



DEMOCRATS RALLY TO FIGHT WILSON

Chamberlain Incident to Have Hot Sequel.

EXECUTIVE POWER IS DEFIED

Oregon Senator Will Reply to President.

ISSUE OF VERACITY RAISED

Straight-Out Contest on Merits of War Cabinet Bill Will Be Made by Supporters When Senate Reconvenes Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Neither the aggressive opposition of President Wilson nor the apparent certainty that their measures would have no chance in the House even if passed by the Senate is halting the campaign of advocates in Congress of bills to establish a war cabinet and a director of munitions.

When the Senate reconvenes on Thursday, according to plans made today by Chairman Chamberlain and his associates on the military committee behind the legislation, the contest will be opened.

They purposed, with a motion to refer the war cabinet bill to the military committee as the vehicle of debate, to open discussion of the merits of their war machinery reorganization program.

Senator Chamberlain expects to reply to the statement issued by President Wilson last night criticizing him for his New York speech in which the Oregon Senator said the military establishment had broken down.

Administration Men Rally.

Administration leaders also were in conference and planned to fight the Chamberlain bills and answer attacks upon the Government's conduct of the war.

In preparation, a number of Democratic Senators saw the President last night. It is understood the President told them he believed the country would support him in his opposition to legislation which would send a machine carefully developed since the war began in favor of a new and untried organization taking over many of his own constitutional powers under the proposed war cabinet bill.

The President advised his visitors that under the present organization the war record of the Government has been one of the great accomplishments and would result in placing abroad by next June twice the number of American originally planned. Mistakes in such a gigantic task, he suggested, were to be expected.

Deficiencies to Be Cited.

To meet the arguments of the Administration spokesmen, Senator Chamberlain and his supporters are preparing to elaborate on the deficiencies and the delays in providing Army supplies and equipment disclosed in the committee's war inquiry.

Today the committee decided to resume the investigation next Saturday, calling Surgeon-General Gorgas to testify regarding cantonment sanitary conditions.

The record of the investigation to date was hastily completed today to be furnished to Senators in readiness for Thursday's debate. Late in the day Senator Chamberlain included in the record a statement furnished by the War Department showing shortages of equipment of National Guard and National Army cantonments on January 1.

Ordinance Publicity Promised.

Prompted by President Wilson's statement last night, the ordinance bureau of the War Department has embarked upon a new publicity policy.

While no official statement was available, it was indicated that wherever military necessity does not demand suppression of facts and figures, full information as to what the bureau is doing or has done will be given to the press.

In connection with the new policy it was disclosed that reorganization of the ordinance bureau began early in May, 1917, less than a month after the declaration of a state of war.

Early Opposition Planned.

Democratic Leader Martin and others supporting the President's position are preparing to oppose reference of the war cabinet bill to the military committee.

The President's assertion that he had learned of the war reorganization legislation only "second hand," was flatly contradicted today by military committee members. They said both Senators Chamberlain and Hitchcock advised the President last week of the proposed legislation and that the President had written a letter stating his opposition. They pointed out also that a copy of the war cabinet bill was left last Saturday by Senator Hitchcock with Secretary Baker.

Executive Statement Disputed.

The President's statement that war operations had been delayed by the Congressional investigation, in calling officials and officers from their duties to appear before committees, also was disputed by committee members, who pointed out that when Major-General Crozier and Sharp testified before the

PERSHING APPEALS FOR AID OF WOMEN

MORAL SUPPORT TO BE GREAT HELP, IS MESSAGE.

Dr. Hugh Birkhead, Back From Front and England, Assures Ally of America's Co-operation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—"Tell them this is the greatest thing we ever tried to do and we are looking to them to back us up at some," is a message from General Pershing, which the Rev. Mr. Hugh Birkhead today told members of the National League for Woman's Service here he had been asked by the General to carry back to the United States.

Dr. Birkhead recently returned from seven months of relief work on the French front and a tour of England at the request of the Red Cross to assure the English people of the co-operation of America in the war.

"If we can know every day and every hour that they are standing behind us, it will give us hope and courage," the speaker said General Pershing added.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY TO COME

President to Issue Proclamation Covering Coast Mills and Camps.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 22.—The President is about to issue a proclamation establishing the eight-hour day in lumber mills and logging camps in the Pacific Coast states.

The proclamation has been prepared after conferences between the Department of Labor, the Shipping Board and other Government agencies directly concerned, and is designed to preserve harmony in the lumber industry and to expedite production of ship and airplane spruce. Whether the eight-hour day at this time or later will be extended to Southern states cannot be learned tonight.

DOCK MENACED BY FIRE

Lighted Candle Under Planking Believed Sabotage Attempt.

