



COMMITTEE OF HOUSE FAVORS ARMING CRAFT

President Wilson's Request for Enlarged Authority in Handling Break With Germany Is Partly Granted.

MINORITY REPORTS ARE FILED BY FIVE MEMBERS

Belief Is Expressed That the House Will Pass Bill Proposed by Committee.

By Carl D. Groat.
Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The house foreign affairs committee today upheld President Wilson's request for power to meet the international situation—but with two important restrictions.

Authorization for use of "other instrumentalities" aside from guns, gunners and money, was stricken from the president's authority to some extent.

The second restriction was the insertion of a provision against use of the war risk bureau to insure ships carrying munitions.

The latter provision may bring the whole armed ships and munitions questions into the present situation and develop complications when a vote comes.

Minority Report Filed.

Those voting against the report were Representatives Shackelford and Huddleston, Democrats, and Representatives Cooper and Porter, Republicans, all of whom filed a minority report.

Representative Thompson also filed a minority report.

As the house bill now stands, it provides for granting President Wilson guns, gunners and \$100,000,000 of the original and gunners to be used to "protect ships and citizens of the United States against unlawful attack in their lawful and peaceful pursuits on the high seas."

The three proposed amendments to strip Wilson of power to arm munition ships were voted down as a sop to the anti-munition ship crowd.

The committee report provided against (Concluded on Page Thirteen, Column Three)

PRESIDENT WAITS FOR CONGRESS TO ACT ON EXTENSION OF POWER

Believes Request Will Be Allowed When Country Has Declared Itself.

By John Edwin Nevins.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today waited for congress. He will take no additional steps to bring the general international crisis caused by Germany's announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare being resumed and emphasized by the sinking of the Laconia, with its loss of two American women, to a head until congress has expressed itself.

The president's officials close to him say, believes that when the country has declared itself, congress will give him the power he has asked.

There has been no relaxation of the grim tension precipitated by the sinking of the Laconia. None is immediately looked for, but there has been a general growing belief in official quarters this afternoon that the sinking of the Cunarder would not be characterized by the administration as an act of war.

"The onus of the actual break will be placed on Germany," was the word quietly passed out from official circles. The president's official circles are of the opinion that no matter what congress shall do and then he will wait to see what Germany's answer will be.

The address of the incoming German chancellor yesterday was accepted in administration circles as a direct challenge. Because of its tone it is believed that when the American line resumes sailings next week its ships will be in as great danger as are those of the entente. But it was said that the president is determined that these interrupted sailings shall be resumed, and it is certain that inasmuch as these liners are to be armed, they will be considered subject to attack by German submarines.

Germany is moving by step and moment by moment," explained a cabinet member today. "Because of this, speculation is unwise. We must do as we think best, but cannot outline a policy that might be changed by some unforeseen development at a second's notice. We are hoping for the best but are preparing for the worst."

Law Against Drug Starts Indian War

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Indians of the Uintah and the Ute tribes of the Uintah reservation near here are in actual warfare and a number have been wounded as a result of the enforcement of a law forbidding the use of peyote, a drug giving effects similar to those produced by cocaine and secured from a weed, according to Chief Big Eagle, who is here to consult state officials in an effort to check the hostilities.

The Indians are divided into two forces, the users of the drug and those opposed to its use.

Purchase of Linnton Site Now Possible

Military Bill Reported to Senate Makes Target Range Fund Available.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The military bill, reported to the senate today by Senator Chamberlain, not only makes available for the next fiscal year the sum of \$100,000 heretofore appropriated for a target range for Vancouver Barracks, but also widens its scope to permit the purchase of a larger tract and to permit acquisition of the Linnton site.

The vocational training feature of the bill is considered valuable for experimental purposes. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for the training of enlisted men at the post is to be selected, to be given three hours' training each day in military instruction, and six hours in pursuit of a course useful to industrial life and citizenship.

Secretary of War Baker has informed Senator Chamberlain that the number and kind of troops to be stationed at Vancouver in the future and the question of withdrawal of lands of the Warm Spring Indian reservation for military maneuvers depend upon future developments of national defense. Further, he says, no reservation of Oregon and California grant lands for military purposes is considered necessary. Senator Chamberlain submitted these matters to the war department as suggestions made by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Maximum protection for this territory through development of the army post at Vancouver was the object of the chamber in its inquiries through Senator Chamberlain of the war department, Executive Secretary W. D. B. Dodson explained today. The suggestions were made to put before the house a provision for the purchase of this locality and the facilities for meeting them.

