSELS BUILDING. More Than 2,000,000 Tons Under Construction in America.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—American ship yards have under construction or order 682 vessels for a greater tonnage of over two million, according to the bureau of navigation. This total includes fifty-seven vessels being built for the navy of 287, 537 tons total; and sixty-one submarines (details unavailable). Of the 682 vessels under construction or ordered, 415 are to be steel ships from private yards with a total tonnage of 1,522,854. One hundred and sixty-one wooden ships are being built. Of the steel merchant ships ninety-nine of 451,354 tons are building for foreign flags.

HILLS GENEROSITY WAS UNLIMITED

Almost unbelievable stories of the generosity and hospitality of President Louis Hill, Vice-president William Kinney and other officials of the Great Northern are told by the last half of the Pendleton excursion party to St. Paul, who arrived home this morning. This part of the delegation went on to New York and during all their stay in that city they remained guests of the Great Northern.

Unknown to the party, Hill and Kinney had wired ahead to the representatives of the Great Northern to take care of them. The telegram of instructions was evidently very positive for, from the time of their arrival in New York until their departure, they were entertained by Great Northern representatives. They did not arrive in New York until 2:30 a. m., but despite the hour, were met by a G. N. official who escorted them to the Waldorf-Astoria, New York's most famous hotel. They were told to lock their purses in the safety deposit vaults as all expenses would be taken care of by the company.

Those in the party returning this morning were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. George Strand, Mrs. W. F. Temple, Mrs. J. N. Hargreaves and Mrs. Roy T. Bishop. Mr. Burgess, who was with them in New York, arrived home Wednesday.