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THREE COURSES FOR DEALING WITH GERMANY

Congress to Take One of Three Courses—Continue Present Preparedness, Declare State of War Exists or Declare War—Country Pledges Loyalty.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—President Wilson was represented today as still having an open mind on exactly what steps he will recommend to congress when it meets in special session next week, although the preponderance of official opinion is that he should ask for a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Prior to a cabinet meeting at which details of preparedness measures were discussed, Senator Hitchcock, member of the senate foreign relations committee, discussing the situation with the president. Afterward he outlined the following three courses which he believed open to congress.

Three Courses.
Passage of a resolution endorsing steps already taken by the president to place the United States in a state of armed neutrality and authorizing further preparedness.

Adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, and, adoption of a declaration of war against Germany.

Senator Hitchcock said there was undoubtedly sentiment in the west for taking the first of the three instead of declaring war or declaring that a state of war exists.

Like Mexican Muddle.
Other advisers of the president taking the view that the best step to take is a declaration that a state of war exists, are examining precedents in order to map out the best course to pursue. The general expectation is that in the end the resolution adopted when the United States went to war with Mexico will be followed closely in the present situation. That resolution recited repeated acts of aggression on the part of Mexico against the United States.

The president is not expected to put his message to congress into final shape until just before delivering it. In the meantime he will confer with congressional leaders.

Senator Hitchcock made it clear that he went to the white house on his own initiative and said he knew nothing yet of the plans of Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee for action in advance of the meeting of congress.

Country is Preparing.
ALBANY, N. Y., March 27.—The senate, by unanimous vote today passed a bill to provide for a census and inventory of the military resources of the state. The bill carries an appropriation of \$150,000. A companion measure was advanced in the lower chamber to the order of final passage.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27.—A pledge of loyalty to the government in the present crisis by thousands of men and women of this city given in Independence Square, has been planned for next Saturday afternoon by Mayor Smith and the Home Defense committee.

New Recruits Chicago.
CHICAGO, March 27.—Aside from statements that the war spirit has greatly swelled enlistments both in

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DENMARK TO BAR ARMED STEAMERS

COPENHAGEN, March 27.—The Danish government has not replied to the inquiries from Washington regarding the admission of armed American merchantmen to Danish ports, but the indications are that it will follow the example of Holland in barring them. The American minister, Dr. Maurice Egan, has had several conversations on this subject with the foreign office, but has not cited a precedent which the Danish authorities regard as adequate to justify reversal of the present policy.

KAISER WILHELM OWNS MILLION U. S. PROPERTY

Facts Indicate Kaiser's Desire to Reaffirm Old Treaties Due to Fear of Losing Personal Property—Millions in Stocks May Be Confiscated.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Ten million dollars worth of United States stocks are owned by the kaiser and members of his family and may be confiscated by the United States government in case of war.

Facts just made public indicate Wilhelm's concern over reaffirmation of treaties guaranteeing German loans caused by personal rather than national reasons.

The kaiser is one of the greatest of American property owners. He had a fancy for railroad securities. When the war began he is said to have possessed \$4,000,000 in stocks and bonds of the Santa Fe, Union and Southern Pacific and other western lines.

Held by Dummies.
These shares were held in the name of dummies or German brokerage houses in New York.

The kaiser himself holds half a million in American securities. Prince Henry while in this country, is said to have made investments for himself totaling several millions.

There is evidence that agents of the kaiser have made stock market clean-ups on strength of advance information from Berlin.

The kaiser is said to have large land holdings in America, much more valuable now than when bought 20 years ago.

He is part owner of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines, which have \$20,000,000 in ships tied up in American ports. Without these ships, re-establishment of German commerce after the war would be hampered.

Owms Silk Mill.
The kaiser is the majority owner of a silk mill in Paterson, N. J., which, by the way, was shown by the commission on industrial relations to pay the lowest wages and compel the worst working conditions in that district.

As a stockholder in a Chicago packing company, the kaiser is reported to have piled up wealth at the expense of the allies and the American public.

It is rumored the federal government is investigating the extent of Wilhelm's holdings, with the idea that if the government should not confiscate property of individual German citizens, exception should be made in the kaiser's case, on the ground that his antipathetic relations to the government make his holdings, in effect, the property of the German state.