George A. Baker, a special watchman employed by the Supple & Ballin Shipbuilding Corporation, found a candle burning under the company's dock at the foot of East Oak street last night, and Patrolman Howard, who investigated, believes that the candle was left there with incendiary intent. The taper was on a dry plank, about six inches from the plating, if it had burned to the plank, police believe, it would have caused a conflagration.

This was the only attempt at sabotage reported yesterday, the date when Washington dispatches predicted an outbreak.

MARRIAGE REFUSAL FATAL

Private Frank Ferguson, of Seattle, Found Dead in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The body of Frank W. Ferguson, of Seattle, and a private in the 32d Ambulance Corps, stationed at Camp Fremont, near here, was found dead in the room of Mrs. Mary Edmondson, a relative by marriage, in a hotel here today. According to the police, a revolver was found near the body, also a farewell note, said to have been written by Ferguson.

The police said Mrs. Edmondson told them Ferguson apparently had been despondent over her refusal to marry him. He is said to be survived by a mother, Mrs. G. W. Edmondson, residing at Richmond Beach, Wash.

STATE GUARDS VOLUNTEER

Thirty Members of Salem Company May Guard Portland Property.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—Thirty members of the company of Oregon State Guards, recently organized here under Federal regulations, volunteered tonight to go on guard duty on the Portland waterfront, in charge of one of the Salem officers. This was in response to an inquiry from the office of the Adjutant-General whether not less than 35 men would volunteer for 30 days' service.

It is said that enough additional men will volunteer to meet the requirements.

CAMP LEWIS IS IN LEAD

More Than \$200,000,000 of National War Insurance Already Taken.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 22.—Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, is the first camp in the country to report more than \$200,000,000 of insurance in the National War Insurance drive, Secretary McAdoo announced today.

The National Army men of the 91st Division had applied for \$204,000,000 of Government insurance up to January 13. This represents 22,508 policies. The average amount applied for, \$9267, is one of the best records established.

IOWA CITIES ARE "CLOSED"

Illinois Merchants Spur Fuel Administrator to Action.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 22.—As a result of complaints filed by Illinois merchants of towns along the Mississippi River that their trade was going to the Iowa side, Charles Webster, fuel administrator for this state, tonight issued a closing order against six Eastern Iowa cities.

They are Keokuk, Fort Madison, Burlington, Davenport, Clinton and Dubuque.

DARDANELLES SEA FIGHT IS THRILLING

Turk and British War Craft Battle 3 Hours.

PLANES CLASH ABOVE SHIPS

Bombs Rained on Retreating Ottoman Cruisers.

MONITORS FIGHT TO LAST

English Destroyers Harass ex-German Warships and Are Engaged by Turkish Destroyers and Menaced by Submarine.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The naval engagement of the entrance to the Dardanelles last Sunday morning lasted for nearly three hours and abounded in thrilling incidents, according to the British official statement of the battle, which resulted in the sinking of the former German cruiser Breslau, the beaching and partial destruction of the former German cruiser Goeben, and the sinking of two British monitors.

Details of the naval action supplied by both the British and Turkish official statements indicate that the former German warships issued from the Dardanelles early Sunday morning with an intent to destroy smaller British patrolling craft and wreak havoc upon the British naval supply station on the island of Imbros.

British Craft Sink Fighting.

Although outraged and outgunned, the British craft put up a splendid fight, the two monitors, Raglan and M-25, battling until they sank under the accurate fire of the Turkish cruisers.

The Midulla, or Breslau, went down when attempting to retreat to safety inside the Dardanelles, and the Sultan Selim, or Goeben, damaged by striking a mine and harassed by destroyers and bombing British aeroplanes, finally was run aground at Nasara point, just inside the entrance to the Dardanelles.

"The British destroyer Lisard was about two miles from the northeastern point of the island of Imbros, on patrol duty at 5:20 o'clock last Sunday morning when it sighted the warships Goeben and Breslau (Sultan Selim and Midulla)," says the official statement from the British Admiralty, giving a detailed report of the engagement, which resulted in the loss of the Breslau and the beaching of the damaged Goeben.

Lisard Gives Alarm.

"The Breslau was steaming in a northerly direction to the south and east of Cape Cephalo, followed shortly by the Goeben, which was about a mile astern. The Lisard at once gave the alarm and opening fire it proceeded to keep in close touch as possible with the enemy ships. The Goeben and Breslau engaged the Lisard

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3 U. S. FLYERS DIE WHEN PLANES HIT

AMERICANS COLLIDE AT TRAINING SCHOOL IN FRANCE.

Sergeant Henry W. Sweet Jones, of Lafayette Escadrille, Wins War Cross for Daring.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—First Lieutenants William H. Cheney and Oliver P. Sherwood and Private George A. Beach were killed Sunday in a collision of airplanes over an American aviation school in France.

