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SENATE LIKELY TO GRANT FULL POWER TO ACT

Debate on Wilson's Bill Continues Into Hours of Morning.

PACIFISTS GIVE WAY

Passage of Armed Neutrality Measure Deemed Prelude to War.

Washington, March 2.—Early this morning after more than 8 hours' debate in the senate, leaders reached an agreement for a recess until 10 a.m. without setting a time for a vote on the measure.

Washington, March 2.—President Wilson's bill to authorize a policy of armed neutrality was pressed toward passage in the senate tonight, with a debate running the whole scale of the nation's foreign relations.

The measure, which the White House has announced it desires to pass by the house last night, developed little evidence of determined opposition.

It gave senators a long opportunity, however, to declare their convictions in the international crisis; and the debate proceeded with deliberation, despite the knowledge that it now is senate action on which the president is waiting.

There were no party lines, and most of the pacifist element of the senate declared a willingness to fall in behind the president in his move for an armed policy.

As the debate proceeded into the night, there were many predictions that it would be well toward morning before a vote could be reached.

The dramatic features of the situation were heightened by crowded galleries and the attendance of several cabinet members and many representatives on the floor as spectators.

Among those in the gallery were, early in the night, was Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador. Ready to Accept War.

The senate bill, in addition to authorizing the arming of merchantships, would extend the authority requested by the president for use of "other instruments of war."

That feature was omitted from the house bill, which also contained a prohibition objectionable to the president against the arming of vessels laden with munitions.

More than one senator declared passage of the senate bill would mean war sooner or later, but almost without exception they added that they were ready to accept war on those terms.

A few insisted that it would not mean war. None expressed any other expectation than that it would be passed, and then be accepted some time tomorrow by the house.

Arming of American ships to defy the German submarine menace waits only upon authority which probably will be given before another day passes.

It became known tonight that President Wilson is ready to give the order and that the administration has made its preparations to begin equipping merchantmen for defense at a moment's notice.

The cabinet met this afternoon and discussed every phase of the international crisis. There was no announcement after the meeting, but it was learned that the administration considered that there was nothing more to be done until congress acted.

About the only new development of importance before the congress was a communication announcing that Germany would release the American prisoners of the Yarrowdale on March 7, upon the expiration of a quarantine established, because a British sailor captured by the Americans had developed typhus fever.

The British have now come in close contact with the new German defensive line and they have found that it runs thru Les Essarts and Achiet-le-Petit, in front of Achiet-le-Grand, to a point about 1000 yards southeast of Bapaume.

The position has as its chief central defensive point the Loupart Wood, situated on high ground. The Germans have converted this wood into a field fortress of their usual style and they will hardly yield this position until the British drive them out by the exertion of powerful pressure again.

As the German retirement has left a two-mile gap between the old British positions and the new line, the British are laboring strenuously to join their new positions to the old ones by constructing roads and trenches. It will take them several days to consolidate the new positions.

King George, who has correct information about the German retreat, regards the operations on the Ancre as a fitting sequel to the achievements of the British army in the battle of the Somme last year. His Majesty has cabled to Sir Douglas Haig to express admiration of the splendid work of all ranks in forcing the enemy, by steady pressure, to quit his carefully-prepared and fortified positions. These successes, the King says, reflect

Business Topics of Toronto

Notwithstanding war conditions the business outlook is brighter and better than at any similar period since 1912. Briefly, the wholesale drygoods houses have ample stocks of staples and with the exception of certain lines of linens and dress goods are able to supply customers' demands.

In hardware, shelf and heavy are in good demand with prices well maintained; builders quiet but firm. Collections are reported good for this season.

In groceries, all lines are firmly held with an upward tendency in tin and canned goods. Orders are larger and better than a year ago, and the opening of navigation will give business an impetus. Collections are fair but slow.

In hides, leather and tanned goods business is brisk. In some lines its demands exceed the supply, with fluctuating and high prices expected. Collections are reported good.

Paints, oils and grease are in good demand and firm. If stocks are not replenished further advances in price may be expected.

The retail trade awaits more seasonable weather to increase the volume of business. Between seasons makes business slow and uncertain, and no change can be expected until late in March, when spring novelties will be placed on sale.

ONLY THREE LIVES LOST WITH MOUNT TEMPLE

Captain and Remainder of Crew Interned at Neu Strelitz.

Montreal, March 2.—Many enquiries have been made respecting the safety of the crew of the Canadian Pacific steamship Mount Temple, which was recently torpedoed by a German raider. It is officially announced here today by the C.P.R. O.S. Ltd., that the telegraphic information has been received stating that Captain Sargeant and crew, with the exception of one steward and two sailors, are safe and well, but as prisoners, are interned at Neu Strelitz. The Canadians shipped were principally horsemen, and all are reported safe.

