



CRISIS IS PUT UP TO CONGRESS

Wilson Asks Joint Session for Final Word.

BREAK WITH BERLIN—LIKELY

Washington Is Galvanized by Realization of Gravity of Latest Development.

PRESIDENT KEEPS SECRET

No Copy Is Kept of Address and Information Is Refused to Von Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Wilson will lay the submarine crisis before Congress tomorrow.

Ultimatum, Even Break, Probable.

An ultimatum to Germany, and even the severance of diplomatic relations, are two most likely eventualities.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the President will receive at the White House Chairman Stone and Flood of the Congress committees dealing with foreign affairs and Senator Lodge and Representative Cooper, the ranking Republican members.

Official Washington in Dark.

All official Washington, fearing the worst and hoping for the best, is practically in ignorance tonight of the details of the President's plans.

Soon after noon today and just after the Cabinet had departed, the President summoned Secretary Tumulty. He instructed him to go to the Capitol at 4:30 o'clock—and not before—and arrange for a joint session of House and Senate at 1 o'clock tomorrow.

Promptly at the hour named his secretary went to the President's room in the Capitol and sent for Chairman Stone and Majority Leader Kern.

Joint Session Is Called.

A few minutes later a resolution for a joint session was introduced in the House.

"Does the gentleman from North Carolina desire immediate action on this?" asked Representative Mondell, acting as Republican leader in the absence of Representative Mann.

"Yes," responded the Democratic leader. "I understand the President has some important communication to make."

Without debate or opposition the House at once passed the resolution and the clerk carried it over to the Senate.

Senate Is Electrified.

A sense of its meaning electrified the chamber, although the Senators were in ignorance of its full purport, and in tense silence it was passed.

Secretary Tumulty returned to the White House, and Congress, as the

SCHOONER IN PERIL OFF YAQUINA BAY

BUFFETED RESCUERS FINALLY REACH AHWANEDA.

Coast Guard Is Standing By to Be on Hand Should Cable Part and Let Craft Go on Bar.

NEWPORT, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—The gasoline schooner Ahwaneda, which was reported by the steamer Atlas to be in distress this morning off Newport, has worked ashore under sail and is anchored a mile north of the Yaquina bar, in peril of being crushed to pieces should the anchor cable part and precipitate the craft into the heavy sea on the bar.

The schooner Ahwaneda is owned and operated by Captain R. D. Morse, of Newport, and at present is on the run between Portland and Florence and Bandon, under charter to the Riverston Coal Company to carry coal from the Riverston company mines on the Coquille to Portland.

HUGHES CASE UP TODAY

State Answers Application for Writ of Mandamus.

SALEM, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Answer and return to the alternative writ of mandamus filed in the Supreme Court to compel Secretary of State Osgood to place the name of Charles E. Hughes on the Republican primary ballot despite the objection of Justice Hughes was filed today by the Attorney-General's office.

The Supreme Court will listen to arguments on the application for the writ tomorrow. Wallace McCamant, of Portland, will represent those petitioning for placing Justice Hughes' name on the ballot and Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle and Charles Osgood will represent those appearing in behalf of the Secretary of State.

TRACTION LINE CUTS FARE

Completion Benefits Chehalis and Centralia's Traveling Public.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—The North Coast Power Company announced that beginning Thursday, April 20, a 10-cent passenger fare will become effective on its line between Chehalis and Centralia.

Ever since the traction line was built the fare has been 15 cents for a straight fare. A 5-cent fare for the Southwest Washington fair grounds is also announced. Today's action follows the reduction in yesterday's amendment to the Chehalis jitney ordinance which is to pass, whereby the jitneys will be obliged to operate on a schedule from 6:30 A. M. until 7:30 P. M. daily.

OLD CANS BEAUTY'S AID

Wild Nature at Mount Hood Protected by Refuse and Garbage.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—County officials and owners of property west of the city along the Columbia River Highway are intending safeguarding the beautiful growth of wild shrubbery along the scenic route by the dumping of tin cans and garbage.

But O. P. Dabney, who owns one of the most scenic points along the route, where a testimonial to St. Benzon has been proposed, has posted signs offering a reward for information leading to the apprehension of parties who last week dumped a load of tin cans and garbage over the cliffside at the look-out point.

