



GERMAN AIRSHIPS FLY OVER DOVER

Planned Zeppelin Raid Blocked by Forts.

HARBOR BATTERY FIRE HEAVY

London Police Prepare for Air Attack, All Is Dark.

SUBMARINES WITH PLANES

Attack on Dover Also From Sea Believed to Have Been Stayed Through Effective Searchlights and Guns.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The batteries protecting Dover opened fire tonight on what is thought to have been another German raid, but whether by Zeppelin or submarines, or both, has not been ascertained.

An early report from Dover said that five hostile airships were observed over that town, while a later report announced that they had been driven off by the gunfire of the forts.

Another Dover message declared the fire had been directed at German submarines.

London Police Active.

As a consequence of the war department instructions the London police to make all preparations for an air raid. The city soon was in darkness and everywhere the news spread that a Zeppelin fleet was on its way to the metropolis.

Telephone calls to Harwich, Cromer, South End, Kings Lynn, Yarmouth and other points elicited the reply that no air raiders had been seen. The report of submarines at Dover seemed to explain the gunning there, but the official press bureau issued no statement.

The extended precautions taken in London indicated the fact that virtually all special constables, under the regulations, were required to report at the various stations, even those attending the theatres, where in some cases, the audiences were greatly depleted.

Trains Not Lighted.

At several of the railroad stations the lights were extinguished and trains passing over bridges did so in darkness. The night was almost ideal for a Zeppelin raid, which the government apparently had contemplated, and as the airships flew westward at first from Dover it was taken as an indication that their objective point was this city.

The police had been warned of a probable raid from the German aircraft and the occupants of houses were instructed early today to lower all blinds and the gas and electric stations were notified to be ready at a moment's notice to cut off all illuminations throughout the city.

Harbor Batteries Busy.

The Dover harbor batteries for some time also kept up a heavy fire over the sea, which were swept by searchlights, and it is believed here that the airships were accompanied on the proposed raid by a fleet of German submarines.

So far as reported here late tonight by telephone no bombs were dropped and no damage done in any section of the country.

The police have been instructed to keep a close watch on developments and be ready for a possible air raid at any time.

MAYOR IN JITNEY STORM

"Regulation Under Consideration," Says Mr. Albee Over Mail File.

"Please tell the public that we have the jitney-bus regulation under consideration." Such was the request of Mayor Albee yesterday, as he looked out over an 18-inch stack of letters from residents, firms and organizations calling attention to the jitneys. Most of the writers favor regulation and some oppose it.

"Very few," said the Mayor, "help us any. We know that the jitney is here and we believe in regulation. But how shall we regulate? Very few who have written make any suggestions on this important phase of the subject."

UMATILLA FARMERS HAPPY

Rainfall of .53 Inch Since Sunday Expected to Benefit Grain.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Farmers of Umatilla County are feeling encouraged over a heavy fall of rain lasting since Sunday. The official instrument here shows that since 4:20 P. M. Sunday there has been a total fall of .53 of an inch. The increase in the amount of moisture in the ground is expected to revive the fall-sown wheat. The total rainfall for January here was only .38 of an inch.

JANUARY REVENUE RECEIPTS DROP

GOVERNMENT FAILS BY FAR TO MEET OUTLAY.

INTERNAL REVENUE RETURNS, INCLUDING WAR TAX, ARE LESS BY \$5,000,000 THAN IN DECEMBER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Revenue collected by the Government in January fell by \$5,116,427 to meet the month's disbursements. Receipts usually are low at this time of the year, but in January, 1914, the excess of disbursements was only \$1,812,282.

Neither customs nor internal revenue brought in the expected returns. Customs receipts were \$16,548,193, compared with \$23,528,080 in January, 1914, and \$14,890,982 in December. Internal revenue receipts, including returns from the war tax, were \$27,938,155, less by \$5,000,000 than in December, and only about \$2,500,000 more than in January, 1914. The estimate of Government revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, next, contemplated internal revenue receipts of \$32,500,000 a month.

Officials are hopeful of an increase in the next few months. The seven months of the fiscal year show an excess of disbursements over receipts of \$78,855,270, compared with a corresponding excess for the same period last year of \$17,867,695.

At the close of the month the net balance in the Treasury's general fund was \$57,020,689 and cash assets in the Treasury totaled \$1,591,152,152.

