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GERMANY ANNOUNCES BLOCKADE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE NOW

Waters Around English Islands, Whole of English Channel in War Zone

NEUTRAL FLAGS ARE MISUSED BY ENGLAND

German Admiralty Announces All Shipping Along Coast Will be in Danger

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (By Wireless to Bayville.)—The German Admiralty today issued the following:

"The waters around Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole of the English Channel, are declared a war zone from and after February 18th.

"Every enemy's ship found in the war zone will be destroyed, even if it is impossible to avert the danger which threatens the crew and passengers."

"Also neutral ships in the war zone are in danger as a consequence of the misuse of neutral flags ordered by the British government on January 31st and in view of the hazards of naval warfare it cannot always be avoided that attacks meant for the enemy's ships endanger neutral ships."

"Shipping northward around the Shetland Islands, in the western basin of the North Sea and in a strip of at least 30 nautical miles in breadth along the Dutch coast is endangered in the same way."

TORPEDO BOAT IS SUNK

French Report German Destroyer Sunk by Russians in Baltic

PARIS, Feb. 4.—A Petrograd statement says a German torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by a Russian submarine in the Baltic January 29, off the Danish Island of Moen.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS AGAINST ALLIES IN VIOLENT ENGAGEMENTS

Announce Marked Victory Over French in Assault Northwest of Massieges

GERMAN SKIS TROOPS DEFEAT FRENCH FORCE

Claim Russians Repulsed in East Prussia and German Gains Near Warsaw

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (By wireless to Bayville.)—The official statement today says: "Yesterday saw nothing more than artillery engagements from the North Sea to Rheims. Further French attacks near Perthes were repulsed. The Germans yesterday delivered attacks north and northwest of Massieges and northeast of St. Meneshould. They stormed three lines of French trenches, one behind the other, and occupied the principal French positions for a distance of 1.5 miles. All the French counter attacks during the night were repulsed. We took prisoners seven officers and 601 soldiers, captured nine machine guns, nine other guns of smaller calibre and much war material. In the middle Vosges occurred the first encounter of German troops mounted on skis with the French chassours. The outcome was successful to us. In East Prussia, Russian attacks against the German position on the Meme' River were driven back. South of Sochaczew, the Russians delivered repeated heavy attacks, but were repulsed with slight losses. The German advance in the vicinity of Bolimow is progressing, despite violent counter attacks. The number of prisoners we are taking is increasing. In the Carpathian mountains German, Austrian and Hungarian soldiers have been fighting shoulder to shoulder for some days past. We have been several times successful in this snow-covered mountainous country."

GERMANS ASK U. S. TO HANDLE FOOD

Wants America to See That Foodstuffs Go to the Civilians Only

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff, acting on instructions from Germany, suggested to the State Department that American Consuls supervise the distribution of foodstuffs on the steamer *Wilhelmina*, en route to Hamburg, to assure they went to German civilians alone.

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WHEAT JUMPED TO \$1.66 YESTERDAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—May wheat fell as low as \$1.56 3-4 yesterday, but jumped eventually to \$1.66, a new high record, making a swing seldom equalled in so short a time.

VILLA TAKES PRESIDENCY OF MEXICO

EL PASO, Feb. 4.—Francisco Villa has proclaimed himself in charge of the presidency of Mexico. This was announced in a telegram from Villa received last night by his agents here. Villa has appointed three ministers to take charge of the civil government. The northern chieftain by his act becomes the tenth man to assume the provisional presidency of Mexico since the downfall of the Diaz dictatorship.

VILLA TROOPS WIN.

EL PASO, Feb. 4.—Following their defeat at San Luis Potosi, the Carranza troops again were routed yesterday south of there, according to official Villa advices. It was stated that the Villa column under General Banda had utterly routed the retreating Carranza forces of General Benavides, capturing all of their artillery and supply trains and taking many prisoners.

OHIO RIVER IS AGAIN ON RAMPAGE

Many Factories, Homes and Buildings Flooded Between Wheeling and East Liverpool

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Ten thousand men in the factories in and around Wheeling, and double that number along the Ohio River, were temporarily deprived of employment today by flood. Many were driven from their homes and the schools were closed. One man was drowned.

WAR IN WEST AFRICA

German Troops Said to Have Occupied Portuguese Possessions

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Lisbon says: "Reinforcements have been sent to Angola, as the Germans now occupy the greater portion of that colony."

CLARK FOR SPEAKER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The new democratic members of the sixty-fourth Congress and the re-elected members will caucus tonight to reorganize for the next session of Congress. There is no opposition to the re-election of Champ Clark as Speaker.

