

WESTERN MEMBERS ASK EXTRA SESSION

Republicans Would Not Concede Unlimited Power to Wilson in Recess.

M'ARTHUR IS RESERVED

Hawley Would Call Congress to Convene and Remain in Capital Until Crisis Passes—Others Hold Similar Views.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 26.—Northwestern Senators and Representatives were not disposed to comment freely on President Wilson's address to Congress today.

Representative McArthur—While it is my uniform policy to support the President in matters pertaining to our foreign policy, I do not care to make any statement as to his request of today until I have had an opportunity to study the resolution prepared by the foreign affairs committee.

Representative Hawley—I believe Congress should immediately be convened after March 4 and continue in session until any danger of our being involved in the European war has passed.

Senator Jones of Washington—The President's speech was a beautifully worded appeal to Congress to give him unlimited authority to do whatever he pleases.

Representative Johnson—The question must be divided. I am with the President for protection of American lives and property except contraband of war on the high seas, in Mexico and elsewhere.

Representative Humphrey—I am in favor of giving the President authority to arm ships for defense, but I am not in favor of conferring unlimited authority upon him.

Representative Shinnick—I do not care to make any comment until he knows what legislation is proposed to carry out the President's recommendation.

TOURIST INFLUX FORESEEN

Phil K. Gordon, of Sunset Line, Expects Big Amount of Travel.

Phil K. Gordon, general agent for the Sunset line of the Southern Pacific Company, was here yesterday with the prediction that the coming Spring and Summer will see a heavy flow of tourists through the Northwest.

H. D. OLSEN IS APPOINTED

Oregon City Agent Succeeds R. D. Jennings in Portland.

H. D. Olsen, agent for the Southern Pacific at Astoria, has been appointed traveling freight agent for the same road in Portland to succeed R. D. Jennings, who will become commercial agent for the new Southern Pacific office in Spokane.

REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED

(Continued From First Page.) ple to realize the tremendous gravity of the declaration of the President to observe "armed neutrality." The rupture of diplomatic relations was an act short of war.

Offensive Use Not Intended. The declaration of "armed neutrality" is an announcement of a purpose to prevent by armed force the commission of illegal acts against American rights by German submarines or other instrumentalities.

It does not mean that the President intends to use the American naval and land forces offensively. It does mean that he will use them defensively should it be necessary.

It may become necessary—and the Navy is prepared for the contingency—to send convoys with American ships to sink any German submarines which show a purpose to attack either warships or merchantmen, to prevent illegal operations by German raiders and to protect American citizens and American ports from attack.

It may become necessary to supply American merchantmen with guns and gunners for defensive purposes against German submarines.

Gage of Battle Accepted. The President has accepted the German gage of battle. Here is what the President told Congress today the United States is facing: Recourse to armed neutrality. Here is what the President asked Congress to authorize:

BRITISH TAKE KUT

Turks in Retreat Westward, Pursued by Cavalry.

ALL POSITIONS SECURED

Possession Regained of Strategic Point on Road to Bagdad Surrendered in April, 1916, by General Townshend.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Kut-el-Amara has been captured from the Turks by the British forces, according to a statement made in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British War Council.

The Senate committee was unable to reach an agreement. It decided to sleep over the President's message and will meet again in the morning, when it will draft a measure that can pass the upper house.

Provisions of House Bill

The House bill provides: First—Authority for the President to

MAP SHOWING KUT-EL-AMARA, CAPTURED BY BRITISH.



Turkish Lines Extended North of River (1-1). British Lines Extended South of River (2-2). By Means of a Boat-Bridge (2-3) the British Sent Their Troops Across, Cutting Off Turks From Kut-el-Amara, Which Consequently Fell.

supply American ships with "defensive arms" ammunition and means of making use of them in defense against unlawful attack.

Second—Authority to employ "such other instrumentalities and methods," as may in his judgment and discretion seem necessary and adequate to protect such ships and American citizens.

So far as the armament of merchant ships is concerned, there is general agreement in the President's view that it is necessary.

