

STATE OF WAR ACTUALLY EXISTS SINCE SHIPS SUNK

President Automatically Authorized by Sinking of American Ships to Use All Forces to Protect Life and Property—Money Lacking Through Failure of Armed Ship Bill.

BY GILSON GARDNER. WASHINGTON, March 19.—"Armed neutrality"—what is it? It is the state which precedes the event which will mark the beginning of "a state of war."

Armed neutrality is still peace. And that again it isn't. Only those things can be done only that money spent which congress has specifically authorized. But some considerable fighting can be done in a status of "armed neutrality." What President Wilson wanted congress to do before it adjourned was to add the money-spending power to the undoubted right to act on the defensive against submarine or any other attack. A hundred million dollars would have enabled the war risk insurance bureau to put more courage into the merchantmen, and would have bought a lot of ready built light craft and guns for patrol duty on the coast.

State of War. The condition described as a "state of war" dates from the moment a submarine fired on an American ship, or vice versa. That event will automatically give authority to the president to use both the land and sea forces, to protect life and property. Then as soon as practicable congress will be assembled in extra session. The president will inform them officially of what has taken place and will ask congress for appropriate action. This would normally consist of a resolution that a state of war has existed from the date of the overt act, and making such appropriations as seem necessary to enable the president to wage a war of defense or offense.

With Germany Alone.

When war is declared it will be with Germany alone. The effect, however, is to put the United States at war with Germany's allies. We will be at war with the central powers—Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. The converse of the proposition is also likely to be true; we will be in alliance with Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Rumania and Serbia.

Immediately following a formal declaration of war the United States will be invited to sign the same treaty which binds the allies, namely an agreement to make common cause in the conduct of the war and to make no separate peace. It is very important from the allies' point of view that no member of the allies enter into separate negotiations with the enemy or attempt to make separate terms. If Russia could be separated from the alliance by Germany the difference of the war might even be different. Everything, from the allies' point of view, depends on the closeness and fidelity of the allies.

Such step, however, once taken is the determining step; that means reversing all the traditions of America and joining to the utmost all foreign and entangling alliances. It would mean pursuing the war to the end, no matter how long that end might be postponed by the conditions imposed on the loser by the winner. It would mean taking our part, but also taking our orders from the war council which meets in Paris and which might ask the United States to contribute to their cause by cancelling the interest or principal of the war loans made in this country, or contributing a billion dollars' worth of munitions instead of a million men.

CONSIDER ADAMSON BILL ONLY AS A JOKE

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 19.—President Hale Holden, of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, to-night issued a bulletin posted in all terminal offices of the system appealing to employees to disregard the strike order of the four railway brotherhoods and agree to settlement of the controversy by arbitration. Concerning the Adamson law, the bulletin says: "The Adamson law was passed hastily and without much consideration and neither the men nor the railroads wanted it. It will probably be better for all of us if the supreme court decides that this law is void, so that this controversy can be settled by conference and negotiations as we have always been able heretofore to settle similar questions. "If this strike is insisted upon now," the bulletin says, "the company will undertake to use all power which it has and can secure from the public to operate the road."

"NO SQUAW MEN" FOR U. S. BOYS



SITKA, Alaska, March 9.—Breaker of romances and monitor of young men's affections!

It's a new role for Uncle Sam to play, but he's doing it with a serious, watchfulness here and throughout Alaska where his unwed wireless operators are subject to the wiles of the Indian and Aleut maids.

Recently a young operator at the navy station here became infatuated with a native girl. Uncle Sam cold-bloodedly transferred him back to the states.

The same thing has happened at Dutch Harbor, St. Paul, Kodiak and St. George.

Some day these youngsters, though bitter now, will thank their Uncle for saving them from a miserable predicament. For, while the North accepts the "squaw man" as an equal, with no

barriers raised, the "outside" draws harsh lines against such marriages.

The young operators come up here into the near primitive fastness by their loneliness. The native girls, many of them decidedly attractive, bid openly for their attentions. Their greatest ambition is to marry a white man. The love moon floats in the northern skies. The fox, the mink and marten are mating, and the salmon comes to spawn.

Old reserves are swept aside; the tomorrows are not considered. And the very youngster who may have abhorred the notion of marrying a half-breed is swept away on his infatuation.

It is for this reason that Uncle Sam is interesting himself seriously in the romances of his Alaskan employes—for the sake of his native wages, as well as the men entrusted with his public service duties.

