

## NEXT MOVE OF U. S. IN NEGOTIATIONS IS BEING DETERMINED

All Appendices to Germany's Declaration Have Not Yet Been Translated.

## HOUSE CONFERRED WITH

President's Representative Believed to Have Strengthened View Negotiations Must Be Handled Carefully.

Washington, March 7.—(I. N. S.)—With the appendices to Germany's declaration of the new submarine campaign against armed merchant ships of her enemies before it, the administration is preparing to determine the next move of the United States in the negotiations with the central European powers.

According to present plans, diplomatic negotiations on the subject are to follow the settlement of the controversy in congress. Because of the necessity of translating some of the documents appended to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson have not yet had an opportunity to consider them in their entirety. All the documents probably will be ready for their perusal today.

House Gives Its Views. Colonel E. M. House, who has returned from Europe after visiting officials in London, Paris and Berlin for President Wilson, is understood to have told the president and Secretary Lansing that the German government believes itself justified in its new submarine policy and is not bluffing.

Colonel House is believed to have strengthened the view already held by both the president and Secretary Lansing that the submarine negotiations must be handled with the greatest care if a breach with Germany is to be avoided, although he reported that Germany had no desire for war with the United States.

He discussed the issue frankly with Herr Von Jagow, the German foreign minister, and Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg, imperial chancellor.

Practically all of yesterday was spent by the colonel in conference with President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Assistant Secretary Phillips and other government officials. He plans to remain here until this afternoon. Some of the information he brought back is expected to be laid before the cabinet today by the president.

British Instructions Included. The appendices of the German memorandum arrived at the state department yesterday. The Berlin foreign office claims they offer conclusive evidence that the British merchant ships armed ostensibly for defensive purposes, have been using their armament offensively against German and Austrian submarines. They are said to include three or four sets of instructions to armed British merchantmen, including those dated October, 1915, which were recently made public by the British government.

It was authoritatively stated that

## Tempest Brews in Mothers' Congress

Fight Opens on the President, Mrs. Frederick Schöff, at Meeting of the Directors This Morning.

Mrs. Frederick Schöff, national president of the Congress of Mothers, was the storm center of a meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, held this morning at the courthouse.

Insurgents in the Oregon congress and in others throughout the country are opposing Mrs. Schöff on the ground that she does not properly represent the viewpoint of American mothers. At this morning's meeting a letter, received from Philadelphia, was read attacking Mrs. Schöff.

A report was adopted favoring an increase in the number that constitute a quorum of the governing body of the national organization, favoring rotation in office, and censuring the provision which requires the election of national officers to be held at Washington, D. C.

## S, P., & S. Officials Are All Relected

Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Railroad Held in Office of President This Morning.

Trustees of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway held their annual meeting this morning in the office of President L. C. Gilman. The company officers were all reelected. Attending the meeting were: Mr. Gilman, for the S. P. & S.; Judge George T. Reid for the Northern Pacific, and F. V. Brown for the Great Northern. Other trustees are: Julia M. Hannaford, president of the Northern Pacific, and Ralph Budd, assistant to the president of the Great Northern.

The officers reelected are: President, L. C. Gilman; vice president, George T. Reid; controller and secretary, W. F. Turner; assistant secretary, E. Pearson of Portland and R. H. Relf of St. Paul; treasurer, W. G. Davidson of Portland.

The British government will contend that none of the instructions in any way violated the assurances given to the United States that merchantmen would use their armament only for defense.

Issue Kinked on Definition. It seems clear today that the issue hinges largely on a definition of defensive action and defensive armament. The British instructions, as published, set forth in effect that the commander of a British merchantman is justified in taking defensive action when a submarine approaches within torpedo range.

The case of the Lusitania being bound up with the German declaration, officials find themselves in the position of being obliged to accept or reject the tentative communication submitted by Count von Bernstorff and the subsequent assurances which were asked for.

Police Nab Man. With a jar containing nitric acid and a gold weighing scales in his room, Harry Helms, said by the police to be an expert "daylight burglar," was arrested for investigation by Detectives Coleman, Snow and Joe Day, last night.

## COMMISSIONER DIECK TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME, SAYS BIGELOW

Tart Reply to Dieck Made by Fellow Official, in Thurman Slide Case.

## COUNCIL ACTS REVIEWED

"It Looks as Though Someone Was Trying to Get From Under," Declares Commissioner Bigelow.

