



WAR CABINET BILL DOOMED BY WILSON

Official Washington Sees No Chance for Plan.

CHAMBERLAIN TO PERSIST

Veracity of Oregon Senator Is Seriously Questioned by Executive.

SPEECH HOTLY RESENTED

Secretary Baker Defended as One of Ablest Public Officers President Ever Met.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—All doubt as to President Wilson's view of proposals in Congress for reorganization of the Government's war-making machinery was swept away tonight by a statement in which the President said the War Department had accomplished a task of unparalleled magnitude and difficulty with extraordinary promptness and efficiency, denounced the Congressional war investigations and declared that reorganization by legislation was proposed after effective measures of reorganization had been perfected.

Verification Sought on Phone.

The President's statement was issued as a result of a speech in New York Saturday by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee, and after he had asked the Senator on the telephone whether he had been correctly quoted.

Senator Chamberlain's reference to "inaction and ineffectiveness of the Government" the President flatly called an "astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth."

He said he regarded Secretary Baker as one of the ablest public officials he had ever met.

Struggle to Collapse.

In the statement most observers at the Capitol saw the collapse of what promised to be a historical struggle. Senator Chamberlain, whose committee had framed bills to create a war council all powerful under the President and to provide one-man control of munitions and supplies, declared he would continue to fight in spite of Presidential opposition.

It was rather generally conceded, however, that the measures would have but little chance in the Senate and probably none at all in the House. Senator Chamberlain made a statement in reply to the President, saying he spoke extemporaneously in New York and that his criticisms were directed at the War Department only and not at other branches of the Government.

Astonishing, Says Wilson.

President Wilson's statement follows:

"Senator Chamberlain's statement as to the present inaction and ineffectiveness of the Government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth. "As a matter of fact, the War Department has performed a task of unparalleled magnitude and difficulty with extraordinary promptness and efficiency. "There have been delays and disappointments and partial miscarriages of plans, all of which have been drawn into the foreground and exaggerated by the investigations which drew indispensable officials of the department constantly away from their work and officers from their commands and contributed a great deal to such delay and confusion as had inevitably arisen.

No Mistake Repeated.

"But by comparison with what has been accomplished, these things, much as they were to be regretted, were insignificant, and no mistake has been made which has been repeated. "Nothing helpful or likely to speed or facilitate the war tasks of the Government has come out of such criticism and investigation. "I understand that reorganizations by legislation are to be proposed—I have not been consulted about them, and have learned of them only at second hand—but their proposal came

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AIRPLANES CRASH; FIVE MEN KILLED

TWO LIVES LOST IN COLLISION AT KELLEY FIELD, TEXAS.

Three Cadets of Royal Flying Corps Thrown to Earth by Mishaps at Canadian Field.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Cadet Frank L. Serry, of Evanston, Ill., was almost instantly killed, and Cadet V. C. Dunham, of Rochester, N. Y., suffered injuries from which he died at the base hospital, Fort Sam Houston, in a collision of airplanes at Kelley Field today.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 21.—Three cadets of the Royal Flying Corps—N. M. Milne, D. E. McMillan and Cadet Bendyck—were killed while making practice flights here today.

Milne and McMillan met death when they collided at a fairly high altitude and fell to earth. Apparently McMillan's machine burst into flames, as his body was burned. Bendyck was making his first flight, and was killed when his machine crashed 50 feet to earth while he was flying at a high speed.

It is not known whether the mechanism was faulty or whether the frigid atmosphere prevailing numbed the flyers and made it impossible for them to handle their machines.

WOMAN SLAYS HUSBAND

Mrs. George Burke Exonerated by Jury on Plea of Self-Defense.

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 21.—George Burke, of Mountain Home, near here, was shot and instantly killed by his wife, Monday, as a culmination of a family quarrel. Mrs. Burke accused her husband of attempting to beat her. She says she fired the first shot, which went wide of the mark. Mrs. Burke fired two shots, both of which took effect. Mr. Burke was 55 years old.

The coroner's jury late Monday exonerated Mrs. Burke, who pleaded self-defense.

AID OF CLERGYMEN ASKED

Pastors Will Appeal to Congregations to Pay Income Tax.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Clergymen of every denomination have been asked to assist in the collection of income tax. Letters have been sent by the Treasury to 124,900 ministers asking them to impress upon their congregations that it is their duty to pay the taxes cheerfully and willingly.

POTATOES GROW IN WINTER

Plants 15 Inches High Thrive in Patrolman's Garden.