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ALLIES WANT U. S. IN WAR, WORD BROUGHT BY SENATOR-ELECT

Hale of Maine, Returns From Study of War Conditions at First Hand in Europe.

New York, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The alien want us in the war, Premier Briand wants us in the war," was the word brought to the United States today by Senator-elect Frederick Hale, United States senator-elect from Maine, who arrived aboard the American liner Finland.

He has been abroad several months studying war conditions before taking his seat in the next congress.

"I had a talk with Lloyd George before he left England," Hale said. "I also talked with Premier Briand of France, and other officials closely in touch with the conduct of the war. Without exception they are elated at the step which sets our country on its feet back to Germany, and they believe the next move will carry the United States into war on the side of the allies."

"The moral effect of the American entry is all that is hoped for by the European countries. They declare the prospect as excellent. The needs of the troops fighting the German armies in France would have a tremendous moral effect on the enemy."

"The feeling in the allied nations toward the United States has changed greatly. The United States now is an act of war."

German Detention Of Consuls Charged

U. S. Investigates Unofficial Reports That Three Officials and Two Clerks Are Held As Hostages.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The state department admitted this afternoon it is investigating unofficial reports that three American consuls and two consular clerks are being detained in Germany until Germany is assured German Consul Mueller was not and is not now detained by order of this government, according to a dispatch from Quito, Ecuador.

H. C. A. Damm, formerly consul at Aix-la-Chapelle; Joseph A. Wood, ex-consul at Chemnitz; Harold Swagers, ex-vice consul at Berlin, and Ennis Brown and W. B. Wallace, ex-consular clerks at Mannheim and Madgeburg, respectively, are the consular officials concerned.

Some officials, speaking privately, said that if the reports, which were spread from the Swiss legation before the state department was notified of them, are true, the case represents "merely another piece of barbarous hostage practice, very similar to the continued holding of the Yarrowdale prisoners."

Sickness Detains Three.
Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Three American consuls remain in Germany today according to the state department. They are:

Consul General Harris, Frankfurt; Vice Consul Carlson and Vice Consul Eastman, Stuttgart. They are ill and are present unable to leave Germany.

BRYAN TENDS TO OPPOSE WAR TO LAST DITCH

Former Secretary of State Calls Upon Public to Confirm President Wilson's Statement as to War.

WOULD KEEP AMERICANS OFF BELLIGERENT SHIPS

War Element Charged With Attempt to Manufacture Hostile Sentiment.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—S. J. "I have done, am now doing and will continue to do everything in my power to keep the United States at peace."

This was the assurance given a group of pacifists by President Wilson this afternoon.

The pacifist committee had presented resolutions to the president urging him to keep this country out of war.

"Nothing short of invasion should be allowed to involve this country in the holocaust," the pacifists told the president.

The group was headed by Jane Addams of Chicago, and included Miss Emily Green Balch, professor of economics, Wellesley college; Joseph Cannon, representing mineworkers and labor organizations of the west, and Dr. Frederick Lynch, executive secretary of the Church Peace union.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—For years Secretary of State Bryan will support the administration in the event of war. But until war comes, he told the United Press today, he will oppose "with all his resources" anything that might lead to war. He insisted war should be decided on only by a referendum vote.

Freyer discussed "general principles" Bryan would stand for, however. "I (Concluded on Page Twelve, Column Seven)

CONGRESS IS OLD TO STAND FIRMLY WITH PRESIDENT IN CRISIS

New York Editorial Comment Indicates Laconia Sinking Is an 'Overt Act'

New York, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The New York editorial comment on the sinking of the Laconia is a national situation in general follows:

Under the heading "Time to Declare War," the Tribune says:

"At last the administration faces an overt act on Germany's part which it can hardly explain away.

"Mr. Wilson has said many times that he would not tolerate any more such murders. He has pledged himself again and again to 'protect' our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas. Now the occasion has come which compels him to make his words good. If these words mean anything, administration should declare war. Nothing short of a declaration of war will suffice."

