



CONGRESS DEFIED BY 12 SENATORS

Filibuster Defeats Bill to Uphold Wilson.

MINORITY DISREGARDS CRISIS

Forces Led by La Follette, With Active Support of Stone of Missouri.

CLOSING DEBATE IS BITTER

Action Is Denounced as Most Reprehensible in History of Civilized Nation.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Twelve Senators, led by Senator La Follette and encouraged by Senator Stone, Democratic chairman of the foreign relations' committee, in a filibuster, denounced by President Wilson's spokesmen as the most reprehensible in the history of any civilized nation, defied the will of an overwhelming majority in Congress up to the last minute today and denied to the President a law authorizing him to arm American merchant ships to meet the German submarine menace.

Unyielding throughout 26 hours of continuous session to appeals that their defiance of the President would be humiliating to the country; uncompromising in a crisis described to them as the most serious to the Nation since the Civil War, La Follette and his small group of supporters refused a majority of their colleagues an opportunity to vote on the armed neutrality bill, and it died with the Sixty-fourth Congress at noon.

76 Senators Sign Manifesto.

To fix responsibility before the country, 76 Senators, 30 Republicans and 46 Democrats, signed a manifesto proclaiming to the world that they favored passage of the measure.

This declaration, embodied in the record of the Senate, referred to the fact that the House Thursday night had passed a similar bill by a vote of 403 to 13 and also recited that the Senate rule permitting unlimited debate gave a small minority opportunity to throttle the will of the majority.

Thirteen Senators declined to sign the declaration, but Senator Penrose, Republican, of Pennsylvania, announced that he would have voted for the bill had opportunity been afforded him.

Twelve Constitute Opposition.

The 12 who went on record with the 13 members of the House against granting to President Wilson the authority he asked from Congress in the crisis were:

Republicans—Clapp, Minnesota; La Follette, Wisconsin; Cummins, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa; Norris, Nebraska; Works, California.

Democrats—Kirby, Arkansas; Lane, Oregon; O'Gorman, New York; Stone, Missouri; Vardaman, Mississippi.

Associated with them in opposition to the armed neutrality bill were the following Representatives who voted against the House bill Thursday night:

Republicans—Benedict, California; Cary, Wisconsin; Cooper, Wisconsin; Davis, Minnesota; Helgesen, North Dakota; Lindberg, Minnesota; Nelson, Wisconsin; Stafford, Wisconsin; Wilson, Illinois.

Democrats—Shackelford, Missouri; Decker, Missouri; Sherwood, Ohio.

Socialist—London, New York.

Senators Who Stood by President.

The 76 Senators who signed the manifesto were:

Democrats—Ashurst, Bankhead, Beckham, Broussard, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Fletcher, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, Husting, James, Johnson, South Dakota; Kern, Lea, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Virginia; Martine, New Jersey; Myers, Newlands, Overman, Owen, Phelan, Pittman, Pomerene, Ransdell, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shafroth, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith, Georgia; Smith, Maryland; Smith, South Carolina; Swanson, Thomas, Thompson, Tillman, Underwood, Walsh and Williams—46.

Republicans—Borah, Brady, Brandegee, Catron, Clark, Colt, Curtis, Dillingham, DuPont, Fall, Fernald, Harding—30.

SENATORS WHO KILLED ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL THROUGH FILIBUSTER

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(Special.)—The 12 Senators—seven Republicans and five Democrats, who by their filibuster killed the armed neutrality bill are:

Moses E. Clapp, Republican, of Minnesota.

Albert B. Cummins, Republican, of Iowa.

Asle J. Gronna, Republican, of North Dakota.

William S. Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa.

William F. Kirby, Democrat, of Arkansas.

Robert M. La Follette, Republican, of Wisconsin.

Harry Lane, Democrat, of Oregon.

George W. Norris, Republican, of Nebraska.

James A. O'Gorman, Democrat, of New York.

William J. Stone, Democrat, of Missouri.

J. K. Vardaman, Democrat, of Mississippi.

John D. Works, Republican, of California.

Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, of Washington, signed the round robin with reservations and then did all he could to kill the armed neutrality bill.

RICH ARE ASKED TO SAVE

Appeal for Moderation by All in Eating Is Issued.

NEW YORK, March 4.—An appeal "to the rich and well-to-do of New York City" to "buy carefully, to eat moderately, and not waste any food at all" was issued last night by Mayor Mitchell's food supply committee, in the hope, it was announced, of reducing prices to consumers generally.

Reductions in the price of potatoes and onions were again reported today.

