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Another Crisis With Germany

Notes No Longer Suffice. Wilson Must Act

Washington, March 29.—The United States is perilously close to a break in diplomatic relations with Germany.

So often has the cry "wolf" been raised that the public has become cynical, even indifferent, in every new crisis that has arisen. It can be said positively, however; in view of the destruction of unarmed merchantmen in the German "war zone" about the British Isles, that the President has made up mind to appear before Congress, recite the efforts he has made to secure observance of international law, the assurance given him by the German government, and the violations of American rights and the assurances by German submarines, and announced his purpose to recall Ambassador Gerard and dismiss Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador.

Dealing With Traitors

Creating Sentiment Through Selfish Motives That Will Result in War is Treason

"Any course taken with deliberate intent to involve this country in war with any other power big or little, weak or strong, is a course that cannot square with the concept of decent citizenship, nor be approved by patriotism. The men who deliberately incite sentiment or bring about conditions that result in war, when without such actions such results might have been readily avoided are public enemies in the harshest sense of that term. When their course is inspired solely for the protection and advancement of their dollar interest in a foreign country with whom they seek to have their own nation involved in conflict, the offense is contemptible and malignant as that which Benedict Arnold committed.

With respect to the Mexican situation President Wilson warns the country against the machinations of just such men. It is a pity that the president and the government should be content with such warning. This great government should have the shrewdness and power to smoke out these men: to discover the author of false and alarming reports; to ascertain what interests are involved, and if nothing more can be done, expose the traitors in the pillory of public condemnation.

As a national sentiment about which there can be no mistake, either here or in Mexico, let it be made manifest that our sole object in Mexico is to assist in the capture and punishment of an outlaw whom we have a right to pursue and punish because of his aggression upon our own territory and against our own citizens. Let us not do anything to lay the foundation for suspicion in the mind of the Mexican people. We cannot afford to be involved in war because of the outcry of bloodless dollar worshippers who would willingly secure their fortunes and add to their largess by the sacrifice of good American blood. The course they advise and urge is treason, nothing less. Let us recognize it and denounce it as such."—Portland Telegram.

Cook Still Claims The Pole

Dr. Frederick A. Cook was in Washington a few days ago, and made his annual claim to the pole. Dr. Cook insists that he "saw it first," and he wants an investigation by Congress, to prove his statements. A good many people are beginning to wonder why it is that Dr. Cook should be denied the simple justice of "trial by his peers." The Peary claims were accepted almost without question notwithstanding they were quite as hazy as those of Dr. Cook. It is an easy thing to keep a man in the "fakir" class when he is all along denied the right to state his case before a fair tribunal.

PREPAREDNESS

To fully appreciate and understand the expenses incurred in the various offices, road and school districts a person should be personally acquainted with the parties, giving and taking. With this knowledge a great light will break in upon you, and you will see and understand many things not clear to the casual reader; of the monthly expenses published in the County Seat papers. The taxpayers should acquaint themselves with such conditions and then prepare—not submarines nor armored ships—but his ballot.

HOTEL GAIL CHANGES

WOODS AND CATES BECOME OWNERS OF HOSTELRY.

Possession Will Be Given By J. B. Thompson on April First on Ten-Year Lease.

All details of the transfer of the business of the Hotel Gail from J. B. Thompson to K. N. Woods and Lew. A. Cates have been completed and the new owners will take charge of the popular hostelry on Saturday morning, April 1. Those who have taken title to the business have purchased outright all furnishings, equipment and fixtures in the building, and have leased the hotel property at the corner of Court and Church street, including the store occupied by the Golden Rule, for a period of ten years. The new owners are well known Dallas business men, one having recently retired from partnership in the Dallas steam laundry and Mr. Cates having been publisher of The Polk County Observer for about two years. Mr. Woods will devote his entire time to the hotel business and Mr. Cates will retain The Observer and its management.

