

CONGRESS STANDS BEHIND PRESIDENT

Full Power to Be Conferred if Asked.

GENERAL POLICY IS DEFINED

Effort to Prevent Defense of Rights Expected.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE

High Official Sees No Prospect of Alleviation—Plan for Neutral Conference at Madrid Is Definitely Abandoned.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LOUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Congress will pass the resolution recommended by President Wilson...

This prediction is based on a careful canvass of the situation in both houses by representatives of the Administration and by independent investigators.

Equipped with the powers desired, President Wilson will be able to take such action as may seem necessary to enforce American rights.

Objection Will Be Encountered. There will be objection in both houses to the resolution. Efforts will be made to curtail the extent of the Presidential authority.

Wilson's Plans Are Made.

The President has formulated the kind of a resolution he thinks desirable. This will be introduced immediately in both houses.

What the effect in Germany will be of the passage of such a resolution is extremely doubtful.

Germany will recall that a similar resolution was passed when General Huerta was President of Mexico.

Germany may take initiative. It may be, therefore, the German government will regard its interests as menaced.

Overst Act Greatest Danger. In the meantime the President and Secretary Lansing are watching with the closest attention the various departments in our delicate relations with Germany.

Greater danger for the moment, of course, lies in the likelihood that an American ship would be sunk without warning.

Then, too, the President is disturbed by the congestion of freight along the Atlantic seaboard.

On factory operations and the men-

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3 MORE BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

LOSSES LISTED SUNDAY TOTAL MORE THAN 12,000 TONS.

Berlin Says Single Submarine in 24 Hours Destroyed Shipping to Amount of 51,800 Tons.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Three British steamers, of a total tonnage of 12,005, were listed today by Lloyd's as sunk. One was the Worcestershire of 7175 tons.

The British steamer Valdes, of 2285 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk without warning. Two members of the vessel's crew were killed and nine are missing.

No late movements of the steamship Valdes have been recorded in the maritime registers. The vessel was built in 1914 and hailed from Liverpool.

The Worcestershire was on a voyage from Liverpool to Rangoon, India, and sailed from Suez January 13.

The Romsdalen was 300 feet long and was built at West Hartlepool in 1895.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—It is officially announced that one German submarine within 24 hours destroyed 51,800 tons.

Six steamers and one sailing vessel, totaling 25,900 tons, were sunk February 13.

11 OF DUMA ARE ARRESTED

Russian Socialists Accused of Fomenting Revolution.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Feb. 18.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following: "Eleven members of the Russian Duma belonging to the Socialist party have been arrested by the Russian police on a charge of fomenting a revolution."

HUSBAND IS "BEST MAN"

Spouse No. 2 Says Woman Passed Real Husband as Stepprother.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Charged with a bigamous marriage to C. F. Berthelson, a contractor of Clear Lake, Ia., to whom it is said she was married, the woman who passed her first husband as best man under the guise of being her stepbrother, Mrs. Edith Berthelson, known also under the name of Bernsdorf, was brought to Chicago from Detroit tonight.

TEUTON SKIPPER DROWNED

Body of Hamburg-American Captain Found in Honolulu Bay.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 18.—The body of Captain H. Schlueter, of the Hamburg-American steamer Staatssekretar Kraetke, one of the German vessels warbanded here, was found by searchers today at the bottom of the bay.

BAY OF BISCAY IS MINED

German Strewing Floating Mines to Navigation.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—After being held up twice by allied patrol boats under suspicion of being a German mine layer, the American steamer Carolinian, Captain Smith, arrived here today.

BRAZIL WARNS GERMANY

Immunity Demanded for Vessels Approaching War Zone.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—A wireless dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, says the Brazilian Minister at Bern, by order of his government, has warned Germany that Brazil will hold her responsible for the fate of three Brazilian vessels approaching the war zone.

STORM WRECKS AIRPLANES

Three Machines Valued at \$13,000 Each Destroyed on Border.

COLUMBUS, N. M., Feb. 18.—A wind storm today wrecked three airplanes valued at \$13,000 each and demolished a newly built hangar in the camp of the First Aero Squadron here. One soldier was seriously injured by flying debris.

GERMANS SERVING IN MEXICAN ARMIES

Teutons With Both Carranza and Villa.

