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CONGRESS AVOIDS OPPOSING WILSON

Action on Submarine Situation Put Off.

BRYAN IS AGAINST PRESIDENT

Ex-Secretary Wants Passports Refused Americans.

PLAIN TALK EXCHANGED

Members Hold Conference at White House—President Declared Unalterable—Jones Would Put Check on Ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Congress settled down today to await developments in the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany with an overwhelming majority of both houses apparently definitely determined to take no action which might embarrass the Administration in the present stage of diplomatic negotiations.

A few of the more ardent advocates of legislation to keep Americans off armed ships continued their activities, and ex-Secretary Bryan's support for them was shown in the form of a telegram, but even most of them admitted there was no prospect of immediate action.

Vote Will Not Be Opposed.

So far as the Administration is concerned, it was said authoritatively tonight that while any agitation of the issue just now was undesirable, there was no disposition to oppose a vote on the pending armed-ship resolutions if their sponsors tried to force one.

It was declared that reports from the Capitol during the day showed conclusively that both the Senate and the House would stand behind President Wilson in his refusal to permit any abridgment of the rights of American citizens on the seas, as outlined in his letter to Senator Stone last night.

The President reiterated his statements in that letter to Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and Representative Flood, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, early in the day when they called at the White House to tell of the situation on their side of the Capitol and hear the Executive's views.

Both Sides Speak Plainly.

There was plain speaking both by the President and his callers. Mr. Wilson said plainly that his efforts to keep the country at peace were likely to be hindered by impressions sent abroad by Congress, and the Congressmen were equally frank in giving notice that a strong sentiment existed at the Capitol against risking the possibility of war by permitting Americans to travel on armed belligerent ships, whatever might be their rights under international law.

Although wholly different reports came from other sources during the day, Speaker Clark declared he believed a resolution to warn citizens of armed vessels would carry in the House by two to one if it reached a vote.

The House delegation went back to the Capitol with word that the President stood unalterably by his position. There the situation rests, and while there probably will be many more conferences and possibly some speeches, the generally accepted opinion is that no further serious effort to bring about action will be made, unless developments occur to make rupture of relations with Germany imminent.

Cabinet Is Unanimous.

The Cabinet discussed the matter at length today and one of the secretaries said afterwards that the members stood behind the President "to a man."

There was no change in the diplomatic status of the situation.

The State Department is still awaiting a response from Germany to its request for assurances that the announced policy of attacking armed merchantmen without warning will not affect previous pledges given regarding the conduct of submarine warfare. Members of Congress heard in the course of the day of intimations that the Teutonic powers would postpone inauguration of their new policy from February 23 to April or May. No information of this kind had reached the State Department, however.

In spite of the prospect of inaction, there really was more evidence of concern apparent in the Senate today than before. Many Senators conferred with House leaders, and Senator Stone held open house in his committee-room for consultation with his colleagues. Some told him that they were opposed to the President's policy, while others insisted that Congress should stand firmly behind the Administration and frankly asserted that they did not believe any of the proposed measures could get the approval of the Senate.

Democrat Predicts Action in House.

One Democratic Senator who said he did not wish to be quoted because he did not desire to do anything to fan the flame of discord, declared he did not believe action in the House could be forestalled, unless the President changed his views or there should come some development to alter the situation, and expressed the opinion that Congress would not support the Administration in any policy that would lead to a severance of diplomatic relations.

Senator Stone said he saw no cause for immediate excitement and no reason why anyone should get the "jimmies."

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SOME CO-EDS READY TO WED \$800 MEN

OTHERS OF MINNESOTA WANT \$10,000 YEARLY INCOMES.

One Would Let Hubby Off One Night Weekly to Play Poker and Many Want Smokers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—The Minnesota Daily, the student newspaper of the University of Minnesota, which has asked the women students of the institution the question "How much salary must a man receive before you would consent to marry?" today received replies ranging from \$300 to \$10,000 a year. Most of the girls were conservative in their demands, however, and the average, based on daily replies, is about \$1600.

A large majority of the girls demanded that their future husbands be good dancers, some said they must know the latest steps, and one went so far as to say that she would marry only a man who was "a dreamy dancer." Smoking would be permitted, even demanded, by a large majority of the girls, but drinking would be prohibited, and those who advocate card playing say bridge should be substituted for poker and one girl concedes her husband one night a week for the latter game.

WOMEN TO URGE DEFENSE

Miss Morgan to Be Delegate to Mayors' Preparedness Meeting.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late John Pierpont Morgan, will be a delegate to the conference of mayors on National preparedness which will begin here March 3, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Philip N. Moore, president of the National Council of Women.