New potato plants 15 inches high is the latest freak of Portland's present winter. Patrolman Fones, who patrols the City Hall beat, displayed some of the vines from his garden yesterday. He says his wife went into the garden and found the potatoes thriving. The sprouts started from small potatoes left in the ground during the harvest last fall. Patrolman Fones lives near St. Johns.

AIR SUPREMACY SOUGHT

Billion-Dollar Programme Is Explained to House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The \$1,000,000,000 aircraft programme, presented first to Congress in the regular estimates last December, was explained to the House military committee tonight at a confidential session by Major-General Squier, the chief signal officer.

ALL NORWAY DISSATISFIED

Terms Offered by United States Regarding Food Not Accepted.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21.—A Christiania dispatch to the National Tidnings says all political parties agree that the terms offered by the United States to Norway regarding food supplies and shipping cannot be accepted.

LESSON GIVEN MANAGER

Fine of \$600 Imposed for Aiding 2 Germans to Enter Canada.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 21.—For assisting three Germans to pass from the United States into Canada, Alphonse Bacheider, road manager for a New York operative company, was fined \$600 and costs by a magistrate today. Bacheider professed ignorance of the law.

NAVY WANTS COST CLOTHES

Secretary Daniels Makes Request of Senate Military Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—To the bill requiring the War Department to furnish Army officers with uniforms at cost Secretary Daniels today asked the Senate military committee to add a provision for naval officers.

ROOSEVELT TEUTON AGENT, SAYS STONE

Most Seditious Man in America, Is Charge.

SENATORS CLASH IN DEBATE

Laughter From Galleries and Floor Greets Speeches.

POLITICAL PLOT ALLEGED

Republicans Declared to Be Adroitly Contriving Embarrassment of Administration and Spreading Poison of Discontent.

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RUSHES FOR WASHINGTON

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt left here tonight for Washington, where he will remain several weeks. He declined to comment on Senator Stone's speech in the Senate today.

Colonel Roosevelt intimated that while in Washington he would not make any public speeches or statements or attend any public functions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Smouldering fires of partisan feeling were set ablaze in the Senate today by Senator Stone, veteran Democrat, with a long prepared speech accusing Republicans of playing politics in their criticism of the Government's conduct of the war and calling Theodore Roosevelt "the most seditious man of consequence in America."

There had been plenty of advance notice of the speech, which Administration leaders sought vainly to induce the Missouri Senator to abandon or postpone.

The Senate galleries were crowded and Republican spokesmen were waiting with repiles.

Vigorous Defenses Offered.

There were many sharp interruptions during the two hours Senator Stone was speaking and when he closed Senators Penrose, Lodge, New and others on the Republican side answered with vigorous defenses of their right to make proper criticism of inefficiencies and with counter charges of partisanship.

Senators Lewis, Kirby and other Democrats joined in the fray, which lasted until the session ended tonight with adjournment until Thursday.

It was suggested in the lobbies that the two-day recess was arranged in the hope that both sides would cool off and permit the controversy to be dropped.

Another Clash Likely.

Many Senators who did not take the floor today were busy with notes, however, and doubt is generally expressed that another outbreak can be prevented.

Senator Johnson, of California, was (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

CHINESE FIRE UPON AMERICAN GUNBOAT

SAILOR NAMED O'BRIEN KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED.

American Minister Will Demand of Foreign Office That Responsibility Be Fixed.

PEKIN, Friday, Jan. 18.—The American gunboat Monocacy was fired upon by the Chinese 50 miles above Yochow, on the Yangtze Kiang yesterday. A sailor named O'Brien was killed and two other sailors were wounded. The firing lasted half an hour. It is presumed that the assailants were a detachment of the southern revolutionary forces.

The reason for the attack and details of it have not yet been received. Dr. Paul E. Reinsch, the American Minister, will demand of the Foreign Office that responsibility for the attack be fixed and the offenders punished and also that measures shall be taken to safeguard shipping. Dr. Reinsch does not believe that the attack indicates an anti-foreign feeling, but rather that it was intended to bring up complications for the central government.

BOMB PLACER SENTENCED

Rheinhold Faust Will Serve From 1 to 20 Years in Penitentiary.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Rheinhold Faust, who confessed to placing a bomb in a theater here during an opera performance, was found guilty by a jury today of attempting to extort \$100,000 from Frank Wetmore and James Forgan, Chicago bankers.

He was sentenced to an indeterminate term of from 1 to 20 years in the penitentiary.

METRIC SYSTEM ADOPTED

War Department Makes Change at Suggestion of France.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Adoption of the metric system of measurement for artillery and machine guns and maps for the American overseas forces was announced today by the War Department.

The change was agreed upon at the suggestion of the French government to avoid confusion in France, where the metric system is used exclusively.

