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## SENATE NOT ABLE TO FORCE VOTING

### Few Thwart Action on Armed Neutrality

### MAJORITY SIGNS MANIFESTO

### Members Go on Record to Show They Favor Supporting President.

### DEMOCRATS PLEAD IN VAIN

### Declaration That Failure Will Be National Disgrace of No Avail.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Senator Hitchcock, in charge of President Wilson's armed neutrality bill, put into the Senate record at 3:30 o'clock this morning a manifesto signed by nearly 80 Democratic and Republican Senators, designed to inform the country just who was responsible for the failure of the measure, which at that hour apparently had been hopelessly blocked by the opposition of a handful of Progressive Republicans.

The Nebraska Senator said there were only 12 Senators who refused to sign the manifesto, which pointed out that an overwhelming majority was for the President's policy though deprived of an opportunity to vote for the bill by the course of its opponents in preventing a rollcall.

Senator Clapp protests. "The declaration speaks for itself," said Senator Hitchcock.

"It is desired to place it in the record in order that the country may know and that a record may be made of the fact that practically nine-tenths of the Senate is anxious to bring this bill to a vote, and that nine-tenths of the Senate desired to vote for it."

Senator Clapp protested that presentation of the statement was "unfair and unjust" because those who had not signed merely had been "seeking to secure a fair opportunity for debate."

WASHINGTON, March 3.—With President Wilson's armed neutrality bill facing failure because of the opposition of a small group of Progressive-Republicans, Democratic and Republican Senators favoring it prepared tonight a manifesto to show the country just where the responsibility will rest if the measure is not passed.

At midnight, when the debate had developed strong indication that the bill's opponents intended to prevent a vote before the session expires at noon tomorrow, the manifesto had been signed by more than a majority of the Senate and friends of the bill said that in the end it would bear the signatures of 90 per cent.

It was the intention to hold back the document until it became certain that

## \$535,000,000 BILL FOR NAVY PASSED

### SENATE SENDS MEASURE ON TO PRESIDENT.

Thirty Submarines Are Eliminated, but \$150,000,000 Bond Issue Ordered to Hasten Ships.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The naval appropriation bill was sent to the President shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, when final Congressional action was taken, the Senate agreeing to the conference report previously accepted by the House.

The Senate then adopted the House resolution providing for a bond issue of \$150,000,000 to expedite construction of naval vessels. That completed approval of the Administration's naval programme.

Conferees on the \$535,000,000 naval appropriation bill agreed on a report tonight reducing the extra number of submarines to be built from 50 to 20, all to be constructed on the Pacific Coast. That would make the total number of submarines provided for in the bill 33.

The separate resolution for a bond issue of \$150,000,000 to provide for hastening construction of naval vessels was adopted by the House tonight without opposition.

The Senate conferees yielded the provision for enlarging the Charleston, S. C. drydock. The conference report does not reduce the total appropriation material, as the \$15,000,000 emergency applied in the Senate bill toward immediate construction of submarines is retained.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS 4 BILLS

### Three Are for Appropriations and One Danish West Indies Act.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson tonight signed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the Danish West Indies government bill, the pension appropriation bill, and a bill increasing from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 the appropriation for risk insurance bureau.

## RAINY WEEK IS PREDICTED

### Temperatures in North Pacific States to Be Seasonal.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Weather predictions for the week, beginning Sunday, March 4, issued by the Weather bureau today, are: Pacific states—fair, except for rain; rest of the country—fair, except for rain. Temperatures near normal.

## PRUNES SHIPPED TO ALLIES

### First Consignment of 87,500 Started From Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—The W. F. Drager Fruit Company, of Roseburg, yesterday shipped 87,500 pounds of Douglas County prunes to London, where they will be distributed among the allied armies.

Another similar shipment will leave here early next week.

## STEAMSHIP 535 MILES OUT

### Frederick VII Sends Wireless Giving Position on Home Voyage.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The Danish steamship Frederick VII, on which ex-Ambassador von Bernstorff and his party are passengers, returning to Germany, was 535 miles east of Sable Island last night, according to a wireless message received today.

## OFFICIALS ARE ABSOLVED

### House Unanimous in Putting Leak Blame on Private Persons.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The rules committee report absolving public officials from blame for any "leak" on the peace note, was unanimously adopted by the House tonight.

## TACTICS IN SENATE THWART PRESIDENT

### Chance to Show Solid Front to World Gone.

## PACIFISTS HOLD WHIP HAND

### Fate of Armed Neutrality Bill Becomes Uncertain.

## ARMY MEASURE BLOCKED

### Wilson's Plan to Confront Teutonic Allies With Showing of Unity in America Is Held Up by Filibusters.

### BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—(Special.)—Involved in a condition closely approximating war with Germany, the President is embroiled at the same time in a war with the Republican minority in the Senate, aided and abetted by members of his own party.