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Wireless Message to U. S. San Diego on Mexican Coast Tells of Disaster

FATE OF CREW NOT TOLD IN MESSAGES

Battle Cruiser Was Leader in Mikado's Fleet—Was Built in England

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Admiral Howard reported to the Navy Department from the flagship *San Diego*, that the Japanese cruiser *Asama*, with 500 men, was wrecked about 350 miles south of Port Bartolome and is breaking up. No further details were given and nothing was said of the fate of the crew.

The *Asama* is 422 feet over all, with beam of 67 feet and capable of making 21 1/2 knots. She has 18000 horsepower. She was built in England in 1898 and carries four 8-inch guns, fourteen 6-inch guns and twelve 3-inch guns, has four torpedo tubes below the water and one above.

Her complement is 500 officers and men. She has a war record that dates back to the battle of the Sea of Japan in May, 1905, when she received the surrender of Rear Admiral Nebogotoff of the Russian navy. After this fight she was engaged successfully with the Russian cruiser *Mitri Donskoi* and it was from the decks of the *Asama* that the Emperor of Japan reviewed the naval parade in Japanese waters in the latter part of October, 1905.

VICE-PRESIDENT TO DECIDE SHIP BILL

Marshall Will Probably Have to Cast Deciding Vote on Wilson's Pet Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Vice-President Marshall probably will cast the vote which decides whether the ship bill lives or dies at this session. The administration Democrats reformed their lines today and found they had only 46 votes against the Republicans' 48. Their only course was to stave off a vote until Newlands hurries back from California and Smith came from the bedside of his wife in South Carolina.

Changes Are Slight.

Reinforcements for both sides in the Senate fight on the ship bill arrived today, but apparently did not change the situation. Senator Lewis' arrival was offset by Senator Fall, Smith, of South Carolina, could not come on account of the illness of his wife. The lines on the vote on Clarke's motion to recommit the bill without instructions, effectually killing it for this session, are estimated so closely drawn that Vice-President Marshall will probably cast the deciding vote. When the Senate met at noon, both sides were maneuvering for an advantage. The Democrats fearing defeat as the lines lay, were determined to prevent a vote today.

This necessitates Democratic speeches as long as the Republicans hold the Senate in session. Stone said it was conceded that the Democratic absentees could not be paired and the opponents could defeat the motion to recommit with instructions by a majority of one or two.

CHARGES BY CANADA.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Feb. 4.—The information laid against Werner Van Horn, upon which the Canadian authorities seek his extradition from Maine, was stated today by Attorney General Baxter of New Brunswick, to be based on the following section of the criminal code: "Everyone is liable to life imprisonment who unlawfully, with intent to injure or endanger the safety of any persons traveling on any railroad, injures or destroys any train, bridge or fence of said railway, or any other portion thereof."

GERMANY NOTIFIES U. S. OF DANGER ZONE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Germany today notified the State Department that American vessels should avoid the North and West coasts of France.

GERMANS SAY FRENCH COAST DANGEROUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The State Department does not regard today's Berlin notice as a formal declaration of a blockade by Germany on the French coast as the mere presence of submarines or mines would not constitute a blockade. The Department regards the notice as similar to the one issued by the British government and to the preceding notice from Germany regarding the waters of the North Sea, both of which, it was recited, mines had been sown within the specified limits and the waters would be unsafe. Technically, therefore, the waters of the North Sea and the west coast of France are to be regarded as within the war zone.

BRIDGE DESTROYER MAKES AN APPEAL

SENT TO JAIL

VANCEBORO, Maine, Feb. 4.—Werner Van Horn today was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on a conviction of damaging property by dynamite.

Werner Van Horn, the German who the other day dynamited the international bridge between Canada and the United States, today appealed to German Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

He said that he had not been in Canadian soil and asked for protection from extradition.

Werner Van Horn, who attempted to blow up the international bridge over the St. Croix River, was arrested today on a warrant issued by a local justice, charging him with defacing and injuring buildings in Vanceboro.

The damage to buildings was caused by shock of the explosion when Van Horn exploded a dynamite charge under the bridge. This move was made to avoid possible complications in further detaining the dynamiter without a formal charge having been made. The prisoner signed his name as Werner Horn.

BELGIANS AND RUSSIANS BEAR BRUNT OF LATE GERMAN ATTACKS

GEORGIA MOB SLAYS PHYSICIAN

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 4.—Dr. A. B. Culberson, a practicing physician of Evans, was shot dead by a posse today, according to reports received here. Culberson was charged with attacking a young married woman.

