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DOUBT MARKS SPEECHES IN THE REICHSTAG

SOCIALIST MEMBER CENSURES SECRETARY ZIMMERMAN'S MEXICAN-JAPAN PLAN

RULERS ON TOTTERING THRONES

New Adherents Are Being Gained by the Socialists in Germany Is Report

Amsterdam, Mar. 30.—For the first time since the start of the war, a note of doubt as to Germany's future has crept into reichstag speeches, according to dispatches received from Berlin.

Member Spahn was quoted as declaring in debate today, following Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, that he "hoped Germany was prepared to fight a new and powerful foe."

The socialist member Noske bitterly censured Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's Mexican-Japanese plan against the United States and declared the "Prussian system of government must be abolished."

"Germany must not be considered a reactionary country," Noske declared.

Spahn asserted that all entente rulers were now sitting on unsafe thrones.

"Even in Italy," he said, "a revolutionary spirit is seething and the king is tottering on his throne."

Although dispatches from Germany indicated approbation over Hollweg's speech on the submarine warfare, expressed in his formal speech of yesterday, there were various reports here of widespread discontent over his failure to announce promised electoral reforms. Hollweg was quoted as declaring the time was not yet ripe for such reforms, in view of the fact that the greater part of Germany's voting population was now in the trenches.

Socialistic plans are gaining new adherents in Germany, according to various reports. The Russian revolution and the apparent success of the completely democratic government there, have created a profound impression among the German public. That the German leaders foresee a menace to their power in such unrest, was indicated in reports of various efforts to placate by promises.

MEDFORD GIRL CLAIMS TO BE FIRST TO ENLIST

Medford, Mar. 30.—Claiming the distinction of being the first woman to enlist in the naval reserve as a yeoman in the coast states and the ninth in America, Miss Bertha Loftus, a telephone operator, today is awaiting the call to service.

PATRIOTISM IN THE CHICAGO SCHOOLS

Chicago, Mar. 30.—When congress meets next Monday, 350,000 children in Chicago's public schools will rise, stand beside their desks and sing patriotic songs.

Plans for this demonstration were perfected today by John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools. At 11 a. m., Monday as congress assembles, all public school classes will halt their regular business. Speakers will enter the rooms and explain to the children just what is happening at the capitol.

As the congressional session is called to order, the kiddies will join their voices in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

FOOD SUPPLY OF NATION IS SHORT

Alarming Reports of Damage Come From the Wheat Fields of the Middle West

Chicago, Mar. 30.—That the food supply of the nation is in danger was the cry in Chicago meat and grain markets today.

Alarming reports poured into the market today from the great winter wheat fields of Kansas and Nebraska. They told of drouth and the plowing up of thousands of acres of winter wheat.

Reports from Kansas City and Lincoln confirmed statements in the Chicago pit.

Another grave menace to the nation's food was the fact that the labor shortage, already acute, has been made critical by the calling out of the national guard in the agricultural states. A conservative estimate today was that the present national guard call would take 30,000 men from the strictly agricultural states, in addition to those joining the regular army and navy. This figures the regiments called at war strength. These men are the cream of the able-bodied workers. Farmers hesitated to increase acreage in the face of certain labor famine.

The high price of all seeds is also threatening disaster. State agricultural societies are keeping watch on the seed question and advancing seed to farmers unable to buy. The demand is still greater than the visible supply.

No way has so far been devised to meet the farm labor problem.

The great packing houses and steel mills around Chicago are bringing tens of thousands of negroes from the south to meet the labor shortage, which in turn, is injuring the labor supply of the southern states.

Tentative suggestions from the west have been made of importing Chinese laborers.

GERMAN CLAIM OF SHIPS SUNK IN MONTH

Amsterdam, Mar. 30.—Admiral von Capelle confidently advised the reichstag main committee on Thursday that the total shipping sunk by German submarines in February was 781,000, according to dispatches received here today.

RUSS ADMIRALTY COUNCIL BACKS NEW GOVERNMENT

Petrograd, Mar. 30.—The admiralty council has made a formal oath of allegiance to the provisional government, it was announced today.

POLICE OFFICERS TO HUNT FOR SPIES

Washington, Mar. 30.—Every policeman in the country, from the be-starr'd constable to the New York blue-coat, will become an emergency member of the department of justice in the detection of spies or "unfriendly actions" against the government, under a plan announced today by Attorney General Gregory.

Gregory sent a letter to every police chief in the country, calling attention to the necessity of co-operation between "street men" and department of justice operatives. His request is meeting with hearty cooperation.

"The department believes," Gregory's letter said, "that every careful investigation should be made to ascertain the location of any stores of arms or ammunition; to discover and keep watch upon meeting places of men in sympathy with enemies of this country and that careful watch be kept upon supplies of dynamite and explosives."

