

WILSON CONFERS WITH OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENTS

Swamped With Work as Result of Break With Germany, President Recalls Invitations for Receptions.

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG PARADE ARE SUSPENDED

Senate Judiciary Committee Speeds Up Preparedness Measures.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—President Wilson went from the White House to the state and navy buildings today to confer with officials of the war and navy departments. Literally swamped with work of placing this country in readiness for a break with Germany, President Wilson today found it necessary to recall invitations for the army and navy reception at the White House tomorrow night. All preparations for participation of military organizations in the inaugural parade were suspended today by Brigadier General Eberhart, until he learns what decision as to the inaugural will be reached. Speeding up preparedness measures, the senate judiciary committee today

Spain Will Act for U. S. in Germany

State Department Is Formally Notified That American Interests Will Be Looked After.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Spain has formally agreed to take over all United States interests in Germany during the period of the rupture between this country and the Kaiser's government. It was announced by the state department today.

AMERICAN OWNERS OF SHIPS FORBIDDEN TO TRANSFER REGISTRY

President Declares National Emergency Exists in Issuing His Proclamation.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Acting under the authority conferred upon him by congress, President Wilson today declared there exists a national emergency arising from insubordinate and unauthorized American shipowners transferring vessels to alien registry. The president's proclamation follows: "Whereas, Congress did by an act to establish a United States shipping board for the purpose of encouraging commerce, developing and creating a naval auxiliary and a naval reserve and merchant marine to meet the requirements of the commerce of the United States with its territories and possessions and with foreign countries, to regulate carriers by water engaged in the foreign or interstate commerce of the United States and for other purposes approved September 7, 1916, provide that during any national emergency the existence of which is declared by proclamation by the president, no vessel registered or enrolled and licensed under the laws of the United States shall, without the approval of the board, be sold, leased or chartered to any person not a citizen of the United States or transferred to a foreign registry or flag, and Order is promulgated.

ENTRY OF U. S. IN WAR IS BELIEVED CERTAIN ALONG BRITISH FRONT

News of Break Brings Applause and Americans Receive Many Compliments.

By William Philip Simms. With the British Armies in the Field, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Everybody at the front believes that the American entry into the European conflict is imminent. As news of America's diplomatic break spread last night, a ripple of bliss figuratively swept the entire army zone. Every man throughout the front buzzed with the news. The officers and men were pleased, and the general opinion was that the moral effect of America's diplomatic break would immediately be as depressing to the Germans as encouraging to the allies. Americans in the Canadian regiments were busily handshaking and receiving compliments. There was gaily everywhere. The report quoting Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador in Washington, as plaintively wondering how he would get home provoked much mirth.

Bohemians Express Loyalty to Colors

Telegram Sent to President Wilson Pledges Him the Support of That Element of Foreign Born Residents. Chicago, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—"The break with Germany is here, and war may follow at any moment. America is entitled to know how far she may rely upon the loyalty of 13,000,000 citizens and residents of foreign birth," declared L. J. Fisher, president of the Bohemian National Alliance of America. "The Bohemian National Alliance of America, recognized by more than half a million Bohemian speaking people as their principal organization, says on behalf of this element of foreign born population, that the American government can count absolutely upon the unconditional devotion of Bohemians to their adopted country."

Adamson Law Case Goes Over to March

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law, passed by congress last summer to avert a nationwide railroad strike, will not be determined prior to the adjournment of the present congress. The supreme court adjourned today until March 5 without handing down a decision in this case.

Societies Pledge Loyalty.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Senator Wadsworth today presented to the senate a telegram from representatives of 500 German and Austro-Hungarian societies pledging the sworn loyalty to the United States of 100,000 members and urging that all steps be taken to preserve peace.

Legislature Passes Resolutions.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Loyal support of President Wilson and the nation in the present crisis is urged on the state of Washington in a resolution introduced in the state legislature here today.

Silk Exchange Closed By Diplomatic Break

Yokohama, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The silk exchange suspended operations today, owing to the slump in prices caused by the American diplomatic break with Germany.

NO OTHER STEP LEFT OPEN FOR GERMANY, VIEW

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann in Interview in Tageblatt Comments on President's Action.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—"There is no step backward," declared Foreign Secretary Zimmermann in an interview published by the Berlin Tageblatt today, commenting upon President Wilson's breaking of relations with Germany. "President Wilson's decision is astonishing," declared Zimmermann in the newspaper's interview. "The entente's refusal of our peace overtures left us no other step open except unlimited submarine warfare in the face of our violation of international law." "America denied us assistance. We made no unconditional promises to avoid unlimited submarine warfare. We have broken no promises. We hope President Wilson will warn Americans from the blockade zone.

