

THE WEATHER
Unsettled tonight and tomorrow, probably rain or snow; strong gusty winds.

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WAR PLACES POLITICS IN BACKGROUND

PLEDGES OF SUPPORT REACH WILSON.

PEACE TALK HEARD

Neutral Diplomats Vell Actions in Secrecy—Foreign Ships in American Harbors Will Be Free to Depart if War Comes.

By Robert J. Bender,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22—

President Wilson today began writing his message to the special session of Congress which will convene next month. Congressmen of all political faiths are wiring pledges of their support, and even the filibusterers, who held up the passage of the ship arming bill, and who were designated by the President as "a little group of wifful men," have responded to demands for aggressive action.

In the meantime, reports of increasingly serious internal conditions in Germany embodying the ever-strengthening rumor of rioting and possible civil strife, are attracting considerable official attention.

Their movements veiled with secrecy, neutral diplomats are beginning sub-surface peace talk. It is believed that such plans as are being hinted at for the stopping of the war are emanating from Central American, South American and Scandinavian diplomats.

Air Fleet Planned.
It was learned today that scores of foreign merchantmen, now in American harbors will be free to depart if war is declared. In addition, ships would have nine months' leeway following a war declaration.

A mammoth fleet of 5000 aircraft of standardized types is being planned, members of the National Advisory Committee on aeronautics said. The committee, with 30 army and navy officers, and 30 manufacturers of aircraft, met to decide the quickest way of constructing such a fleet in the event of war.

The State Department this afternoon squelched the suggestions of neutral diplomats for mediation between the United States and Germany. This will characterize the administration's attitude until the international slate is cleaned.

SAFETY SOUGHT FOR BEND TOTS

SUPERINTENDENT THORDARSON WOULD MINIMIZE DANGER FROM COLD AND EXPOSURE, BY CUTTING SCHOOL DAY.

To lessen the danger from cold and exposure to pupils in the primary grades in the Bend schools, City Superintendent F. Thordarson will ask the board of directors at the next regular meeting to pass on the question of holding only half day sessions for the little folks during the remainder of the bad weather. Such sessions have been held for the past three weeks, but Mr. Thordarson desires the authorization of the board as a vote taken by the parents of primary pupils showed 32 in favor and 35 against.

According to the half day session system, the morning period is prolonged, and the afternoon period eliminated, so that only 15 minutes of school is actually lost.

PROPOSES TO FORM BATTERY

P. R. BROOKS OFFERS HIS SERVICES.

Proprietor of Pilot Butte Inn, Who Was Member of Artillery Company in Minnesota, Says Bend Should Have Battery.

That one or more batteries of mountain howitzers be formed here is the proposal made by Philip R. Brooks, owner of the Pilot Butte Inn, who offers, if the plan is carried out, to give the benefit of his experience in training the batteries to a high point of efficiency.

The idea occurred to Mr. Brooks in connection with the new gymnasium where, he says, it would be a simple matter for the batteries to train. It is on this account that he suggests howitzer batteries, as other branches of the service could not be accommodated as readily on the gymnasium floor.

Location is Ideal.
With these batteries here and other formations in the smaller towns of this section it is Mr. Brooks' idea that a full regiment could be organized. This section offers unequalled opportunity for summer maneuvers and such regiment would be able to have the best training in artillery practice possible.

In a mountain howitzer battery, according to Mr. Brooks, there are from four to six guns and from 65 to 70 men. The guns used are of the same general nature as those used for trench mortars in the present fighting in France. Inquiries have already been sent to the state military authorities concerning the possibility of obtaining the necessary equipment and further steps will be taken in the matter as soon as an answer is received.

Is Well Qualified.
Mr. Brooks is well qualified to undertake the leadership in a movement of this kind having seen 12 years of service in the Minnesota National Guard previous to the time of his moving to British Columbia. He was a member of the First Minnesota Field Artillery and in the time of his service filled all positions from line to staff. He was about to receive promotion to the office of major when he left Minnesota.

The first Minnesota had a record as a well trained organization and took its summer drills with the regular U. S. troops. It has recently made a good showing on the border.

GERMAN SHIPS WAIT FOR WAR

TWENTY-EIGHT VESSELS INTERNED IN BRAZILIAN PORTS READY TO BECOME RAIDERS ON U. S. COMMERCE.

