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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

CZAR CONGRATULATED BY THE KING.

LONDON, Feb. 18. On receipt of the news of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, King George despatched the following message to Emperor Nicholas: "My heartiest congratulations upon the splendid achievement of your gallant troops in capturing Erzerum, after such hard fighting, which I trust will have far-reaching effects."

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. Senator Lodge, ranking as minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee, made a speech in the Senate to-day, declaring the abandonment by the States at this time of the principle that its citizens were free to travel upon merchantmen of belligerent nations armed solely for defence purposes, would be an unjust act and a step toward war. He said it would make the States an ally of the belligerent whosoever the marine had been swept from the seas.

Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, spoke to his resolution to declare the capture of Erzerum by the Russian German naval order to sink all enemy armed merchant ships. He said the issue brought into the United States its gravest national crisis. Instead of yielding to the claims of the German Admiralty, he said, their very mention should meet with vigorous protest. Instead of denying this old right of the seas, we should now, of all times, vie with Britain or any nation seeking to uphold it. It is possible some danger will be incurred, but I do not much fear that the danger will be increased beyond what they are at present. But I do know that let another sea horror occur, in which American lives are involved, then this administration, and the world will know that real America is not supine, apathetic and hesitating, but strong and militant, and if need be, ready to respond to those noble impulses of liberty and humanity which have been our heritage from the beginning. Discussing the right of Britain to arm her merchantmen for defence purposes, Senator Sterling said: "Of all peoples in the world, it is all becomes us to deny Britain that right now, or to spend one hour in diplomatic haggling to secure the ratification of it. Our export trade has been growing by leaps and bounds. Each month has been exceeding by many millions the last preceding month. Manufacturers of arms and munitions of war are not only the beneficiaries, but the products of the farm, forest and mine find foreign demand, and the market in the aggregate was never equalled. But with our own poor and inadequate merchant marine, how would it have been if Britain were not mistress of the seas?"

BRAND'S VISIT TO ROME.

PARIS, Feb. 18. The Milan Stampa summarizing the results of Premier Brand's visit to Rome says, besides being in accord upon political and military policies, French and Italian Governments have reached technical agreements concerning munitions under which expert Italian metal workers will be sent to French munition works. Agreements were also reached, says the newspaper, concerning the exchange of products between the two countries and for arranging common facilities for transport. The Stampa adds decisions reached already have been approved by the Italian cabinet and that they will be put into execution immediately.

BANKS APEALED TO.

LONDON, Feb. 18. It is officially announced that Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has sent an appeal to the banks throughout Britain asking that they urge customers to offer all available American securities to the treasury. McKenna's statement follows: "You are acquainted with the Government's scheme for acquiring American dollar securities in order to maintain a state of exchange with the States. While expressing cordial thanks to those banks which already have urged customers holding suitable securities to offer them to the treasury, I invite the banks to take similar action, and impress upon customers their paramount duty in assisting their country and her Allies by offering to the treasury such securities either for sale or as deposit loans, whether or not they are included in the published purchase lists of the treasury. At an early date opportunity will be afforded for depositing securities on loans upon terms already published. I wish to emphasize the fact that by offering their dollar securities to the government at this juncture they will be performing a patriotic service in helping to pay for munitions and other supplies bought in America, and at the same time obtain full price for securities sold."

WINNIPEG-AMERICAN BATTALION.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18. An American battalion, the 212th, has been authorized to be raised in Winnipeg. Major Pittman, now with the American Legion at Toronto, will be in command, according to advices received at headquarters this morning.

SWEDEN NOTIFIES HER NATIONALS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. Sweden has informally advised the State Department that, in consequence of the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 29th, she will notify her nationals not to travel on such ships.

MABEL D. HINES ABANDONED AT SEA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. The Dutch steamer Alphard arrived here to-day with the captain and crew of the schooner Mabel D. Hines, abandoned in a sinking condition after a losing battle of forty days, with continuous gales. The Mabel D. Hines was owned in St. John's, Nfld., and was returning from Spain with a cargo of salt. The vessel cleared from Gibraltar on Dec. 15th and immediately encountered terrific storms before which they were helpless. January 31st the little craft sprang a leak and for six days Capt. Legger and crew of five manned the pumps in a desperate fight for their lives. They had practically abandoned hope when they were sighted on Feb. 6th by the Alphard.

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10.15 A.M.

THE FIGHT OVER THE MAILS.