Washington is the most heavily guarded spot in the country today. Police and secret service men are working as a unit.

PRES. WILSON TO ADVISE AGGRESSIVE WAR POLICY

Believing That State of War With Germany Now Exists, and That This Is No Time for Pacifism, German Action Will Be Met With War Is Statement

By Robert J. Bender

Washington, Mar. 30.—President Wilson has definitely determined that a state of war between the United States and Germany must be formally recognized by this government, according to his intimate advisers.

This developed this afternoon following one of the briefest cabinet meetings held since the break with Germany.

There is every evidence that this government is going forward with a "strong and aggressive policy," according to one of the members who sat at this afternoon's cabinet meeting.

"You need not worry about where he is standing on this matter; this is no time for pacifism and no one need doubt the president's forceful position," said a cabinet member after the session.

His opinion was supported by others of the president's advisory council when they left the meeting. On evidence supplied by these advisers—the White House continues silent—the government is going to meet Germany's aggression with war next week.

The United Press correspondent told his informant that there had been some doubt in a number of minds for several days that the president was to act entirely forcibly.

The member's reply was: "I will tell you this: President Roosevelt gathered his facts quickly and acted quickly, and that was the end of it. President Wilson always has gathered his facts slowly and has been skeptical in the meantime, but you always can rely upon him. You can entirely rely upon him in the present situation."

Not only is a state of war now generally admitted, but there is a manifest determination by those in the councils of the president to wage a strong determined campaign that will leave no doubt in the eyes of the world that the United States is prepared to face any challenge to her rights, personal and property.

The president has practically completed his "war message" to be delivered to the forthcoming congress.

The tentative draft was discussed in detail today by the cabinet. It met with unanimous approval.

No cabinet member would say specifically what the president would recommend, but the intimation was carried generally that congress will be asked by the president to declare a state of war exists despite this government's efforts along opposite lines, and to prepare to meet acts of aggression by Germany in such a manner that a lasting peace may be brought about—and soon.

Nearly an hour after the cabinet adjourned, White House authorities let it be known that the war situation is entirely shaped. President Wilson has reached his full decision—and this decision means a state of war.

In fact, so completely were the president and his cabinet agreed that they even found time to dispose of matters of a strictly routine nature; after deciding the international question.

The White House also let it be known that matters are entirely "satisfactory," and this means that the question is as stated, that the president's mind is made up, that it is firm against Germany, and that a state of war will be the next step in the international situation.

GERMAN ARMIES SEEM UNABLE TO HOLD POSITION PREPARED BY HINDENBURG

By W. P. Simms

With the British Armies in France, March 30.—British officers saw signs behind the German lines today that the Teutons were uncertain of their ability to hold their new defensive positions.

This belief was based on reports of numerous fires, series of explosions and preparations reported in progress by the Germans for flooding operations of the same character as those adopted in their retreat to the "Hindenburg line."

Moreover, French civilians left behind by the wave of retreating Germans reported an increasing dissatisfaction spreading among the German soldiers themselves. Before leaving, many citizens said the soldiers revealed to them a revolution in Germany somewhat akin to that in Russia. The soldiers expressed dissatisfaction with the state of affairs at home. They said they were treated like dogs in the army, while their folks at home were regarded as "mere cattle." French inhabitants declared an oft-repeated phrase they heard from the German soldiers was that "when the war is over those who are responsible will have to suffer."

British troops, forging steadily ahead, are tremendously interested in American developments. A favorite greeting which I heard everywhere is: "Good morning, ally, what's the latest?"

A new German plan for raising money was revealed at Jeacourt and other French cities recently occupied by the British forces. At Jeacourt the German officials inquired what the commune was worth and on being told, promptly issued notes for this full amount, forcing the French civil officers of the town to sign these obligations.

A number of other villages reported they were victims of the same plan.

MORE GUARDSMEN ARE CALLED BY UNCLE SAM

Washington, Mar. 30.—The war department today added approximately two thousand national guardsmen to the 45,000 which have already been called out for police duty in the past week.

Today's call affected three batteries of the field artillery, two regiments of infantry and one squadron of cavalry.

SUSPEND ATHLETICS IN COLLEGES IF WAR COMES

Corvallis, Mar. 30.—The board of athletic directors of the Oregon Agricultural college is on record today in favor of suspension of all athletic activities on the schedule of the Pacific coast conference, in case war is declared between the United States and Germany.

CONGRESSMEN ARE READY FOR WORK

All But 30 Members Were at the Capital Late Today for Session Convening Monday

Washington, Mar. 30.—Representative Capstick, republican, Monteville, N. J., will not be able to attend the house organization session Monday, according to a telegram today from Capstick's physician.

Capstick's inability to attend will mean the republicans have 213 votes, the democrats 214 and the independents five.