APPLES PLEASE IN SOUTH

Hood River Shipment Meets Favor in Buenos Ayres.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Fruitgrowers' Exchange, the local affiliation of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, has received the following letter concerning the first car of apples shipped to Buenos Ayres: "The 620 boxes of apples distributed among our customers all came in good condition. Some of the dealers went so far as to declare that they had never seen such a good assortment before, and we are therefore pleased to say that your first shipment has had complete success."

Kenneth McKay, manager of the exchange, is enthusiastic over the South American market. The carload shipped to Buenos Ayres brought the following prices: f. o. b. Hood River: Gravenstein, extra fancy, \$1.25; fancy, \$1.07, and choice, 90c. Jonathan, extra fancy, \$1.25; fancy, \$1.

LIGHTS TO OUTLINE SPIRE

First Presbyterian Church Plans to Illuminate Steeple.

The "Church of the Illuminated Spire" will describe the First Presbyterian Church at Twelfth and Alder streets, if plans for outlining the steeple with incandescent lamps are carried out.

Arrangements as discussed with officials of the city's electrical inspection bureau provide for lights on the edges of the spire and placing of globes on the four surfaces leading from the roof of the church to the top of the steeple. The church also may be surrounded with cluster lights.

TOWN'S CENTRAL HELD UP

\$3 in Cashbox Robber Demands From Grants Pass Girl.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A masked highwayman entered the telephone office here today, and, showing a gun through the window to the operating-room, made the attendant, Miss Crenshaw, deliver the cashbox.

The highwayman then ordered the girl to go out the rear door. The robber escaped, throwing the box into the street and keeping the \$3 in change it contained.

CHICAGO LOAF PRICE HOLDS

Large Baking Companies Block Plan for Increase to Six Cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—There will be no immediate advance in bread prices from 5 to 6 cents a loaf, it was announced today, as a result of the stand taken by large baking concerns, which declined to support the proposal of the Master Bakers' Association. Since the larger bakeries have not raised prices, the smaller bakeries, it was pointed out, must meet competition.

WOMEN WIN IN ALABAMA

Right to Serve on Boards of Education First Point Gained.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 1.—Women gained their first real political victory in Alabama today, when a bill giving the privilege of being elected and serving as members of county boards of education passed the Senate and went to the Governor. The bill had passed the House previously. Equal suffrage bills are pending before both houses.

BERLIN BUYS IN ROUMANIA

Large Quantity of Grain Is to Be Supplied to Kaiser.

BERLIN (by wireless via London), Feb. 1.—It is semi-officially reported from Bucharest that Rumania is to supply Germany, by pre-arrangement, a large quantity of grain. Transportation for the grain is to be furnished by Germany.

REPUBLICANS GAIN DEMOCRATIC ALLIES

Party Revolt Arises on Ship Measure.

FIGHT FOR BILL'S LIFE BITTER

Adjourning of Senate Staves Off Death.

PANDEMONIUM IS UNIQUE

Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, Pleads to Send Back Bill, Chair Is Overruled, Democrats Swing and Chamber Is in Turmoil.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Nine Democrats in the Senate today joined an alliance with the Republicans in an unexpected attempt to recommit the Government ship-purchase bill.

The sudden revolt turned, in a twinkling, an Administration advantage into a defense, which tonight appeared almost hopeless to many Democratic leaders.

Forced to fight for the very life of the proposed measure, the Democrats succeeded in adjourning the Senate with the motion pending to send the bill back to committee. A party caucus immediately was called for tomorrow morning.

Arkansas Senator "Alive"

Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, sprang the surprise when he rose while Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, was concluding a long speech against the bill and asked him to yield for a motion. The Senator yielded, and Senator Clarke, introducing his resolution of other legislation, moved to send back the ship bill.

The legislative pandemonium which followed has not been witnessed in the Senate in many years. The Democratic Senators poured from the cloakrooms to the chamber. The rush from the Republican cloakroom was even more immediate, as they had been forewarned. As soon as Administration leaders could catch their breath, Senator Fletcher, in charge of the bill, made a point of order against the motion, which Vice-President Marshall sustained.

Senator Clarke appealed and the chair was overruled and Senator Clarke's appeal sustained, 48 to 37. Nine Democrats voted with the Republicans. The motion to recommit was pending when the Senate adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Oregon "Stands Pat"

The nine Democrats who voted against the ruling of the chair were Bankhead of Alabama, Camden of Kentucky, Clarke of Arkansas, Hardwick of Georgia, Bryan of Nevada, Mitchell of Nebraska, O'Gorman of New York, Smith of Georgia and Vandaman of Mississippi. As soon as the record of this vote (Concluded on Page 2.)