J. B. Thompson, who owns the hotel building came to Dallas several months ago to relieve Henry Serr and since taking over the business has made extensive improvements, costing several thousands of dollars. Every room in the hotel has been thoroughly renovated and new fixtures put in in many places. The halls have undergone a complete new attire and the dining room has been refinished throughout. Mr. Thompson will make further improvements in the building later in the spring.

The new management will conduct the Hotel Gail along the lines that have made it famous throughout the state and will cater to the general hotel trade. Charles Mann, the popular clerk, will retain his connection with the hotel as will most of the staff of workers. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will return to Albany immediately.—Dallas Observer.

Grand Finale of Piano Contest This Afternoon

Read This Article--Do You Want to Win This Piano?
If You Do You Must Get Out and Hustle For
The Finale Is Approaching In This Contest.
At 4 O'clock This Afternoon, The Ballot
Box Will Be Closed and Turned
Over to the Judges.

On Saturday, April 1st, the ballot box will close at 4 o'clock p. m., in Piano Contest—and as soon as the results in the final count can be canvassed, awards will be made of the Piano, and also of the various prizes which have been so generously offered by merchants.

This event, we know, means a great deal to all of the contestants—and from now on until the date above named—why not make your efforts commensurate with the stakes involved.

We want you to read this article from start to finish and digest thoroughly every word of it. It carries a message that is invaluable to you if your plan is to be successful and if you are to be the victor in this contest. In a way, your success can only be achieved by your own personal efforts—but at the same time we no doubt can suggest various ways that may prove of great advantage to you.

First, we wish to impress upon contestants the necessity of getting right out NOW and doing the work you no doubt have intended to do before the contest came to a close. If surface indications are to be relied upon, it would appear that not a single one of the contestants has undertaken as thorough a canvass as it is possible to make in Falls City and surrounding towns and in the country districts.

They have relied too much on chance meetings to present their appeal to friends and acquaintances, and while many subscriptions have come through this means, the number could have been materially increased by making the canvass systematic. It is by no means too late to do this yet. Anyone of the contestants could go over the town, street by street, or block by block, and the outlying towns with greater persistency without material interference with other duties, if she set her mind to the task.

Do not delay! Do not procrastinate! DO IT NOW!

The days and hours that you fritter away now can never be recalled—but the advantage of these days devoted to insistent and determined work are of incalculable value.

Every subscription or merchant's voting coupon you get today absolutely stops any other contestant from getting that subscription or coupon—furthermore, the person who gave you that subscription becomes impressed with YOUR candidacy, and not satisfied with having given his or her own subscription, becomes a booster of your campaign among his or her friends.

CANNOT CREATE DEFICITS

The Ohio Legislature has enacted a law providing that municipally owned utilities cannot create deficits and meet them from public taxation. It must raise the rates to meet expenses and cannot use tax money to keep going at a losing rate. This law should certainly solve the question of municipal ownership.

Advertising pays—in this campaign, as well as in mercantile affairs. Let your friends know in an unmistakable way that you are in this contest to WIN.

You cannot expect them to just know, or guess, that you are a candidate—be active in impressing the fact upon them, and moreover, not permitting them to lose sight of that fact until the ballot box is finally closed. In other words, your success depends upon the energy you display and the determination you put forth to win. And above all—do not permit a few refusals to discourage you—keep on.

Make it a point to get out on this work RIGHT NOW and keep on at the task until the last gun is fired in the campaign and the ballot box closed.

See all your friends! Call on everyone!

All who can possibly do so will be glad to help you, and will consider it a privilege to do so, but that privilege is going to be reserved for the contestant who asks for it—in but very few instances can the person be expected to hunt up the contestant, and thus be doing all the work for her, when it is she herself who should be doing the work. You can almost gauge the help you will get by the enthusiasm and energy you develop yourself—so make it a point to get into the fight at once, and keep in the thick of it continually from now on until the close of the contest. It will pay you a handsome dividend. There is absolutely no ground for discouragement.

No one has gained any material lead over another thus far.

