

# WAR WITH GERMANY SEEMS INEVITABLE

## NATIONAL PROHIBITION BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

### Official Confirmation of Brussels Act Here

**FACT WHITLOCK CUT OFF INCREASES GRAVITY**  
Event Most Serious Since Diplomatic Relations Broken Off, and Brings United States Closer to War Since That Time—United States Probably Demand Immediate Explanation When Complete Facts Received.

**DEMAND AMERICANS' RELEASE**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The state department announces today that a formal demand will be sent to Germany for the release of the Americans being held prisoners on the Yarrowdale.  
The department also announced that the train carrying American consuls from Germany is proceeding from Munich to Switzerland.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Official confirmation was received today by the government that Brand Whitlock, American minister in charge of the Belgium relief work, had been ordered to lower the American flag over the American legation at Brussels, and brings war nearer between the United States and Germany than any event which has occurred since diplomatic relations were severed.

The fact that Whitlock is not allowed to communicate with Washington is greatly increasing the gravity of the situation.  
When the complete official facts are received the government will probably re-emptorily demand that Germany explain the action immediately.

This, with the sinking of the American schooner in the Mediterranean sea yesterday, was a severe blow to lingering hopes that hostilities between America and Germany might be averted.  
Ambassador Gerard has sent in his official report that German officials tried to force him to re-ratify the old Prussian treaty, providing nine months for aliens to wind up their business in countries at war, under penalty that American newspaper correspondents in Germany would be held as hostages.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Representative Gardner called upon the government today to arm all American merchantmen.  
He declared that if armament is not given them, American vessels should be convoyed by American battleships.  
Gardner scathingly denounced W. J. Bryan for conducting a campaign which he declared "appeals only to the cowardice of the people."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Chairman Wilcox of the republican national committee, visited President Wilson this afternoon at 3 o'clock to pay his respects, and assure him that the republican party will support him in any steps he may take for the protection of American rights.

### GAINING CONTROL IN CUBA, BELIEF

DISPATCHES TODAY INDICATE FIGHTING IS BUT DESULTORY, THOUGH TROOPS BEING CONCENTRATED IN ORIENTE

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 15.—President Mencia's military forces are gradually gaining control over the rebels which have been in rebellion for several days, it is believed.  
Dispatches from various parts of the island today indicate that the fighting is but desultory.  
The insurgents are making a stand in Oriente province, and the government is concentrating its troops there to disperse them.

### NAVAL MILITIA EXPECTS ORDERS

INDICATIONS CERTAIN THAT ORDERS TO MOBILIZE OREGON NAVAL MILITIA WILL BE RECEIVED WITHIN WEEK

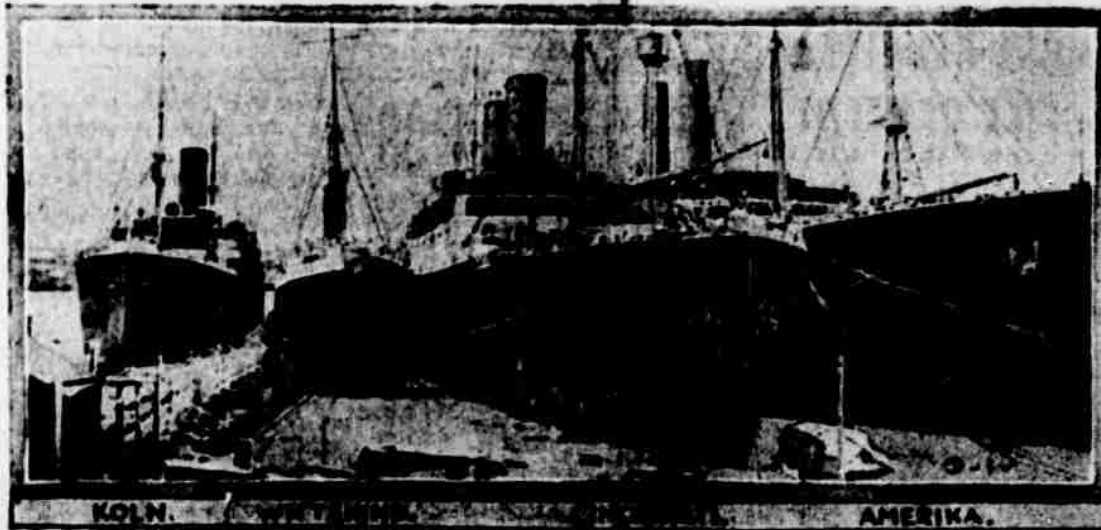
PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—A dispatch received by Lieutenant John A. Beckwith, acting commander of the Oregon naval militia, from Lieutenant Commander George F. Blair, who is en route from a visit to Washington, D. C., where he attended a conference of naval militia officers, says the call for mobilization of the naval militia is expected shortly. The navy department is concentrating all efforts on mobilization.