Charging that Commissioner Dieck is "trying to get from under and is looking for someone on whom to shift the blame" for slide conditions on upper Thurman street, C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, in a statement today, answers the charges by Commissioner Dieck that the delay of the council to appropriate money was responsible for slide conditions. Commissioner Dieck's charges have also stirred up the ire of Commissioner Baker, and it is probable that an open fight will result in council meeting tomorrow.

Bigelow Answers Charges. "Regarding newspaper articles in which Commissioner Dieck seeks to place the blame on me for the inability of the department to stop the slide on Thurman street, I have this to say, declared Bigelow:

"On February 9 the council appropriated \$5000 to the department of public works for the purpose of caring for slides. The next appeal of the commissioner of public works for additional funds was on February 25, when he filed a report calling attention to slide conditions, making an estimate of \$2500 for the care of the Thurman street slide, stating that it remained in the original appropriation, but an additional appropriation of \$3200 would be necessary for the care of the Thurman street slide, and asking for a lump appropriation of \$10,000 for the care of slides. The council did pay a visit to the scene and that same day made an appropriation of \$5000.

Appropriation Is Made. "This, together with \$2000 which the commissioner's report shows was on hand, would have given them \$7000, which would have been sufficient to take care of the slide in case of necessity.

"There was no appeal to the council for funds between the date of February 9 and February 25. In view of this fact and the fact that there was 35 per cent more money available for use at this particular point, if necessary, than Commissioner Dieck's estimate, it seems to me as though somebody was trying to get from under and looking for someone on whom to shift the blame. I am as much in favor of protecting public and private property from damage from slides as anyone, but am not in favor of voting promiscuous appropriations without knowing where the money is to be spent. It is also possible for any commissioner to get into financial action by members of the council any day, when necessary, within a few minutes' time, to meet any emergency."

Sherwood to Retire.

Washington, March 7.—(I. N. S.)—The extent to which international controversies have broken down political party lines was shown in the house today by the announcement of Representative Sherwood of Ohio that, like Representative Page of North Carolina, he would withdraw from politics because of his inability to agree with President Wilson on the preparedness question.

Representative Page announced he would withdraw from public life and not seek renomination because his conscience would prevent him from voting to support President Wilson's policy.

C. B. Harding Highest. C. B. Harding, with a rating of \$9.39, passed highest in the recent civil service examination for eligibles for the position of structural assistant, an engineering position in the department of public works. Others who passed and their rating as announced by the civil service board today follow: E. L. Williams, \$8.39; W. W. Pugh, \$7.99; F. C. Toomey, \$7.49; M. K. Cooper, \$1.69; H. E. Newell, \$3.89; L. M. Huggins, \$6.09; R. E. Barrett, 76.

To Rebuild Bridge. The city and county of Clackamas jointly will rebuild a bridge across Johnson creek in Sellwood gardens, according to a decision reached at a conference of city and county officials yesterday afternoon. The bridge crosses Johnson creek at the boundary between the city and Clackamas county. The city will do the work and bill Clackamas county for half the cost.

280 Jitneys Running. Although 354 jitney drivers and owners have been examined and their cars inspected, only 280 of them have machines in operation this month, according to the list of them who have paid a license fee to operate during March.

To Sign the Contract. The contract for building the public auditorium will be signed by Hans Pederson, Seattle contractor, probably tomorrow. The contract was to have been signed today, but delays were encountered which made it impossible for Pederson to affix his signature.

## HOUSE VOTES TWO TIMES FOR WILSON

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publican member of the rules committee, declared that the house voted down the "previous question" and permitted debate, he would offer a substitute resolution to give a "square vote" on the merits of the warning.

Speaks for Warning. "If this is not done," he asserted, "the house will not be able to express its views on the main issue by tabling McLeMORE's resolution. The belligerents are fighting for existence and the thing for us to do in order to avoid war is to warn Americans to keep off armed liners."

Representative Harrison, an administration leader, followed Campbell. He said:

"The issue is absolutely clear, although some are trying to confuse it. If the rule is defeated it will send joy to some foreign capitalists and stab your president in the back."

Representative Chipperfield leaped

to his feet and cried that the president's policy meant either war or humiliation. He shouted:

"The man who speaks for peace isn't a coward. He is not a politician. In Illinois the people are not intoxicated by ammunition profits. The American people will never shed blood except for great principles."