This property, if confiscated, would be converted into the United States federal treasury.

MARINES IN CUBA TO BE WITHDRAWN

SANTIAGO, Cuba, March 27.—A long step in the direction of re-establishment of governmental control was taken today in the dispatching of 1,500 soldiers from Santiago to Guantanamo.

Neither Aurelio Hevia, secretary of the interior, who is still here, nor officers of the army, profess to fear serious resistance by rebels in the Guantanamo district notwithstanding the fact that is the headquarters of Roberto Fernandez, the rebel leader who has a considerable force with him.

Several hundred American marines and bluejackets are Guantanamo, but the government has been given to understand they will be withdrawn as soon as the regular troops display their ability to maintain order.

SECRETARY OF WAR ENROLLS FOR SERVICE

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Newton D. Baker, "present occupation secretary of war," formally enrolled himself today as an alumnus of John Hopkins university, who is ready to place his services at the disposal of the government in any capacity in which they might be needed.

FIRST PICTURE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE NEW RUSSIAN MINISTRY.



The new Russian ministry. Center, Prince George F. Lvof, premier, president of the council and minister of the interior. Top, left to right—Michael V. Rodizanko, president of the Duma; Prof. Paul N. Milukoff, foreign minister; N. V. Nekrasov, minister of communications; A. T. Kezenski, minister of justice. Below, left to right—A. I. Shingarev, minister of agriculture; I. V. Godnev, controller of state; A. I. Konovov, minister of trade and commerce; A. I. Gutchikov, minister of war and navy.

RUSSIAN ROYALTY TURN PROPERTY BACK TO COUNTRY

PETROGRAD, March 27.—The grand dukes and the royal princes in a joint telegram addressed to the provisional government today, not only formally associate themselves with the abdication of Grand Duke Michael but also turn over to the new government their official wealth, namely their holdings of crown lands and other state grants heretofore attaching to their station.

The telegram reads: "Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch, Nicholas Michaelovitch, Alexander Michaelovitch and his family; Boris Vladimirovitch, Serge Michaelovitch, Georges Michaelovitch and Dmitre Constantinovitch and Princes Gabriel Constantinovitch, Igor Constantinovitch and Alexandre of Oldenburg, inspired by love of country, have associated themselves entirely in the considerations expressed in the act of abdication signed by Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch and express at the same time the firm resolution to support in every way the provisional government.

"As to their appanage, the grand dukes express the opinion that in consequence of this act it becomes the property of the state."

RAILROADS WANT RATES ADVANCED

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Railroads of the south and southwest today joined eastern and western lines in requesting the interstate commerce commission to amend its rules so as to permit a general advance in freight rates.

Carriers in all sections of the country are now represented in applications looking to a general advance.

In the application their spokesmen announced today that advances on intra-state as well as inter-state rates will be sought.

HALT MUSTERING OUT OF NATIONAL GUARD COMPANIES

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Further demobilization of National Guard regiments now in the federal service was suspended today by the war department.

The war department did not explain the order, but it was understood the units would be used in their respective states for police protection purposes rather than call into the service other guard regiments.

GERMANS HAUL DOWN EMPEROR'S PICTURE

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—The portrait of Emperor William of Germany and the German flags were taken from the walls of Turner hall here today, according to Dr. E. T. Richter, president of the Deutsche Gesellschaft, which represents 2,500 Germans in Spokane.

"The portrait and the German flags," said Dr. Richter, "are to be replaced by American flags."

ANOTHER FIVE MILLION FOR J. P. MORGAN

NEW YORK, March 27.—Five million dollars in gold from Canada was deposited at the assay office here today for account of J. P. Morgan and company. This brings the total gold imports from all sources this year up to \$230,700,000.

NEW YORK TO DRAFT MEN INTO NATIONAL GUARD

NEW YORK, March 27.—Governor Whitman informed members of the Merchants' association at a universal training dinner here today that he would draft men for the National Guard to bring the force up to the strength required by the war department if the volunteer method failed. He explained that the Stivers act empowered him to do so.

