

STONE EXPLAINS HE WOULD AVOID WAR

Senator Tells President, How- ever, He Desires to Help, Not to Hinder.

FULL SUPPORT PROMISED

Decision Found Difficult Because of Effect of Obstinacy of Pow- ers or Foolhardiness of American Citizens.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The letter of Senator Stone, which drew today the reply of President Wilson...

"Dear Mr. President: Since Senator Kern, Mr. Flood and I talked with you Monday evening, I am more troubled than I have been for many a day."

Understanding is Stated. "I have stated my understanding of your attitude to be substantially as follows:

"That while you would deeply regret the rejection by Great Britain of Mr. Lansing's proposal for the disarmament of merchant vessels of the allies with the understanding that Germany and her allies would not fire at merchant ships if she hailed to when summoned, not attempting to escape, and that the German warships would only exercise the admitted right of visitation and capture and would not destroy the captured ship except when reasonably assured of the safety of passengers and crew, you were of the opinion that if Great Britain and her allies rejected the proposal and insisted upon arming her merchant ships she would be within her rights under international law. Also that you were disposed to allow armed vessels to be cleared from our ports; also that you are not favorably disposed to the idea of this government taking any definite steps toward preventing American citizens from embarking upon armed merchant vessels. Furthermore, that you would consider it your duty if a German warship should fire upon an armed vessel of the enemy upon which American citizens were passengers to hold Germany to strict account."

Members Seriously Disturbed

"Numerous members of the Senate and House have called to discuss this subject with me. I have felt that the members of the two houses who are to deal with this grave question are entitled to know the situation we are confronting as I understand it to be. I think I should say to you that the members of both houses feel deeply concerned with me to keep cool; that they talk and hear. I have heard of some talk to the effect that some are saying that after all it may be possible that the programme of disarmament which I have called, has some relation to just such a situation as we are now called upon to meet. I have counselled all who have advised me to keep cool; that this whole business is still the subject of diplomacy and that you are striving to the utmost to bring about some sensible adjustment that will mean while no congress should be careful not to 'hull up' a diplomatic situation by any kind of hasty and ill-considered action."

Stone Would Avoid War

"I think you understand my personal attitude with respect to this subject. As much as and as deeply as I would hate radically to disagree with you, I find it difficult to prevent my duty and responsibility to consent to plunge this Nation into the vortex of this world-war because of the unreasonable obstinacy of any of the powers upon the one hand, or, on the other hand, of foolhardiness, amounting to a sort of moral treason against the republic, of our people recklessly risking their lives on armed merchant ships. I cannot escape the conviction that such would be so monstrous as to be indefensible."

"I want to be with you and to stand by you and I mean to do so up to the last limit; and I want to talk with you and Secretary Lansing with the utmost frankness to confer with you and have your judgment and counsel—and I want to be kept advised as to the course of events, as it seems to me, as I am entitled to be. In the meantime, I am striving to prevent anything being done by any Senator or member calculated to embarrass your diplomatic negotiations. Up to the last you should be left free to act diplomatically as you think for the best to settle the questions involved. I need hardly say that my wish is to help, not to hinder you."

Travel Not Forbidden

Their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past, and I for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future. "But in any event our duty is clear. No nation or group of nations has the right while the war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war, and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever be abridged or abridged or denied by any such action, we should, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be."

Honor Not to be Sacrificed

"For my own part, I cannot consent to any abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self-respect of the Nation are involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed. It would be an implicit, all but an explicit, acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere and of whatever nation or allegiance."

Expediency Would Open Door

"It is important to reflect that if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle, the door

would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right and many other humiliations would certainly follow and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands piece by piece. What we are contending for in this matter is of the essence of the things that have made America a sovereign Nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotency as a Nation and making virtual surrender of her independent position among the nations of the world.

Congress Gained by Leaders

Congress found itself in a calmer mood today after yesterday's flurry of agitation for action to warn American

STAINCH REPUBLICAN COMES OUT FOR STATE SENATOR

Julien A. Hurley. VALE, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Julien A. Hurley, of Vale, Or., has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Senator for the Twenty-second Senatorial District, composed of Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties.