The War Department was advised of the fatalities tonight by General Pershing.

Lieutenant Cheney's mother, Mrs. William H. Schofield, lives at Peterboro, N. H.; Lieutenant Sherwood's emergency address is Mrs. Lydia C. Sherwood, 354 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., and that of Private Beach, Thomas Beach, Fort Collins, Colo.

No details of the accident were given in General Pershing's message.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Sergeant Henry W. Sweet Jones, of New York, a member of the Lafayette Flying Corps, who also is a Lieutenant in the Aviation Reserve of the American Army, has been decorated with the war cross. An official citation praises his splendid spirit and admirable daring.

PRISON PLOT DISCLOSED

Man Accused of Burglary Gives Warning to Sheriff at The Dalles.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special)—A plot of prisoners in the Wasco County Jail at The Dalles to overpower the jailer and effect an escape was divulged by Dave Matheny, indicted here today on a charge of burglary of the country home of Dr. T. L. Elliot, of Portland.

Matheny, confined to The Dalles prison for several weeks, says the plot was being fomented by one Elliott, held on a felony charge.

Sheriff Johnson telephoned Sheriff Chrisman a warning.

ANOTHER BABY SENTENCED

Dr. H. J. Haiselden Advises Parents to Allow Infant to Die.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(Special)—Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, who gained wide notoriety through his connection with the Hedzsima baby and similar cases, has passed sentence of death on another baby, "one of nature's sad mistakes."

The girl is seven weeks old and the child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Slavik. The baby is their first offspring and weighs but 2½ pounds. It has a hopelessly imperfect spine and its legs and arms have been paralyzed since birth.

MILLION DOLLARS MISLAID

Eight Mail-Sacks Containing Money and Jewelry Recovered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Eight mail sacks containing money and jewelry valued at close to \$1,000,000 which were supposed to have been stolen from a mail truck during a ferryboat trip from Communipaw, N. J., to this city January 7, were found tonight in the postoffice building.

William F. Cochran, chief of the United States postal inspectors, expressed the belief that they had been mislaid during a great rush of mail.

NEW STORM STRIKES TERROR TO EAST

Fourth Blizzard of Year Smites Vast Area.

FOOD, FUEL SUPPLIES SHORT

Many Country Districts Are Snowed In Until Spring.

CHICAGO FACES CRISIS

In Spite of One Heatless Day, Coal Supply Deficit Has Increased to Alarming Extent—Live-stock Loss Enormous.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(Special)—The fourth great storm of the winter season is sweeping over the Eastern states, tying up transportation, crippling telegraph and telephone wires and greatly increasing the suffering caused by a shortage of food and fuel.

The storm originated in the Southwest and raged up the Mississippi Valley. It was diverted by northwestern gales and pursued a course eastward through the Ohio Valley, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Parts of Ohio and Indiana and New York are feeling the teeth of the storm tonight and it will spread over the New England states by morning, as it is riding on a high gale.

Cities Get New Burden.

The storm comes just at a time when the various cities were struggling out of previous blizzards. Extraordinary work has been done everywhere to clear away the snow so trains could operate and the fresh onslaught will cause much of this labor to be repeated.

The country districts over a vast area are hopelessly snowbound and will remain so until March.

The farmers have tramped Indian trails through the banked roads and can get to and from town on horseback, but this is the only means of locomotion over at least eight states, except around the towns and cities where organized effort has partially broken through the roads.

Food and Fuel Scarce.

Families who are not supplied with food and fuel are existing upon what can be carried in coal and food supplies, in bags and baskets, by a man on horseback.

The coal situation is acute all over the East and with the advent of a fresh snow storm passenger trains were abandoned and their locomotives sent to haul coal trains.

The worst fuel situation in the history of the city confronts Chicago. Not one pound of coal has been accumulated as a surplus, despite the five-day period of suspension of business and zero weather in its sight.

Chicago Shortage Greater.

Though Chicago saved 35,000 tons of coal yesterday, the situation far exceeds that of any other city.

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AUTO BANDITS ARE TAKEN BY POLICE

ONE MAN SLAIN AND ANOTHER WOUNDED IN HOLDUP.

Officers Declare One of Men Under Arrest Has Confessed to Murder. Confederates Are Named.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—Four suspects are under arrest and a fifth sought tonight, in connection with the slaying of one man and wounding of another last night in a series of eight holdups by automobile bandits.

Police officers say one of the men under arrest has confessed to the three robberies and the murder, and named the three others under arrest and the fifth sought as his companions.

The prisoners are William Deanna, H. C. Hadley, H. Dunn and Herbert Spears, all between the ages of 22 and 30.