TURKISH RETREAT PROCEEDS APACE

Withdrawing Moslems Soon Degenerate Into Disorderly Mob.

CAPTURE MUCH BOOTY

British Take Over Four Thousand Prisoners in Few Days.

London, March 2.—The Turks are continuing to retreat before the victorious British on the Tigris front. Official announcement was made here today that the retreating Turks on Tuesday evening passed thru Aziziyah, 52 miles north of Kut-el-Amara. More than 7000 prisoners have been taken since December.

The statement issued by the official press bureau says: "Wednesday's report of the officer commanding in Mesopotamia gives the following: "Pursuit of the retreating enemy still continues, and the Turks in great confusion passed thru Aziziyah on the evening of Tuesday. The clearing of the battlefield is being systematically carried out, but as fresh booty is being brought in from hour to hour it will be some days before a complete list of our captures can be compiled.

"Since February 23 the approximate figures are: Prisoners 4800, missing a total of over 7000 since last December; guns, 28; trench mortars, 19; machine guns, 11; H.M.S. Firely captured; Turkish ships, 8; tugs, 2; barges, 10; and pontoons, 20."

A regulation covering the confiscation of aluminum cooking utensils is also published.

BANGOR DEALERS FEAR LOSS UPON POTATOES

Have Quantities Stored in Canada—Embargo to Cut Prices.

Bangor, Me., March 2.—Reports from Ottawa say that Canada had virtually decided to prohibit the exportation of potatoes from Canada caused considerable concern today among Aroostook County shippers, who have stocks stored just across church bells at Houlton dealer. It was said tonight, has \$35,000 worth of potatoes stored at Woodstock, N.B. Many others have stocks stored at other shipping points in New Brunswick, which, in the event of an embargo, would be disposed of at prices less than are paid on this side of the line.

The potato market today was sluggish at \$6 a barrel, compared with \$9 and \$3.50 a barrel last week.

Germany Withdraws Offer To Replace Dutch Vessels

London, March 2.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from The Hague says: "Germany's suggestion to lend its own ships to replace those sunk apparently has been withdrawn, probably because it was realized the ships would be treated by the entente as German and seized. It is understood that Holland required compensation for the loss of the vessels sunk, as well as their replacement during the war,

SPIES WEAR GUISE OF NEWSPAPERMEN

Sander and Wunnenberg Are Accused of Promoting Extensive Plot.

INVISIBLE INK USED

Information Smuggled From Britain to U. S. and Sent to Berlin.

New York, March 2.—The sending of supposed newspaper correspondents to England, but whose real purpose was to serve as spies and supply Germany forbidden information as to civil and military conditions in England, was charged against Albert A. Sander, Carl W. Wunnenberg and George Vaux Bacon in indictments found here today by the federal grand jury.

Arrangements were made in this city, the indictments alleged, by which this information could be sent out of Great Britain thru the use of a writing fluid which remained invisible until certain chemicals were applied to the paper containing the writing. Bacon, it is charged, was hired to go to England as a supposed newspaper correspondent.

He was supplied by Sander and Wunnenberg, it is charged, with names and addresses of persons in Holland and Denmark to whom letters on apparently trivial subjects could be written in invisible ink, while information of military value could also be written in the invisible ink to be forwarded to Germany.

Bacon, it is set forth, was given at least \$1000 to defray his expenses on a journey to England and in that country.

The indictments declare that the defendants knew and believed that for the purpose of carrying on the military operations by land and sea of the forces of the German Empire, it was desirable and necessary that spies should be sent to England, and send out information of the nature it is charged, they transmitted. They are accused of "setting on foot a military enterprise in this country, directed against a country with which we are now at peace."

Sander and Wunnenberg furnished bail bonds and were released.

U. S. DIPLOMATS SAIL ON SPANISH STEAMER

Big American Flag is Flying From Foremast of Liner.

New York, March 2.—The Associated Press tonight says: "The Spanish Line steamship Alfonso XII, formerly the Spanish royal yacht, passed into transatlantic service because of the scarcity of ships, left here today for Vigo, Spain, carrying 178 cabin passengers. Among the passengers were Hugh S. Gibson, secretary of the American Embassy in London; Maxwell Blake, diplomatic agent to Morocco, and Mrs. Henry H. Morgan, bound for Madrid to meet her husband, who is returning from Hamburg, where he was American consul-general.

"The Alfonso XII, sailed with the big American flag flying from her foremast."