Representative Gardner supported Wilson in a brief speech. Representative Bennett demanded the right to amend McLeMORE's warning resolution. Representative Mann said he favored issuing a warning, but urged that the best way to get a straight vote on the issue would be to vote down the "previous question."

"We don't express our opinion by tabling McLeMORE's warning resolution," he said, "unless such action is construed as an invitation to Americans to travel on armed ships. I do not want to extend such an invitation."

Says House Favors Warning. Defeat of the "previous question" was demanded by Representative Lenroot, so as to permit of McLeMORE's warning. He declared the house favored issuing a warning, and that tabling of the McLeMORE resolution would not show the real sentiment of the house. Lenroot cried:

"The man who votes to table the McLeMORE measure, and who actually favors issuing a warning, is nothing but a coward!"

This caused great applause on the Republican side. In the midst of it Representative Fitzgerald secured recognition and started the Democrats by declaring he would vote against tabling the warning.

Should Not Jeopardize Nation. "I do not believe we should jeopardize the nation because a few foolhardy Americans want to sail on armed ships," he said.

He added, however, that he would support the rule.

Representative Farr, Republican, pledged himself to vote in favor of tabling the resolution.

"Tabling that resolution will prevent war with Germany," he declared. The real issue, Representative Graham asserted, is whether congress intends to mind its own business and allow the president to attend to his own.

Representative Ragsdale opened the debate on tabling the McLeMORE resolution, saying:

"Has Wilson Been Right? "There should be but one question in congress. Has the president stayed within his rights or shall the house reverse and discredit him?"

"There is no question of national honor involved," interrupted Representative Ellisworth. "There is no such thing as an armed liner. If a vessel is armed, it is a warship, and must accept the fortunes of war."

In an appeal to the southern representatives Hefling cried: "This is not the time for divided loyalty. Here is a question of Wilson or Kaiser, Lenin or Bernstorff. Where stands the south?"

Suddenly, as he spoke, the old Rebel yell rang through the house from the Democratic side. Representative Decker shouted in the midst of the war cry:

Pictures Americans in War. "This is a republic! Will you stand by the American people? Will you go to war on the side of the Kaiser? Will you let the Secretary of the Navy send men to die in the trenches, American men will breathe asphyxiating gases. Their mothers will want to know 'why they are killed?'"

"The president's stand means war. If it was right to warn our citizens in Mexico, it should be right to warn Americans now. You shall not send the men and women of my district into war into the hell of another Verdun."

Danger Lies in Mistaken View. "There is no danger of war in the position we are asked to take," declared Representative Small. "An impression is abroad, especially in Europe, that there is a schism in our government, and therein lies the danger of war."

As the four hour debate proceeded interest waned to some extent. Many representatives went out for lunch. "Cyclone" Davis remained in his seat, however, punctuating points in the debate with "amen!" The galleries remained crowded. Leaders of both sides admitted the fight was practically over, and that McLeMORE's resolution would be tabled by an overwhelming vote.

More than 300 members were present. By 10 o'clock every gallery was filled, mostly by women. Many brought their knitting and prepared for the day. The highest diplomat appeared at their places in the diplomatic gallery before the debate began. In his opening prayer Chaplain Coudon said:

"God grant that the members of this house may think of their duty in this hour and have the best interests of the great republic before them."

He closed with a fervent plea for "peace and harmony."

## SAN FRANCISCO HAS NEW TONG WAR; ONE DEAD, SIX WOUNDED

Two Tong Members Involved and Two More Probably Will Join Sanguinary Conflict.

## ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

Chinese Theater Scene of First Trouble—Performance Was Not Stopped When Shooting Occurred.

San Francisco, March 7.—(P. N. S.)—One dead and six wounded was the toll of the Chinatown tong war this afternoon, after the third outbreak had taken place, shortly before noon, marking the probable entrance of two other tong members into the sanguinary conflict.

Following the shooting early today of Wong Loy, 71 years old, of the Suiyong tong, by a Hop Sing high-binder, a member of the Bow Long tong, was shot down shortly before noon by a gunman who fled into the headquarters of the Suiyong tong and disappeared.

Five shots were fired at Get Yit, three taking effect in the back. He is at the harbor emergency hospital, probably fatally wounded.

The theory of the police is that Get Yit was shot down by a Hop Sing gunman by mistake for a Suiyong member. The fact that the highbinder fled after the shooting into the headquarters of the Suiyong tong leads the police to believe that the Hop Sing and Suiyong Sings have allied against the Suiyong Sings.