CO-OPERATION IS POSSIBLE

Administration Alive to Dangers of Situation.

NEW REVOLUTION GAINING

Oil Fields at Tampico Protected by 4000 Men in Pay of Foreigners. Road From Vera Cruz to Capital in Danger.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—German officers are serving with the armies of General Carranza and General Villa in Mexico.

Information to this effect has reached the State Department. As Carranza and Villa are enemies, it would seem that the Germans would offset each other. However, the anti-American sentiment should force co-operation by Carranza and Villa—the situation German agents desire—the German officers would act together in operations against the United States.

NEW REVOLUTION UNDER WAY

The State Department also has been informed that a new revolution is making headway in Mexico. The Tampico oil fields are "protected" by 4000 men, whose chief is well paid by the foreigners owning and producing the oil. This is in addition to the export tax paid to Carranza.

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VILLA'S VOYAGE IS DOUBTED

Carranza Consul Thinks Bandit Is Hiding in Mountains.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 18.—A report that Villa had gone in disguise to the West coast and taken a ship for Japan on a political mission has been known to Carranza officers and officials here and in Juarez for several days.

Another rumor was that she is to get into communication with German submarines, which are reported to have been sighted in Gulf waters.

Villa has not been accounted for since he fled to Pafra after his defeat.

1917 WOOL CLIP IS SOLD FOR 40 CENTS

MONTANA FIRMS GET HIGH CONTRACT FIGURE.

Forty-one Cents Is Paid in Some Instances for Wooling Product. Idaho Gets 36 to 40.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 18.—It was announced today that Cole Bros. and C. S. McDonald, both of Choteau, and Coffey & Wallenstein, of Farmington, sold their 1917 clips yesterday at 40 cents a pound to Boston firms.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 18.—Contracts for nearly 80 per cent of the April clip of Utah wool, which, it is estimated, will amount to 15,000,000 pounds, have been signed and show prices ranging from 30 to 35 cents a pound.

In turn, sheep in Idaho and Wyoming, with a better grade of wool of longer fiber, are commanding prices from 35 to 40 cents a pound and, in some instances, 41 cents a pound has been contracted for.

COURT ENJOINS PICKETING

Garment Workers Forbidden to Congregate Near Plants.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Judge Jesse Baldwin, of the County Court, has issued an injunction forbidding officers and members of the board of control of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to picket the plants of 62 manufacturers whose employees are on strike.

The injunction also restrains officers and members of the American Federation of Labor, the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Women's Trade Union League from picketing, spying on factories affected by the strike of some 2000 women, and congregating near the plants concerned.

WEDDING LONG SECRET

Marriage of Lincoln High Girl Last July Just Announced.

Announcement of the marriage last July of Miss Susie Stevenson, of Overlook Park, to Frank Frakes, of Gresham, was made Saturday. The announcement came as a complete surprise to the many friends of Mrs. Frakes at Lincoln High School, where she is a member of the June, 1917, class.

Mrs. Frakes intends to complete her high school course. She is popular at school, where she is a member and former officer of the Phi-Oxiana Society, the girls' literary organization.

SHIP REPORTED STOLEN

Cargo of War Supplies for Cuban Rebels or U-Boats Suspected.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 18.—Word was received here today that the 50-ton schooner Galate has been stolen from her owners at Pensacola and had secretly departed into the Gulf.

Another rumor was that she is to get into communication with German submarines, which are reported to have been sighted in Gulf waters.

PHOTOGRAPH OF DEPARTING GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY.



LEFT TO RIGHT—COUNTS VON BERNSTORFF, PRINCESS VON HATZFELDT AND COUNT JOHANN H. VON BERNSTORFF. A great throng assembled at the yards where the train, bearing the diplomat and his party returning to Germany with him, made its stop at Hoboken, N. J. There was no demonstration, favorable or unfavorable.

BIG GUNS BOOM FOR ROADS BILL

Senate Bombarded by Demands for Passage.

ADVOCATES DRIVE ON SALEM

City and Country United to Get \$6,000,000 Bond Issue.

AUTO TAX TO MEET COST

Sunday Mass Meeting at Portland Chamber Secures Concerted Action—Big Delegation to Go to Capital Today.