"Disgrace to Congress."
World it is a disgrace to congress, it is a disgrace to the American people, it is a disgrace to the eternal principles of the republic that there could have been an hour's wrangling and haggling over the question whether the United States should maintain its honor or surrender abjectly to German ruthlessness. There has been enough of this kind of thing in the past that is not unqualifiedly and resolutely American in this crisis has made itself the Kaiser's ally.

Herald—All doubts about the necessity of the government's taking immediate steps for the absolute protection of merchant vessels should be removed by the unlawful sinking of the Laconia. So far as it is able, Germany is making a direct and open declaration of war. It is of greatest importance.

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Dutch Ship in Port With 179 Survivors

Newport News, Va., Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—With 179 survivors of ships sunk by German submarines aboard, the Dutch steamer Armada, from Rotterdam to Hampton Roads, arrived here today. The survivors were victims of five separate attacks and were picked up in the Bay of Biscay on January 28. Two of the torpedoed vessels were British, two Norwegians and one Italian.

Universal Military Training Retained

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The senate military committee today agreed to report the army bill carrying an amendment providing for universal military training.

Fund for Food Prices Inquiry Wins in House

Borland Amendment Providing \$400,000 Passed by Vote of 247 to 158.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The house today passed the Borland amendment to the sundry civil bill providing \$400,000 whereby the Federal Trade commission shall investigate food prices.

The vote on the amendment was 247 to 158, and the sundry civil measure itself passed without a record vote.

'ARBITRARY' AGAINST SEATTLE IS REMOVED BY INCREASING FARES

Portland Tourists to East Must Pay \$5.60 More if They Go via California.

After April 1, Portland people purchasing round-trip tickets for the east, with the return journey routed through California, will have to pay \$5.60 more than they have been paying hitherto.

The railroads have decided on this means of removing the discrimination against Seattle, which city had charged before the Interstate Commerce commission that the \$5.60 "arbitrary" was an unscientific and oppressive factor in travel.

The commission ruled that the discrimination must cease, but left the ways and means with the carriers themselves. Inasmuch as the actual reasonableness of the fare itself was not attacked, the railroads, rather than reduce the fare from Seattle, are raising the rate from Portland.

Tariffs covering this readjustment will be put in a day or two, but the requisite 30 days' notice may be had before the fares actually become effective.

It is rumored that transcontinental one-way summer excursion fares, both eastbound and westbound, are to be higher this year than last by approximately \$5. Official decision to this effect has not been reached by the railroads, but it is known that they have been giving the subject much consideration of late.

Murder Charge Made Against Chinaman

Charles Lee Yin, officer of the Hop Sing tong, and one of the 13 men arrested following the tong battle on North Fourth street Saturday when Pan Quong Fong, a Hing Kong-Row Leong member, was killed, has been charged with murder in a complaint filed at police headquarters by Deputy District Attorney T. T. Franzen.

Ball was fixed at \$4000 and Charles Lee Yin will probably be released in that sum, as strenuous efforts to free him are being made today. The other prisoners have been released.

There were no further developments in the tong war today. Both Chinese districts still are strongly guarded by the police.

Carver Gets More Bus Line Franchises

Two more franchises to operate motor buses through the central east side and the Rose City Park district and on two routes of the west side, were granted to Stephen Carver of the Portland Trackless Car Co., by the city council today. The franchises for routes in other sections of the city have already been granted and a franchise to operate buses over a route to Linnton is pending. The franchises passed today take effect in 30 days.

Reserve Bank May Place Branch Here

The merits of Portland as a site for the proposed branch of the federal reserve bank will be fully investigated as well as those of Spokane and Seattle, which are also aspirants for the institution, is the statement made today by C. J. Shepherd, assistant cashier of the federal reserve bank at San Francisco.

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Pago Pago Has Been Made Closed Port

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—(P. N. S.)—A radio bulletin published at Pago Pago in the Samoan group, has been made a closed port as a result of the international crisis, according to officers of the steamer Ventura, which arrived yesterday from Sydney. The order went into effect the day of the break with Germany.

A radio bulletin published at Pago Pago by the United States officials, giving the American residents their only news of the world events, was discontinued at the same time.

German Naval Plane Bombed Transport

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—A German naval plane in the North Sea, on a mission to fully bomb a hostile transport ship, the official press agency announced today. The machine returned safely in spite of violent shelling and pursuit by two hostile fighters.

