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PRES WILSON REFUSES TO ABRIDGE AMERICAN RIGHTS

Declares That he Will Not Consent to Any Restrictions on U. S. Citizens

TAKES FIRM STAND

Will Preserve Peace at Any Cost Except Loss of Honor—He Declares

ALLOW NO INFRINGEMENT

Says One Single Exception Will Result in Other Indignities Being Heaped on America—Senator Lodge Sustains Him

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone last night said that he could not consent to any abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect. "The honor and self-respect of the nation are involved," he said. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation."

LABOR PEACE COUNCIL LEADERS ARE HELD

Government Refrains to Dismiss Men Charged With Violating Neutrality

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—United States Commissioner Taylor today dismissed the attack on the men Schulte and Henry B. Martin returned in the federal grand jury's investigation of the activities of the Labor National Peace Council, and held that the three men must appear for arraignment in New York March 1.

GEORGIA MOB KILLS NEGRO FOR ASSAULT

Cartersville Crowd Took Black Assault From Jail and Lynched Him Today

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 25.—Jesse McCorkle, a negro, was taken from jail and lynched here today. He was arrested last night for breaking into the home of Mrs. A. T. Heath while her husband was away and attacking her. The woman shot the negro in the wrist but was overpowered. When caught the negro's wrist was still bleeding and he had Mrs. Heath's pistol in his possession.

COLLIDE IN A FOG

LINER CRETAN AND STEAMER NORTH MEET OFF HATTERAS

Passengers Transferred to Steamer and Both Vessels Are Making For Norfolk

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—The merchants and Miners liner Cretan, from Philadelphia for Savannah, was in a collision with the steamer Dorothy 14 miles north of Cape Hatteras in a thick fog this morning. The Cretan's passengers were transferred to the Dorothy. Both are now proceeding to Norfolk.

EDUCATORS OPPOSED TO HIGH SCHOOL MILITIA

National Education Association Protests Against Compulsory Training Now

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—The Department of Superintendents of the National Educational Association today adopted a resolution protesting against compulsory military education in high schools.

DEATH AT BANDON

MRS. L. P. SORESENSEN, PROMINENT WOMAN, PASSES AWAY

Was Formerly Miss Maud Garfield of Marshfield, and Well Known Here—Ill Two Weeks

BRYAN OPENS WILSON FIGHT

Former Secretary of State Favors Keeping Americans Off Belligerent Ships

APPEAL IS MADE

Sends Scores of Telegrams to Congressmen Urging Them to Go Over Wilson's Head

GIVES HIS ARGUMENTS

Declares Nation Owe it to Civilization to Promote Peace by Keeping Citizens From Danger Zone—Great Duty Ahead

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Telegrams to Congressmen from William Jennings Bryan, supporting the movement for warning Americans off armed ships began arriving today. "If Congress has the right to declare war," said the message, "it certainly has the right to promote peace by restricting citizens from taking unnecessary risks. A Mayor keeps people of his city out of the danger zone during a riot. Can our government afford to do less when the world is in riot? 'No owner of a belligerent ship will claim that he has the right to safeguard a contraband cargo with American lives and no citizens should be permitted to endanger the peace of a nation at a time like this.' Crime Against Nation "Ours is the greatest neutral nation and probably will be a mediator when the time comes for mediation. It would be a crime against civilization as well as against our own people to become involved in this war and thus loan our army and navy to an European monarch to use in settling his quarrels." The telegram was made public by Representative Bailey after conferring with Majority Leader Kitchin. "That's right," Bailey quipped Kitchin as saying when he read the telegram.

EDLUND IS GUILTY

SUCH IS JURY DECISION ON FORMER SALOONKEEPER

Verdict Returned in Marshfield Bootlegging Case About Nine Last Evening—Will Appeal Case

Judge Penneck at 2 p. m. today sentenced Otto Edlund to pay a fine of \$400 and serve 30 days in jail. Attorneys for the defendant at once served notice of appeal. The bonds were raised from \$500 to \$600.

BANDON TEAM HERE

BASKET BALL FIVE ARRIVES WITH DELEGATION TODAY

Marshfield High School Senior Class Will Entertain Visitors at Ball After Game

MARSHFIELD 23 TO BANDON'S 6 At the end of the first half, the score was 23 to 6 in favor of Marshfield.