NEW YORK MAY AID WIDOWS

Board of Aldermen Adopts Resolution to Appropriate \$300,000.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A municipal movement to provide pensions for widowed mothers with children was begun today with the adoption by the Board of Aldermen of a resolution under which would be appropriated \$300,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Child Welfare Board.

If the resolution is acted on favorably next week by the Board of Estimate, the proposed allowances will be granted.

HATTERS TO ASK PAY RISE

Increased Demands Will Be Made as Present Wage Agreements Expire.

DANBURY, Conn., April 18.—Demands for a wage increase approximating 10 per cent are to be made by union hatters throughout the country on May 1, or as soon after that date as present wage agreements expire, it was learned here today.

This action, it was said, was authorized by the National board of directors of the United Hatters of North America, at a meeting held last week in New York.

COMPULSION ISSUE NEAR COMPROMISE

British May Avert Cabinet Crisis.

PRINCIPLE IS RECOGNIZED

Application, However, to Be Left to Future Day.

SITUATION IS COMPLEX

Lloyd George Considered Possible Successor to Asquith, if Proposed Agreement Does Not Go Through.

LONDON, April 18.—The Cabinet leaders reached what is believed to be an acceptable compromise late last night, according to the lobby correspondent of the Daily News, which recently has been the best-informed of the morning paper political reporters.

The political atmosphere grew easier last night and resignations from the Ministry are now unlikely. The Cabinet committee, which was appointed to try to reach an agreement between the divergent groups, sat all day and late in the evening arrived at what is understood as an acceptable compromise.

Compulsion to Be Deferred.

This compromise is to the effect that general compulsion shall not now be adopted, but that the principle shall be formally adopted, that if in the future National interests are shown to require a full measure of compulsion, then it shall be adopted. In other words, the question of universal conscription is postponed, with a half promise that it may be adopted in the future.

The position of Mr. Lloyd George, Earl Kitchener and Mr. Bonar Law is deemed to be adjusted by this rather curious arrangement.

The Marquis of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, in a statement to the House of Lords today, which was the first official admission of the gravity and complexity of the problems dividing the ministers, intimated the possibility that Premier Asquith might not be prepared even on Thursday to make his promised statement, in which case the House would sit the following Monday.

Political gossip tonight centers mainly around the Minister of Munitions, David Lloyd George, and Winston Spencer Churchill, and the possibility that Mr. Lloyd George will succeed Mr. Asquith at the head of the government if the compromise suggested proves ineffectual.

Conscriptionist Attack Strong.

While the conscriptionist attack on the Ministry is undoubtedly powerful and threatening, there also are strong forces making for the retention of the present coalition Ministry—first, Mr. Asquith's known skill in surmounting political difficulties and holding his team together, and, second, the problem of finding an alternative government to the present coalition and the repugnance felt in large sections of the

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75,000 VOTERS IS FINAL ESTIMATE

REGISTRATION FOR CLOSING DAY TO 3 O'CLOCK 3202.

Classification Late Yesterday Showed 51,683 Republicans and 14,992 Democrats on Roll.

The total registration in Multnomah County will exceed 75,000, according to estimates made at the registration bureau in the Court House when the books closed last night at 9 o'clock.

The final day was a record one even on the unfinished count, as at 3 o'clock 3202 had registered for the day. The registration at that hour did not include some of the outstanding registration booths from which reports have not been tabulated as yet, nor did it include the registration at the Court House between 3 and 9 o'clock last night.

Up to 3 o'clock yesterday 1708 men and 1494 women registered. The total registration of 71,938 which was counted up to 3 P. M. was classified as follows: Democrats, 14,992; Independent, 2429; Progressive, 622; Prohibition, 1335; Republican, 51,683; and Socialist, 816.

BACHELOR, OF 70, REPENTS

Wealthy Rancher of Unity Returns From South With Bride.

BAKER, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Smiling happily, Thomas J. Whited, nearly 70 years old and heretofore considered a confirmed bachelor, arrived here last night and surprised his friends by bringing his bride along.

Mr. Whited is a prominent rancher of the Unity district, and reputed to be wealthy. He went to Arkansas to spend the winter and was married just before he started back to Oregon.