It is an extraordinary spectacle of patriotism which has been manifested during the past 24 hours by the Senate of the United States. President Wilson desired instant action upon the armed neutrality bill, which he recommended for passage in his speech of last Monday. He revealed the proposal of Germany for an alliance with Mexico and Japan, a proposal semi-officially confirmed by Berlin, for the purpose of showing the country and Congress the imperative need of empowering him to act for the protection of American life and American rights upon the high seas.

### Need of Urgency Shown.

The revelation also established the overwhelming necessity of providing the Government without delay with all the authority and all the money essential to put the Nation in a state of comparative defense.

The fate of the armed neutrality bill, the passage of which seemed assured, has become a matter of conjecture. The change in the prospects of the measure due to the pacifist element in the Senate was emphasized shortly after 6 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour Senator Norris, of Nebraska, announced he would not give his approval to any move designed to facilitate the passage of the bill and that he would object to any proposal to fix a time for a vote.

### Filibuster Is Possible.

Norris even went to the extent of announcing that he "would be glad to kill the bill in any way he could." This is in thorough accord with the views of Senator La Follette, who, after a long rest, is ready to make an extended speech. La Follette's inclination is to filibuster.

The President wanted to show Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey that there was no division in the Nation when it came to a question of National defense. He believed that his appeal to patriotism would be answered in a ringing American tone. He expected that Congress would say at once: "Here is the armed neutrality bill; here are appropriations to enlarge the military establishments. Anything more you need, ask and you will get it."

### Chance for Solid Front Held.

The moral effect of the demonstration of such complete co-operation on the part of the Executive and the Congress would have been enormous. It would have given the lie to the representations of Count von Bernstorff, the dismissed German Ambassador, to his government, that there was division in the councils of the American people; that Berlin could count upon this di-

## 2 FIRE COMPANIES LOST UNDER WALL

### \$500,000 DETROIT BLAZE GETS WORKERS AS VICTIMS.

Four Are Taken From Debris, but Trace of Many Others Cannot Be Found—Blaze Spreads Rapidly.

DETROIT, Mich., March 4.—At least 12 firemen were caught under a falling wall, while fighting a fire in two five-story buildings in the heart of the downtown business section early today. It was said that two entire fire companies are missing.

The fire originated in a cloak and suit store and spread to a shoe store. At 2:30 A. M. the firemen had succeeded in extricating only four of the imprisoned men. They still were working in efforts to get at the other imprisoned men.

Both buildings will be a total loss. The damage will probably be upward of \$500,000.

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## AMERICAN TELLS OF GRIM NIGHT ATTACK

### Survivor Gives Graphic Account of Sinking.

## LACONIA'S PASSENGERS CALM

### Six Hours Passed in Open Boats Before Rescue.

## IMPACT SCARCELY HEARD

### Ruthlessness of German Methods Is Shown in Abandoning of Survivors in Dark to Chance of Passing Vessel.

### BY FLOYD GIBBONS.

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QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27.—I have serious doubts whether this is a real story. I am not entirely certain that it is not all a dream and that in a few minutes I will wake up back in stateroom B-19 on the promenade deck of the Cunarder Laconia and hear my cockney steward informing me with an abundance of "and sirs" that it is a fine morning.

It is now a little over 30 hours since I stood on the slanting decks of the big liner, listened to the lowering of the lifeboats, heard the hiss of escaping steam and the roar of ascending rockets as they tore lurid rents in the black sky and cast their red glare over the roaring sea.

### Six Hours Eventful.

I am writing this within 30 minutes after stepping on the dock here in Queenstown from the British minesweeper which picked up our open lifeboat after an eventful six hours of drifting and darkness and bailing and pulling on the oars and of straining, aching eyes toward that empty, meaningless horizon in search of help.

But, dream or fact, here it is: The Cunard liner Laconia, 18,000 tons' burden, carrying 73 passengers—men, women and children—of whom six were American citizens—manned by a mixed crew of 216, bound from New York to Liverpool, and loaded with foodstuffs, cotton and war material, was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine last night on the Irish Coast. The vessel sank in about 40 minutes.

### Lifeless Bodies Seen.

Two American citizens, mother and daughter, listed from Chicago, and former residents there, are among the dead. They were Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy. I have talked with a seaman who was in the same lifeboat with the two Chicago women and he has told me that he saw their lifeless bodies washed out of the sinking lifeboat.

The American survivors are Mrs. F. E. Harris, of Philadelphia, who was the last woman to leave the Laconia; the Rev. Father Wareing, of St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore; Arthur T. Kirby, of New York, and myself.

A former Chicago woman, now the wife of a British subject, was among the survivors. She is Mrs. Henry George Boston, the daughter of Granger Farwell, of Lake Forest.

### Lifesaving Drills Held.

After leaving New York passengers and crew had three drills with the lifeboats. All were supplied with life belts and assigned to places in the 12 big lifeboats poised over the side from the davits of the top deck.