Mrs. Moore said that Sunday, March 5, a women's mass meeting would be held here to "clinch the sentiment of the women of the country in the effort to prepare the Nation to defend itself."

MARINE RISKS ADVANCED

Activities of German Raiders Reflected in Insurance Rates.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—There was another advance today in Trans-Atlantic marine insurance rates, attributed to the recent cable reports of the renewed activity of German sea raiders near the Azores.

The rates were advanced from one per cent to 1 1/2 per cent. There was also an advance from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent in South American rates. Rates from England to South America were reported to have risen to 3 per cent.

FLETCHER IS CONFIRMED

Indianan Believed Choice for Ambassador's Chile Post.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the government of Mexico. The vote was 49 to 18.

J. S. Shea, of Indiana, was understood tonight the probable choice of President Wilson to succeed Mr. Fletcher as Ambassador to Chile. Senator Kern will urge the appointment of Mr. Shea at a conference with President Wilson Monday.

BUILDING PERMITS JUMP

For Last Two Weeks Daily Average Has Gone as High as \$30,000.

Take a look at the building permit records if you wish to see how business is picking up in Portland.

During the last part of last year and first part of the present the permits averaged \$2000 or \$3000 a day. They went as low some days as \$200. For the last two weeks the average daily has been \$30,000, according to figures gleaned from the permit records at the City Hall.

FRENCH HONOR ROOSEVELT

Warmth of Reception at Martinique Described to Parisians.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The Minister of Colonies, Gaston Doumergue, has issued a lengthy note to be public, recounting incidents of the visit to Martinique, French West Indies, of Colonel and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

The note describes the decorations at Fort de France, the review of troops, the banquet to Colonel Roosevelt and the toasts given, and the warmth of the reception to the ex-President.

SNOW FALLS OVER FRANCE

Storm Sweeps Battle Front and Cold Is Intense.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Snow is falling heavily throughout France. In Paris, the snowfall has been heavy since 4 o'clock this morning, having attained a depth of five inches.

The storm is in progress along the battlefront. At some places the cold is intense.

RIOT IN BERLIN RUMORED

Cavalry Slays 100 in Streets, Says Report to Echo Belge.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 25.—The Echo Belge, a copy of which has been received here, says it learns that a serious outbreak occurred in Berlin three days ago.

Cavalry charged the crowd, and in the fight which ensued more than 100 persons were killed.

FORCE OF GERMAN DRIVE IS UNABATED

Paris Estimates Foe's Losses at 150,000.

ARTILLERY DUELS ARE INTENSE

French Assume Battle May Continue for Fortnight.

HEAVY SNOW IS FALLING

Kaiser Said to Have Ordered Retreat Before Launching Great Offensive—Defenders Are Heavily Reinforced.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The fighting in the region of Verdun continues unabated, according to the French official communication issued tonight. Several infantry attacks launched by the Germans with huge effect have been repulsed. The artillery duels are going on with great intensity east of the Meuse, despite a heavy snowfall.

The German losses during the first four days of the battle around Verdun are authoritatively estimated at 150,000 by French military men.

Effort Only Beginning.

The German offensive is recognized now as probably only the beginning of a determined effort to take the fortress, formerly the key to the French front, and compares in violence and scale to the battle of the Yser. French assume that the battle may continue a fortnight. It is believed the attacking forces to bury their dead, carry off the wounded and bring up reserves to take the place of divisions half destroyed by French artillery and machine guns.

The German forces are known to be at least 300,000, supported by numerous 15-inch and 17-inch Austrian mortars, with all the heavy artillery used in the Serbian campaign and part of that formerly employed on the Russian front.

Preparations Made in December.

Preparations for the battle were observed early in December, when the first troops assigned to the operation were brought up. Eight divisions that returned from Serbia were sent to Belgium for a rest and then transported to the region of Verdun in January. Five army corps in all are known to have been brought up to reinforce two corps which previously held that part of the line between Etain and Vauquois.

These were the best troops of the German army, including, as it is learned from prisoners, the famous Third Corps of Brandenburg, supposedly equal in valor to the Prussian Guard, and the fifteenth army corps, commanded by General Von Deimling, known in France as one of the most brilliant of the German general officers.

Moral Advantage Sought.

The determination of the Germans to capture the fortress is explained by the fact that the name Verdun has been (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

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Plan to Give Miss Myers Forest Grove Plume Fails.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY WIDE

Efforts to Name Hillsboro and Drain Postmasters Sat On—New Light on Cause of Mr. Myers' Present Visit to Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 25.—During more or less stormy interviews which he had within the last few days with Senators Lane and Chamberlain, Postmaster Frank S. Myers, of Portland, was given to understand that control of postoffice patronage in Oregon rests exclusively with the two Democratic Senators. The Portland postmaster was informed that he has no right whatever to dictate as to postoffice appointments throughout the state, nor has he any ground to expect that the Postmaster-General and the President will accept his recommendations as against those of the Senators.