KAISER LOSES WAR PLANT

Several Reported Dead in Explosion of Wilhelmshaven Torpedo Works.

LONDON, April 18.—A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen says: "A dispatch to the Kieler Zeitung from Wilhelmshaven says there was a great explosion last Friday in the new torpedo works there, several persons being killed and others wounded."

"The works were recently finished and were inspected by Emperor William on February 25."

ANCIENT CATHEDRAL BURNS

Italian Bishop of Andria Narrowly Escapes Death.

ROME, via Paris, April 18.—The ancient cathedral at Andria, near Bari, was destroyed by fire today. The fire began in the residence of the Bishop, from which Monsignor Seidi was rescued with difficulty.

Andria, in the 13th century, was the favorite residence of Emperor Frederick II, two of whose wives were buried in the cathedral.

3117 NONCOMBATANTS DIE

British Report Lists Loss of Life by Mines and Submarines.

LONDON, April 18.—Since the outbreak of the war 3117 non-combatants have lost their lives in maritime disasters due to mines or to submarines of hostile nations. Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, said in the House of Commons today.

Of these 1754 were seamen, 153 fishermen and 1175 passengers.

NEW PAY SCALE FOR WOMEN PROPOSED

Graduated Scale Proposed for Apprentices Favored.

BOTH SIDES ARE AGREEABLE

Investigating Committee of Welfare Commission Acts.

TILT ENLIVENs SESSION

Plan Recommended Is to Increase Wages Quarterly During First Year and Change Is Also Urged for Piece Workers.

A graduated scale of advancement in wages for all apprentice women workers in the state was recommended yesterday by the investigating committee of the Industrial Welfare Commission.

This proposal applies to piece workers as well as salary workers. It is purely tentative, however, and subject to revision to meet reasonable objections from any interested source.

The graduated plan of advancement is devised to meet defects in the present code, which provides for an abrupt advance at the end of a year. Employers and employees alike testified before the committee that the graduated plan would be more satisfactory than the present plan.

Violations Are Asserted.

Miss Caroline Gleason, secretary of the Commission, explained that the present ruling requires employers to pay apprentices a minimum of \$1 a day for one year, at the end of which time their wage advances automatically to a minimum of \$8.54 a week.

She said that some employers had violated the spirit of the law in this particular by retaining apprentices a full year at the minimum of \$1 a day and then discharging them, only to employ other apprentices at the same rate.

Miss Gleason was emphatic, however, in declaring that there is no general disposition on the part of employers to evade the law. Many of them pay more than the minimum, she said, all along the line.

Minimum Often Exceeded.

Yesterday's meeting had been called to consider the apprentice regulations in various manufacturing industries. Miss Gleason explained that all affected employers had been notified, but that many of them declined to attend the session inasmuch as they pay more than the minimum now and therefore are not interested.

She recommended a graduated scale of advancing apprentices. "It is good for the employees," she said, "because they always have something ahead of them to work for; it is good for the employers, because by watching the apprentices they can determine which of them are earning the minimum and dismiss those that are incompetent."

Tentative Scale Submitted.

Following a prolonged consideration of the subject, in which employers fully presented their views, the conference

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BLUE OVERALLS ARE AT HIGH PREMIUM

BROWN AND WHITE TO PREVAIL IN WORKING CIRCLES.

Scarcity of German Dyes Reflected in Trades—Women's Aprons and House Dresses Up, Too.

CHICAGO, April 18.—(Special.)—Blue will be the exceptional color for overalls this year, and only the aristocrats in the trades will wear them. The lack of proper indigo dyes is sending up the prices on even this simple article of apparel.

Brown and white will be the prevailing shades, with varying results. The best dyes, that come from Germany, produce the deep indigo blue that has long been popular for overalls.

The deep blue overalls have gone up from \$15 to \$18 a dozen, according to quotations given by a large house on Market street. Others are quoted at \$7.50 to \$10.50 a dozen. The laboring man who formerly could get what he wanted for 50 cents finds that \$1 is needed today to buy exactly the same goods. The same is true of work shirts in blue.

Women's goods, little percale aprons, gingham and house dresses of various kinds are affected in the same way.

PIONEER IS LAID TO REST

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. S. Nickerson at Grants Pass.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Nickerson, of this city, today marked the passing of another pioneer of Oregon.