NITRO PRODUCTS GIVES ONE HUNDRED TRACTORS

Offer is Accepted by Lloyd George in Behalf of Nation.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 2.—The press bureau tonight announces that the prime minister has received a cable from David J. Johnston of Canada Nitro Products, Toronto, presenting to the nation in the aid of the agricultural work of the war. The gift includes one hundred farm tractors of the type considered the most efficient yet designed in America. The gift includes harrows, binders and other implements. Skilled mechanics will accompany each tractor. Lloyd George replies gratefully, accepting the generous gift in behalf of the nation.

GERMAN FACES CHARGE OF FOMENTING REVOLT

Cubans Arrest Friend of Rebel Leader—Insurgents May Quit.

Havana, March 2.—Pablo Dreher, a German, and a friend of Miguel Gomez, the rebel leader, was arrested here today charged with complicity in the plot to overthrow the government.

The leaders of the revolt, apparently facing defeat, today offered to lay down their arms and guarantee the retirement of all military chiefs of the revolutionaries if President Menocal would preserve independence and liberty and prevent American interference in Cuban affairs.

La Touraine at New York No Subs. Sighted on Voyage

New York, March 2.—The Associated Press says: The French Line steamship La Touraine arrived here tonight, from Bordeaux, with 278 passengers. No submarines were sighted, but the vessel's commander steered a tortuous course thru the danger zone. For this reason, the voyage took three days longer than usual.

Ships Sunk, Dutch Driven To Use of Potato Flour

London, March 2.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that as a consequence of the sinking of Dutch vessels by German submarines, Dutch have been issued bread which is baked in Holland from potato flour.

ENEMY MAKES DEFINITE STAND ON A NEW LINE

KING GEORGE SENDS CONGRATULATIONS Expresses Admiration for Splendid Work Accomplished By Haig's Troops.

LONDON, March 2.—King George has sent the following congratulatory telegram to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig: "I wish to express my admiration of the splendid work of all ranks under your command in forcing the enemy, by steady and persistent pressure, to quit carefully-prepared and strongly-fortified positions. These successes are a fitting sequel to the fine achievements of my army last year in the battle of the Somme and reflect great credit upon those responsible for the drawing up of the plan of campaign."

PROPOSAL OF GERMANY DID NOT REACH JAPAN

Mexico Apparently Neglected to Transmit Suggestion of Alliance to Make War on United States.

Tokio, March 2.—Japan has received no proposition from either Mexico or Germany, directly or indirectly, to join in a possible war against the United States, Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister, informed the Associated Press today.

Viscount Motono said he considered such an idea ridiculous, it being based on the outrageous presumption that Japan would abandon her allies. If Mexico received the proposal, Viscount Motono added, that country showed intelligence in not transmitting it to Japan.

WRECK PERIL ESCAPED BY HAMILTON EXPRESS

Engineer's Quickness Averts Disastrous Collision on Bridge Near Oakville.

Special to The Toronto World. Oakville, March 2.—Thru the quick action of Engineer Parker of the C.P.R. passenger express, which left Hamilton for Toronto at 9.40, three hundred passengers were saved from almost certain death when the train crashed into a number of derailed freight cars on the high level bridge last night. The freight train, which was going west, jumped the tracks when a few yards on the bridge, leaving the topcar on the eastbound rails. The passenger train, which had left Hamilton 40 minutes behind schedule, was traveling at more than 40 miles an hour. Approaching the bridge, the engineer noticed the derailed cars and immediately applied the emergency brakes. The train slowed up at once, but the momentum caused it to crash into the cars. The impact was not of such a nature as to cause serious damage to the eastbound express and the passengers escaped injury.

Had the collision occurred with greater force or ten yards farther west the passenger train would have jumped the tracks and toppled over the side, probably resulting in the loss of many lives.

A number of the passengers obtained motor cars, rigs and other vehicles at Oakville and journeyed to Port Credit, where they proceeded to Toronto on the radial cars. The C.P.R. sent out a yard engine and two switches to convey the remaining passengers to Toronto, where they arrived at 1 o'clock this morning.

Both lines are blocked as a result of the wreck, and the Detroit and Chicago trains were sent by way of Georgetown and reached the city at 1.30.

FINDS MEXICO PRO-ALLY GERMANS ARE DISLIKED

Andres Garcia Declares Carranza Will Discharge Any Propagandists.

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—"Mexico is pro-ally in its sympathies, and any effort to spread German propaganda there would meet with little encouragement among the Mexican people," Andres Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates, said tonight upon his return from Mexico City, where he was in conference with Gen. Carranza, Minister Candido Aguilar, of the department of foreign relations, and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, minister of war.