Submarines had been a chief part of the conversation during the entire trip, but the subject had been treated lightly, although all ordered precautions were strictly in force. After the first ex-

## NAVY SECRET GIVEN OUT BY SEN. STONE

### PLAN TO USE SMALL SUBMARINE CHASERS REVEALED.

Administration Officials Incensed at Extreme Opposition to Armed Neutrality Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Naval officers and Administration officials are incensed at Senator Stone's disclosure in the Senate debate today that the Navy had planned equipping merchant ships with light, swift submarine chasers to guard them against submarines in the prohibited zones.

They regarded it as fortunate that more of their plans had not been disclosed in the heat of the Senator's opposition to the armed neutrality bill, but were chagrined that so much had been said, especially in view of the fact that the Senate only recently, at the request of the military departments, passed a bill making it a crime to publish the Government's secrets.

Secretary Daniels was in the Capitol when Senator Stone made his statement, but refrained from making comment. Naval officers were not so reserved.

## ZIMMERMANN MAY RESIGN

### Von Bernstorff's Diplomatic Career Probably Is Ended.

LONDON, March 3.—The German press has been ordered not to publish a word regarding the American-Mexican revelations until further notice, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The dispatch says that only a few circles are aware of the intrigue and that it is considered possible the result of the affair will be the resignation of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and the ending of Count von Bernstorff's career as a diplomat.

## 25 AMERICANS ON LACONIA

### Evidence in Case Is Compiled by State Department.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—All the evidence on the Laconia's destruction now compiled at the State Department shows that 25 Americans were put in jeopardy of their lives by the German submarine. Three were killed.

Reports on the torpedoing of the Norwegian steamer Nyland, which bore one American, show the ship was warned and all had opportunity to escape.

## COLONY PROPOSES NAME

### Danish West Indies Would Be Known as Virgin Islands.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., March 3.—At a mass meeting held here it was decided to suggest to the Washington Government that the Danish West Indies, now American territory through purchase, should be named the "American Virgin Islands" and other names have been suggested.

## REVENUE BILL IS SIGNED

### Measure to Raise \$350,000,000 by Special Tax and Bonds Is Law.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson today signed the revenue bill, designed to raise \$350,000,000 through special taxes and bond issues.

President Wilson also signed the diplomatic and the District of Columbia appropriation bills.

## AMERICAN STEAMER SAILS

### 12 United States Citizens on Ship Bound for War Zone.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The American steamer Silver Shell, under the command of Captain John Charlton, left here today bound for an unnamed port in France.

There were 12 American citizens among the crew.

## WASHINGTON ALIVE WITH PATRIOTISM

### Great Crowds Pour In for Inaugural.

## SOLDIERS TO GUARD WAY

### President to Take Oath Today and Again on Monday.

## CAPITAL IS BEDRAGGLED

### Great Demonstration of Americanism Expected—Old Glory Is a-Flutter From Every House, Pomp to Be Absent.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson will take the oath which makes him President of the United States for another term tomorrow, probably at noon, privately and without ceremony in his office in the Capitol, where he expects to be signing bills during the closing hours of Congress. He will take the oath upon the same Bible he used when sworn in as Governor of New Jersey and later when he took his first oath as President. It is a family heirloom.

Monday the President will take another oath at the open-air inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol. Just before he delivers his inaugural address, there was ample precedent in law for the President to take no oath at all until Monday, but he elected to take it tomorrow.

### Marshall to Do Same.

Vice-President Marshall probably will do the same thing and repeat his part of the ceremony in the Senate chamber Monday.

Tonight the National Capital, just emerged from nearly a week of rain and snow, is rearranging the rumpled condition in which a fair city finds itself after being all dressed up, rained on first and then covered under a glass. Somebody said today that the Capital looked like a boy caught in a thunder shower.

It hasn't dampened the inaugural enthusiasm any, because the weather bureau has predicted fair and colder weather Monday.

### Patriotic Note Dominates.

The ceremonies promise to be a great demonstration of Americanism. Coming at a time when the country is faced with foreign complications of the gravest sort, the note of patriotism dominates all else.

The American flag and the red, white and blue comprise the whole scheme of decorations. Tonight hundreds of Old Glories are rippling and fluttering in the white beams of floodlights.

Thousands of people are pouring into the city. Troops, bronzed and hardened by months of service on the Mexican border, are here to line the avenue as the President passes by—the first time since the first inauguration of Lincoln that soldiers have been present in that way.

### Simple Inaugural Planned.

President Wilson has asked that his inauguration be a simple one, and, aside from the great manifestations of patriotism, it will be a simple affair, lacking tinsel and pomp and trimmings. Governors of states were arriving tonight with staffs in gold-laden uniforms. Democratic clubs, boy scouts, suffragists, civic organizations and the world and his wife were coming in as the advance guard of the great crowd which will begin to pack the city Sunday and early Monday.

The President himself has given little attention to the preparations for his inaugural. A large group of relatives and friends, including Colonel E. M.

PICTURED IMPRESSIONS BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS OF SOME EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS.