The governor declared that congress must be compelled, by the force of an outraged public opinion, to wipe out the clumsy, inefficient national defense act, substituting in its stead a system based on a citizenship trained in arms.

The members shouted for a speech from Major General Leonard Wood, who responded with a brief discussion on intensive training. "Don't depend, for heaven's sakes, on any government system of munition manufacture," said General Wood. "We have in the regular army preached preparedness and have been censured for it. We have not done it for fun. You people will be responsible for your own dead if the warning is not heeded."

ARREST GERMANS FOR BOMB PLOTS

CHICAGO, March 27.—Kurt Ernecche and Paul Zell, said to have been traced from San Francisco in connection with an investigation of war plots were arrested here last night at the union depot.

Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the local bureau of investigation of the department of justice, declined to give details of the arrests except that the prisoners were said to be Germans.

THIEVES GET JEWELS WORTH \$40,000

NEW YORK, March 27.—Offer of \$2,500 reward for information leading to the recovery of jewelry revealed today that jewels valued at about \$40,000 were stolen Thursday from the bedroom of Mrs. William McNair. They include a pearl necklace worth \$30,000.

Mrs. McNair is a daughter of the late Isaac V. Brokaw. She divorced her first husband, Carl Fischer-Hansen in 1910.

VOTE MILLION FOR MAINE DEFENSE

PORTLAND, Maine, March 27.—An immediate appropriation by the legislature of \$1,000,000 for defense was recommended by the state committee on public safety today.

Resolutions were also adopted urging Maine senators and representatives in congress to vote for the adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists with Germany.

MR. ROMANOFF SHOVELS SNOW IN HIS GARDEN

Chief Delight of Deposed Czar—Rumors of Attempted Escape Cause Doubling of Guards—Fouled of Men Is Inscription on Grave of Notorious Monk Rasputin.

TSARSKOE-SELO PALACE, Russia, March 27.—Penetrating today into and under the vast prison palace of Nicholas Romanoff, the deposed emperor, the correspondent of the Associated Press today obtained from the jailer the first reliable statement of the former emperor's condition and later visited the deserted grave of Gregory Rasputin, Russia's real autocrat for a decade and the unrelenting parent of the revolution.

Since the visit paid by the correspondent to the palace last week, severe measures have been taken to guard the prisoner. These grew out of rumors of an attempted flight; monarchist conspiracies against the temporary government and pressure by extremist forces. The guards have been increased and a special representative of the council of deputies put among them. On announcing his desire to visit the grave of Rasputin the soldiers demanded his passport of the Associated Press correspondent, then led him to the kitchen entrance to the palace prison which is the headquarters of the guards.

The captain sent the correspondent to the palace commandant, Captain Kotzevich's headquarters are in an angle of an old and now untenanted section of the Tsarskoe-Selo palace. He gave the correspondent a soldier escort and a permit to pass along the road to Rasputin's grave. The captain is Nicholas' chief jailer. He is youthful and urbane, an officer of the guard type, speaking perfect French and English.

Emperor is Prisoner.
The former emperor is not under detention but in all respects is a prisoner and is treated accordingly," said Captain Kotzevich. "He is in perfect good health and in fairly good spirits. When he is with his own entourage he has fits of crying. He is no longer allowed in the park but twice daily. From 11 to 3 o'clock he is permitted to walk for recreation in the railed garden between the east and west wings of the palace.

"The regime of the existence of Nicholas is applied also to all courtiers and all servants who are prisoners. The former emperor is not permitted to go into the garden except in my presence. He walks frequently with other prisoners, preferring to society of the former empress Count Benckendorff, former marshal of the court, Madame Naryshkine and Countess Hendrikoff. He is requested to converse only in Russian when in the presence of soldiers.

Nicholas Shovels Snow.
"The former emperor's chief occupation of shoveling snow in the garden, he enjoys greatly. He shows boyish interest in what is said and written of him. He does not resent abuse. At present he is chiefly desirous of receiving foreign newspapers which are virtually unobtainable.

"The empress is in better health. His real malady is not of the nerves but of the heart. She is unable to walk any distance and is carried in a chair even from her own suite to her children's rooms. Grand Duke Alexis, the former heir to the throne, has recovered entirely. He arose from bed on Friday for the first time.

