

MANN MAKES PLEA FOR PREPAREDNESS

Republican Urges Non-Partisan Move.

IMMEDIATE ACTION ADVISED

"Better Millions Now Than Billions Later," Is Call.

BOTH PARTIES APPLAUD

Minority Leader Delivers Significant Address—War With England More Feared Than War With Germany, He Declares.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Unqualified, non-partisan support of military preparedness was urged today by Minority Leader Mann in a ringing speech on the floor of the House. He was heartily and repeatedly applauded by both sides of the chamber.

While it has been understood that most of the Republicans favored Army and Navy increases, until today none of their leaders had spoken on the subject. Consequently, coming as it did on the eve of the President's departure on a preparedness speaking tour, Mr. Mann's address was regarded as particularly significant. He remarked himself that he always has been known as a "small" Army and Navy man.

Peril Not to Be Disregarded. Representative Mann based his plea on the ground that it behooves the United States now to prepare for any eventualities that may come as a result of the European war. He declared that he saw no immediate danger of the war and hoped that peace might prevail, but that the danger of the United States being drawn into the present conflict was too great to be disregarded.

"I have much more fear in the end of war with England than I have of war with Germany," he said. That was his only comment on this phase of his subject. Later he declined to elaborate on his remark.

Non-Partisan Support Urged. Mr. Mann urged no particular preparedness plan. He said he favored a standing Army of 250,000 or 300,000, or even 500,000 men, better coast defenses and "the Navy which will be able to defend us on the sea."

"I think we ought to provide these great forces," said he in pleading for a non-partisan view of the question, "and that it ought to be considered an emergency matter, entirely apart from the ordinary routine or expense of government, without regard to partisanship or party lines."

Touching on the cost, Mr. Mann said it would be millions now, but better that than billions later.

Stone Thinks Danger Remote.

The subject of preparedness was injected into the Senate debate on the Philippines independence bill, and Senator Stone said he believed the United States would be safer from attack from abroad at the close of the European war than it had been at any time in the past 50 years.

"The close of the war," said Senator Stone, "will bring greater likelihood of lasting peace with the European nations than has existed at any time during the last century. I do not want it understood that I am opposed to a reasonable preparedness, but I think there is much less occasion for alarm now than there was before the war."

Senator Sheppard asserted that failure to prepare for any eventualities would be to court humiliation and defeat.

Neglect Viewed as Folly.

"The Monroe Doctrine arouses increasing antagonism and opposition in Europe," he said. "Some state land laws have brought us to the verge of war with Japan. Our Mexican border is in a turmoil. Last Fall, it was generally recognized that we did not have a force strong enough to cope with the situation on our southern border. Our economic existence demands that we insist on fair treatment on the seas and in the ports of the world. In view of these facts, it is folly to say we are immune from war and folly not to put our land and sea forces on a strong basis."

Senator Vandaman said he could see no need of great expenditures for military purposes. Senator Robinson declared the public had a well-founded belief that the retention of the Philippines would involve the United States in war and their control by this country had not added to the cordiality of this country's relations with any foreign power.

SNOW BOUND CAMP IS 'WET' Colorado Storm Keeps Out News That Prohibition Law Passed.

VESSEL AT MERCY OF GALE 16 HOURS

CENTRALIA CAPTAIN SAYS TRIP HIS WORST EXPERIENCE.

Steamer Drifts Helplessly Broadside to Pounding Sea for 75 Miles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Drifting helplessly for 16 hours broadside to the sea, during which the vessel covered 75 miles while her steering gear was broken, her engines using their power to pump water from her stateroom and holds, the steam schooner Centralia had the worst experience of any vessel which was off the Oregon Coast last Saturday. With her main rigging, carried away, her wireless crippled and 200,000 feet of her lumber cargo gone, the Centralia made port here this afternoon from Grays Harbor and Captain Omund Swendsen told of the voyage.

"I never saw anything like it," he said. "The wind blew 80 miles an hour. We lost our deckload and our steam had to be used to pump water from the hull."

"We left Grays Harbor Thursday morning and struck a southeast and then a southwest gale as soon as we got to sea. Saturday we had our trouble when we were 120 miles south of the Columbia River and the wind was southeast."

According to H. A. Langley, of Corvallis, Alberta, a passenger on the steamer, the crew worked like Trojans to repair the broken steering gear and pump out the hull while the vessel was drifting broadside to the sea. Besides Langley, other passengers were Mrs. C. Burkhardt and two children, Marguerite and Charles, of Hoquiam, and Mrs. H. Reynolds, of Oakland.

The Eureka stood by after the S. O. S. was sent out, but was lost after three hours in the storm. No other vessels were sighted by the Centralia.