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST

All Hands Go Down With Vessel, Probably Victim of Mine.

LONDON, March 4.—A British destroyer was sunk with all hands in the North Sea on Thursday, the Admiralty announced today.

It is believed she struck a mine, the announcement says.

TWELVE UNITED STATES SENATORS WHO PREVENTED ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT TO UPHOLD NATIONAL HONOR AND SAFETY, AND ANOTHER WHO VOTED WITH THEM



UPPER ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)—SENATOR HARRY LANE, OF OREGON; SENATOR ALBERT S. CUMMINS, OF IOWA; SENATOR JOHN D. WORKS, OF CALIFORNIA; SENATOR ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, OF WISCONSIN. SECOND ROW—SENATOR WILLIAM J. STONE, OF MISSOURI; SENATOR GEORGE W. NORRIS, OF NEBRASKA; SENATOR JAMES A. O'GORMAN, OF NEW YORK; SENATOR WILLIAM S. KENYON, OF IOWA; SENATOR WILLIAM F. KIRBY, OF ARKANSAS. BOTTOM ROW—SENATOR ASLE J. GRONNA, OF NORTH DAKOTA; SENATOR J. K. VARDAMAN, OF MISSISSIPPI; SENATOR MOSES E. CLAPP, OF MINNESOTA. ALL OF THESE SENATORS WERE SQUARELY ON RECORD AGAINST THE BILL. AT LOWER RIGHT IS SENATOR WESLEY L. JONES, OF WASHINGTON, WHO SIGNED ROUND ROBIN, WITH RESERVATIONS, BUT DID HIS UTMOST TO HELP DEFEAT BILL.

GUARD HEADS PLAN DRASTIC CHANGES

Men Must Drill, Is Edict Set Forth.

CONDITION IS UNSATISFACTORY

Portland to Lose One and Possibly Three Companies.

PUBLIC APATHY IS BLAMED

General Staff Decides Officers Must Keep Commands Up to Requirements or Give Them Up.

No More Nursing Along.

Action of a drastic nature is to be taken to bring the Oregon National Guard up to a higher point of efficiency. The general staff held a special session yesterday afternoon at the Portland headquarters and decided one company here will be transferred at once to some other point. Transfers of other companies will follow unless conditions improve.

Unsatisfactory attendance at drills and lack of public support of the various guard units are blamed for present conditions. The general staff yesterday declared it as a new and fixed policy for the state forces in future that unless the showings made by the companies themselves furnish evidence of their efficiency and fitness for service those companies will be disbanded or transferred promptly. No longer will lagging organizations be nursed along if unable to stand alone.

Present at the general staff yesterday were Adjutant-General George A. White, Portland; Colonel John L. May, Portland; Colonel Creed C. Hammond, Eugene; Major W. W. Wilson, Portland; and Captain John A. Buchanan, Roseburg.

Rocking Chair Patriots Blamed.

It was the general opinion of all these officers, after a close scrutiny of conditions, that rocking chair patriots and after-dinner enthusiasts have had their way with the Guard long.

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2 OFFICERS IN RAID KILLED

Mayor of North Carolina Town Shot by Defender of Whisky.

TARBORO, N. C., March 4.—Police Officers Ranson Gwatney and Patrick Riggins were killed and Mayor J. P. Keech was fatally wounded here Saturday by W. C. Nelson when the officials unearthed a quantity of whisky in Nelson's home.

Chief of Police Fuller and spectators who rushed to the house when they heard "shots" overpowered Nelson, against whom feeling ran high tonight.

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HENRY MEISTER IS KILLED BY FRIEND

Shot Fired in Quarrel by Emil H. Spranger.

VICTIM RICH BUSINESS MAN

Husband Shot Dead After Drawing Own Weapon.

REVOLVER IS FIRED TWICE

Slayer Arrested and Mrs. Meister Is Held for Time, but Freed Later.

Spranger Maintains Other Tried to Shoot.

Henry Meister, 52, president of the Van Horn Transfer Company, and formerly owner of the Mount Hood Brewery, in Sellwood, was shot through the heart and killed instantly at 9:40 o'clock last night, by Emil H. Spranger, a life-long friend, during a quarrel at the door of Mr. Spranger's rooms in the Auditorium Court apartments, 331 Third street. Mrs. Meister, his wife, and Mr. Spranger were detained by the police.

Mr. Spranger admitted the shooting to the police and Coroner Dammanach, but asserts that Mr. Meister was jealous because his friend had been playing cards with Mrs. Meister, and was trying to shoot him.