This being a Democratic quarrel, the participating parties are reticent about disclosing the facts, but the trouble centers around the recent appointment of R. P. Wirtz to postmaster at Forest Grove, and the later nomination of Lewis C. Beebe as postmaster at Drain.

Senators Stand by Wirtz.

Wirtz was recommended by Senators Lane and Chamberlain about the first of the year and nominated January 11. After the recommendation had been filed Postmaster Myers urged the Senators to appoint his sister, Miss Minnie Myers, as postmaster at Forest Grove. Miss Myers had no indorsement other than that of her brother. She had no support whatever from Forest Grove; the Senators had selected Wirtz from among 11 candidates, and regarded him as better qualified than any of the other aspirants. Moreover, Wirtz had strong local backing both from Forest Grove and from the county Democratic organization.

Postmaster Myers made repeated protests against Wirtz, and insisted that the indorsement be withdrawn and that his sister be recommended instead. The Senators refused to respect his wishes, and Wirtz was duly nominated and confirmed.

Mr. Myers Active in Hillsboro Case.

More recently Postmaster Myers sought to bring about a change in the postoffice at Hillsboro, Or., where J. C. Lamkin was appointed in August, 1913. As Mr. Lamkin was named on recommendation of both Senators for a four-year term, the Senators have refused to listen to talk of a change. Who Mr. Myers is backing for this office has not been learned here.

On January 11 Lewis C. Beebe was (Continued on Page 5, Column 2.)

BABY ELEPHANTS SOLD LIKE FOOD

EXPRESS COMPANY GETS ORDER AND DELIVERS GOODS.

Young Animal Is Captured in Jungles and Received in America Months After Sale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(Special.) Do you want a baby elephant from the jungles of the Straits Settlements? If you do, place your order with the Wells-Fargo Express Company, for it has opened up a baby elephant department and is ready to supply all comers. About four months ago the representative of a local bird and animal store called on J. O. Ellis, foreign agent of Wells-Fargo.

"I want one baby elephant, fat and in good form," he said across the counter, just like giving an order for ham and eggs at a downtown dairy lunch.

This was four months ago. The success of the Wells-Fargo venture in the baby elephant business was disclosed the other day in the arrival here on the Chivo Maru of "Jim Glidden," the baby elephant, Jim was captured somewhere around Singapore by a Wells-Fargo elephant catcher under instructions from the San Francisco office. It was then shipped to Hongkong and later reshipped here.

The elephant was then reshipped to Venice on orders of the local purchaser to the Winter quarters of a circus.

SCOTTISH COAST DARKENED

Stringent Lighting Order Is Enforced for First Time.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Scotland, from Aberdeenshire to the English border, was darkened last night for the first time as a result of a stringent lighting order.

Aberdeenshire is on the eastern coast of Scotland. From there to the eastern border on the north coast are the counties of Kinkardine, Forfar, Perth, Fife, Edinburgh, Haddington and Berwick. Included in this territory are the important cities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh, Leith, Dunbar and Berwick.

HUGHES REFUSES VIEWS

Justice Writes He Is "Not Candidate, Actively or Tacitly."

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—In a letter to Henry A. Wise Wood, made public here today, Justice Hughes reiterates his declaration that he is not a candidate for Presidential nomination. Mr. Wood had requested a statement as to Justice Hughes' position on preparedness. Justice Hughes replied in part: "In view of my judicial office I do not feel that I have any right to take part in any political discussion or to make statements of the sort that would be expected from candidates for office. "I am not a candidate, actively or tacitly."

14,000 TO BE NOTIFIED

City Must Mail Notices of Intent to Extend Street.

Commissioner Dieck's plan of waiving the formality of sending out 14,000 notices to property owners of intention to extend Greeley street from Killingsworth avenue to Delany street, failed to get Councilman's sanction yesterday. Accordingly the notices will be sent out.

Mr. Dieck contended that the project is of such magnitude that everybody to be assessed knows of it and that sending of notices would be an unnecessary expense. The Council held that too much notice of such improvements cannot be given.

EPIDEMIC HITS MILWAUKEE

Hospitals Are Swamped; Pupils Take Boiled Water to School.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25.—An epidemic of typhoid became so threatening here today that city water was ordered shut off from all schools, following a report that 15 new cases of fever had developed overnight, bringing the list up to 105 cases.

School children have been ordered to bring bottles of boiled water to school until the situation is under control. Every hospital in the city is reported to be filled to capacity and waiting lists are the rule.