MILL CLEARING IS BEGUN

Hawley Company Makes Room for Big Oregon City Plant.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Preparation for the actual construction of the \$750,000 addition to the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company's plant, the work of preparing the ground and clearing away buildings was begun Monday. A score or more of buildings will be moved or destroyed to make room for the giant mill.

Tearing down of the old barn next to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's freight shed has been practically completed.

SULTAN'S YACHT ATTACKED

French Submarine Damages Craft With Torpedo.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says that the Sultan's yacht, Ethrogora, was torpedoed in the Bosphorus by a French submarine in the latter part of December. The vessel was seriously damaged but is still afloat.

The Ethrogora was built at Elswick in 1903, is 296 feet long and has a displacement of 900 tons and an armament of eight three-pounders.

CADET INCREASE FAVORED

House Committee Orders Midshipmen Bill Reported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Administration bill to increase the number of midshipmen at the naval academy today was ordered favorably reported by the House military committee.

The bill increases appointments allotted annually to each Senator, Representative and delegate in Congress from two to three. It is estimated that under this plan 53 more appointments will be made annually.

CHICKEN SUPPLY CORNERED

Chicago Packers Said to Have Control of All in Cold Storage.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The New York department of food and markets issued a statement today saying it had information from Chicago that a combination of Chicago packers had "cornered" the cold storage poultry market by the purchase of 40,000,000 pounds of poultry.

The highest prices paid are said to have been 25 cents a pound for roasting chickens and 28 cents a pound for broilers.

CRATER LAKE PARK DRY

Secretary Lane Says Rules Will Conform to Oregon Law.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Crater Lake National Park went dry when the state of Oregon went dry.

The Secretary of the Interior so advised Representative Hawley today and assured him that the park regulations would be modified to prohibit the sale of liquor within the park.

LANSING REJECTS GERMAN PROPOSAL

Lusitania Affair Remains Unsettled.

BERNSTORFF TO TRY AGAIN

Ambassador Expected to Submit New Offer Today.

DETAILS KEPT SECRET

United States Said to Insist on Holding German Government to "Strict Accountability" for American Lives Lost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The United States is understood to have rejected as being partially unsatisfactory Germany's latest proposal in the Lusitania negotiations. Secretary Lansing, with the approval of President Wilson, is said to have so informed Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, during a conference late today at the State Department.

The Ambassador will confer again with the Secretary tomorrow. It is understood he will then submit another confidential tentative proposal for a settlement, having embodied in it the requirements of the United States. After being considered by the President and Secretary Lansing, the matter, unless present plans miscarry, will be transmitted to Berlin for the approval or disapproval of the German government.

Accountability Insisted On. Five or six days may lapse before it is known whether the Berlin Foreign Office will assume a view which coincides with the Administration.

It is considered probable that the Ambassador may forward some recommendations with the tentative form of settlement, which, it is said, will contain every point for which the United States has for so long insisted.

In many particulars the suggested form of agreement designed to conclude the controversy, which was submitted through the Ambassador, is acceptable. It was said, by excellent authority, however, that the United States insists on holding the German government to a "strict accountability" for the loss of more than 100 American lives and desires that the Berlin government admit, in effect, that it is liable according to law for the lives of neutrals lost in the commission of an act against a vessel of the enemy.

Conference Is Confidential.

Both Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff have agreed that the subject of their conversation today should be held confidential. They allowed it to become known that another conference would be held in the morning, but beyond that declined to discuss the case for publication.

It was further explained that these negotiations, necessarily of an informal character, were being conducted.

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DIPLOMATS AGAIN AT WILSON TABLE

PRESIDENT DINES TEUTONIC ALLIES AND NEUTRALS.

Von Bernstorff Has Seat Next to Mrs. Wilson—Bulgarian Minister Is in Mourning for Son.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President and Mrs. Wilson gave their second diplomatic dinner at the White House tonight, with the representatives of Germany and her allies and the neutral nations present. The entire diplomatic corps and the neutrals attended the first dinner last week.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, the ranking diplomat present tonight, occupied a seat next to Mrs. Wilson. Austria-Hungary and Turkey were represented by the charges d'affaires. In the absence of Ministers, the Bulgarian Minister, Stephen Panaretoff, is in mourning for a son killed in the war and did not attend. All of the neutral representatives were present except the Ministers from Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras and Peru. Other guests included Secretary and Mrs. Lansing, Senators Kern, of Indiana, and Clarke, of Arkansas, Representative and Mrs. Mann, John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, and several relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

COAST WILL MAKE STEEL

Chinese Iron and California Oil Solve Problem.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The importation of pig iron from China and the use of California oil for fuel have made possible the manufacture of the Pacific Coast of structural steel on a large scale, according to announcement made today by the Pacific Coast Steel Company, which backed its judgment by letting contracts for a \$500,000 enlargement of its plant here.