Entrance of the Bow Long tong into the fight is expected to lead to the shooting of Get Yit and, if the police are correct in their theory, the war will be waged by the Suiyong Sings and the Bow Long Sings against the combined forces of the Hop Sing and Suiyong Sings.

The trouble started early last evening in the Chinese theatre here when Pong Wing of the Suiyong Sings drew a revolver from his blouse and fired five shots in quick succession. Each shot took effect. One Hop Sing

was killed and six others dropped to the floor wounded.

Fong's victims were: Lin Dun, a Hop Sing, shot through right breast; Lee Quock, a Hop Sing, shot through right arm; Di Chang Sing, a Hop Sing, shot through lip.

Despite the shooting, there was no interruption in the play and the audience displayed no excitement.

Fong Wing was captured a block away by members of the Chinatown squad. He had no gun with him.

All Quiet in Portland. There are no Suiyong tong men in Portland excepting transients. They have no organization here.

Consequently local Chinatown received the news of the San Francisco trouble with equanimity, although local Hop Sing tong men were considerably wrought up over the renewal of hostilities.

The tong war here recently, in which two men were killed and two were wounded, was between the Hop Sing tong and the Bow Long tong. There are some who claim that the Suiyong tong is affiliated with the Bow Long tong. However Chinese say this is not true.

The Suiyong Sings, while powerful in the south, have no local connections and little is known of them here.

In the mysterious oriental way, news of the tong war in San Francisco was flashed to Portland almost instantly last night, and there was a small panic at the Eleventh street theatre, where Chinese grand opera is again holding forth. Motorcycle Patrolmen Morris and Tully escorted two taxicab loads of Chinese to their homes. Not knowing what to expect, leaders of the Bow Long and Hop Sing tongs here prepared for trouble, but none was forthcoming, and the real tidings soon brought tranquillity again.

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## Autoist Assesses His Own Fine in Municipal Court

Although Harry McDaniels pleaded not guilty, Municipal Judge Langmuir left it up to the defendant for cutting a corner at Third and Pine streets with his automobile through McDaniels assessed himself \$5. "How much do you think about right?" asked the judge.

"About all I guess \$5 will be about all right," answered McDaniels.

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man fell dead and four others dropped to the floor wounded.

The dead: Gee Wong, a Hop Sing, shot through the heart.

The injured: Chi Huey, a Hop Sing, shot in face and head, may die; Lin Dun, a Hop Sing, shot through right breast; Lee Quock, a Hop Sing, shot through right arm; Di Chang Sing, a Hop Sing, shot through lip.

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## BRITAIN WILL NOTIFY AMERICANS IF GOODS WILL PASS BLOCKADE

New Blockade Minister Makes Rule to Eliminate Many Inconveniences.

## Little Dan Cupid Will Have His Joke

Miss Florence Moore nursed Miss Geer through a serious illness. Then she acted in the same capacity when a brother of the patient, Arch A. Geer, became ill. After the recovery of Mr. Geer, the nurse suffered an attack of appendicitis and Mr. Geer then turned nurse, but before assuming the new duties he purchased a marriage license and Miss Moore became Mrs. Geer. The "romance" began at the time of the illness of Miss Geer.

Mr. Geer is the son of L. B. Geer and owner of the land homesteaded by his grandfather in the Waldo Hills more than 40 years ago. The bride is recuperating at her home in Rose City Park. After Mrs. Geer regains her strength she will accompany her husband to the Waldo Hills homestead.

Adoption of this plan is one of the first important results of the elevation of Lord Robert Cecil to a position in the British cabinet.

The operation of the new plan, the minister said, will be left to the British authorities in America, who will pass on the eligibility of shipments.

"There is no absolute guarantee of immunity under this plan," he said. The government retains the right to seize goods if destined to the enemy, but we will give shippers information on which, from a business standpoint, they can rely."

London, March 7.—(U. P.)—The British government has adopted a new plan that will eliminate many of the inconveniences now suffered by American shippers because of the blockade, the United Press was informed today by Lord Robert Cecil, new minister of blockade.

At the suggestion of United States Consul General Skinner, Great Britain in the future will notify American shippers before their goods leave American ports whether they will be permitted to pass through the British blockade. This will make it unnecessary in the future for British warships to make seizures, resulting in long controversies.

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