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SENATORS DEBATE ARMED NEUTRALITY

GIVES FULL AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT

Measure Different From That Passed by House as, in Addition to Authorizing the Arming of Merchantmen, It Gives President Authority to Use "Other Instrumentalities" as Requested in Defense of American Rights and Permits Insurance.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The senate took up late this afternoon the bill to authorize armed neutrality, including the arming of merchant ships.

The measure came before the senate after the protest of Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee, who insisted that as an essential defense measure the annual army appropriation bill should have precedence.

Chairman Stone of the committee offered an amendment to withhold protection from munitions ships and turned the leadership on behalf of the measure over to Senator Hitchcock, the next ranking democratic committee member.

Senator Cummings proposed to amend Senator Stone's amendment so as to authorize the president also to convoy armed merchant ships "if necessary to protect them and the men, women and children who may be lawfully upon them from unlawful attacks of submarines."

Senator Stone disclaimed any personal responsibility for the committee's measure. "Candor compels me to say," he declared, "I am not in accord with this bill as it has been framed, and it is my purpose to offer what I consider an important amendment to it."

Senator Hitchcock's first move was to obtain unanimous consent to have the foreign relations committee relieved from further consideration of the house bill so that when the senate is ready to vote the senate measure can be substituted.

White claims he burned the flags in "melting pot" to signify the importance of "international industrialism."

FINAL PERIOD OF GRACE EXPIRES FOR ALL VESSELS

German Admiralty Announces That Campaign of Ruthlessness Is Now in Full Swing, No More Warnings for Any Boats—Cabinet Meets, But Awaits Action of Congress.

BERLIN, March 2.—The admiralty made the following announcement today: "On March 1 expired the final period of grace allotted for sailing ships in the Atlantic. From this date no special warning will be given to any boats by submarines."

Cabinet Makes Time. WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson and the cabinet at today's session discussed all aspects of the German situation, but afterward it was said no action was contemplated until congress has had opportunity to finally act on the armed neutrality bill.

No Change in Situation. The official notice of the Berlin admiralty that consideration for shipping ended on March 1 and that the campaign of ruthlessness now is in full swing, has not changed the situation any, although its bold declaration that no special warning would be given to any boats by submarines was regarded in sharp contrast with the delayed portions of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's speech to the reichstag, spoken before Germany's plot to ally Japan and Mexico with her in a war on the United States was revealed.

Members of congress who have been hoping to force an extra session in March, acknowledged today its improbability at least until June.

Democratic leaders now do not expect any extra session at all, unless of course, there should be extraordinary international developments.

COLUMBIA SMELT SOLD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 2.—For their Friday fish dinners several thousand New York families today bought smelts from the Columbia river at six cents a pound.

The smelts were placed on sale at forty grocery stores in different parts of the city. In windows of each of these stores the committee placed a sign announcing that the store was co-operating in an effort to reduce the cost of food.

STEAMER ROCHESTER ASHORE IN GIRONDE

BORDEAUX, France, March 2.—The American steamship Rochester, which arrived in the Gironde river yesterday from New York after running the German submarine blockade, went aground while ascending the river in a fog last night.

The Rochester is lying easily in the sand and it is expected will be floated without difficulty with the afternoon tide.

TWO AMERICANS LOST ON VESSEL U-BOAT SINKS

British Bark Galgormcastle and Donaldson Liner Victims of Submarine—Five Americans Aboard Two Ships, Three Saved and Others Missing—Nothing Heard of Boat.

QUEENSTOWN, March 2.—Nothing has been heard of the missing boat from the British steamer Galgormcastle, shelled and sunk on Tuesday by a submarine. The full names and the addresses of the two Americans who left the steamer in this boat are: William Jackson, 19 years old, Beach street, New York; David Walker, 18 years old, Spring street, Standardsville, Va.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Detailed reports of the sinking of the British bark Galgormcastle and the Donaldson liner freight steamer Tritonian, both with Americans aboard, two of whom are missing, were received by the state department today from Consul Frost at Queenstown. The reports follow:

Two Are Missing. "The British bark Galgormcastle, Queenstown, from Buenos Aires, cargo maize, attacked by submarine 4:30 p. m., February 27, 74 miles west-southwest of Bull Rock. Four Americans aboard. Two are missing, believed lost—Jackson, 19 Beech street, New York, age 19, and David Walker, negro, Green county, Virginia, aged 30.