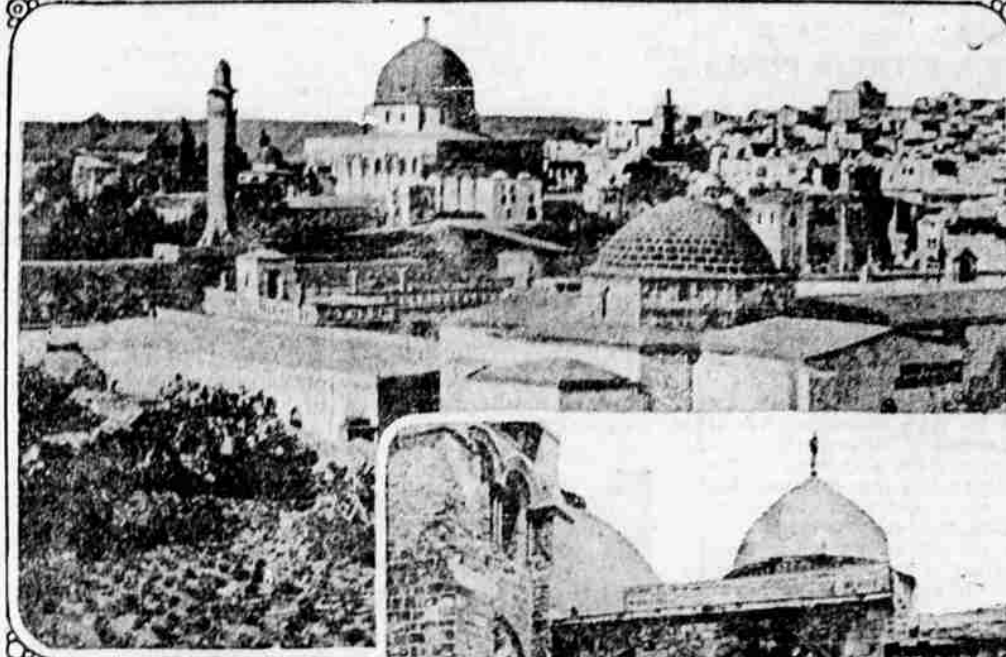
(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
RIO DE JANEIRO, March 22.—There are 28 German merchantmen interned in this and other Brazilian ports today which, rumor has it, would become raiders of American shipping in case of war between the United States and Germany.

These ships total about 110,000 tons and are valued at \$4,000,000. Half of them are in this port and the others scattered about other Brazilian ports.

With two exceptions all these ships are at liberty to put to sea at any time. Ever since Brazil's protest to Germany over the submarine blockade, attention has been focused on the German ships by persistent stories that several of the interned vessels are waiting a favorable moment to make their escape.

Anchored in an open part of the bay, well under the surveillance of the harbor's forts and the Brazilian fleet, these 14 ships form a listless and desolate group.

JERUSALEM, HOLY CITY, MAY FALL AGAIN INTO THE HANDS OF CHRISTIANS



VIEW OF JERUSALEM AND CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

Jerusalem, the holy city, may soon be in the hands of Christians after centuries. Reports said the advance guards of the English troops advancing through Palestine from Egypt were within forty miles of Jerusalem. One dispatch had them at El Chalk, which is in the mountains of southern Palestine and about fifteen miles from Jerusalem.

The allied troops are now invading Asia Minor from three sides, one British force advancing into Palestine from Egypt, another operating in the Tigris valley, while the Russians are fighting on the Persian front.

It is believed here that if the British succeed in taking Jerusalem the American refugees there, numbering over 1,000, will choose to remain instead of attempting to proceed to Beirut to secure transportation to the United States as they had planned. The British capture of the city would also open a new route out of Turkey for the Americans who wish to return to the United States in any event.

Jerusalem has been a Mohammedan possession uninterruptedly since 1187 A. D.

when the famous Saladin recaptured it from the crusaders. They had held it, under Godfrey de Bouillon and his successors, since 1099, when the crusade for the retaking of the holy sepulcher from the Moslems was successful. The view of Jerusalem shows the mosque of Omar, the domed building a little to the left of center; the separate picture is that of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

HUGE DAMAGE DONE BY GERMAN RAIDER

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BERLIN, March 22.—"The German auxiliary cruiser, Moewe, has returned to its home port from a second cruise of the Atlantic ocean, declared an official statement made here today. The Moewe remained in the Atlantic for several months, and captured 22 steamers and five windjammers, a total of 123,000 tons."

RETREAT NOT ENDED

Military Director Believes Excessive Destruction to Scare French.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, March 22.—The German retreat has not ended, General Maurice, director of military operations, believes. He said today that German destructive tactics are far exceeding military necessities, and are probably being carried out for political purposes, and to strike terror into the hearts of the Frenchmen.

PRINCE OF PRUSSIA MAY BE LOST IN AIR

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BERLIN, March 22.—Prince Friedrich Karl, of Prussia, has not returned as yet from an aeroplane raid over the hostile lines between Arras and Peronne, it is announced.

Do You Favor or Oppose the Strahorn Bond Issue?

In order to get at the public sentiment in respect to the proposed Strahorn bond issue of \$100,000 to insure the beginning of construction this summer, there is printed below a coupon vote which every voter is urged to clip and send to The Bulletin with his choice marked. Please sign your ballot and send to The Bulletin at once.

SMALLPOX RAGING THROUGH GERMANY REICHSTAG LEARNS

Unchecked by Vaccination—Rich Fatten While Poor are Starving, Charge Made.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Thirty thousand cases of smallpox are raging in Germany, and the disease is spreading, according to a speech delivered in the Reichstag by Socialist member Hoffman, received here by the State Department.