FEATURES OF ROAD BOND BILL.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Principal features of the road bond issue: Provides for a \$6,000,000 bond issue to construct a system of highways. Bonds to carry 4 per cent interest and to be refunded by throwing all automobile license taxes into a fund for that purpose.

BULL TREES YOUNG WOMAN

Teacher Sits in Branches for Two Hours While Animal Waits.

LEBANON, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—While walking across an orchard on her way home from school Friday afternoon, Miss Ruth A. Smith, teaching near Seio, came face to face with a bull, which charged her.

PEACE TREATY CANNOT BE SIGNED WITH KAISER, SAYS BRITISHER.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Speaker in the House of Commons, the Right Honorable James William Lowther, declared here tonight it was impossible for British statesmen to make any agreement with the German government as now constituted.

AMERICAN STEAMER LONG OVERDUE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—The American steamer Boninque, of the Garland line, which sailed from this port in December and later from Fowey, Eng. land, for Boston, is overdue 15 days.

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ASSEMBLY LAUDED FOR RECORD MADE

Lobbyists Blamed for Prolonging Session.

LAWS CLASSED CONSTRUCTIVE

Passage of Road Bond Issue Pointed To as Fitting Climax.

ORGANIZATION LACK NOTED

Opposition to Highway Measure Disregards Suspicion to Railroaders as Evidence of Well-Laid Attack Has Been Traced.

BY RONALD G. CALLVERT.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Staff Correspondence.)—According to established precedents, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Oregon should now be in that apprehensive state which exists between the closing of the record and the welcome home.

SERVICES TO BE GRATUITOUS.

But there is no constitutional requirement that the legislator shall work only 40 days. His pay merely stops. Whatever he may accomplish Monday for the good of the commonwealth will be a gift and that which he may do to his industry will not be charged against the taxpayer.

The prolongation of the session may be traced to a number of causes. Men who have watched legislatures come and go for many years remark that this is the first time within their recollection that in the course of 40 days or more of the 90 men constituting the Senate have not gravitated together as a working majority.

NEED OF ORGANIZATION FELT.

Even those who shout loudest—for home consumption—of bossism and boss rule admit "confidentially as man to man" that organization is necessary to speedy and efficient accomplishment of business.

LOBBY IS BLAMED.

Memories may not be accurate, but if they are, there has been an unprecedented amount of interference from special interests and individuals who have seemed to imagine that they were specially endowed leaders and oracles of public opinion.

THE MAIN BLOCKADE OF BILLS IS IN THE SENATE.

But other factors than lack of floor organization have influenced congestion.

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They have raised clamor, created enemies, engineered trades, bluffed and threatened and otherwise interkeyed with the machinery of lawmaking.

Meanwhile Salem hotels have enjoyed greater patronage than at any time since the days of senatorial deadlocks. They have been doing an almost unprecedented business since opening day for the detained legislators in their hotel bills for the days of work that succeed the 40th they are paying in part for submitting to attempted dictation from thronging lobbyists—the restaurant and boarding-houses.

190 OR MORE BILLS ON THE CALENDAR MAY CAUSE SOME TO THINK THAT MUCH IMPORTANT LEGISLATION STILL AWAITS ACTION.

As a matter of fact, the two houses have passed nearly all their measures of importance. Indeed, all that is needed to round out a record for real efficiency is adoption of the \$6,000,000 road bonding measure.

Among the bills passed are a dozen that may be considered constructive, but they are constructive only in the sense that they benefit particular lines of industry or particular phases of morality.

Irrigation has been aided with needed code amendments; the insurance code has passed; the military code has been brought into conformity with Federal enactments; the grain standard has been adopted; the bill to enforce the bone-dry law has been honestly drafted and passed; rural school terms have been lengthened; streams have been opened to logging; needed revision in the Highway Commission law has been provided; cut-throat competition in public utilities has been prevented by passage of the certificate of public convenience bill; sterilization act has passed and the anti-cigarette act has been strengthened.

ROAD BOND FITTING CLIMAX.

This may be listed measure of benefit indirectly to the general public and directly to agriculture, insurance, education, lumbering, militia, public utilities, children and morals in certain quarters. It seems plain that if the Legislature would, before it adjourns, do something constructive for the direct benefit of all in the matter of road improvements, its accomplishments would stand high in comparison with the records of other Legislatures.

OPPOSITION TO THE BONDING PROPOSAL

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