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Wilson Not Yet Sufficiently Aroused To Go Into The War

No Action Without an Extra Session of Congress

THAT'S THE OUTLOOK TODAY

Present Congress in Expiring Hours Likely to Give Authority for Arming of Merchant Vessels for Defence Against Submarines

Washington, Mar. 3.—President Wilson has no intention of taking action that would bring war with Germany unless Congress is summoned in extra session. This was communicated to the leaders today by representatives of the president, who take the position that if no extraordinary crisis arises it will not be necessary to call an extra session before late in the spring and then only to pass any appropriation bill which may fall at the present session.

Washington, Mar. 3.—Congress expected today to take final steps toward giving President Wilson authority to arm American merchant ships for defence against submarines and the navy department was ready with guns and gunnery to carry out the president's orders. The bill conveying the authority was before the senate when it convened this morning after a session which continued long past midnight, occupied by eight hours of debate on international relations. Despite the extended discussion, little real opposition to the measure was expected. Some senators declared they believed the arming of merchant ships would lead to war, but said they were willing to accept such a result.

The senate expected to substitute its own bill for the house measure by approval by the House was considered likely. The parties. Congress adjourns with the control of the next House still in dispute. As a result of the death of Representative Conroy of New York, the Republicans appear to have the lead. They now have 57 votes assured. It is conceded, while the three newly elected Democrats are seriously ill, they will not be elected before next November. Five members of the incoming congress are classed as "independent." Hence if a special session of Congress is called before next November it would appear that the Republicans would have the advantage. A majority of a membership of 218 members are necessary for the election of a speaker, however, the Democrats are not without hope.

Washington, March 3.—Senators and representatives today entered upon their last twenty-four hours of the session with legislation before them which may keep them continually at work until next Sunday, when by law the sixty-fourth congress expires. The bill to give the president authority to arm American ships and the principal appropriation bill were the principal items under pressure in the senate to be followed by the military academy appropriation.

BRITISH MUST CUT TO THE BONE

Newspapers Hit Again—Drastic Nature of Import Restrictions Not Yet Grasped by People in General

London, March 3.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press Limited.)—Further reduction in the size of newspapers, which are already for the most part skeletons of their former selves, or increases of price are certain to follow the announced intention of the government to lessen, by every possible means, the importation of print paper. The suggestion is seriously made that news and advertisements of public importance should be printed and that no paper be put at the disposal of publishers for printing advertisements for luxuries or goods involving importation.

People at large do not yet fully grasp the drastic restriction of imports, though the trading and manufacturing classes do. The country's resources in bulky things like timber for use as mine props, low grade iron ores and oil producing shale are being used for emergency supplies. Fine old handwood timbers, the product of centuries of growth frequently are sent on their way to the sawmills. The depletion of boarded or unutilized natural resources is the inevitable result of the submarine blockade. It is felt that the nation which gives its manhood to the cause of freedom without stint cannot hesitate in giving inanimate things, however dear.

MORE GALLANT ST. JOHN LADS HOME TODAY FROM THE FRONT

Sergeant-Major Charles Wright, of West St. John, a member of No. 7 Siege Battery, arrived home this morning from the front after being away from home for about a year and a half. He was wounded in the upper right arm in last October and since that date until he left England for Canada he spent the last three months of his military service in the trenches only to be hit again in the same place at the battle of Festubert. He was removed to hospital and returned to the trenches only a few months ago. He has spent nine months. He relates some very interesting tales of life at the front. Lance-Corporal Osborne left St. John about seven years ago. While here he was engaged with the Maritime Lithographic Company. On the purchase of that concern by a Montreal firm he went with the new company and located in Montreal. He now walks with a cane and has a slight limp as a result of his wound. He is being received most heartily by his many friends in St. John. He is twenty-six years of age. His father died some three months ago.