Card Game Causes Quarrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Meister, who live with their family in the Auditorium Court Apartments, had been playing cards in Mr. Spranger's apartments most of the afternoon. At 7:30 o'clock Mr. Meister went out to attend a meeting.

He returned home at 9:30 o'clock and was told by his daughter that Mrs. Meister had gone back to renew the card game in Mr. Spranger's room. Then, it is alleged, Mr. Meister ran to the basement, secured an unloaded revolver and went to search for his wife.

Wife Flees at Threat.

Mr. Spranger told the police that the husband came to his door and threatened to shoot him. Mrs. Meister fled. Mr. Meister's then said to have threatened to shoot him.

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CHINESE CABINET INSISTS ON BREACH

PREMIER RESIGNS WHEN PRESIDENT REFUSES ASSENT.

Crisis Expected Over Proposal to Follow Example of United States in German Situation.

PEKIN, March 4.—The Cabinet today decided that China should join the United States in breaking off relations with Germany.

This decision was submitted to the President, who refused to approve the Cabinet's action, saying that such power rested entirely with him. Premier Tuan Chi Jul immediately resigned and left for Tien Tsin, accompanied by several other members of the Cabinet.

The resignation of the entire Cabinet is expected.

Parliament is virtually unanimous in favor of the opinion of the Cabinet. The leaders of all the political parties are adversely criticizing the President's position. The Vice-President of the republic supports the action of the Cabinet.

A statement issued from the President's office says that the break between the President and Premier was due to personal differences rather than to the foreign policy.

President Li Yuan Hung has sent representatives to Tien Tsin to induce the Premier to return to Peking.

VILLA'S DEATH IN DISPUTE

Two Factions of Bandit's Followers Make Conflicting Reports.

EL PASO, March 4.—One faction of the Villa junta is authority for the statement that Villa has died from pneumonia in the mountains near San Andres. The other faction says this report is given out to cover Villa's movements, and it is added that Villa is so short of ammunition he is unable to carry out an offensive.

For the same reason Carranza troops in the north are said also to have abandoned the offensive.

BRITISH CONTINUE GAINS

Two-Thirds of Mile Advance on Two-Mile Front Reported.

LONDON, March 4.—The British troops, in their forward movement in the Amiens area in France, have made another advance east of Gommecourt along a two-mile front of about two-thirds of a mile, according to the official report from headquarters tonight. Nearly 200 prisoners were captured.

WILSON WITHOUT POWER TO DEFEND

President Issues Formal Address to Country.

CONSTITUTION NOT ENOUGH

Senate Is Urged to Revise Rules to Supply Means of Meeting Situation.

NATION FACES DISASTER

Group of Wilful Men Rapped for Rendering Their Government Contemptible.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—President Wilson tonight informed the country in a statement that he may be without power to arm merchant ships and take other steps to meet the German submarine menace, in the absence of authority from Congress.

An extra session of Congress, the President says, is required to clothe him with authority, but it is useless to call one while the Senate works under the present rules which permit a small minority to keep an overwhelming majority from acting.

Revision of Rules Proposed.

Text of President's Statement.

The President's statement in full follows:

"The termination of the last session of the Sixty-fourth Congress by constitutional limitation discloses a situation unparalleled in the history of the country, perhaps unparalleled in the history of any modern government. In the immediate presence of a crisis fraught with more subtle and far-reaching possibilities of National danger than any other the Government has known within the whole history of its international relations, the Congress has been unable to act either to safeguard the country or to vindicate the elementary rights of its citizens.

"More than 500 of the 531 members of the two Houses were ready and anxious to act; the House of Representatives had acted, by an overwhelming majority; but the Senate was unable to act because a little group of 11 Senators had determined that it should not.

Physical Endurance Supreme.

"The Senate has no rules by which debate can be limited or brought to an end, no rules by which dilatory tactics of any kind can be prevented. A single member can stand in the way of action if he have but the physical endurance. The result in this case is a complete paralysis alike of the legislative and of the executive branches of the Government.

"This inability of the Senate to act has rendered some of the most necessary legislation of the session impossible, at a time when the need for it was most pressing and most evident. The bill which would have permitted such combinations of capital and of organization in the export and import trade of the country as the circumstances of international competition have made imperative a bill which the business judgment of the whole country approved and demanded—has failed.

Other Legislation Blocked.

"The opposition of one or two Senators has made it impossible to increase the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission or to give it the altered organization necessary for its efficiency. The conservation bill, which should have released for immediate use the mineral resources which are still locked up in the public lands, now that their release is more imperatively necessary than ever, and the bill which would have made the unused water-power of the country immediately available for