Officials of the company said that four years experimenting with pig iron from China and with oil for fuel had satisfied them that former handicaps to expansion of the industry no longer existed.

FASTEST SEAPLANE READY

First Warcraft for American Naval Airmen Shipped for Trial.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Jan. 25.—The first war seaplane purchased by the United States Navy, said by the builders to be the fastest yet constructed for use in the air, was shipped today to the trial grounds at Pensacola, Fla.

The machine, required by contract to speed 80 miles an hour in the air, will carry a 1000-pound load four hours if the specifications are met.

FIERCE BLIZZARD RAGING

Fears Felt for Livestock in Colorado's Record Storm.

DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 25.—The worst blizzard in years is raging in Chambers Pass and fear is felt here for the safety of thousands of head of livestock in San Juan basin. Two feet of snow was added today to drifts already ranging from six to 18 feet in depth. The Silverton branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad has been blocked for a week.

PEACE EXPEDITION LIKE BIG JOYRIDE

Local Prosperity Follows in Wake.

PEOPLE ARE LYING IN WAIT

Doctor Chances for SUPREMACY of Supreme Court Service.

CATERER RAISES PRICES

Scores of Grafters Join Party at Mealtimes—Sightseeing and Shopping Trips Interfere With Formal Meetings.

BY CAROLYN WILSON. (Staff Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. Published by arrangement.)

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23.—An air of pseudo activity covers what is turning out to be one of the biggest joyrides of history. To see this expedition passing through a town you might think it was accomplishing something. Immediately on arrival signs are posted all over the main hotel which announce in letters of imposing height that this is the way to the pressroom, this is the business office, this is the reception room, etc.

Stenographers rush around, pencil in hand, to take down the latest dictation, typewriters are hustled about, dictating machines are put in place, out come rows and rows of filing boxes, telephones are dotted about the rooms, and the business of running a peace delegation begins.

There appear pasted on the glass of the salon door, like handkerchiefs drying on a window pane, notices about everything from mass meetings to laundry. We learn when to eat, when to cheer, when to read the papers by these signs, which stare from nearly every door in the hotel.

Whole Town Waits to Serve.

There are rows of taxis and sleighs standing outside the hotel waiting for the momentary passengers who may come tearing through the revolving doors speeding on an important mission.

The whole town is standing around waiting to serve us, praying that we may never leave, and trusting that Mr. Ford may decide on this particular city as the site for the peace congress which shall sit indefinitely and spend his money.

A reign of prosperity has passed over the countries we have traversed, such as these lands have never seen. It is jokingly predicted that there will be a general abatement of taxes for the current year. The doctor who was called in to prescribe for Mr. Ford took his temperature, looked at his tongue, said the case was not serious and presented a bill for \$600.

We took a special train from Christiania to Stockholm, and the train cost \$2500. A restaurant caterer was engaged for a week.

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LEAGUE FOR BIRTH CONTROL FOUNDED

LOS ANGELES COUNCILWOMAN SOUNDS ITS KEYNOTE.

Right of Any Power to Dictate Time or Terms of Motherhood Denied in Outspoken Address.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Birth Control League of Los Angeles, fostered by prominent women of this city, came into being today with its formal organization and bids fair to enjoy a large membership. Councilwoman Estelle Lawton Lindsey made what is considered the keynote speech of the league.

"I believe a woman's body is her own to do with as she pleases," she said. "I do not believe any power on earth, man, government or any other influence, has any right to dictate to a woman what she shall do with her body."

"Woman has a right to choose the father of her children. She has the right to say when the male shall become the father of her children and no power less than God Almighty has a right to dictate to her in this matter."

"Every woman has the right to avoid unwelcome motherhood. She has the right to refuse to bear children fathered by an inebriate or a defective."

"It is appalling that statistics should show that idiots propagate 25 per cent more rapidly than the normal person. We must stop this."

"Woman has the right to say whether or not she shall make the progenitor of children who shall be trained to obey the will of their rulers, to fight when that ruler says fight, to grow up in ignorance and crime."

"I think that such work as was done by Anthony Comstock is inexpressibly condemnable. Let us have common sense, decency and an absence of prudery in dealing with our sex questions. I am for this movement."