Another returned soldier to arrive home this morning was Pte. Henry Banks, of 16 Erin street. He is one of the famous 26th, and with that regiment he passed through some very severe engagements. He was wounded in one of the big battles but he believes his experience and the part he has played and refrains from making any statements. His son, Joseph, is a member of the home division. George Crab and Privates Kelly and McDonald also returned, as did Pte. Bailey of Fredericton, who has lost an arm. Other men are expected this evening. Private Appleby of Hampstead, a member of the 26th Battalion, arrived in the city this morning to his home. He is staying with his uncle, Henry Appleby, of 62 Wall street, for a few days. Private Appleby went overseas with the 55th and after his arrival in England was transferred to the 26th and while with that unit he was wounded in the left knee and as a result cannot return to the front. He is only nineteen years old. Corporal J. Osborne. Among returned soldiers who reached the city this morning was Lance Corporal James Osborne, son of Mrs. Margaret Osborne, of 204 Sydney street. He

Field Marshal Von Hosenfeldt has been one of the leading military figures of the dual kingdom for some years and has played an important part in almost all the major operations of the Austro-Hungarian forces since the outbreak of the war. It is said he was one of the few Austrian generals who are high in favor in Berlin and in May, 1915, was decorated with the Order of Pour Le Merite by the German Emperor.

Portland Methodist Church. Members of the Seaside Epworth League of Portland Methodist church held a consecration meeting last evening. Chester Brown presided. Gordon Stephens, president of the Young People's Methodist Union, spoke along missionary lines. During the evening the executive of the league met with Frank Merrill presiding, and after concluding some business in connection with a recent concert, turned over the tidy sum of \$800 to the church fund.

Not Even Half Way

Germans Fail to Reach Goal in Pirate Work

FEBRUARY'S RECORD

Tonnage Sunk 40,000 Tons Instead of the Million Threatened—Not Much More Than in the Ordinary Submarine Warfare

London, March 3.—Germany failed by slightly more than a fifty per cent margin to make good her threat to sink 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping during the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, according to reliable figures. Her submarines, the figures show, succeeded in sending to the bottom during February only, in round numbers, 40,000 tons. This figure exceeds by only 140,000 tons, it is now declared, what the British authorities expected would be sunk during that month if ordinary submarine warfare had been continued. It compares with 346,656 tons sunk during December, and 322,067 tons during January.

RICH REWARD FOR KINDNESS

Dorchester, Mass. Girl Heir to \$38,000—She Aided Aged Woman at Revere Beach

Boston, March 3.—Because she befriended an elderly woman at Revere Beach in the summer of 1914, Miss Shampagner, a pretty 28-year-old Dorchester girl, has been willed \$38,000, provided she does not marry until she is 25. The Dorchester girl had promised her benefactress to try herself a husband for three years, but she did not know she was to be richly rewarded. Miss Shampagner's good fortune is the result of her kindness to Mrs. Kathleen V. Ward at Revere Beach. The girl, who resides at 40 McCallan street, Dorchester, was strolling with some young friends at Revere one summer day. Fate had also impelled there the aged Mrs. Ward, who trudged along, leaning with each step upon her cane for support. The benevolent, the adhesion to our feet has been in vain and at the cost of heavy sacrifices. They must construct new positions under the destructive fire of German batteries trained upon every point in this terrain. Only with endless trouble and great losses can artillery be brought to the Mexican government unless the Germans are secure in strongly consolidated and long prepared positions and can look forward to every new attack unweakened and unshaken.

EGGS FROM CHICAGO

Local Merchant Brings in 50 Cases—Today a Market Prices

A local wholesale grocery merchant in St. John yesterday received fifty cases of eggs all the way from Chicago. The eggs were shipped by express and were only three days in coming. The fact that merchants are sending as far as Chicago, a distance of nearly 1,900 miles, indicates that eggs are not procurable in nearby places. Eggs are, however, reported a little easier in the local market today than they have been through the week. The price today is sixty cents a dozen. In New York the wholesale price some days ago was thirty-two cents.

FIELD MARSHAL IS DISMISSED

Austrian Chief of Staff Given His Congee by Emperor Charles

London, March 3.—Emperor Charles of Austria has dismissed Field Marshal Conrad Von Hosenfeldt, Austrian chief of staff, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. Baron Strauzenberg succeeds Von Hosenfeldt.

Francis Cuts Train Service. Paris, March 3.—All express trains through France, with the exception of postal and long distance trains, are ordered discontinued to facilitate transport connected with national defence and commercial traffic.

SUMMON CANADA'S "WIN-THE-WAR" CONVENTION



Left to right—St. Douglas Cameron, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Leonard, and S. R. Parsons. A convention to bring all Canadians in all the provinces together for a single national purpose, namely, winning the war, was decided upon at a gathering in Toronto on Feb. 27. The former Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, T. R. export and Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association united with prominent citizens in many walks of life in issuing the convention call. More than 1,200 delegates from all over Canada are expected to meet in Montreal in April.