The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church of this city and were largely attended.

Mrs. Nickerson died at the family home on Bridge street, Saturday night, at 91 years of age. She was born in Indiana September 18, 1824, and came to Josephine County 43 years ago. She is survived by her husband, Clark Nickerson, who is also more than 90 years old and hale and hearty; a brother, John Nickerson, of Grants Pass, North Ninth street; a sister at Applegate, 22 miles from Grants Pass, Mrs. Jennie Hathaway. Interment was in the Granite Hill Cemetery.

CRY FOR T. R. GOES UP

New Mexico Moose Denounce Foreign Policy of Mr. Wilson.

SANTA FE, N. M., April 18.—Resolutions denouncing the foreign policy of President Wilson and expressing a demand for "the Americanism of Theodore Roosevelt" were adopted at the state Progressive convention here today.

Fifteen delegates to the National convention to be held in Chicago were pledged to vote only for Roosevelt as a Presidential candidate. Sixteen counties were represented.

Cottage Grove Woman Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. George H. Brainard (nee) died at Cottage Grove, Oregon, after a long illness. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, with interment in the Odd-fellows Cemetery, Katherine O. Garrett was born August 9, 1874, at Brownsville, Neb., and was married June 26, 1902. She had been a resident here four years. Surviving children are Bernard W., Bernice J. and Jewel.

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A BALKY HORSE AND NEDDY ALLIES.



SENATORS VOTE ARMY OF 250,000

Total, With Reserves, to Be Million Men.

VOLUNTEER PROVISION KEPT

Section Saved by Serious Developments of Few Hours Preceding Action.

BILL IS HASTILY PASSED

All Amendments Proposing to Reduce Strength Rejected Without Ceremony.

LEADING PROVISIONS OF SENATE ARMY BILL.

- Peace footing, 250,000.
- Federalized National Guard, 250,000.
- Volunteer reserve, 261,000.
- School and college reserve, estimated at 200,000 to 400,000.
- Appropriation of \$15,000,000 to develop nitrate plants.
- Vocational instruction of enlisted men in regular Army.
- National Guard section of regular Army created.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—An Army reorganization bill that would produce regular Army and reserve military forces in the United States aggregating 1,000,000 men was passed by the Senate tonight without a record vote. It is a substitute for the Hay bill, passed by the House and the differences will be worked out in conference.

On the eve of a joint session of the House of Congress to hear a message from the President on grave international issues, the Senate hastened completion of the bill amid scenes of excitement, repeatedly rejecting all amendments pending to reduce the proposed strengthening of the Army.

Peace Footing Set at 250,000. The agreement to vote today was reached two weeks ago, and Vice-President Marshall, enforcing the determination of the Administration leaders, ruled that a vote was required by midnight.

The amendment making the Army's peace strength 250,000 instead of 180,000, as provided in the bill as framed by the military committee, was adopted, 43 to 37, 21 Republicans and 22 Democrats voting for it. A proposal to make the figure 150,000 previously had been rejected, 65 to 13. A peace strength of only 140,000 is provided for the Army bill passed by the House, and a sharp contest over that feature is looked for in conference.

Volunteer Feature Retained. Another amendment adopted today would create a reserve regular Army force in time of war, to be composed of school and college youths, and to provide a means of recruiting the proposed volunteer army force. This is expected to provide a trained reserve of from 200,000 to 400,000 young men. The proposal submitted by Senator Hardwick was agreed to, 56 to 24, the result coming as a surprise to Senators on both sides of the chamber, since predictions openly had been made that the volunteer army feature, already included in the bill, would be rejected in conference.

School Training Voluntary. Senator Hardwick's amendment provides for military instruction by commissioned Army officers under direction of the Secretary of War in every school and college in the United States having 100 or more male students over 15 years old, when authorities of such school apply for such instruction and the requisite number of students agree to accept the training and to become a part of the reserve force of the Army of the Nation. Application for the training would be purely voluntary, but all students over 18 years old receiving training would be subject to a call to the colors by the President in time of war, actual or threatened, during their training term.

Enlistment Term Reduced. The Senate also agreed to an amendment reducing the proposed term of enlistment in the regular

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