"If there are any Germans or Mexicans with German sympathies trying to influence public opinion in Mexico, thru official or semi-official positions, they will be discharged as soon as discovered, I am sure," said Mr. Garcia.

Wives of French Soldiers To Carry Mails in Paris

Paris, March 2.—Women letter carriers will soon be delivering mail in Paris. The method will be an experiment and preference will be given to wives of soldiers.

Some doubt has been expressed as to whether the women will be able to shoulder the wooden box that the Paris postmen carry without being too greatly fatigued. Recently women tried to replace the postmen at Neuilly, a suburb of Paris, but they lasted only three days.

ALL AMERICAN NATIONS SUSPECT HUN POLICY

German Overtures to Mexico Disgust Latin Republics.

Rio Janeiro, March 2.—A Notice in an editorial today says it refuses to believe Mexico would acquiesce in Germany's proposal to make war against the United States. Such action, says the newspaper, would mean the end of continental solidarity.

The Journal do Commercio in an editorial says: "If Germany has really taken the initiative of suggesting to Mexico a military agreement, the United States will not be in a position to preserve neutrality, and the whole German policy will remain suspicious to all the American nations."

Germans Now Ready for Fighting on Line From Essarts Thru Achiet-le-Petit to About 1000 Yards Southeast of Bapaume—Further Progress Reported by British With 128 Prisoners Taken.

London, March 2.—Further progress was made today by British troops north of Warlencourt and Esoucourt and northwest of Puisieux-au-Mont, says the official statement from the war office tonight. Local German attacks in the Ancre region were repulsed and as the result of the fighting the British captured 128 prisoners, three machine guns and four trench mortars.

The statement reads: "Our troops made further progress today north of Warlencourt and Esoucourt and northwest of Puisieux-au-Mont. Local German attacks made against our advanced positions northeast of Gueudecourt and northwest of Ligny-Thilloy early this morning were repulsed with loss. As the result of the fighting on the Ancre today we captured one officer, 127 men of other ranks, three machine guns and four trench mortars.

"This morning our troops raided German trenches near Angres and Calonne and northeast of Loos, capturing 20 prisoners. An enemy raiding party made an unsuccessful attempt last night to enter our trenches southeast of Rocincourt.

"Hostile artillery showed considerable activity today in the neighborhood of Sully-Sailliel, Armentieres and Ypres."

GERMANS MAKE DEFINITE STAND

What may be termed the first stage of the German retirement plan on the Arras-Somme sectors seems to have been about completed and the Germans are making a definite stand. Their line runs from Essarts, thru Achiet-le-Petit to about 1000 yards southeast of Bapaume.

Along this line is the Loupart wood, situated on high ground, which is a typical German field fortress. The Germans are not expected to yield this line until further pressure is brought to bear against them.

Meantime the task of connecting up their new positions and building roads thru the former No Man's Land is proving an enormous one for the British, as all the Somme and Ancre area presents an aspect more or less of liquid mud, resulting from the week's thaw. The Germans undoubtedly timed their retirement to coincide with this condition of terrain. In other words, the Germans got started while the ground was in good condition, knowing that the British would have to pursue them when it was at its worst.

HELD ON TILL BITTER END

In occupying the evacuated territory British patrols time after time have encountered isolated groups of German defensive troops, who were carrying out to the letter their instructions to hold positions to the bitter end. The remnants of these groups, when captured, have been loth to believe that their main armies had been withdrawn, declaring that they had no idea of the plans. One German who had been totally blinded by the British artillery fire was found in a shell hole into which he had crawled and remained for 30 hours, hoping his comrades would find him. When told they had retreated several miles to the rear, the man broke down and cried bitterly.

The weather is the baffling element in the present situation. It cleared beautifully yesterday afternoon with a distinct touch of spring in the air; but during the night the thermometer fell to below the freezing point. Today the battlefield is shrouded in impenetrable fog.

HUBERT MANLEY OF TORONTO ENDS HIS LIFE IN SASKATOON

Special to The Toronto World. Saskatoon, Sask., March 2.—Hubert Barrett Manley shot himself in the head yesterday afternoon and died at 2 o'clock this morning in the city hospital.

DUNLAP'S HATS \$5.00

In New York today the spring designs of Dunlap's Hats will be on sale. The sole representative of the Dunlap Company is the W. & D. Dineen Company, and today also will see the sale of Dunlap's Hats in Toronto. The Dineen Co. store, corner Yonge and Temperance streets. The store will be open till 10 tonight.