SEEK TO MINIMIZE THE RECENT GREAT GAINS BY BRITISH

German Statement on Retirement on West Front—Say Khaki Forces Now in Marsh With Many Difficulties to Overcome

London, Mar. 3.—A long Berlin telegram received in Amsterdam and transmitted by Reuters supplements the short statement in Thursday's official statement from (German general) headquarters concerning the evacuation of positions. After asserting that this withdrawal was made unobserved and without losses, the telegram says that "the German rear guards contrived to conceal the evacuation and for days held up the British who had from ten to twenty times their number and who suffered severely." The British statement adds that eighty prisoners and 400 men killed in one rear-guard encounter near Little Wood on the Combaux-Faisieux road. "British officers and men in the Ancre sector, the telegram continues, will smile at the triumphant shouts of the British newspapers which represent that the fighting in the Ancre region is the most important event since the battle of the Marne. From the horrible marsh into which snow and rain has converted the ground, the Germans have withdrawn to firm ground. The British, on the other hand, will be under the most unfavorable conditions in abandoned German trenches which have been shattered to pieces with shelling blows upon roads obliterated. In this waste the British will be exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather and under the German fire.

GERMANS ADMIT THE INTRIGUE AGAINST STATES

Say Nothing Was to be Done With Mexico Until Sure That Wilson Would Declare War—May Mean End of Van Bernstorff's Career

London, Mar. 3.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister to Mexico, as published in the United States press, and the English report that a German plot had been revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States, Secretary Zimmermann answered: "You understand that it is impossible for us to discuss the facts of this revealed plot just at this moment and under these circumstances. I therefore may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports, which certainly are not inspired by sympathy with Germany. The English report expressly states that Germany expected Mexico to remain on terms of friendship with the United States, but that we prepared measures of defense in case the United States declared war against Germany. I fail to see how such a plot inspired by unfeelingness on our part, it would mean nothing but that we would use means unreservedly admitted in war, in case the United States declared war on us.

The most important part of the alleged plot is its conditions and form. The whole plot falls flat to the ground in case the United States does not declare war against us. And if we really, as the report alleges, considered the possibility of hostile relations with the United States against us, then we really had reasons to do so.

An Argentine newspaper a short while ago really revealed a plot when it told that the United States last year suggested to other American republics coalition by a secret way to Mexico is not known. It appears, however, that the treachery of the Berlin telegram must have been committed on American territory. A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says the Berlin telegram in regard to Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico is semi-official.

May End Bernstorff's Career. London, Mar. 3.—The German press has been ordered not to publish a word regarding the American-Mexico revelations until further notice, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It says that only a few circles are aware of the intrigue and that it is considered possible the result of the affair will be the resignation of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and the ending of Count Von Bernstorff's career as a diplomat.

In London. London, Mar. 3.—Despatches from the United States dealing with the developments in the American-German crisis again today are the main features of the morning newspapers. Several of the papers again print editorials on the subject and the newspapers of Lord Northcliffe have tardily realized that the matter is more than of secondary importance and give prominence to the news. The Times says editorially: "The real value of this particular example of German perfidy is not that it is blacker or grimmer than other examples, but that it gives the American people a home standard by which they can gauge the general conduct of German diplomacy. Hitherto they had no standard. The ordinary American citizen hitherto had been disposed to counter assertions and that perhaps they might not be very much to choose between them. The Zimmermann note is now leading all classes in the union to review Germany's past acts and policy in the fierce light of this flagrant piece of treachery." The Morning Post says: "Now that taken to Germany."

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WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological services. Synopsis—Pressure is now generally low south of the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, while a severe cold wave extends from Alberta to Lake Superior. The weather everywhere is fair. Ottawa Valley—Fair and cold today; Sunday cold with local snow falls. Snow, Sleet, Rain. Maritime—Fair today; Sunday increasing east and northeast winds with snow turning to sleet and rain. New England forecasts—Cloudy to night, little change in temperature, moderate to fresh north winds on the coast.

GENERAL MAUDE'S WAY FROM KUT-EL-AMARA TO BAGDAD. A map showing the route from Kut-el-Amara to Bagdad, with various locations marked along the way, including Diarra, Aberta, Kanari, and others. The map also shows the Tigris River and the location of the British and German forces.