Commander Blair urges Lieutenant Beckwith to increase the strength of the Oregon naval militia without delay. Positive information was obtained by Captain Blair that the commissioned officers of the Oregon naval militia will shortly be assigned to special duty and names Lieutenant C. J. Dwyer, Lieutenant George H. Jett, Lieutenant John A. Beckwith and Ensign H. R. Wakeman.

Recruiting offices have been opened at 345 Washington street, and every effort will be made to increase the speed of enlistments. The office of the Oregon naval militia will be open with an officer to receive enlistments. The barge Swan, at the foot of Jefferson street wharf, will be open for drill and enlistment on Monday and Tuesday nights. Coast patrol work and training on men of war will be the principal duties assigned in case the mobilization call, which is expected within a week, is issued.

Camp Purchases Residence.  
J. G. Camp, manager of the Klamath reclamation project, has purchased the residence formerly owned by Dr. L. L. Truax of this city, and located at the corner of Twelfth and Lincoln streets. Mr. Camp does not expect to move until about April 1st.

### Interned German Liners in Boston Believed to Have Been Damaged



The collector of customs at Boston has sent word to the secretary of the treasury he has heard the interned German liners Cincinnati and Amerika have been damaged. This work is believed to have been done by German sympathizers some time after Ambassador von Bernstorff received his passports from Secretary Lansing. There is the same report regarding the larger number of German liners interned at New York city.

## Not Expect Hobbs Murder Case Go to Jury Tonight

### Judge Drake Opens Court This Morning for State and Resumes Argument Until This Afternoon

Judge Drake made the opening statement for the state this morning in the Hobbs murder case, and held over the noon recess, resuming his argument this afternoon.  
Drake made a careful and minute review of the evidence given on the stand throughout the trial.  
Attorney Manning for the defense began his argument at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The case is expected to go to the jury in the morning.  
As a final effort to prove the premeditated death of Edward C. Way at the hands of Henry Hobbs, the state closed its case by placing three surgeons and the former county coroner on the witness stand late yesterday afternoon.  
Earl Whitlock introduced new testimony when placed on the stand that in washing the mouth of the deceased he had found particles of wadding and shreds of hair in the mouth.

### LIQUOR "ADS" BILL PASSED

SENATE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS AMENDMENT PROHIBITING ADVERTISEMENTS IN MAIL TO PROHIBITION TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The senate unanimously adopted the constitutional amendment bill which denies the use of the mails to newspapers and periodicals which contain liquor advertising, when the destination of the matter is to prohibition territory.

Dr. Cathey then told of making tests similar to those of E. B. Henry, but no discrepancies or disagreements between the two tests were found. Dr. Cathey said it was his belief that the gun muzzle was within the mouth of Way when the trigger was pulled. Dr. Patterson of Merrill was then placed on the stand, and after Drake had stated a hypothetical case, the hypothesis that there were no powder burns outside the face and there were within the mouth, and the charge being intact at point of entrance in the roof of the mouth, where in his opinion the gun would have to have been held with reference to the proximity of the muzzle to the mouth. He answered, "within the mouth."  
Dr. E. D. Johnson was then placed on the stand and testified that Way had been a patient of his for some time from the 1st of July to the last of August, and from the nature of his condition, in his opinion, Way was impotent.  
Dr. R. R. Hamilton was the only witness used by the defense in their rebuttal of state's rebuttal, and he testified that the examination made at the autopsy by himself and Dr. Cathey was made prior to the preparing of the body for burial, and from his examination no wadding was seen save the one wad located in the back of the head, but that there might have been and probably were a few shreds of hair and pieces of the wad lost in the passage through the head.  
Drake made the opening argument for the state, speaking until 5 o'clock when an adjournment was taken till this morning.

### STATE & SAVINGS BANK PAY PLACE

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE SAYS CONTRACTS WILL BE KEPT THERE AND PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE AT THAT INSTITUTION

The First State and Savings bank has been decided upon as the place for those subscribing to the Strahorn railroad fund to pay their monthly and quarterly contracts, Percy Evans, chairman of the finance committee announced today.

