

GERMANY TO STAND PAT FOR SINKING ARMED SHIPS

No intention of postponing or altering new instructions to submarine commanders to treat as warships enemy merchantmen armed defensively—Observes pledges given in Lusitania case—Austria takes a similar stand.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In a note presented to Secretary Lansing today by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Germany assures the United States that it has no intention of revoking the pledges given in the Lusitania case.

Germany stands pat. During the negotiations over the Lusitania, it says, no mention was made of armed merchantmen and that the United States in none of its notes on the Lusitania mentioned unarmed merchantmen.

WAR SECRETARY FIX COMPENSATION FOR POWER SITES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Debate on the Shields bill to provide for waterpower grants on navigable streams to private interests was resumed in the senate today with opponents of the measure preparing to renew with more vigor than ever their fight against it.

Senator Shields in debate on the waterpower bill criticized Gifford Pinchot, whom he described as a "discharged subordinate official of the agricultural department seeking to continue himself in the limelight."

GERMAN RUSH AGAINST VERDUN STILL CONTINUES

Tentens Now Less Than Five Miles From Center of Verdun—in Plain of Woivre, Germans Are Steadily Pushing French Back to Base—Capture of Navarin Farm Report.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Attempts by the French to retake the fortress of Douaumont have not entirely failed, but the German advance on Verdun continues, according to the reports from the front.

Miles of railroad line had to be repaired in order to make possible the transportation of heavy cannon to within range. The French telephone lines of communication had to be destroyed in order to prevent the French artillery from interfering with the setting up of the heavy pieces.

Capture of Champagne

The capture of Navarin farm, in the Champagne, was announced by the war office today. French positions on both sides of Navarin farm over a front of about 1000 yards were taken.

Violent Artillery Duels

The text of the German official statement reads: "There have been exceedingly violent artillery engagements at several places."

Seeks Fleets for Two Oceans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The navy general board's conception of the needs of the United States as a naval power were outlined to the house naval committee today by Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the navy war college.

Day in Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senate resumed debate on Shields waterpower bill. Senator Hastings introduced substitute proposed by conservationists.

FRENCH LINES ABOUT VERDUN HOLDING FIRM

Official Report Shows Situation Unchanged. With Heavy Fighting in Progress About Douaumont—Furious Onslaughts Withstood With Tremendous Losses.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Impetuous counter-attacks by French troops north of Verdun in which the Germans were thrown back from many positions conquered by them during the first four days of the battle, according to reports from the front, are considered as inaugurating a second phase of the great action under conditions most favorable to the defenders.

French Lines Holding

So far as the French official report of this afternoon shows, the French lines in the immediate vicinity of Verdun are holding firm. The German attack is developing along the front east and southeast.

Surprise Attack Succeeded

German troops by a surprise attack, have been successful in entering certain advanced French trenches near the Navarin farm, in the Champagne district.

SENATE RATIFIES HAITIEN TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The senate today unanimously ratified the treaty with Haiti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the turbulent island republic, taking over the control of its finances and police, guaranteeing its territorial integrity and undertaking to develop its resources.

PRINCIPALS IN CHICAGO GRAFT SCANDAL



Above, Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, center of "woman political scandal," below, Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare, named in "graft" charges.

ZEPPELIN RAID DESTROYED BRITISH MUNITION PLANTS

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—On the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England two government factories and two ammunition factories at Birmingham and one ammunition factory at Bradford were destroyed by bombs, the Overseas News Agency says.

OTHERS FORCED TO DIVIDE SALARIES WITH HIGHER-UPS

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A new angle to the city hall split salary case was forecasted today by Seymour Steadman, attorney for Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, who declared his client was not the only one who had been forced to split her salary with the "higher-ups."

ESHLEMAN DEAD FROM HEMORRHAGE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—John M. Eshleman, lieutenant-governor of California, died of a hemorrhage this morning at Indio, Cal. He was taken from a train there early today and died soon afterward.

SEVERE DECLINES IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Reports of fresh complications in the international situation and the further success of the Ventote forces in France caused severe declines in the stock market today. Losses in standard issues ranged from 2 to 3 points, war issues lost 4 to 6 and some of the more obscure stocks were lower by 10 to 15 points.

LINER MALOJA STRIKES A MINE 150 LIVES LOST

Peninsular & Oriental Steamship Sinks Two Miles Off Dover—200 of 411 Aboard Saved—Bodies Washed Ashore—Hospital Ship Sinks Off Albania—Liner Dido Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular & Oriental line steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only 200 are known to have been saved.

MINES FRESHLY SOWN

The British press is almost unanimous in assuming that the Maloja and the other vessels sunk by mines during the week end were victims of a fresh sowing of German mines.

HOSPITAL SHIP SINKS

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the hospital ship Marechiaro near San Giovanni di Modia, Albania, is reported in a dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company.

LINER DIDO SINKS

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The bodies of eight sailors and the captain of the Wilson liner Dido, which was sunk February 26, were washed ashore today at Donna Hook, Lincolnshire.

RUSSIAN STEAMER SINKS

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petchenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those aboard were saved.

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LYMAN HELD ON \$100,000 BAIL

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 28.—J. Grant Lyman was held today in \$100,000 bail for arraignment tomorrow on the federal indictment returned in New York charging him with using the mails to defraud. Lyman declared he was not the man wanted and deputed that he had used the names of John Putnam & Co. as charged in the indictment.

STAND PATTERS CHOOSE McCALL AS DARK HORSE

Governor of Massachusetts Long Groomed by Old Guard for Republican Nomination at Chicago—Record Shows Him Opposed to Railroad Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Samuel W. McCall is the dark horse long groomed by the standpat republicans leaders, headed by Murray Crane and seconded by Boies Penrose, for the republican nomination at Chicago in June.

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