Americans saved; Henry Merritt, Beaver Falls, Pa., and Harry Richardson, 62 Hanover street, Boston, both white. All Americans able seamen.

The second dispatch read: "The Donaldson freight liner Tritonian, 2846 tons, Halifax to Liverpool, with general cargo and horses, torpedoed without warning 11:35 p. m., fifty miles west of Dingle, February 26. Two men missing from crew of sixty.

"Sole American, John Murphy, fourth engineer, saved. "Weather heavy, westerly swell, dense darkness, light southeast breeze, no lights showing.

Torpedo Is Seen. "Master saw torpedo approach ship, striking starboard bow. Ship abandoned thirty minutes, but did not sink. Boats stowed by until admiralty patrol arrived 5 a. m. and towed her to 7:30 a. m., when she sank. Submarine never sighted. Mate's boat not heard from, believed lost. Captain's boat rescued by steamboat Charing Cross.

"Weather heavy, sea breaking, strong southwest wind, misty rain beginning at dusk. Boats were in imminent danger. Submarine offered no aid. Ship carried neither gun nor wireless. No attempt to escape."

WILSON TO USE SMALL POCKET BIBLE

WASHINGTON, March 2.—When President Wilson takes the oath of office next week he will do so on a small bible used for the same purpose when he was sworn in as governor of New Jersey and as chief executive of the nation in 1913.

PRESIDENT SIGNS PORTO RICO BILL

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson today signed the Indian appropriation bill and the Porto Rico bill, giving residence of the island citizenship and changing its form of government.

Milton Johnson left Friday for his home at Corvallis after spending a week in the city.

VILLA ELIMINATED FROM MEXICAN SITUATION



WASHINGTON, March 2.—Practical elimination of Francisco Villa as a factor in the Mexican situation was reported to the state department today. An American consul was authority for the statement that Villa is practically eliminated because of his physical condition.

RESCUED CREWS OF SUNKEN SHIPS BAY OF BISCAY

NEW YORK, March 2.—News of the torpedoing of two more vessels—the steamship Famiglia, Italian, and the Sandol, a Norwegian bark, not listed in the maritime register—was brought here today by the Dutch steamship Samarinda, from Rotterdam, by way of Norfolk.

Captain Visser of the Samarinda told of rescuing 125 men, women and children in the Bay of Biscay on February 3. They were officers, crews and passengers of five ships which he said had been sunk by German submarines. The Samarinda landed them at Vigo, Spain. Cable dispatches have told of the destruction of three of these vessels—the British steamship Port Adelaide, the Norwegian bark Wasdale and the Norwegian steamship Rigel.

Regarding the sinking of the Famiglia and the Sandol, Captain Visser was unable to say whether they were warned.

The survivors were in open boats when the Samarinda came in sight, Captain Visser said. Some had been afloat for two days and were exhausted from hunger and cold.

FILINGS FOR KLAMATH LAND AT KLAMATH FALLS

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Chamberlain is informed by the reclamation service that arrangements are being made to have filings and payments for Klamath, Or., lands made at Klamath Falls, and for California lands at nearby California points. The initial payment will be \$225 an acre deposited at the time of filing, and the request that no initial deposit be required is denied.

CHICAGO STAATS ZEITUNG CONDEMNS GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Sherman of Illinois, today read to the senate a telegram from the Chicago Staats Zeitung, of which Horace L. Brand is editor, expressing condemnation of the Zimmermann instructions proposing an alliance with Germany, Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States.

George H. Broadley of Sisson, Cal., was in the city the last of the week on business.

D'ARCY DUBBED SLACKER, BARRED FROM FIGHTING

Governor Whitman Prohibits Boxing Bout With Jack Dillon—Says Australian Ran Away to Keep From War and It Is Unseemly to Place a Deserter Upon Pedestal.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—Governor Whitman today directed the state athletic commission to prohibit the boxing bout scheduled for Madison Square Garden, New York, on Monday night between Les D'Arcy and Jack Dillon on the ground that Les D'Arcy is a "slacker."

The commissioners were informed of the governor's decision by the executive in his private office. Grant Hugh Brown, manager of the corporation under whose auspices the bout was to have been held, also was notified to give him an opportunity to provide a substitute for Les D'Arcy.