JOINT COMMITTEE CALLED

Legislators to Ascertain Cost of Oregon State Schools.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—W. W. Cardwell, Roseburg attorney and legislator, announced today that the House and Senate committees appointed at the last Legislature to visit the state educational institutions and ascertain the cost of conducting them for two years dating from January 1, 1917, would meet at Eugene early in February.

The schools included in the investigation are the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College and Monmouth Normal.

Germans Advance Potato Prices.

BERLIN, Jan. 25, via London, Jan. 26.—At a meeting today of the National Potato-Growers and Dealers' Association it was announced that the government had agreed to raise the minimum producers' price of potatoes to 4 marks a hundredweight. The present price is 2 marks and 75 pfennigs a hundredweight. It was not announced what the new retailers' price would be.

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AUTO HAS OREGON IN HYPNOTIC GRASP

Dealers Flock From Afar to See Models.

SHOW LIKE 3-RING CIRCUS

Cars Viewed at Armory, Multnomah and Now Benson.

BIG DEALS ARE EFFECTED

Amazing Display of Modern Machines Attracts Business Men, Salesmen, Prospective Buyers and Countless Auto 'Bugs.'

BY CHESTER A. MOORES.

It became all the more apparent yesterday that that modern institution of joy and travel called the automobile has the people of Portland and Oregon hypnotized.

Not only did hundreds of seriously minded business men circulate with their companions through the aisles of the Armory and the lobby of the Multnomah Hotel, where the seventh annual dealers' show and the first salon show are in progress this week, but many out-of-town dealers and prospective purchasers dropped in to look over the new models before settling up their choices among the general array.

Out-of-Town Visitors Many.

J. P. Hart, manager of the Portland Garage Men's Association, reported that he had received word from 85 automobile men from the state at large saying that they would be in Portland this week for the show, and the records of M. O. Wilkins, secretary of the Portland Dealers' Association, show that a total of 35 out-of-town visitors have already placed their tickets with him for validation at the railroad office.

On top of all this still a third ring in the amalgamated auto show circus was in session in the Hotel Benson yesterday for a short time. Not to be outdone by the salon show at the Multnomah Hotel, Nelson S. Gotshall, executive representative of the Hollier "S" factory, decided that he would slide the latest birth of the Jackson, Mich., factory into the Benson lobby and hitch it to one of the pillars near the entrance. But it was found to be impossible to get the car inside, much less to hitch it, and the task was given up for the time being, at least.

Fever May Strike Anywhere.

This experience may forestall any future attempt to show in the Benson lobby, but from the way new sensations are springing up overnight there is no telling where the fever will strike next. The Hollier "S" is already represented among the 91 rigs at the Armory display, but Mr. Gotshall figured that he might as well have a car convenient to his lodgings as that he could sell.

Business was good yesterday at all of the show stores. For instance, E. M. Cox, who carted a new Grant Six down from Seattle to show it to the motor lovers of Oregon, closed an agency contract last night with W. L. Bartlett and F. C. Hackney, of Portland, and the selling privileges on the car in the State of Oregon.

Otto J. Wilson, the Buick agent at Salem, after walking around the Armory pavilion a few times on the arm of H. C. Hays, of the Howard organization, put down his "John Henry" for 12 cars, and Jay Van Buren, the prominent La Grande dealer, and a host of other big dealers were nibbling right and left last night.

Show of 1916 Rated as Best.

Mr. Wilson, by the way, has seen all the seven shows that have been staged in Portland, and he was readily convinced last night that the current exhibition is entitled to superlative rating. Others to praise the Portland exhibition yesterday were Don Penke, Northwest representative for the Pacific Kieselkar branch, and Eugene Smith, president of the Multnomah Refining Company, of San Francisco.

Among the throngs of spectators were a great many who were prospects "nearly ripe enough to pick," and those who didn't conclude actual sales at least booked dozens of interested parties for demonstration rides as soon as the show is ended.

The first sales at the salon show were made by Ollie Hemphill and Claude Hubbard, Dr. Ralph Matson was the buyer in both instances. The Dodge coupe was purchased for Mrs. Matson, while the doctor bought a Cadillac Eight for himself. The \$15 prize posted by the Covey organization for the first sale will be divided between Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Hubbard, unless the two decide their chances in a little coin-flipping contest.

Booths Full of Interest.

Those who visited the Armory yesterday afternoon and evening had plenty of time to inspect thoroughly all the booths.

Interest in the space assigned to the J. C. Braly Company was divided between the fully equipped Franklin touring car and the cutaway Franklin motor, which illustrates the workings of the famous air-cooling system.

A lively crowd of salesmen, augmented and abetted by the appearance of Jack Griffin, of the Maxwell headquarters at San Francisco, held forth early and late among the Maxwell and Hudson

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