Two additional members arrived at the capital late today, leaving 30 absentees. The absentees included several committeemen, including Representatives Brucker, Dale, Dooling, Flynn, Griffin, Hulbert, Maher and Sullivan.

Gallivan's absence from the caucus is deliberate. He is in the city, but did not go to the capitol. He is determined to continue his fight against southern control of the house.

BRITISH SUBJECTS SLAIN IN MEXICO

Galveston, Mar. 30.—Passengers on the tank steamer Toppla, which recently has arrived at an American port, relate thrilling tales of a reign of terror in Mexico including the slaying of two British subjects.

W. H. T. Buckingham, general manager for the Agulla Oil corporation, on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and George Bannerman, cashier, both British subjects, were killed by Mexican bandits at Nanchital on March 9, according to the passengers. Buckingham's body was hacked to pieces with machettes.

Other outrages in the oil fields above Puerto Mexico also are related and it is declared that in the vicinity of Minatitlan, disputed country lying between the camps of Carranza and Zapata armies, bandits rove at will and keep the country in a state of constant terror.

These passengers request that their names be concealed for fear of reprisals on themselves or friends. One of the passengers told the following story:

"For the last seven months Mexican bandits have entered the camps at Nanchital and Yxhuatlan every week and taken the payroll of the Agulla corporation, amounting to more than \$10,000. On March 1, sixteen armed Mexicans called upon Bannerman and demanded his payroll. They looted the building and were angered because they could find but \$1,300. They demanded \$1,500. Buckingham and two other friends were in Buckingham's office. The bandits drove the whole bunch to the warehouse and began taking groceries.

"Here they became insolent and one of them shot down Tierso Cruz, of Bannerman's party. Bannerman and his other guests ducked under the warehouse and headed toward the river. The second shot fired by the bandits struck Bannerman in the groin, resulting in his death. Buckingham started to leave. When he turned his back his body was riddled with bullets. Then the bandits took machettes and hacked his body to pieces. Next morning the bandits went up the river, killed a Mexican farmer, his wife and father and cut off the hands of two of his children."

Since March 9, it is said, the oil and mining camps have been idle. Carranza hold the towns and Zapata holds the country. The two factions are fighting continually and have made repeated threats to destroy the big refinery at Minatitlan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams, who have been visiting here for a short time with the A. E. Williams family, left yesterday for Roseburg to make their home.

GERMAN ARMY IS RETREATING NEAR PERONNE

BERLIN ADMITS INABILITY OF TROOPS TO HOLD ON WESTERN FRONT

FRENCH ATTACKS ARE CHECKED

Artillery Fighting Is Lively on the Artois Front, and Attacks Are "Bloodily Repulsed"

Berlin, via Bayville, Mar. 30.—Encountering stronger British forces, German troops northeast of Peronne and north of Rosell gave way on a line from Ruyalcourt to Soral, today's official statement asserted. Elsewhere, particularly at points near Neuville and Margival and east of Neuville St. Vaast, Franco-British attacks were bloodily repulsed.

"On the Artois front," the statement said, "artillery fighting was lively. On both sides of the road from Peronne to Fins our rear guards retired toward Ruyalcourt and Soral after engagements with superior English forces. Northeast of Soissons, French battalions tried in vain to gain ground. Their attacks against our positions near Neuville and Margival were repulsed with heavy losses."

SLAYER OF HUSBAND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Denver, Mar. 30.—Mrs. Stella Newton Moore Smith, slayer of her chauffeur-husband, John Lawrence Smith, was freed of a charge of murder by a jury in exactly one and one-half minutes this afternoon, as the termination of Colorado's most sensational murder trial, which lasted twenty-one days.

The public was excluded from the courtroom when Mrs. Smith testified. Her sordid story of love, hate, jealousy, passion and criminal degeneracy convinced the twelve men who judged her that she was justified in killing the man who, according to her testimony, ruined her life.

Mrs. Smith, former society leader, was divorced from her first husband, William A. Moore, Denver attorney, four years ago. She did not contest his application for divorce, charging desertion. Shortly afterward she married Smith, who had been her stepfather's chauffeur, at Yreka, Cal. They began a four-year period of debauchery and sordidness, which extended across the continent from California to Detroit, finally ending in Denver.

WARNING OF GERMAN DIVERS IN THE ATLANTIC

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 30.—Wireless warnings to British shipping against possible attack by German submarines in contiguous Atlantic waters were sent broadcast from allied warships off here today.

Allied warships, it was stated have received orders not to anchor at night for fear of attack.

PORTLAND EXHIBITS GREAT SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

Portland, Mar. 30.—Portland's units of the militia paraded through downtown streets at noon today before leaving for Vancouver barracks, where the Third Oregon regiment will be mobilized. The affair was the biggest patriotic demonstration seen here in years. City officials arranged for an escort of police. Upstate companies of the militia passed through Portland on their way to Vancouver today.