In fact, the greatest obstacle a contestant has to overcome is her own fear that she is beaten. This is purely imagination and the contestant has it within her power to see that she is not beaten. No one will be beaten until the ballot box is actually closed.

Banish all of those doubtful thoughts forthwith—AND GET TO WORK. That, and nothing else will win this contest.

Bear in mind that the contest comes to a close at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and that the degree of success you may attain rests entirely with yourself. We have provided the opportunity—but the initiative, the method of campaign and the energy must be supplied by you. We can advise, and have been doing so, impartially, for all of the contestants who have come to this office—

But the vital spark which spells Success must originate with and be profitably used by YOU.

This allows competition by private concerns whereas a municipal owned industry kept up by taxation is unfair to competition and also to the taxpayers. Such a law would do away with much political grafting and place municipal ownership upon its own merits. The United States government might also take notice to such methods, and, perhaps some of the extravagance could be abolished.

New Spring Goods

New Dress Goods New Millinery
New Middies New Aprons
New Gingham

All moderately priced. You will not regret making your purchases early this spring. Manufacturers are constantly advising trade of advances, as an instance, best grade value bib overalls are now \$14 per dozen wholesale. Our price is yet \$1 per pair. You can readily see as soon as we have to rebuy what the price would have to be. Leather is also advancing. We will adhere to old prices as long as possible, but higher prices late are inevitable.

3 Per Cent Discount For Cash.

Selig's Cash Price Store,
"Meeting and Beating Competition".

The National Capital

By J. E. Jones.

FALLS CITY NEWS BUREAU,
Washington, D. C., March, 29.

Burton Stock Is High

A few days ago Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, visited the floor of the Senate. There was a noticeable stir of interest, and some one in the press gallery called attention to the fact that five men who had been more or less prominently mentioned for the republican nomination were in the chamber. However, as the weeks and days bring the Chicago convention closer the number of men who continue to be regarded as actual "political timber," are decreasing. A few who were "favorite sons" in their own states awhile ago, have already been relegated to the discard. One of the pivotal states this year is Ohio—the "home of presidents." It is united in its support of Burton, and indications are that it is going to be the republican field against his candidacy. There has been a great deal of talk to the effect that Mr. Wilson, in choosing his new Secretary of War from Ohio, anticipated a contest with Mr. Burton in the campaign, and used the occasion to strengthen himself in the state from which his opponent was likely to come. Mr. Burton has one of the best records of any man who has been in Congress during recent years. He was a foe to "pork barrel" legislation and graft of every kind. In his last great fight upon the 1914 bill, his arguments were so strong that President Wilson was drawn into the open, and supported Burton, to the great discomfiture of partisans of his own political faith. This remarkable instance of a republican senator receiving the endorsement of the White House after

having defeated the united opposition of members of all parties who had combined to get their own appropriations through by the old system of trading support, is unique in political history. In Washington Mr. Burton is regarded as one of the ablest men in public life during recent years. He is "presidential size," and since he is satisfactory to the different elements in the republican party, it is perfectly natural that his candidacy should be favorably received among the leading members of that party and particularly those who are most familiar with his career in the House and Senate.

Blow to Trading Stamps

The United States Supreme Court handed down a number of decisions sustaining the restrictions placed upon trading stamp and coupon schemes by state legislatures. Under two of these decisions trading stamps are driven out of Florida and the state of Washington. It is interesting to note the lack of good opinion by the Supreme Court as evidenced by the statement in one of the decisions, which first treats of advertising as "well defined," with "nothing ulterior, it is the practice of old and familiar transactions and has sufficed." But the schemes of trading stamp promoters are declared to "have no such directness and effect. They rely upon something else than the article so sold. They tempt by a promise of a value greater than that article and apparently not represented in its price, and it hence may be thought that thus by an appeal to cupidity, lure to improvidence. This may not be called in an exact sense a 'lottery,' may not be called 'gaming;' it may, however, be considered as having the seduction and evil of such."