The first three men were taken into custody after police officers discovered the automobile, bloodstained and bullet marked, which the alleged holdup men had abandoned.

Among curious individuals who stopped to inspect the car which an officer was guarding were the three young men. Their attitude aroused the suspicion of the officer, who arrested them. Through descriptions furnished by one, Herbert Spears was arrested in a railroad yard, in the act of boarding a freight train.

The victims of the holdup included Phillip J. Metz, a grocer, slain, and Herbert Maas, wounded. Metz was shot in the back as he ran from the robbers and died in a hospital early today. Maas was escorting a young woman home when bandits stopped him, threw him into their machine, robbed and shot him, and then threw him out.

JESTS MAY SEND TO JAIL

Judge Says Disparaging Remarks May Not Be Made, Even Lightly.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Interpreting the law relating to disparaging remarks about the President, Federal Judge K. M. Lamas told a jury yesterday that a man may not so speak about the Nation's chief, even in jest.

The case was that of Walter Ragnansky, a Lithuanian, convicted on three counts, the maximum penalty for each of which is five years' imprisonment. He admitted that he made the statements attributed to him, but said they were made in jest.

TEACHER PUPIL'S VICTIM

Texas Boy, 13, Held Responsible for Death of Principal.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., Jan. 22.—George T. Cooper, aged 60 years, principal of the Union School, died today from wounds alleged to have been inflicted by a 13-year-old student whom he attempted to punish.

The boy is under surveillance under the juvenile detention law.

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MAJORITY DODGES ISSUE

Queried as to Attitude in Relation to Controversy Over War Management, Local Party Leaders Say Little.

High on the tight-rope of indecision, with a most unenviable abyss below and round about, Portland's prominent Democrats teetered delicately yesterday.

Theirs was the confusion of choice, the bitter pill of preference, between open fealty to Senator Chamberlain, Oregon's senior statesman and chairman of the Senate military committee, and not less open support of President Wilson in his attitude against the proposed war cabinet bill.

Local Democrats Evolve.

All "finches" pale before the certainty that the controversial clash between the President and Senator Chamberlain, precipitated in part by the latter's recent New York speech, is uppermost in the bewildered thought of local Democrats. The coy start, and apprehensive eye, the general ensemble of men who ask nothing better than to be left alone, marks each individual when the sore subject is broached. Few make the desperate dash—and these only with the resolution of the cold bath here.

"Senator Chamberlain should have delivered that speech on the floor of the Senate—don't quote me."

"Secretary Baker is weak; the President is a wonder; Senator Chamberlain meant the War Department—but don't quote me."

Some Speak Out for Wilson.

Lifted above the timorous squeak of these typicals is the occasional sonorous declamation of men who are with the President from bonnet to bootlace, though they reiterate the warmest friendship for Senator Chamberlain, with an evident sincerity that leaves no lingering doubt.

Few have the inner optics which F. A. Seufert, well-known salmon packer and clansman of Democracy, turned upon the situation, piercingly and with precision. Said Mr. Seufert:

"It amuses me. The sum and substance is that we're all Democrats now, and there are no Republicans to fight. 'I'll face the land,' or words to that effect—what I want to say is that this situation is typical of any party in power. Its leaders fall out and fight among themselves."

Mr. Chamberlain Exposed.

Dr. Eloy T. Hedlund, ex-president of the Jackson Club and Congressional candidate a few years ago, took his bath with a plunge, admitting Democracy's dilemma, but hitting a ready lance for the President's cause.

"Why, of course, this matter is the thing that has been uppermost in the minds of Democrats throughout the city today," said Dr. Hedlund, right sturdily. "While I'm a friend of Senator Chamberlain, I think that he is wrong and the President is absolutely right. What has been accomplished by the Administration since we entered the war has been marvelous!"

Pacing somewhat nervously was Milton A. Miller, United States Collector.

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NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED AT SUBSIDIARY PLANTS TOTALS 3849.

Including a force of 1300 at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, 3549 men are employed in 28 Portland industrial plants working on contracts and sub-contracts for boilers, engines, sheet metal and mechanical equipment of various kinds for vessels now under construction in the Columbia River and Oregon Coast districts, according to statistics compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. This figure is exclusive of the men engaged in the actual construction of vessels in this vicinity. Conservative estimates fix that number at between 12,000 and 15,000.

Not including the force of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, the 2549 workmen are apportioned among the different industrial activities as follows: Iron and steel foundries, boiler and machine shops, 1896; furniture and wooden furnishing plants, 305; one cordage mill, 110; tooling, 62; sheet metal works, 58; bronze and brass works, 48; building lifeboats, 20.

The number of these employees, both in these various plants and in the shipyards, is increasing every week.

SAFETY FIRST!



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