AUTO SMASHES INTO FREIGHT TRAIN ON ASHLAND HILL

The Hummobile of F. T. Emerick, son of former Mayor Emerick, was knocked into the ditch by a north-bound freight train at the Billings hill crossing near Ashland Saturday night. Emerick was unable to see the flat cars which composed the rear end of the train on coming up the rise, his lights overshooting the cars. On topping the rise he saw the cars but was unable to stop his machine. The frame, hood, fenders and radiator of his car was smashed. Emerick escaped without injury.

Another accident occurred Saturday night at the corner of Main and Central when the car of B. T. Thies, collided with a Lewis jitney. Both cars were slightly damaged.

Sunday a collision occurred on the corner of Third and Front streets between a Star taxi and a car belonging to C. W. Whillock.

ACT PRECIPITATES WAR.

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and as large war-ships are ineffective against submarines, the problem for the government is to get small submarine chasers.

Fleet Needed at Home.

Most of the American fleet is needed at home to guard against operation of German submarines in American waters.

There seemed to be no doubts that steps to supplement arming of American ships would be taken and the president would take such steps on his own responsibility or wait for congress to grant specific authority.

No comment was made at the white house today beyond the statement that the president was getting reports and considering the question thoroughly.

Secretary Lansing was called to the white house by President Wilson early today and they discussed the policy of the government.

After conferring with the president, Secretary Daniels summoned

Admiral Benson, chief of operations, and Captain Oliver, chief of intelligence. There appeared to be ground for the belief that steps were being taken to have the navy take steps to protect American shipping.



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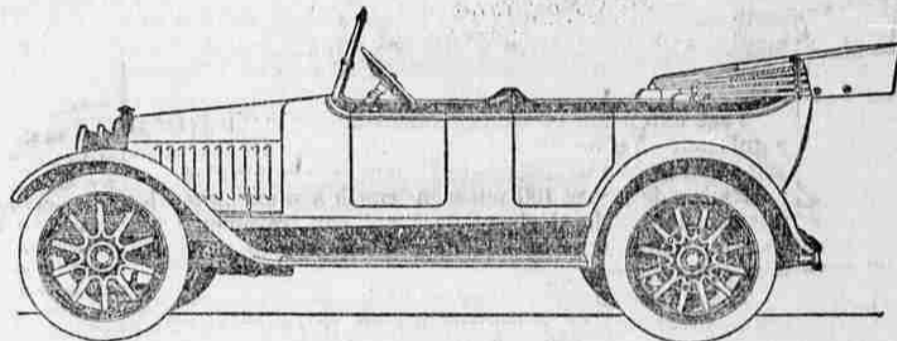
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SHEEP MEN FILE BANKRUPTCY PETITION

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 19.—Voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the federal court here this morning by Rea brothers, James E. Rea and William Rea, sheep men of Billings, who for years have done business throughout the state, at one time handling more sheep than any shipping firm in the United States per season.

OFFICIAL MAIL ON SAXONIA RIFLED

NEW YORK, March 19.—Twenty-six mail bags addressed to Washington and the British embassy at Washington were found to have been rifled on board the Cunard liner Saxonia upon her arrival here today.

AMERICA IN TRIPLE PACT WITH ORIENT LANDS, HINT

LONDON, March 19.—Maximilian Harden, writing in the last issue of Die Zukunft and quoted by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, says with reference to the occupation of Baghdad by the British: "Only a blockhead or one to whom the map of the world has taught nothing lies to himself in order to be better to others, can deny the importance of the change of power in Turkish Asia. "Since the birthday of the submarine war, which was greeted with gushing hope, the greatest republics of the earth, the United States and China have resolved to break off diplomatic relations with Germany."

Herr Harden suggests the possibility of a triple alliance between the United States, China and Japan, which, he says, would permit more energetic participation in the war. To doubters of such a possibility, he replies that Great Britain, France and Russia before yielding, would attempt everything imaginable and declares that the limits of the imaginable are not to be under-estimated with "powers whom Australia and Africa obey and who dominate the land and water from New York to Petrograd and from Kamchatka to Trebizond."

Jeff Brophy of Prospect is in the city today, having brought his cattle to the valley to feed.

SEATTLE BANKER DIES CRANKING AUTO

SEATTLE, Wn., March 19.—Angus Malloy, vice president of the University State bank, dropped dead from heart failure today while cranking his automobile. He leaves a large fortune, and owned much real estate in Seattle, a 1000-acre farm in Cherry Valley, Wash., extensive turpentine forests in Georgia and large plantations in Florida, from which state he removed to Seattle eight years ago.

ZEPPELIN RAID ON LONDON REPORTED

BERLIN, March 19.—An attack on London by Zeppelins lasting one and one-half hours has been made, the war office announced today. Bombs were dropped successfully and the airships returned safely.

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