MRS. DE SAULLES IN HAWAII

Desire for Rest Said to Be Sole Reason for Trip.

HONOLULU, Jan. 21.—Mrs. John De Saullles, who recently was acquitted of a murder charge in connection with the death of her husband, a former Yale athlete, at their home in Mineola, N. Y., arrived here today, accompanied by her sister.

Mrs. De Saullles said a desire for rest was the sole reason for her trip.

RUNAWAY CAR KILLS TWO

Fifteen Others Are Seriously Injured in Omaha Wreck.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 21.—Two persons were killed and 15 seriously injured here early tonight when a railroad coal car loaded with cinders, broke away from a switch train and crashed into a streetcar loaded with passengers.

RUSS STATESMEN MURDERED IN BED

Kokoshkine Slain While Still Asleep.

SHINGAROFF AWAKENS TO DIE

Both Victims of Crime Ill in Petrograd Hospital.

ASSASSINS MAKE ESCAPE

Former Followers of Kerensky Shot to Death by 12 Men, Who Enter Refuge of Doomed Men and Seek Them Out for Death.

PETROGRAD, Sunday, Jan. 20.—A. I. Shingaroff, Minister of Finance in the Kerensky Cabinet, and Professor F. F. Kokoshkine, State Controller under Kerensky, were murdered in their beds last night in the Marine Hospital.

M. Shingaroff and Professor Kokoshkine were removed recently to the hospital from the Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul because of illness.

Twelve armed men entered the hospital and demanded that they be shown the beds of the former Ministers.

Professor Kokoshkine was killed as he slept, two bullets being fired. M. Shingaroff awakened and protested. Six bullets were fired into his body. The assassins then left the hospital.

M. Shingaroff and M. Kokoshkine were arrested by the Bolsheviks last month, notwithstanding the fact they had been elected delegates to the Constituent Assembly and nominally were immune from arrest.

They were prominent members of the Constitutional Democrat party, which is opposed bitterly by the Bolsheviks as the representatives of the bourgeoisie.

GERMANS THREATEN TROTSKY

Accede or Peace Parleys Cease, Says Unofficial Ultimatum.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21.—The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, says that unless Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, accepts the demand of the central powers when he returns to Brest-Litovsk on January 29 the central powers will break off peace negotiations.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A long report of the proceedings of the commission for the regulation of political and territorial questions at Brest-Litovsk Friday, sent out by Berlin, discloses the fact that the central powers and the Russians are no nearer agreement on the point of how the population of the occupied territories are to record their desire for self-determination. The discussion concluded with a reply by Foreign Minister Trotsky that the Russians adhered to their proposal that

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FIGHTING MEN TO OBSERVE SABBATH

PRESIDENT WILSON NOTIFIES ARMY AND NAVY.

Statement Says Sunday Order Based on Reverent Example of Executive's Predecessors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Observance of the Sabbath by all men in military and naval service was directed by President Wilson in a statement issued tonight at the White House. All Sunday labor, he asked, be reduced to the measure of strict necessity.

"The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy," said the statement, "following the reverent example of his predecessors, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service of the United States."

"The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest, the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors, a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the divine will, demand that Sunday labor in the Army and Navy be reduced to the measure of strictest necessity."

"Such an observance of Sunday is dictated by the best traditions of our people and by the convictions of all who look to divine Providence for guidance and protection, and in repeating in his order the language of President Lincoln, the President is confident that he is speaking alike to the hearts and to the consciences of those under his authority."

ARTILLERY FIRE INCREASES

Both Sides Reconnoiter on Italian Northern Front.

ROME, Jan. 21.—Increase in the artillery fire on the Italian northern front, between Brenta and the Piave, is reported in today's War Office statement. Some reconnoitering operations were carried out on both sides.

The enemy's fire was directed against Italian positions south of Col Caprile. West of Osteria Il Lepore, a few prisoners were taken in a small surprise action. Northwest of Monte Asolone and in the valley of Ponte Della Priula, attempts by enemy patrols were promptly frustrated.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN AFRICA

New Territory Occupied by Column Operating in Nyassaland.