JAMES WATSON IS NEW COUNTY JUDGE

Appointed by Governor Withcombe, Following Resignation of Judge Hall

Judge John F. Hall has resigned; Governor Withcombe has appointed James B. Watson, Coos County Judge. Such is the report that arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Salem, thus bringing to a close a controversy that has waged in this county since the November election. After several months' waiting for the Supreme Court to make its decision and waiting in vain, Judge Hall decided the only course left open for him, was that of resigning. A year ago last October he publicly announced he would not be a candidate for re-election.

At the election of 1910 the voters of the counties of the state elected their County Judges. At the same time they voted on the question as to whether or not County Judges should hold office for a term of six years. The amendment as to the constitutionality, thus lengthening the terms of office.

Nothing was said regarding the judges elected at the same election, the supposition being that they would serve for but four years until there was raised the legality of decisions handed down by Judge Cleeton in Circuit Court, the contention being that he was elected County Judge in 1910 and for a term of six years, and therefore could not, in 1914, be elected to the Circuit Court.

This contention took the question into the State Supreme Court where it has remained ever since, holding up practically all county business since January 1.

At the present time a bill pending in the Legislature would dispose with all County Judges, allowing for their work to be done in the Circuit Courts. An amendment provides for the reducing of the Circuit Court districts. Provision is made for the County Judges now in office. They would serve the remainder of their terms as chairmen of the County Commissioners, serving at the regular Commissioners' pay. In Coos County the Judge gets an annual salary of \$1000; the County Commissioners get \$5 a day when in session, about five days of each month.

Should this bill pass the probable effect would be the reduction of the local Circuit Court district to Coos and Curry Counties, though the \$4,000 salary of the Circuit Judge here would not be affected.

However, as Judge Hall points out, such a move would work hardships on some Circuit Judges. For instance, it would not be taken into consideration the fact that Coos County ranks fourth among the counties of the state as to the amount of Circuit Court business. With this condition obtaining, Judge Coke would find himself swamped with both Circuit and County Court business.

During the past year Judge Coke has held sessions of court in Muttonah, Lane, Curry and Lake counties. A session of the County Court is being held in Coquille today. Judge James B. Watson meeting there with the county commissioners. Action will probably be taken on the County Roadmaster's berth which is now held by P. M. Hall-Lewis.

If the pending Legislature bill to abolish County Judges passes, Judge Watson will find himself in the predicament of having practically no office, after having relinquished his office as County Clerk that he might run for the County Judgeship.

Remnants of King Albert's Army Said to Have Repulsed Germans Along Yser

GREAT BATTLE RAGES NEAR WARSAW LINES

Kaiser's Forces Making Progress at Point Nearest Capital of Poland

LONDON, Feb. 4.—German attacks were resumed in several sections of the western battle front and according to today's official communication from Berlin, one of these movements in the Argonne region resulted in an important victory. Three lines of trenches were stormed and the principal French positions for more than a mile are reported to have been taken, together with prisoners and guns. The French statement mentions a few small engagements which are said to have ended favorably for the Allies.

Berlin confirms Petrograd's assertions that another general battle is in progress in Poland, west of Warsaw. The Russian attacks were repulsed and the Germans made further progress near Bolimow on the section of the front closest to Warsaw.

The remnants of the Belgian army which still is defending the little strip of country not in German possession, are once more bearing the brunt of the fighting in the west, according to unofficial reports. Amsterdam reports that German attacks were repulsed by the Belgians along the Yser.

BURGHERS GIVE UP TO ENGLISH FORCE

Rebel Leaders and Many Men in South Africa Surrender to Great Britain

PRETORIA, Feb. 4.—Rebel Leader Bezuidenhout and the so-called "prophet" Vankeburg, surrendered to the British forces with Lieutenant Colonel Kemp, it was officially announced today. The command which gave up their arms included 48 officers and 500 burghers. The rebels capitulated at Uplington. Vankeburg's influence is credited with being largely responsible for the rebellion. The announcement says that additional surrenders are expected tonight, and Lieutenant Maritz and men probably will give themselves up before the end of the week.

WILSON'S VETO TAKEN UP

Debate on Immigration Bill Resumed in House Today

IMMIGRATION BILL FAILS TO PASS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—An attempt to pass the immigration bill over the veto of the President failed in the House late today, the vote being 261 in favor of overriding the veto and 136 votes against it. Two members voted present and with this attendance 266 ayes would have been necessary to give the necessary two-thirds.

WOMEN WIN IN THE NEW YORK SENATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—By the passage of a woman suffrage resolution in the Senate today the voters will be given the opportunity to vote on woman suffrage.