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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy west, unsettled, probably rain or snow east portion; light frost west portion tonight; westerly winds.

CAPITAL SEEKING MINING INVESTMENT

The air is filled with rumors of pending mining deals that will astonish southern Oregon when they are consummated. Representatives of the leading mining interests of the country have been in this district during the past several months, and negotiations are under way for the transfer of many of our best known properties.

The most significant developments are those of the copper and chrome mines. The latter is an entirely new branch of the mining industry, last year seeing the first ton of chrome iron ore shipped from this district.

A PARALLEL CONDITION

The international situation confronting President Wilson and congress today is parallel in many respects to that facing President McKinley and his congress in 1898, state advices from the national capital.

The American battleship Maine was sunk on February 15, 1898. On April 21 the American fleet met this aggression by blockading the harbors of Cuba.

This joint resolution was passed and the burden of responsibility for hostilities placed upon Spain.

Today Germany is guilty of sinking American merchant ships. To meet these illegal acts of aggression, President Wilson will appear before congress April 2. He is expected to ask a joint resolution, declaring that a state of war has existed between the German government and

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the United States since the date of Germany's aggression.

Congress is expected to comply with the request.

The burden of responsibility for war will then rest upon Germany.

The United States never has declared war technically against any nation.

When congress convenes this country will declare itself in a state of war for the first time in nineteen years to a month.

EMERGENCY PEACE FEDERATION REBUKED

Washington, Mar. 21.—A stinging rebuke was given by Secretary of Commerce Redfield today to members of the emergency peace federation which he declared constitutes "an organization and doctrine which is directly promotive of attacks on American citizens and property."

BOTTLES OF BOOZE MINE FOR BOOTLEGGER

Portland, Mar. 21.—Twenty-five cents an ounce was the retail price of real Scotch whiskey here today. This was revealed when the police arrested Jess Hall, who has just realized 800 per cent on two quarts of Scotch.

AGED WOMAN FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO THE GRAVE

Portland, Mar. 21.—Mrs. Ezra Allen Muller, 80 years old, is dead today, just eleven days after the death of her husband, with whom she had lived for 61 years.

WATER PORTERS OF QUITO.

The Funny Way They Have in Delivering Their Liquid Load.

About a fountain in one of the principal squares of Quito, the capital of Ecuador, assemble every morning the city's aguadores. These water porters differ from the less energetic ones of some South American cities in carrying their jars upon their backs instead of on the backs of mules.

The porter carries it on his shoulder fastened with leather straps. He never detaches himself from his jar either to fill it or to transfer its contents to that of his customer.

He turns his back to the fountain so that the jar comes under one of the jets of water and listens to the sound of the water in the jar, and his ear is so well trained that he always walks away at the exact moment when it is filled to the brim.

Arriving at the house of a customer, he goes to the household jar, makes a deep bow and disappears behind a torrent of water. Foreigners can never receive without laughing the visit of their aguador, the respectful little man who bows to one behind the cataract of water.—Los Angeles Times.

OLDEST MAP IN THE WORLD.

It Proves That Postal Routes Were Used in Abraham's Time.

Postal routes of 3,500 years ago, when the parcel post and the circulating library already had been in existence at least 800 years, are shown on the world's oldest map, a treasure that was discovered among the Nippur tablets in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania by Dr. Stephen Langdon, the orientalist from Oxford university. Dr. Langdon considered the map not only the oldest, but the best preserved that has come down from antiquity.

Dating before the time of Abraham, the map shows a comprehensive survey of the region about the temple of Nippur and indicates that the country was under a high state of intensive cultivation. Canals were numerous and served both for irrigation and transportation. They were the mail routes, and a tag has been found for a basket of "books" or literary tablets sent from the library of the Nippur temple to a town about six miles distant, Shuruppek. According to Babylonian tradition, Noah lived at this town and built the ark there. The tag was used about 2800 B. C.

RUSSIA PROPOSES A NEW WAR LOAN

Petrograd, Mar. 21.—New Russia proposes to raise a new, liberal loan. Under the provisional government today, plans were under way to promote such an issue, to be subscribed to by the people of Russia. Carrying forward its policy of uniting the people, the government today issued this appeal to the army:

"The people of Russia will be able to carry through successfully reorganization of life at home, provided they are well defended from an outside enemy. The government is confident that the army, mindful of this fact, will maintain its power and solidarity of discipline intact, and will do its utmost to bring the war to a victorious end."

GUILTY OF LAUNCHING CONSPIRACY AGAINST ENGLAND

New York, Mar. 21.—Albert O. Sander and Carl N. Wunneberg, former newspapermen, who were charged by the government with launching a military enterprise against England from this country, today withdrew their pleas of not guilty and pleaded guilty in the federal district court here. Judge Van Fleet, who heard the pleas, announced he would pass sentence tomorrow.

George Vaux Bacon, American newspaperman, one of several sent to England as alleged spies, testified against the men before the federal grand jury.

The men are specifically charged with sending Bacon and other newspapermen to England, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning military matters and the food supply. The information was for the use of the U. boats. It is alleged that other operatives, who were working under the guise of "war film men," transmitted the information to Bacon who forwarded it to the German military authorities. The film "business," it is said, was merely a ruse.

WANT NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH RUSSIA

Washington, Mar. 21.—The American government intends to undertake negotiation of a new commercial treaty with Russia after the new government of that country has been recognized. The first steps toward recognition came today when Ambassador Bakhmeteff presented to the state department formal notice that the new regime has been created—amounting to a request for recognition.