LONDON, To-day. For some time Count Wrangel, Swedish Minister to England, has been holding a series of conferences with Col. House, President Wilson's personal representative, on the subject of the detention of neutral mails by belligerents. Incidentally the whole question of a possible joint action by neutrals to protect their rights had been discussed first. The conference, during which Count Wrangel and Col. House were closeted for several hours, was arranged on the initiative of the Swedish Minister on the controversy between Sweden and Britain over the detentions of mail by both countries which reached an impasse several weeks ago. Neither country since then has made any concession. The question became serious when Sweden in retaliation for the seizure of her trans-Atlantic mails by Britain seized the English post on its way to Russia, approximately fifty thousand parcels. This mail is now held up in Sweden and Britain countered with a refusal to sell coal to Sweden. Meantime strong representations had been made by both sides to the controversy, but neither has given any satisfactory assurance pending to its conclusion. Early in the controversy, Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Britain, was approached by the Swedish diplomats with the idea of having the United States take joint action with Sweden in an effort to settle the question, but the Washington Government refused to consider any except its own grievances, resulting from mail detentions. Despairing of settling the question through the usual channel, the Count lost no time getting into touch with Col. House. His arrival here found him quite willing to listen to the Swedish side of the controversy, but no hint has been made that the States intends to change its present policy of playing a lone hand in an effort to settle differences with belligerents. It is considered significant, however, that Col. House who expected to sail on the steamer Rotterdam, the sailing of which had been delayed, has not fixed any new date for departure.

THE BAN ON IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO.

HAVANA, To-day. The British proclamation, prohibiting after March 1st, except under Board of Trade license, the importation of manufactured and unmanufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, is causing much uneasiness in Havana. It is feared it will result in much distress among the cigar makers and great loss to manufacturers and planters. All factories are reducing their output and discharging workers. Should the appeal of the Cuban Minister to London, for the British Government to exempt from the operations of the decree contracts for cigars already made result in failure, many factories would shut down, throwing out of employment upwards of 5,000 cigar makers for whom Government aid would be necessary.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER HONORED.

OTTAWA, To-day. Premier William Morris Hughes, Australia, is now a member of the Canadian Privy Council. He was sworn in yesterday by H. R. H. Duke of Connaught after a ceremony. On invitation Sir Robert Borden attended and participated.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, To-day. The British official last night: "Our artillery bombarded the enemy in their positions north of Ypres-Comines Canal. Artillery on both sides generally have been active above the Ypres front. On the rest of the front there has been minor artillery bombardment at various points."

GARRISON AT ERZERUM MOSTLY ESCAPED.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Semi-official News Agency says the exact number of Turkish troops captured at Erzerum is not known, but the greater part of the garrison got away, as the fortress was not invested, but was carried by assault. The number of guns captured reach 1,000. Before evacuation, the Kurds mercifully massacred thousands of Armenians. The city's defensive works were organized by the German Commander Poscel and are spoken of as admirable and as embodying all the resources of modern artillery engineering. Latest advices indicated that the heavy Turkish reliefs gathered which had been hastening to aid Erzerum failed to arrive in time. The capture of Erzerum aroused the greatest enthusiasm throughout Russia. Towns large and small are scenes of demonstration, parades and drum celebrations. A most imposing demonstration took place at Tiflis where the Grand Duke Nicholas in person announced the news of the fall

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EXPECTS GREAT GERMAN SEA RAID.

LIVERPOOL, To-day. "I have always believed," said Lord Derby, "that sooner or later the Germans will attempt a great sea raid on this country and that however well organized the navy it will not be able to stop it, but I believe the army and navy are now so co-ordinated that even if the raid comes it will be practically in-operative and that those who come will be wiped out." Discussing the air menace, Lord Derby appealed to newspapers not to unduly agitate the public mind, regarding air raids, because of the effect such agitation is likely to have on British airmen. It is not true British aeroplane commanders have sent up their men under atmospheric or other conditions of the great danger, Lord Derby declared, but if newspapers are not careful, public opinion will force these commanders for fear that they might be a raid and that they would not otherwise take. Moreover, if the public was desiring our aeroplanes, airmen will lose confidence in their machines, Lord Derby made the above remarks at a Working Men's mass meeting held here last night.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY.

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Mountains

By GEORGE FITZ

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Mountains are composed of very useful, profitable, silver, iron and scenery. They are very beautiful, and many of them are also a great nuisance to the difficulty of getting around them. A mountain is nothing more successful than old women at a ticket order to cross a mountain, must write, twist, double-trip, climb, toboggan and loop until its route looks like a dress of a practical politician of the United States Senate.

Mountains are professed with cliffs, crags, gorges, precipices, glaciers, snow, waterfalls, avalanches, and roads and summer houses. Orado they are beginning to thin with signs also, in the dried yards long. Mountains are very salubrious as long as it keeps his footing. There is nothing more unhealthy than down on the steep bosom of an indifferent mountain and a 3,000 foot precipice with a straw hat for a parasol.

The avalanche is also a mountain-feature. It consists of a billion tons of snow, which fall down the mountain, is irresistible and awful, and a tradition that T. Roosevelt stepped an avalanche, and have its own way, though it been confirmed.

The highest mountains are the Himalays in Asia.

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