GERARD HAS RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF HIS WITHDRAWAL

U. S. Ambassador Prepares to Leave — Americans in Germany Expect War. By Carl W. Ackerman. Berlin, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—American Ambassador Gerard received the United States government's formal telegram withdrawing him from Berlin at 10 o'clock Sunday night. He expected to deliver the American government's statement to Foreign Secretary Zimmermann at 11 o'clock this morning.

Barkentine Owners Awarded \$10,084.52

Damages to the amount of \$10,084.52 were allowed Hind, Rolph & Co., owners of the barkentine Puako, from the For of Portland by Judge Wolverson today. A special train will probably be put at the disposal of the diplomat and he will likely travel by the way of East then to Paris from Switzerland.

Germany Releases Captured Americans

Berlin, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The 72 Americans taken from ships sunk or captured by the German raider in the Atlantic were ordered released yesterday by the German government. This complies with a request made by the United States government. The prisoners were brought to Germany on the steamer Yarowdale.

Floyd Farmer Signs Portland Contract

Floyd Farmer, outfielder released to Portland by the Pittsburgh National League club in part exchange for Shortstop Ward, wired Judge McCredie from Lebanon, Tenn., today that he had signed his contract and asked to be included in the Honolulu training trip party. He will leave at once for Portland, he says.

Wilson Urges Other Nations to Break Also

President Appeals to neutrals to Take Steps in Protest Against Diver Campaign.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—President Wilson has appealed to all neutral nations to join with the United States in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, in the interests of peace, it was learned here late last night. The representatives of the United States in all neutral capitals have been instructed to report as soon as possible how the various nations receive the suggestion of the president.

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Hope Expressed President Will Warn Americans From the Blockade Zone.

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AUSTRIA TO SUPPORT GERMAN IN LATTER'S SUBMARINE POSITION

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Austria supports the submarine position of Germany. It was admitted today that the Austrian government has taken the same position towards submarine warfare without restriction as Germany. "America's demand for assistance. We made no unconditional promises to avoid unlimited submarine warfare.

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Neutralizing of Land Taken Is Suggested

Fasadena, Cal., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—That all territory taken from the central powers be neutralized under international guarantee is the suggestion made by Epton Sinclair, Socialist writer, in a telegram to President Wilson today urging the immediate use of the American navy in keeping the sea lanes to Europe open.

Peace Advocates in Session at Capital

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—An "emergency conference in the interests of peace" was called to order this afternoon at the Raleigh hotel by W. J. Bryan and prominent peace advocates, to discuss the present international situation. A number of congressmen attended.

British Steamer Reports Sinking German U-Boat

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—A British steamer, the Apsara, reported that it had destroyed a German submarine on Feb. 2, 1917, off the coast of Brazil. The "U" boat tried to torpedo the Apsara, but missed. The Apsara fired three shots, one of which caused an explosion on the submarine. The submarine disappeared under the water, leaving a trail of oil behind.

Medford Burning

Medford, Or., Feb. 5.—The Jackson County Creamery & Ice plant in Medford is in flames. The structure and its contents seemed doomed. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The building formerly was the Weinhard Brewery. The loss will reach into the thousands.

Ford Offers Plant To Make Munitions

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Henry Ford, peace advocate, today offered Secretary of the Navy Daniels the use of his automobile factory at Detroit for government munitions works, and agreed to operate it without profit to himself.

TAX LIST GRAB COMES UP THIS WEEK IN SALEM

Taxpayers All Over State Demand That Needless Expense of Printing Lists Be Done Away With. This contention has steadily gained in force since the disclosures published in The Journal, showing the extent of the graft in a number of Oregon counties. Marion, Washington, Clackama and others are good starting examples. In Coos county, under the statute providing for publication of summons in tax foreclosure proceedings, three newspapers acting in collusion "held up" the county for \$11,000, dividing between them a net profit of \$900.

GREY PAPERS ONLY FIGHT FOR RETENTION

Arguments That Mailing Plan "Dangerous Innovation" Not Based on Fact. Whether the Oregon legislature will vote to abolish the delinquent tax advertising graft will probably be decided this week. The Parrott-Orton bill doing away with newspaper advertising of delinquent taxes was amended in the senate so as to apply to Multnomah county only. This amending it passed the senate without a roll call.

STATE MORALLY BOUND TO GIVE ITS HELP TO CHEWAUCAN SETTLERS

Heavy Burden Will Rest on Them if W. Lair Thompson's Efforts Successful. If W. Lair Thompson is successful in his effort to whip the legislature into line against the appropriation of funds to help the irrigators of the Paisley project save their water rights, the whole burden of the costs of the appeal to the supreme court will fall upon these settlers. With or without the financial assistance of the state, the final adjudication is to be made by the state's highest tribunal. The only difference will be that a heavier burden will rest upon the settlers, already overburdened, if Thompson does succeed.