BENSON, ADAMS AND THOMPSON ON ROAD BOARD

Governor Withycombe Confirms Announcement Made Yesterday by The Journal; Says He Feels Better.

SEES STRENGTHENING OF THE BIG BOND ISSUE

Executive Wants Body to Organize and Get Work Started Soon.

Salem, Or., Feb. 28.—Governor Withycombe has confirmed the announcement made yesterday by The Journal that the personnel of the new highway commission. The new commissioners are E. J. Adams of Eugene, representing the first congressional district; W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, representing the second congressional district; and S. Benson of Portland, representing the third district.

Mr. Adams was here yesterday conferring with the governor about highway matters, and the chief executive will go to Portland this afternoon to confer with Mr. Thompson.

Governor Withycombe expressed relief that the highway commission has been appointed. It has taken a load off his shoulders. He said he would have no recommendations to make to the commission as to the selection of a highway engineer or any other employe, but he wanted the commission to get organized and to get work started as soon as possible.

Says Bond Issue Helped.
The governor expressed the opinion that the personnel of the commission will add strength to the campaign to carry the \$6,000,000 road bond issue.

It is expected that the commission will be organized in a few days. Commissioner Benson, who has been spending the winter in Southern California, has sent word that he will return to Oregon at once and enter upon his new duty.

It is understood that Mr. Benson will probably be chosen chairman of the commission.

The first task of the commission will be the selection of a highway engineer who in the language of the act "shall be a competent civil engineer and qualified by a technical training as well as practical construction experience in highway work."

His salary is to be fixed by the commission but is not to exceed \$5000 a year.

The commission will also have the appointment of his assistants and the fixing of their compensation.

Cost Is Estimated.
It is reported, however, that the total cost in any one year for maintaining the department shall not exceed one per cent of the total funds available that year.

The highway engineer is to be the executive officer of the commission, which is to have general supervision of all matters relating to state highway construction.

Applications for engineer have been coming in ever since the law was passed.

Among those whose names have been prominently mentioned in connection with the place are: Herbert N. Multnomah county engineer, Representative Laurgard of Multnomah county, City Commissioner Dieck and City Engineer Dater of Portland.

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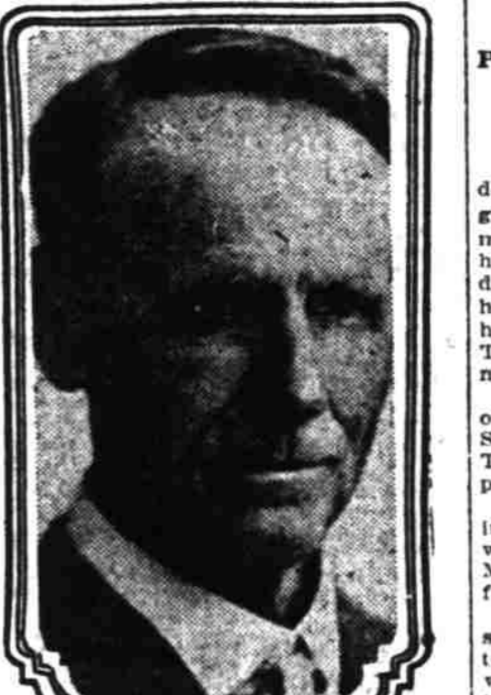
Battery A Captain, C. W. Helme, Resigns

Captain C. W. Helme, who commanded Battery A, Field Artillery, Oregon National Guard, while in the federal service on the border, has resigned, his resignation to take effect immediately. He will require some time to close up his accounts and release him, Captain Helme was elected to command the battery last year a few weeks before being called out.

Poet Scout Dies at Home in New York

New York, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—John Wallace Crawford, "Captain Jack," the poet scout, is dead at his home here today. He was 70 years of age and died from pneumonia.

S. BENSON (top) and W. L. Thompson, two members of the new state highway commission named by Governor.



Protest at Mayor's Message Is Sent

Prominent women representing German speaking societies and churches of Portland sent Mayor Albee a set of resolutions protesting against a telegram the mayor had sent to the Oregon congressional delegation endorsing President Wilson's German policy regarding submarine warfare.

The resolutions embodying the protest were adopted at a meeting held at the German house yesterday.