NEED NAVY YARDS

ADMIRAL WINSLOW URGES BETTER PREPAREDNESS ON PACIFIC

Says Big Shipyard Should Be Constructed at San Francisco and Also at Puget Sound

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—The Pacific coast needs more naval yards, Rear Admiral Winslow told the House naval committee today, notably "a big ship yard" on San Francisco Bay. He said the Puget Sound yard should also be equipped promptly to handle big ships.

TURKS ARE BEATEN

RUSSIA ANNOUNCES OTTOMAN FORCES IN FULL RETREAT

Declare That Last Two Fortified Mountain Passes Have Been Forced in Persia

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GERMANY MAY DELAY ACTION

Intimate New Submarine Campaign Will Not Begin Before March 15 or April 1

CONGRESS WAITING

Strongly Favors Prohibiting Americans Traveling on Armed Vessels

CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

Speaker Clark Tells President Wilson That Congressmen Favor Restricting Travel—Wilson Maintains Stand

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Wilson reiterated his opposition to any action in Congress warning Americans off armed ships in a conference today with Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and Chairman Flood of the House foreign affairs committee, and they in turn told the President that if such a resolution were brought to vote in the House it would pass by a majority of two to one. The House leaders went away after telling the President that nothing would be done today, but they ventured no predictions for the future. They admitted the situation was serious and could not yet tell how far sentiment in Congress would be swayed by the publication of the President's views in his letter to Senator Stone last night. The President was unshaken in his position that Congress should take no action embarrassing his contentions that the rights of Americans on the seas must be upheld at any cost. Germany May Wait When the conference was over, Speaker Clark said that there was rumor Germany would postpone the beginning of the new submarine campaign until April 1 or the middle of March. He would not say whether he got the information from the President. "The sum and substance of the conference," Clark said, "outside of the explanation made as to the temper of the House regarding the diplomatic situation with Germany and some of the arguments on both sides are fully set out in Senator Stone's letter to the President and the President's letter to Stone. We explained to the President how the House felt, in our judgment. Congress is Strong "I told the President that this warning resolution would carry two to one if they ever got a chance to vote. Some enthusiastic gentlemen, I said, thought it would carry three to one. We told the President that in case Germany postponed the Admiralty order, Congress certainly would postpone action. Meantime these resolutions would remain in status quo. Regarding the possibility of action of Congress in case Germany adheres to the Admiralty order, Clark said it would be difficult to get a warning resolution out of the committee for action and that there was no way for the issue to get before the House today.

TAKE GERMAN SHIPS

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SEIZES VESSELS INTERNED

Announce That Vessels Are Merely Requisitioned for Nation's Need and Will Be Returned

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UNITED STATES INVESTIGATES REMOVAL OF GERMANS

Will Notify England to Release Them at Once if Action Took Place on the High Seas

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—The United States today instructed Ambassador Page at London to make inquiries regarding the removal of 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks from the American steamer China and demand their release if they were arrested on the high seas.

PROBE ENGLISH ACT

ENGLISH CAPTAIN TELLS OF GERMAN COMMERCE DESTROYER

Says She Is Equipped With Six 7-Inch Guns and Torpedo Tubes—Many Ships Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Tenerife says the captain of one of the vessels sunk by the German raider which sent the British steamer Westburn to Santa Cruz with a prize crew described the raider as a vessel of 2500 tons, carrying six 7-inch guns and having two torpedo tubes. The crew of the Belgian steamer Luxembourg, sunk by the raider, say their vessel was caught off the Brazilian coast, and they were kept under control on the Westburn by seven Germans armed with hand grenades.

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Capture Large Number of Prisoners and Many Towns Near Verdun

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FIGHTING EASES UP TODAY

Kaiser Closing in on Famous Fortress—Turkey Claims to Have Repulsed English Attack Near Kut-El-Amara

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Berlin announced today the capture of all the French positions in the region north of Verdun as far as the ridge of Loudemont, just south of Beaumont. The number of prisoners was increased by more than 7000 to over 10,000. The capture of the fortified villages and farms of Champeuvillois, Cottelatte, Marmont, Beaumont, Chambrettes and Ornes was announced. Paris admits that the French have fallen back to the rear of Beaumont and says in the district north of Verdun, the cannonade has diminished in violence and that the Germans made no attack on French positions last night.

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JOHN SCOTT LEAVES

Southern Pacific Official Suddenly Called South

Plans for Entertainment at Millicoma Club This Evening Frustrated—Important Meeting

Plans were perfected today whereby Coos Bay this evening was to have been host to John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific in Oregon. Just before the Nann Smith sailed at 1 p. m., Mr. Scott received a wire that called him to San Francisco as soon as possible and he left for the south. The meeting was at once called off.

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