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Evidence in Form of Telegrams Put Before Rules Committee Shows La Salle Street Secures First News. Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—La Salle street in Chicago first knew of President Wilson's peace note. It tipped off Wall Street and Wall street proceeded to "spill the beans," thereby bringing on the investigation of the house rules committee. This evidence was introduced before the house rules committee this afternoon in the shape of numerous telegrams which passed between F. H. Hutcheson, of New York, and Clements, Curtis & Co., Chicago, George A. Ellis, a partner of Hutcheson, identified the wires on the witness stand today.

Scenic Story Told Interests New York

S. O. Lancaster Wires The Journal That Tourist Attractions of Oregon Are of Compelling Interest in East. New York is afire with patriotic fervor, but not the less interested in the scenic story and pictures of Oregon. Says Samuel C. Lancaster, engineer of the Columbia river highway, in a message to The Journal today.

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Berlin, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—It was reported in circles close to the foreign office that Germany will suggest that the American-German treaties of 1773 and 1812 be renewed, in order to allow citizens of both countries nine months in which to leave in the event of war. If this step is taken, it would secure Americans in Germany against internment should the hostilities break out.

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House Passes Bill For Guard Fund

Salem, Or., Feb. 5.—The National Guard appropriation bill, carrying the emergency clause, passed the house Monday with minor amendments without debate. The bill carries an appropriation of \$155,000.

Idaho's Anti-Alien Land Measure Killed

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The anti-alien land holding bill, passed by the lower house of the Idaho legislature, has been killed in the senate by being indefinitely postponed.

Intermed Ships at Manila All Damaged

Manila, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—An examination by customs and naval officers of the 17 German ships intermed here show that all have been badly damaged, apparently by their crews.

German Captain Files Application For Citizenship

New York, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Captain Julius Gebauer, commander of the interned Hansburg-American liner, Pennsylvania, will become a full-fledged citizen of the United States. He made his announcement today following advices from the immigration bureau which prevented men from interned ships leaving their vessels.

Two Big Cops Get to Scene 4 Hours Late

Owners of Automobile Stolen Thursday Can Thank Quick Witted Woman for Its Return. The speedy return to its owners of a car stolen February 1 was due to the promptness and nerve of Mrs. Olive Morris, proprietress of the Great Hills grocery at Mount Zion cross roads. Saturday morning two youths entered the store and asked for gasoline. Mrs. Morris noticed the car standing outside did not possess license tag. "Where's your license?" she asked. Somewhat confused, they replied that it had come off and they hid it in the seat. Mrs. Morris started out to investigate. The boys, however, anticipated her and jumped for the car. She caught one by the coat sleeve, but he jerked away. The young thieves looted the car and drove toward town. Mrs. Morris telephoned to the next grocery store to waylay the boys, and then called up the Portland police.

HOUSE DECLARES ITS FEALTY TO NATION; SENATE CONSIDERING

Resolutions Assuring Support of Citizens to President Today's Order of Business. Salem, Or., Feb. 5.—Resolutions giving assurances to President Wilson of the loyal support of the citizens of Oregon in the grave national crisis now confronting the nation were introduced in both houses of the legislature today.

Break Suggestions Not Unfriendly Act

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Government officials declared this afternoon that this government's suggestion of a break by other neutral powers did not constitute an unfriendly act toward Germany. In support of their view they pointed out that the president said he believed it would make for peace "if other neutral powers can find it possible to take similar action."

Convoy Would Be "Act of War"

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—"To convoy an American merchantman through the war zone by an armed naval craft under existing conditions would be tantamount to an act of war" against Germany, the state department officials explained this afternoon. That is the reason, it is said, why this government will not use its naval strength for that purpose.

House Quickly Expresses Its Stand on Question When Motion to Reconsider Is Turned Down

Salem, Or., Feb. 5.—It took the house just about two minutes to say its final word on the Macleay fish bill this afternoon when it turned down Callan's motion to reconsider by a practically unanimous vote. When the afternoon session was called to order Callan moved that the Thomas bill closing the Rogue river to set nets and seines be recalled from the senate for reconsideration.

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Washington House Favors "Bone Dry"

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The house today by a vote of 75 to 18, with four absent, passed the bone dry law without debate. All of the members who voted on final passage previously announced that their opposition was due to the failure to attach a referendum clause to the law.

ORDER GUARDS FOR BUILDINGS, DOCKS, SHIPPING

Government and Portland Police to Cooperate in Preventing Possible Destruction of Property Here. Every precaution is being taken in Portland to protect public property and shipping from fanatics. The government and city are cooperating in these efforts.

DETENTION CAMP TO BE READY IF REQUIRED

Citizens Cautioned Against Display of Feeling Against Any People. After a long conference between Collector of Customs Thomas C. Burke and Harbormaster Jacob Speler this morning, numerous steps were taken.

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