Mayor Albee's telegram urged that honor be first consideration in the present crisis an affecting American rights on the high seas. It caused considerable interest to be manifested by local German-American circles.

Strahorn Will Come To Talk Business

Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 28.—To set the final details regarding the contract for construction of the Klamath Falls-Dairy Link of the Oregon-California railroad, Robert E. Strahorn will arrive from San Francisco Thursday evening. When the sale of the \$3000 municipal railroad bonds was effected to the Spitzer-Rorick company of Toledo, Ohio, Monday night, a clause was inserted allowing the city opportunity to retract its action within 14 days, if desirable.

Mayor Crisler recently wired Strahorn asking him to appear here for definite arrangements for this 14-day period has elapsed.

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Postoffice Force Changes Places

A three-cornered change in the Portland postoffice force has been made by Postmaster Myers in pursuance of the postmaster general's recommendations that employes exchange positions from time to time in order that they obtain opportunity for broader and more comprehensive training in their work.

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Police Surgeon Calls Harry Thaw Wreck

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Following tests made by New York alienists, Dr. John Wanamaker, well-known police surgeon, declared today that Harry K. Thaw is a physical and mental wreck. Dr. Wanamaker was assigned by Captain of Detectives Tate as expert. Thaw collapsed during the examination and his condition today is serious.

Hog Prices Again Break All Records

Chicago, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Hogs sold for \$11.85 on the local market today. This is an advance of 20 cents per hundred over yesterday's top and the highest price ever paid on the Chicago market.

Puss Sticks in Flue and Loses 8 of Its Lives

Police, Humane Society and Chimney Sweep Combine to Eject Feline From Its Perch.

A grain sack full of bricks let down from the roof, with a policeman guiding the destinies of the instrument, by reaching through a stove hole in the kitchen, was the means of dislodging an obstinate cat from its hiding-place deep in a chimney at the home of Mrs. Harry Balle, 874 East Twenty-fourth street, Tuesday afternoon.

The cat either fell into the chimney or entered it through the fireplace Sunday night. When Mrs. Balle Tuesday she heard the wails of the imprisoned feline.

She discovered Tabby wedged deep in the chimney. The Humane society was notified and one of its officers Monday spent three hours in vain effort to release the cat.

Every means that sympathetic bystanders could suggest was adopted, to secure the cat's release. Water was poured down the chimney from the roof. Hot fires were built in an effort to smother the cat out. Hooks attached to ropes were let down, and an effort was made to drive it out through the fireplace opening.

In desperation Mrs. Balle called the police. Motorcycle Patrolmen Bales and Coulter took down the kitchen stove pipe, but the cat remained secure.

Chimney sweep appeared, procured a grain sack and weighted it with brick bats. By this time Ray King and Ben Trenkman arrived from police headquarters to assist.

The chimney sweep lowered the sack of bricks with a rope letting the mass fall squarely on the feline.

Three times the bricks rose and fell, but each time a terrific squall resounded from the chimney.

Suddenly a mass of soot and crumbled cement tumbled down. An instant later a disheveled, gaunt cat, its hair matted in some places and soaked in others, dropped to the bottom.

The cat hit the ground and in three jumps was out of sight, going straight east towards Mount Scott.

It was a white and black stray and Mrs. Balle said she had noticed it in the neighborhood several days before its strange incarceration. No one knows how the cat got in the chimney.

INIQUITOUS BEAN BILL PRESAGES IMMENSE LOSS TO THIS STATE

Measure Opens Way for the S. P. to Secure Lands Now Worth \$45,750,000.

The Railroad's Prayer, intoned by the recent legislature by direction of Bean of Lane, means much, in the answering, for the Southern Pacific, for the people of Oregon, as the case may be.

It means a profit to the railroad company of approximately \$45,750,000, should its pleadings be heeded by congress and the people of Oregon.

It means the loss of \$9,251,250 to the common school fund of the state of Oregon.

It means the loss of \$18,525,500 to the federal reclamation fund, a portion of which, at least, probably would be spent in Oregon.

It means more than all this. It means, should its provisions obtain, that nearly 1,150,000 acres of land will not be given free to those settlers who have been waiting for 40 years and more for an opportunity to carve homes out of the empire granted to the Oregon & California railroad, which empire the company has held sequestered for nearly half a century.