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\$2,000,000 ASKED FOR ROAD

Secretary Lane Places Figure for Alaskan Government Railway. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary Lane asked the House appropriations committee today to include \$2,000,000 in the sundry civil bill for the Alaskan Government railway. The limit of expense for construction of the railway is \$25,000,000. Of this \$1,000,000 has been appropriated and mostly spent in surveys.

JIM CROW CARS SOUGHT

Congressional Committee Says Law Would Benefit Both Races.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A bill to separate whites and negroes on passenger vehicles in the District of Columbia was favorably reported to the House. The committee report says there is constant friction between the races on streetcars and that the proposed law would add to the comfort of each.

REPUBLICANS O. K. CONVENTION PLAN

Proposal of N. Library and Journal Committee Favored.

STATES LIKE REPRESENTATION

Commonwealths With 290 Electoral Votes Reply.

SCHEME IN EFFECT SOON

Membership of Next National Conference of Party Not Yet Worked Out—Republicans Outnumber Democrats by 160,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary James B. Reynolds, of the Republican National Committee, today announced that the new plan of representation in the next Republican National convention, proposed by the Republican National Committee, had been approved by states representing 290 electoral votes—some 25 more than necessary under the conditions made by the National Committee—and will be put in effect when the committee meets to arrange for the next National convention.

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Monday's War Moves

SPECIAL orders issued by the police of London shortly before 8 o'clock last night caused blinds to be whisked down all over London and reports spread that five Zeppelins dirigible balloons, sighted over Dover and presumably making inland, had been fired on by the forts.

Parts of the City of London waited for more than two hours with blinds drawn, but nothing happened. Inquiries elicited from the police the information that orders to prepare for an air raid had been issued by the War Office, but whether because air craft really had been sighted or as a rehearsal it was impossible to ascertain.

One message from Dover reported that the raiders had been driven off by the gunfire, but no details were forthcoming.

This flurry served to vary the monotony of the news from the battle-fronts, where none of the armies, either in the east or the west, has been able to deliver a blow sufficient to cause any shift in their alignment. The German submarine attacks on British merchant ships continue to be the paramount topic of discussion and predictions are made that food prices, which already are soaring, will go still higher if many more raids are accomplished.

The shipping of the west coast is still somewhat upset, the Dublin Steam Packet Company announcing last night the temporary abandoning of all sailings with Belfast, Liverpool and Glasgow. One other Dublin company also has suspended its sailings, but the other schedules are being maintained as usual.

The chief German Great Britain finds in the German submarine attacks is that the craft thus used cannot take part in the regular naval operations.

Out of the confused fighting in the Carpathians, which continues to dominate the military situation, comes nothing in the way of a decisive conflict, and perhaps the most significant news from the eastern theater is the theory enunciated from Petrograd that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is planning another general onslaught on the Russian lines west of Warsaw.

Artillery duels almost exclusively have been the measure of the recent fighting in France and Belgium. The German official statement dismisses the western theater with the terse announcement "nothing to report." The French record only one infantry attack, to the southeast of Ypres, where they say a German attempt to advance was stopped.

The British Parliament reassembles today for consideration of a number of important war-time questions. While no contentious legislation will be debated, the labor party will press for government action with reference to the increase in the price of food. Alien enemy restrictions probably again will be threshed out, and there is likely to be a further request for more information on the recruiting situation.

The London newspapers are pointing out the growing unrest in labor circles, and there is a belief in some quarters that this may necessitate action by the government. Fifty thousand miners in West Yorkshire, whose agreement with their employers expires in a fortnight, are demanding six pence (12 cents) extra in wages, on the threat of a strike; the Welsh miners also want increased pay and better working conditions; while the railway men contend that their wages are not in keeping with the increased cost of living.

The first thing to be dealt with by Parliament, however, will be finance.

A. B. C. DENNISTON NAMED

Appointment as General Passenger Agent of Ship Company Announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A. B. C. Denniston, a well-known steamship man of the Pacific Coast, has been appointed general agent of the passenger department of the Great Northern-Pacific Steamship Company here. Mr. Denniston will make his home in San Francisco. He was formerly connected with Eastern railroads, later moving to Portland, where for several years he was passenger agent of the Great Northern Railroad. He moved to Seattle, where he was general Western passenger agent of the same railroad company. In Seattle he was also Northwestern passenger agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, resigning to become owner and general manager of a number of steamers plying on Puget Sound.