All contracts for pledges received will be kept at the bank, and all payments may be made there.  
Most of the contracts are for monthly payments, and the persons having made them will be expected to pay at the bank.

Snow Light at Crater Lake.  
Word received some time ago from H. E. Momyer, who is stationed at Crater Lake National Park headquarters, said that the snow there is but 7 1/2 feet deep, considered an exceptionally light depth for that time of year. He is expected to come out about the middle of the month.

### COUSIN SHOTS RELATIVE IN HOTEL

BOY TAKEN TO SAN FRANCISCO TO BE EXAMINED AS TO HIS SANITY KILLS HIS COUSIN IN THEIR ROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Hearing a shot in a hotel room here, a chambermaid entered and found Joseph Rosasco, 19 years old, of Reno, Nev., lying on the bed with a bullet hole in his neck.  
His cousin, also named Joseph Rosasco, aged 21, was sitting unconcernedly on another bed in the room.  
The father of the eldest youth had brought him to San Francisco from Reno for examination into his sanity.

### MRS. INNES FOUND GUILTY LARCENY

WIFE OF FORMER FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS—BELIEVED DARKER CRIME WAS ENACTED

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Ida Innes, wife of Victor Innes, former federal district attorney of Nevada, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary yesterday on conviction of larceny in connection with the disappearance and supposed murder of Eloise and Beatrice Nelms.  
Judge Hill declared: "I am led by the evidence to believe that larceny in this case was followed by a darker, deeper and deadlier crime in San Antonio."

### SURPRISE SPRUNG IN MOONEY CASE

TESTIMONY OF OREGON CATTLEMAN, STAR WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION, IS DECLARED TO BE LIE—NEW TRIAL TO BE ASKED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Another surprise was sprung in the case of Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of first degree murder as a conspirator in the preparedness parade bomb outrage, when Mrs. E. R. LaPosse, wife of a shoe salesman, openly charged that Frank Oxman, Oregon cattleman and star witness for the prosecution, lied on the witness stand.  
The woman said that all the time Oxman claimed to have been in the vicinity of the explosion he stood with her at a curb, watching the parade, several blocks away.  
She told her story to Attorney Maxwell McNutt, counsel for the defense, who will cite it Monday as an argument before Judge Griffin for a new trial.

L. O. Mills returned to Keno today, after being in on business for a day or so.

### MUST NOW PASS HOUSE AND SENATE BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE

"Incumbent on Congress to Present Amendment to State," Says Representative Carlin, in Making Report Before House of Representatives—Must Be Passed by Three-Fourths of States to Amend Constitution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The judiciary committee of the house of representatives reported favorably on the Webb national prohibition constitutional amendment today.

Representative Carlin, in making the report on the bill said: "It is incumbent upon congress to submit this bill to the states. The bill must pass the senate and the house by a two-thirds vote before it is sent to the state legislatures."

"And before becoming an amendment to the constitution it must be passed by three-fourths of the states of the Union."

### COWBOYS WILL RESCUE CITIZENS

FIFTY LEAVE HACHITA, MEXICO, TO REACH THREE AMERICANS CAPTURED BY MEXICAN RAIDERS LAST TUESDAY

HACHITA, N. M., Feb. 15.—Fifty American cowboys left here this morning to rescue three Americans whom Mexican raiders captured Tuesday. They will enter Mexico to reach them. It is unconfirmedly reported that Mexicans have killed two American ranchers at the Langes ranch.

### FIFTEEN CARLOADS SHEEP SHIPPED

LESLIE ROGERS, HARRY STILTS AND GEORGE WATTS SEND 1500 TO SAN FRANCISCO, RECEIVING 11 1/2 CENTS A POUND

Fifteen carloads of sheep were shipped from this city to the Western Meat company yesterday by Leslie Rogers, Geo. Watts and Harry Stilts of this city. There were 1,500 head of sheep in the lot.

Mr. Rogers' sheep have been kept on the Tom Martin ranch near Merrill during the winter months, where they have been fed hay and grain. Mr. Rogers had ten carloads in the lot, all of which were wether sheep, and he said today he received 11 1/2 cents per pound for his lot.

The sheep are said to have averaged 83 pounds throughout, bringing \$9.54 each, considered an exceptional good price.  
Mr. Rogers said today that he bought his sheep for an experiment in feeding them for the market.

County Court Finishes Business.  
The Klamath county court, which has been in session for the past several days, finished up the business on hand last night, and adjourned until called together again.