TURKS REINFORCE ARMY

Strong Effort to Relieve Erzerum Reported Under Way.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Turkey is making great efforts to dispatch troops to the Russian front in an endeavor to recapture Erzerum, says the Bucharest correspondent of the Times.

All ordinary traffic on the railway from the Bosphorus to Angora has been stopped according to the correspondent, and trains carrying troops and supplies there are running incessantly, but as the distance from Angora to Erzerum will consume at least a month's march there is little likelihood of the success of the movement.

COLLEGE BEQUEST CERTAIN

Confirmation of \$30,000 for Philomath Is Received.

PHILOMATH, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Definite confirmation was received here tonight of the announcement from Los Angeles last Tuesday that the sum of \$30,000 had been left to Philomath College by Mrs. Sarah A. Baker, of Monrovia, Cal.

The bequest was made in a will disposing of a \$250,000 estate to several religious and educational institutions.

MEDICS ON STRIKE IN FUSS OVER FROG

Class Resents Remark by Dr. MacLaren.

PICKETS REPORTED ON DUTY

Brain Comparison in Favor of Amphibian Offends.

OTHER CLASSES IN COUNCIL

Moral Support From Entire Body of College Men Seems Likely. Request for Apology Merely Adds Fuel to Flames.

The freshman class at the medical department of the University of Oregon yesterday went on strike against their instructor, Dr. John D. MacLaren, as the result of a remark in which the instructor compared the "gray matter" of one of the students with that of a frog in a manner said to be complimentary to the amphibian.

The students are said to have posted pickets at the doors of the building to dissuade any dutiful classmates who wanted to attend Dr. MacLaren's class. Later the whole student body took the matter under consideration at a meeting in the general room of the school at Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets. While none of the students would discuss the meeting, it was understood last night that the freshmen will be supported by the whole student body.

Frog Startles Student.

Archibald N. McDonald is the student offended by the remark of Dr. MacLaren. Dr. MacLaren took charge of the class February 1.

The trouble between Dr. MacLaren and Mr. McDonald dated from the first day. Dr. MacLaren divided the students in groups of twos, and had them studying the effects of light on the skin of frogs.

The frogs were in glass jars, safely imprisoned by tight-fitting covers. Mr. McDonald removed the cover from the jar he was studying. The frog jumped out. Mr. McDonald duplicated the amphibian's movement, but both the student and the frog seemed to have "jumped out of the frying pan into the fire."

"A student ought to have better nerves than that," Dr. MacLaren is said to have told Mr. McDonald. "If you haven't," the doctor is said to have continued, "the frog has more gray matter than you have."

Apology Disputed.

The class tutored after the manner of the young. Dr. MacLaren felt that the labors had been turned on the youthful offenders against class decorum. Studies were resumed.

Versions of the next act in the programme vary. Some say that Dr. MacLaren demanded an apology from Mr. McDonald as the result of the frog's escape. On the other hand it is said that the student asked Dr. MacLaren to apologize for his comparison.

Headlines were renewed later when Dr. MacLaren spoke in class of an apology which Mr. McDonald had given him. The student refused to admit that he had apologized. Other students say that the apology never was made, and that the idea of apology is out of the question. The strike followed as a direct result of the disputed apology.

Dr. MacLaren's methods had previously been the subject of student criticism. When the present senior medical class was in freshman, Dr. MacLaren organized them into groups called companies. Each company had a captain and a lieutenant in command.

Joking Salute Complimented.

The students resented the military formation, not because of their pacifism, but because they felt it resembled the tactics of primary schools.

As a reprisal against Dr. MacLaren, the students one day planned to give the instructor a military salute when they passed into his class. They did it. They expected him to be angry.

Dr. MacLaren is alleged to have missed the joke. He commended the embryo physicians for their exemplary conduct.

"I am strongly in favor of discipline," the doctor is said to have announced. "Your military formation is excellent."

Dr. MacLaren is instructor of the physiology class. He declined to make a statement last night.

SEATTLE 2, PORTLAND 1

Victoria Hockey Team Scores 6, Blanking Vancouver in North.

In the start of the second period the Seattle-Portland ice hockey score was 2 to 1 in favor of Seattle. In the first period Seattle scored the first point on a pass from Foyston to Carpenter. This came after four minutes and 20 seconds of play.

"Moore" Johnson scored the third point 25 seconds later, unassisted. The second period had only gone 8 seconds when Wilson accepted a pass from Morris for another tally for the Metropolitans.

More than 4000 persons passed through the gates at the Portland ice hippodrome.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—In a listless and one-sided game here tonight the Victoria hockey squad scored 6 goals and shut out the Vancouver team.