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FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT TO ENTER ARSENAL

WATERTOWN, Mass., March 27.—An attempt by three men to enter the Watertown arsenal reservation by burrowing under a fence early today was reported by a patrolman who said he fired five shots at the men after two of them had fired at him. While the officer was pursuing two of the intruders, the other ran through the fence hole into the arsenal grounds, from which he later escaped. His companions were not captured.

BANKER NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

YREKA, Cal., March 27.—President B. K. Collier of the First National Bank of Yreka, was acquitted of a \$6,000 embezzlement charge today in twelve minutes by a superior court jury. A cheer was raised as the verdict was read.

BASEBALL TEAM GIVES PROFIT TO RED CROSS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 27.—President A. F. Timmer of the Milwaukee baseball team today announced that he would give ten per cent of the profits of his club this season to the Red Cross to assist in equipping a base hospital in the event of actual warfare.

COUCY FOREST WRESTED FROM GERMAN FORCES

Advance South of Oise Continuing Steadily—Germans State Retirement Due to Strategy—Germans Gain Slight Advantage Over Russians by Gas Attack.

PARIS, March 27.—The village of Coucy-le-Chateau was captured by the French in an attack last night, the war office announces. Further progress was made in the lower section of Coucy forest, all of the northern part of which is now held by the French.

The statement follows: "South of the Oise we occupied all of the northern part of the lower forest of Coucy. The enemy was driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line. South of the forest our troops in a night attack captured the village of Coucy-le-Chateau, which was defended energetically.

"North of Soissons we captured a farm northwest of Margival and a point of support held in strength by the enemy.

Make Surprise Attack.
"In the Argonne we made a successful surprise attack in the sector of Four de Paris, taking prisoners. In Lorraine, enemy attacks on small posts in the region of Letricourt were repulsed."

PETROGRAD, March 27.—Attacks by German troops on the Russian line along the Shara, in the Baranovich region, southeast of Vilna, were at first unsuccessful, the war office announced today. A discharge of gas accompanying the second attack, however, compelled the Russians to fall back. The statement reads:

"In the region of Postavy, south of Baranovich, German artillery displayed greater activity.

Germans Use Gas.
"In the region of Durevolubzy the enemy attacked our troops on the western bank of the River Shara. The first attack was repulsed, but a second, accompanied by a discharge of asphyxiating gases, obliged our troops to fall back in an easterly direction.

"Enemy airplanes set fire to two of our captive balloons. Two enemy airplanes were hit by our fire and fell into our lines. The aviators were made prisoner.

"Rumanian front: There were scouting reconnaissances and rifle firing.

"Caucasian front: There were reciprocal firing and scouting reconnaissances."

Retirement Announced.
BERLIN, March 27.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The occupation by enterprising troops of the French town of Roisel, after repeated efforts, is announced by the war office. In the forest between the Oise and Coucy-le-Chateau German troops gave way to avoid being outflanked.

BERLIN, March 27.—German troops made an attack yesterday on the Russian positions southeast of Baranovich. The war office announces that they captured Russian positions on the west bank of the Shara, capturing more than 300 Russians, four machine guns and seven mine throwers. Russian attacks west of Lutsk and near Berezany were repulsed.

A PATRIOT'S RESPONSE

Medford, Oregon, March 27, 1917.
Lella Faye Zeor, 70 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Your being a German spy is no reason for my being one. Patriotic Americans are not deceived by foreign refugees, who flee to this country, then follow the natural bent of their minds and play traitors to their benefactors. Our flag is good enough to fight for.
WILL G. STEEL.

The foregoing telegram was sent this morning in response to the following message received last night from New York:

New York, New York, March 26, 1917
Will G. Steel, 18 Summit Ave., Medford, Oregon.
Emergency Peace Federation arranging great demonstration Washington, April second. Expect thousands there to tell congress and president we will not be stampeded into war. Make every sacrifice to go and to take great delegation from your district. Have organization send delegates. Give news of plan wide publicity. Wire me.
LELLA FAYE ZCOR,
Secretary, 70 Fifth Ave.