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Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von de Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. John S. Orth, Medford

RETREAT OF GERMANS PART OF WAR PLAN

Berlin, via wireless to the United Press, Mar. 21.—Germany is retreating to a victory; another master stroke has been achieved by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the entente's plans for a great spring offensive have been destroyed.

This, in brief, is the official explanation given for the first time today to the United Press of Germany's retirement on the western front. Germany is retiring to a victory, because her armies are taking their places in new positions long prepared.

Those positions embody the new lessons of the war. They will force the enemy to learn their trade all over. They would be astounded if their full details would be revealed, according to German officials.

They may effect a transformation of the entire character of the war. In the meantime Germany had been clearing the whole country in front of these new positions. They are miles back of the present line. The whole country intervening between the old German line and the new one has, by necessity of war and necessity of the new German plans, been made a wilderness. Roads have been destroyed; the whole terrain has been made difficult of passage. All means of communication have been effaced. Some villages have disappeared; some have been only partly wrecked. Not only has a free zone of fire been obtained by such a procedure, but the enemy must come forward slowly over the ground so hazardous of passage.

In the new positions the German forces will face an enemy either hurriedly brought up over this difficult wilderness and, because of this hurry, insufficiently supplied, or an enemy which has come forward very slowly, because of necessity of building up the country.

In either event, the enemy will be at a disadvantage. Months of toil by a million German soldiers have been expended in perfecting the new German line. The German forces will be entrenched in the strongest possible defense, protected by forests of barbed wire entanglements.

A free fire zone in front will give them clear view of the enemy. Guns have been carefully ranged over all this forefield. The enemy must come up; dig itself in; must arrange transport of millions of tons of ammunition, of food and of supplies over the wilderness left behind by the Germans in their retreat.

The allies will face German forces prepared for every contingency and protected as an army was never protected before by long preparations.

It has been impossible to carry out this program of a retreat, leaving behind a wilderness, without severe hardship to the French civilian inhabitants. But the move is demanded.

Officials also point out that the new line selected by the German army chiefs is not one picked haphazard. It was not one where the fortunes of battle have forced digging in and a consequent strengthening, such as the old line. The battle of the Marne, which was unfavorable to Germany, forced German troops to make their stand wherever they could, irrespective of natural advantages. They have had to withstand many months of pressure by entente troops since that time. Therefore, the old line was not taken up because of special advantages.

The new line is. It lies in the position where engineers and strategical experts have chosen every feature of topography as an aid. All natural advantages have been utilized and developed.

All this change comes at the very point where Germany's enemies had planned a new spring offensive—and an offensive backed this time with redoubled power. The French and British had planned to take the initiative from the old positions, which they had perfected.

The German withdrawal secures for Germany the initiative for the fighting, while putting their enemies at a disadvantage because they will lack prepared positions.

As officials here expressed it—the entente troops must now go forward over deserted fields into uncertainty, facing, unknowing, the sinister possibilities of latent master stroke of Hindenburg.

German experts think weeks and months will pass before the entente can strike at the real bulwarks of the new German system. Even before this strike, they will be compelled to make enormous sacrifices.

German soldiers have labored like ants to change the face of the country.

Not only will Germany have the

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advantage of a carefully prepared line in her new move, but German army officers pointed out today, through shortening her front, Germany can say her offensive power. That saving may be of decisive importance in future operations to follow very soon.

The shortened line will free a large number of troops. Not only will Germany have these men—but the victorious army which conquered Roumania is likewise free.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS

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up to the president of the United States to decide on active steps against Germany and German military and naval ruthlessness and to lead the country without timidity over the situation, without asking "Does the country wish me to do this?"

It was in the face of overwhelming sentiment that the president today decided not to await the few more days until April 16, the date he had set in a former proclamation, for an extraordinary session.

Wilson's action of today is interpreted by some of his cabinet as meaning the president at last has lost the last vestige of patience and hope that the war chasm might ultimately be bridged.

Many of them, at first knowledge of the news, believed a specific declaration of actual hostilities inviolable. Surface impressions of high officials today were that President Wilson and Secretary Baker shortly may confer with war college heads and Senator Chamberlain regarding the best form of universal service to urge before congress.

There will be powerful congressional pressure brought to bear for adopting at once such a land defense program. Heads of the militia division of the war department, while close-mouthed today, showed similar activity to that displayed in the branch immediately preceding the president's mobilization of the national guard for border duty.

As land defense matters now stand military heads have for weeks openly condemned a condition that gives them what many believe is an insufficient force even for protection of some of the most important and strategic army buildings, railroad bridges and tunnels, etc., unless each state is called upon to furnish state troops for protection of such property within their respective borders.

While navy department heads were as uncommunicative immediately following the extra session call, as were army officials, it was believed that

the call for the mobilization of the naval militia is not far off—in fact that such a call might precede any similar call for state land troops.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Mar. 21.—Today's market quotations were: Wheat—Club, 163; bluestem, 169. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 37.00. Barley—Feed, 39.25. Hogs—Best live, 14.50. Prime steers, 9.50 @ 9.75; fancy cows, 8.00; best calves, 10.00. Spring lambs, 13.00 @ 13.25. Butter—City creamery, 39; country, 30. Butterfat—Unchanged. Eggs—Selected local extras, 26. Hens, 18 @ 19; broilers, 35; geese 12 @ 13. Copper, 30.

HEAVY STORM TUESDAY ALONG THE COAST

Portland, Mar. 21.—A strong southwest storm which struck the northwest coast late yesterday, was somewhat abated today, according to reports received here. Snow accompanied the gale in many places. About seven inches of snow fell in the Humptulps district, near Gray's Harbor. A thin film of snow covered the ground in Portland this morning, but it melted rapidly.

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