TWO MORE DIE FROM FIRE

List of Victims of Hospital Blaze at Walla Walla Grows.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Two more victims of the St. Mary's Hospital fire, Wednesday, died Saturday. They were Mrs. Al Tabor, 57, and Albert Merryman, aged 66. Physicians say that the exposure at the time of rescue had little to do with the death of the two. Two other victims died Friday.

TWO BATTLESHIPS FAVORED

Head of Senate Committee Against Provision of None This Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Wilson told Chairman Tillman, of the naval committee, today that he believed that Congress should provide for two battleships this year. He also said he disagreed with Mr. Tillman's contention that none should be built this year, but that four should be constructed next year on lessons of the European war.

LAWMAKERS HALT TO GRIND STATE AX

Joint Committee Gets Ready to Hew.

CONSOLIDATING PLANS LAID

Five Mergers of Various Departments Outlined.

HARMONY AUGURS ACTION

Governor Watches but Does Not World Club or Swap Vetoes and Promises—Legislative Outlook Is Bright.

BY RONALD G. CALLEBERT. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Circumstances and conditions made opportune the remark a few days ago that the Legislature was getting ready to tackle the big job in the economy program—consolidation and elimination of commissions and boards. It had taken its coat, rolled up its sleeves, split on its hands and was about to grasp the ax handle. I neglected to mention that it would be necessary to grind the ax. That is what is going on now.

In other words the joint House and Senate committee having consolidation matters in hand held a meeting today and at least formulated a method for going about their business. Senator Barrett's tentative plan, heretofore outlined, seemed to meet with favor in the abstract.

Special Inquiry Made. The members generally decided that it sounded good, but they desired to know if it were practicable. So they worked down through it, appointing special committees to take up each proposed consolidation, these committees to report back to the committee at the earliest possible moment, bills designed to carry out the general aim of each consolidation, with data disclosing the monetary saving that would be attained and such information as is available to demonstrate that the merger would promote or at least not impair efficiency.

The committee had worked part way through Senator Barrett's plan in this way when there was a call of the Senate and the members of the upper body withdrew to take up the discussion of an increase in the bounty on coyotes.

Tentative Plans Made.

The tentative bills that the sub-committees will prepare provide for the following: One board of regents for all the higher educational institutions; transfer of the banking department to the office of the State Treasurer; consolidation of several departments having supervision over labor matters; transfer of the corporation department to the office of Insurance Commissioner; consolidation of the State Engineer's and Highway Engineer's department with possibly some change in the Water Board. This was the extent of the committee's action today.

Session's Harmony Noted.

As one-half of the session has passed and the consolidation movement is just getting down to a practical basis, the carrying out of pre-election pledges might appear dubious if the business of the Legislature were running as it did two years ago. Several members who sat in the 1911 session have remarked upon the absence of the usual obstacles to a smoother and decorous consideration of legislation so often then encountered. Then the members would settle down with a long calendar before them determined to transact a lot of business and in, perhaps, would come a bombshell from the executive office. The calendar would be forgotten and much of the day would be devoted to spilling wrath and oratory.

Governor Uses No Club.

Harmony between the Governor and the Legislature has distinct advantages. The average legislator is more susceptible to argument than force. Governor Withcombe is keeping as watchful an eye on legislation as any of his predecessors, but when a proposal strikes him as ill-advised he does not rush into the lobby to trade votes or promises to approve other measures in order to gain his point. Clipping is not his method. He invites the author of the bill to his office; they go over it amicably; the Governor sets forth his objections and the legislator explains his position. Sometimes one, sometimes the other recedes. On a number of bills unjustifiably carrying the emergency clause, the Governor has exercised his influence. He has not silently awaited their passage with intent to apply the veto. He has gained elimination of the offending clause.

Smaller Levy Wanted.

Likewise, the Governor is exerting his counsel to obtain a reduction from one mill to one-half mill in the road tax carried in one of the important road bills. On the other hand, after discussion with some of the members of the terms of the existing law providing a way for the Governor to supersede certain peace officers temporarily with his own appointees when laws are not properly enforced, the Governor has decided not to insist upon submission of a constitutional amendment giving him further power in the same direction. He had suggested in his introduction (Concluded on Page 4.)



THAT'S THE BIG HOOK. ECONOMY.