"I have directed the boxing commission to forbid the holding of the so-called 'boxing exhibition' at Madison Square Garden on Monday night. I am credibly informed that one Les D'Arcy has planned, or that his managers have planned, that the fight contemplated shall be what is commonly known as a 'fight to the finish' or 'knockout'."

"Les D'Arcy, so I am informed, is a runaway from his own country. In disguise and under an alias he left his native land (Australia) because he was afraid to fight in the cause for which his fellow countrymen are sacrificing their lives. He prefers to give a brutal exhibition at some personal risk, for a purse of \$30,000.

"I believe that the citizens of this state will support the governor in his insistence that this thing shall not be permitted in New York."

At the conclusion of the conference with the governor, Chairman Fred A. Wenck of the athletic commission said that D'Arcy would not be permitted to participate in any boxing contest in this state.

"The governor believes," Mr. Wenck said, "that as this country is on the verge of war, it would be both unpatriotic and unseemly to place a man upon a pedestal who has virtually deserted the military service of a nation that will be our ally in the event of hostilities. This executive order is directed solely against Les D'Arcy and not against the boxing game."

PLAN GENERAL STRIKE AS MOONEY PROTEST

SALT LAKE CITY, March 2.—Every union man in the United States will be called out on strike as a protest to what is called the "railroad line" of Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to be hanged for complicity in the San Francisco preparedness parade tragedy July 22. It is a resolution drawn up and sponsored by the Salt Lake labor council is put into effect. The resolution, which will be acted on by the labor council tonight, also urges an embargo on all California products.

TWO GERMAN RAIDS MEET WITH REPULSE

PARIS, March 2.—Two German raids occurred simultaneously last night on the front west of Soissons and were broken up by the French fire with losses to the Germans, the war office announced today. A German trench near Vauquois, in the Argonne, was raided and prisoners taken.

SENATE FAVORS NEW NAVY YARD SAN FRANCISCO

Second Plant to Supplement Mare Island Authorized With \$1,500,000 for Site—All Appropriations Made Available—Extra Session Favored by Lodge—Mann Amendment Killed

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The \$535,000,000 naval appropriation bill was passed by the senate today without a roll call. It now goes to conference.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—By a vote of 46 to 26 the senate today adopted a committee amendment to the naval bill authorizing establishment of a second navy yard on San Francisco Bay with an initial appropriation of \$1,500,000 to acquire a site.

In resuming consideration of the naval bill under an agreement to vote on its final disposal at four o'clock the senate worked under a rule limiting each senator's discussion of any item to five minutes. The opposition to another navy yard on San Francisco Bay to supplement the Mare Island yard was on the ground that it could not be used within at least five years.

Money Available. The senate also adopted another committee amendment making all appropriations in the bill immediately available instead of waiting until July 1.

In urging senators to accept the amendment, Senator Lodge said the present situation required passage of the naval bill and also an extra session of congress.

"The country," he said, "is in a situation where it may be at war at very short notice. The navy is our first line of defense. We want all of these appropriations immediately available. To tie up the money until next July would be a great mistake. This money we need now. If we do need it, we shall need it very much indeed."

"I also think there ought to be an extra session of the whole congress. In the present situation the whole American government ought to be here, matters ought not to be left entirely to the minority. Congress ought to be here in this condition of public affairs. If necessary appropriation bills can be held up, but this naval bill ought to pass, for no one can tell when we will need every dollar, with the utmost quickness."

Without discussion the senate today approved the action of the naval committee in eliminating from the naval bill the provision reaffirming it to be "the policy of the United States to adjust and settle its international disputes through mediation or arbitration, to the end that war may be honorably avoided."

It was put in the bill in the house by Minority Leader Mann. Issuance of \$150,000,000 in bonds to provide the emergency fund of \$115,000,000 given the president to expedite naval ship building and for additional submarines costing \$35,000,000 added to the naval bill by the senate committee, was approved today by the senate 50 to 24.

AUSTRIA WOULD AVOID A BREAK

BERNE, Switzerland, March 2.—The recent reports that the Austro-Hungarian government has determined to make every effort to maintain diplomatic relations with the United States is corroborated by information reaching here from Vienna. The impression prevails that Austria-Hungary will make every sacrifice regarded as reasonable to avoid a rupture, even if such action apparently would mean flying in the face of Germany.