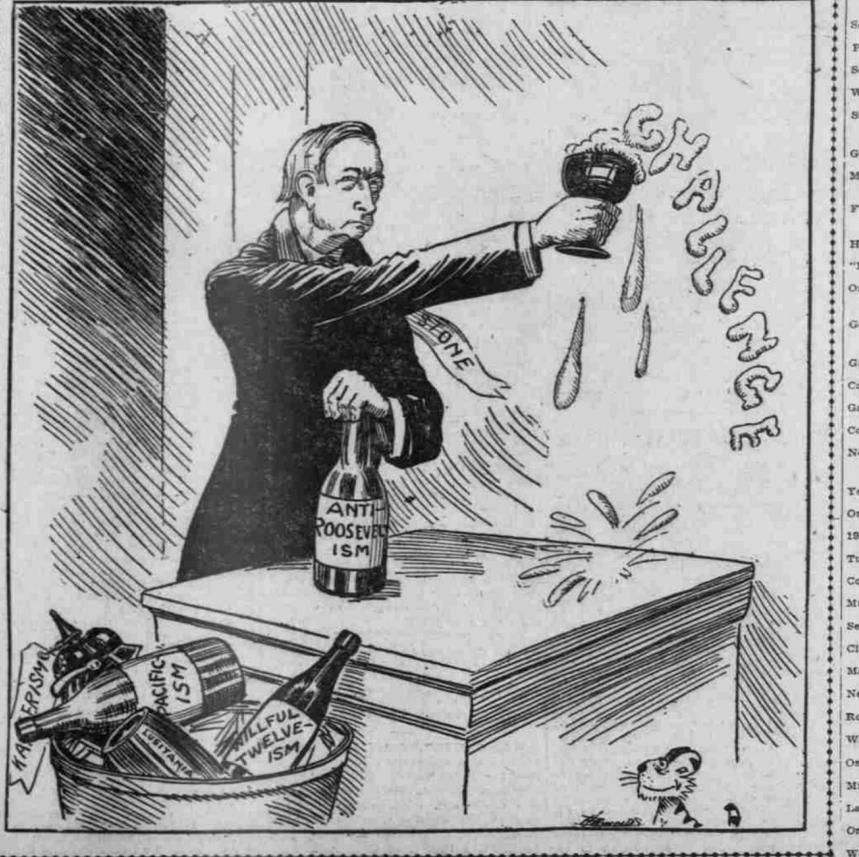
LONDON, Jan. 21.—A British official communication dealing with the operations in East Africa issued this evening, says:

"About Pamuni Hill southwest of Port Amelia, our advanced troops are in contact with an enemy force. In the Mwebembaroa area our column in Nyassaland has occupied Luvumbula Boma, in the angle formed by the confluence of the Luvumbula and Lujenda rivers. The enemy's withdrawal northward is being hastened by the destruction of his bridges by floods."

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- General observations of the first heatless Monday was reported today throughout the country.
- Little Freight Moved. Many railroads were assisting in the effort to supply homes and trans-Atlantic shipping with coal, and were moving little general freight.
- Coal and food were virtually the only commodities moving, aside from a small amount of necessary war supplies.
- The volume of coal reaching seacoast for bunkering ships was steadily increasing.
- State Fuel administrators reported most office buildings, although permitted certain exemptions, were burning only enough coal to prevent freezing of pipes.
- Many Stores Closed. Department-stores and other retail establishments generally were closed.
- Dr. Garfield today issued the following statement: "Despite zero weather over practically all the northeastern part of the country, reports to the Fuel Administration today indicated progress in the bunkering of ships at Atlantic ports and the supplying of domestic consumers under the administration's industrial curtailment regulations."
- Railways Slow Down. "Railroad operation was reported as slackening in certain parts of the country under the tremendous pressure of the cold wave."
- "Coal destined for South Atlantic ports for bunkering ships was moving promptly and the bunkering machinery at ports was handling the coal as rapidly as possible. Much of this coal was frozen in the cars and in many cases it was necessary to thaw it by steam or to build fires under the cars."
- Much Coal Handled. "Over the week end Southern Atlantic ports handled approximately 40,000 tons of coal for ships."
- More than 125,000 tons was on hand at these ports at noon today available for loading.
- "Preference was given to ships loading for Government account at Southern ports today."
- "Northern ports over the week end handled about 45,000 tons of coal for ships and had on hand upwards of 50,000 tons."
- "Reports from local officials of the Fuel Administration throughout the country indicated almost complete cooperation of all establishments effected by the curtailment regulation. In many cases establishments, which, under the strict letter of the order would not have been required to close, had patriotically volunteered to suspend business to meet the spirit of the order."
- Car Movement Speeds Up. "Reports of general railroad conditions indicated an increasingly rapid movement of empty coal cars back to the mines. Railroads reported a steady flow of empty cars from East to West."
- "It was clear that at the end of from 10 to 20 days usually allowed for the round trip of coal cars from mine to consumer, the full effect of the order would be shown in securing for the mines a car supply greater than has been available for mining purposes since the beginning of cool weather."
- "Cars were being rapidly unloaded"

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