Brief portions of the address reached America recently and the complete text arrived here today. Hoffman charged that the rich are becoming fat, that the poor are starving and that the government is hoarding the available supply of sausages. Vaccination, he declared is futile against the smallpox.

MANY SAILORS ASKED

Daniels Wants 74,000 Immediately to Serve in U. S. Navy.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—The United States navy needs 74,000 men immediately, Secretary Daniels announced unofficially today, appealing through the newspapers to stimulate recruiting for the service. During the extra session of Congress he will request authorization for 100,000 sailors as a maximum for the navy.

CZARINA'S PLOT TO END WAR DISCLOSED

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PETROGRAD, March 22.—The Bourse Gazette today asserted that correspondence between the Czarina and ex-Minister Protopoff has been discovered, disclosing an alleged attempt to conclude a separate peace with Germany.

AMERICAN STEAMER IS POSTED AS MISSING

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—The American steamer, Maryland, which left Philadelphia for London on December 23, is posted as missing. Lloyds cabled the State Department today.

PLOTTERS CONFESS AND ARE SENTENCED

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
NEW YORK, March 22.—Albert Sander and Carl Wunneberg were sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary today, and fined \$2500 each, when they pleaded guilty to a charge of sending spies to England.

POSTOFFICE SAFE IS RAIDED AT HERMISTON

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PENDLETON, March 22.—Robbers last night forced an entrance into the Hermiston postoffice, blew the safe and escaped on a handcar with \$50 cash and \$100 in stamps. It was the third safe robbery in Umatilla county this month.

GERMAN DEFENSE IS GROWING STUBBORN

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
PARIS, March 22.—Despite a vigorous defense, the French today occupied more villages north of Soissons, it was announced here. German trenches north of Berrybauc were raided, many prisoners being taken.

FIRE ACCESSORIES MAY BE PURCHASED

Preparatory to making purchases of accessories, chiefly hose, for the city auto fire truck, members of police, fire, and liquor license committee met last night, but decided to make further investigations before placing any orders.

ANARCHY HOLDS SLAVS IN GRIP

SENTIMENT AGAINST WAR GROWS.

New Regime Fails to Control Situation—Army Discipline Relaxes, and Many are Killed and Wounded in Rioting.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
BERLIN, March 22.—Information here via Stockholm today declares that Russia is in confusion, anarchistic agitation against the war continuing being on the increase. Laborers have refused to resume their work, and it is indicated that the new regime does not control the situation.

Street speakers in Petrograd are spreading socialist propaganda against the provisional government, and anarchistic pamphlets are being widely circulated.

Students have replaced the Petrograd police, and travellers arriving in Stockholm declare that 4000 were killed during street riots, with 7000 wounded.

Particular significance is attached to the Berlin dispatch, as the first intelligence received by the outside world in regard to the revolution came through the Berlin official press bureau.

ARISTOCRATS NEED JOBS IN ENGLAND

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
LONDON, March 22.—"Personal" want ads in London papers show how the war has turned life topsy turvy in England.

Aristocrats who have never worked find themselves right up against it for money to live on. Idle women ask for jobs driving autos, officers seek means for augmenting their hopelessly insufficiently army pay and Red Cross bodies beckon adventurous neutral youths to come to the war as ambulance drivers.

CARRANZA SUMMONS THE MEXICAN HOUSE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)
EL PASO, March 22.—Congressman Charles Plank, of Sonora, announced today that President Carranza, of Mexico, has ordered the House of Deputies to convene in Mexico City on April 2.

MORE BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED

PHILLIP BROOKS WILL MAKE ADDITION TO NEW INN AND PUT UP BUSINESS BLOCK—OLD INN TO BE MOVED.

More buildings for Bend, both to the south and the north of the new Pilot Butte Inn on Wall street, are being planned by Phillip R. Brooks, owner of the big hotel. On the north will be the addition to the Inn, eventually meaning that sleeping accommodations at the hostelry will be tripled or quadrupled, while just south of the Inn, a business block possibly three stories in height, will be put up.

In outlining his plans this noon, Mr. Brooks was unable to say just how soon the contemplated improvements would be made, or to give any definite cost estimate, but stated that they would keep pace with the growth of the city. "I am not through with Bend by any means," he said, "and I know that the growth of the city will ultimately warrant the building operations which I have in mind."

Mr. Brooks is now receiving contractors' estimates regarding the cost of moving the old Inn 140 feet north on Wall street, to allow for an addition being made to the new building whenever this is deemed advisable. The old hostelry will be thoroughly remodeled and renovated, and will be used during the summer for overflow tourist trade, and to offer cheaper accommodations than can be had in the new building for permanent roomers. Two houses will have to be moved to the river side of the property south of the new Inn to make room for the change.

Strahorn \$100,000 Bond Issue

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Question _____

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