Official War Reports

Germans on Western Front. BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—An unsuccessful attack was made in the Champagne yesterday by the French. It is announced officially. Following is the account of operations on the Franco-Belgian front:

"In several sectors between Arras and the Ancre, British reconnoitering advances were undertaken without success.

"South of Cernay, in the Champagne, the French made an attack without success. Between the Meuse and the Moselle German reconnoitering detachments carried out successful enterprises.

"In numerous aerial engagements yesterday our adversaries lost eight airplanes."

French.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—"Late yesterday French detachments broke into the German lines near Ville-sur-Tourbe, 25 miles west of Verdun, destroyed a number of shelters and brought back prisoners and material," says today's official announcement.

"Two surprise attacks by the enemy, one on one of our trenches north of Beaulieu, northeast of Soissons, the other on one of our posts, northwest of Avocourt, were broken up. We took prisoners, including one officer."

British.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British advance along the Ancre River has attained a depth of two miles and extends along a front of about 11 miles, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight.

The movements referred to in the communication Saturday and Sunday were maintained during the day on both banks of the Ancre. Our advance extends over a front of about 11 miles, from east of Gueudecourt to south of Gommecourt and has attained a depth of two miles.

"In addition to the village of Serre reported yesterday, we now occupy the strong point known as Butte de Warlencourt and the villages of Warlencourt-Eaucourt, Fys and Miraumont. We have reached the outskirts of Le Barque, Iries and Puisieux-au-Mont.

A hostile attack made early this morning on one of our posts south of the Somme was driven off with loss."

Turks in Mesopotamia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Feb. 26.—The War Office today announced withdrawal of the forces at Kut-el-Amara. The announcement follows: "According to a prearranged plan, and in order to effect a junction with reinforcements which have arrived, our troops, which have held for a year advanced positions at Kut-el-Amara, as well as positions to the east and west of the town, have been drawn to the rear in an easterly direction. The movement was entirely unnoticed by the enemy."

Germans on Eastern Front.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Russians renewed their attacks yesterday in the Carpathians, in the vicinity of Tartar Pass. Today's official statement says the attacks were without success.

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linal news agency at Constantinople, the loss of the British in the recent fighting along the Tigris exceeded 30,000 men. Several steamships crowded with wounded British soldiers have been sent away, the news agency says.

GERMANS AND IRISH MEET

Congratulatory Messages Sent by Von Ludendorff and Zimmermann.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin message as saying: "The German-Irish League formed here recently has held its first meeting."

The Berlin dispatch adds, says the correspondent, that the formation of this league at this moment will be a valuable encouragement for an American-Irishman's league and it will prove to Irishmen in Ireland that they are not forgotten in Germany in these serious times.

Juvenile Band to Be Engaged.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the executive committee of the strawberry carnival held here last night it was decided to engage the Roseburg Juvenile Band to furnish music during the festival to be held here in May.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—According to the offi-

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COAST IS ATTACKED

German Destroyers Bombard Broadstairs and Margate.

WOMAN AND CHILD KILLED Two Houses Wrecked and Ten Others Damaged—British Destroyer Engages Enemy but Escape Is Made in Darkness.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—German destroyers bombarded Broadstairs and Margate early this morning. One woman and one child were killed and two persons were injured. Two houses were damaged. This announcement was made in the House of Commons today by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty.

The following official account of the raid was issued by Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the home forces: "Some enemy torpedo-boat destroyers approached the Kentish Coast at 11:15 o'clock last night and fired a number of shells at the undefended towns of Broadstairs and Margate. The fire was continued for about ten minutes. The material damage caused was slight. One occupied and one unoccupied house were wrecked and about 10 houses were damaged.

British light forces in the vicinity closed in on the German warships, which remained only a short time, he added, and were gone before the approach of the British vessels.

Margate is one of the most popular watering places of England. It is situated on the Isle of Thanet, in the North Sea, a few miles from the North Foreland and 80 miles southeast of London. It has a population of about 24,000. Broadstairs is also an English watering place on the east coast of the Isle of Thanet. It is two miles north-east of Ramsgate and has a population of about 800. The mining industry in the Bluefields district of Nicaragua is being rapidly developed.

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