Mr. Hurley is a prominent attorney and has practiced before the courts of this district for thirty years. He was born in Yamhill County, Or., and was a nephew of Hartwell Hurley, who, for a number of years, was Circuit Judge of Malheur County. He is a graduate of the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, and at the last session of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias at Portland, he was elected to the office of grand prelate. Mr. Hurley always has been a staunch Republican.

unable to discover any "revolt" against the President's policy. "There are some men, but precious few," he said, "who seem willing to haul down the American flag and circumscribe the rights of American citizens on the high seas in order to save a bale or two of cotton."

STATE IS TO BENEFIT HYDE LANDS LIKELY TO REVERT TO SCHOOL FUND. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—That the title to 40,000 acres of land, probably worth \$500,000, will revert to the state as school lands, was asserted here this morning by J. O. Bally, deputy attorney-general, following the decision of Judge William Galloway overruling a demurrer filed in the case of the State of Oregon vs. F. A. Hyde.

MONMOUTH, BURIED

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Catherine E. Stump, one of the pioneer settlers of Oregon, was buried here today.

CHORUS GIRLS CONTEST TO-NIGHT

4TH & STARK

Advertisement for a chorus girls contest to be held at 4th and Stark streets.

Advertisement for Ren Selling, a leading clothier, featuring a man in a suit and the text 'Clothes that are preferred by men who appreciate the finer things in life.'

New Spring Suits \$20 to \$35

UNIVERSITY IS PRAISED

BISHOP SUMNER COMPLIMENTS OREGON ON RECORD. Episcopal Prelate Staunch Supporter of Roosevelt, Advocate of Military Preparedness.

SUTHERLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Bishop W. T. Sumner, of the Oregon Episcopal diocese, paid a high tribute to the University of Oregon in his sermon before 200 visitors and members of the local Episcopal Church last night.

FOOD SALE IS FOR W. C. T. U. BENEFIT

For the benefit of the social center of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a sale of home-cooked foods will be held on Saturday afternoon, at Ninth and Eleventh streets.

MILITIAMEN TO HEAR TALK

Lieutenant Blackburn Will Tell Naval Squad About Alaska. Lieutenant J. H. Blackburn, United States recruiting officer, will give a lecture on Alaska to the members of the Oregon Naval Militia and other men interested in the subject at the training ship Boston Tuesday night as a special feature in addition to the regular drill work.

GOIN SUSPECT CAPTURED

GEORGE MEYERS IS ACCUSED OF PASSING COUNTERFEITS. Portland, Salem and Seattle Said to Have Had Victims of Operations. Theatres Complain.

Arrested in Salem yesterday, George Meyers, aged 27, was brought to Portland and lodged in jail by William A. Glover, operative in charge, United States secret service, charged with passing counterfeit money. He is believed to be the man who has worked in Portland since the middle of January, passing imitation \$5 gold pieces.

SEASONABLE GROCERY SUGGESTIONS

At Special Prices at D. C. Burns Company

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, including olives, eggs, beans, and flour.

FLOUR

Table listing different types of flour and their prices.

SHOP OF HONEST COFFEE

JUNO COFFEE is the King of the breakfast table. A fine, heavy coffee, combining strength, character, body and flavor.

NEW GOODS

Advertisement for D. C. Burns Company, featuring various goods and contact information.

Large advertisement for pianos with the headline 'Pianos Must Move!' and a large graphic of a piano keyboard.

GRAVES MUSIC CO.

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Advertisement for a shoe, featuring an illustration of a foot and the text 'When the Arch Gives'.

THE MIRACLE SHOE

works wonders with the feet. It relieves the arch of all strain. Its built-in support holds the arch in its natural position, makes walking easier and prevents the fatigue felt by persons who have weak ankles and arches.

THE MIRACLE SHOE

creates and conserves foot energy. It is handsome in appearance and always in good taste. The price is \$6. On sale at

ROSENTHAL'S

Portland's Best Shoe Store. 129 Tenth St.