

# Wilson and Congress Differ Over Decree

## WOULD KEEP ALL AMERICANS FROM ARMED VESSELS

### BLIND SENATOR LEADING IN THE FIGHT

Gore Attempts to Talk the Resolution, But Objection Makes It Impossible for Him to Do so—Appeal to Marshall Is Useless, as He Holds Steadfast to the Senate's Rule in the Case.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson has won his first skirmish in combatting the efforts of congress to pass a law prohibiting Americans to sail on armed merchantmen. This was through the suppression of arguments in favor of the bill today.

An objection by Senator Brandegee of Connecticut prevented Senator Gore of Oklahoma from getting a hearing before the senate on his bill to prevent Americans from travelling on armed merchantmen, which accompanied by a resolution asking Americans to abstain from the exercise of their right to sail on armed ships.

The bill prevents the issuance of passports for any such voyages. The senate rule is that unanimous consent would be necessary to enable Gore to speak. Brandegee's objection therefore blocked matters.

Gore then appealed to Vice President Marshall. The latter ruled the bill not admissible after Brandegee's objection.

Following this Gore issued the following statement to the press:

"I do not believe public opinion would justify the declaration of war with Germany on account of her armed merchantmen decree.

Americans have a technical right, at least, to sail on that class of vessels. They ought to be willing to forego that, though, for the public good in such a time as this."

## Circuit Court Clerk Moves

Circuit Court Clerk Chastain has completed the removal of his office on the upper floor of the courthouse. His new location allows the use of the new vault for the safeguarding of court records.

Japanes wood prints are made on lengthwise sections of cherry wood parallel to the grain.

## Trees Are Offered at a Very Low Price Just Now

In its campaign for the beautifying of Klamath Falls by the planting of trees, either in yards or along the street parkings, the civic department of the Klamath Commercial Club has received good support from the owners of nursery stock. These people will furnish the trees through the Commercial Club at a very low figure. A canvass of the stock available shows there are 100 poplars, 275 catalpas, 200 maples, 200 ash and 220 elm trees on hand right now. These will be furnished through the Commercial Club at 25 cents in lots of from one to five; 20 cents where

## Millions in Goods for Allies Burned in Great Brooklyn Fire



BURNING OF A BIG STEAMSHIP

Millions of dollars worth of goods, supplies and munitions of war for the allies than any other incendiary blaze in which American property has been destroyed. The photograph shows a general view of the fire on a costly pier filled with oil and provisions for the allies.

## QUAIFS BOUND TO THE GRAND JURY

COUPLE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING PROHI LAW ARE HELD—BOTH FURNISH BONDS—MARRIAGE IN YREKA

Mr. and Mrs. E. Qualf, who were arrested a short time ago on a charge of maintaining a nuisance under the prohibition law, were bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen. After several witnesses had been examined by the state, W. H. A. Renner, for the defendants, waived the hearing rights.

Both are out under bonds. Qualf's bond is \$600, and Mrs. Qualf's \$100. During the recent Enman hearing, in which the Qualfs were the principal witnesses for the state, they were questioned considerably regarding their marriage, and their stories did not fit well together. The Sacramento Bee prints a story under a Yreka date of the marriage of an Ernest Qualf there Saturday.

## LORELLA GOING AFTER THE PEST

RABBIT DRIVES KILL OFF MANY JACKS, AND MORE DRIVES ARE PLANNED—POISON IS SENT TO THE CLUB THERE

According to H. G. Shidler of Lorella, Langell Valley ranchers killed off over 5,000 rabbits during January and the fore part of February. This was accomplished by organized drives, ruled by appointed captains, which finally combine in one general slaughter.

Plans are being made to hold another big drive in April or May, when the roads are in good shape for autos. Klamath Falls people will be invited to participate, and movies will be taken by C. R. Miller. The Langell Valley Stockmen's Protective Association, organized a short time ago, with the help of County Agriculturist Glasayer, is preparing for an effective campaign against coyotes. Poison has been sent to Poison Mixer Alfred Keller of the club, and he will prepare bait according to government formula, and distribute this to the forty or more ranchers who are members of the organization.

## Schools Prepare For Spelling Bees

Much interest is manifested in all of the schools of the county in the coming spelling contests for the Klamath county championship. In the different districts contests are being held as preliminary practice, and these are resulting in improved orthography. Local stores have offered valuable prizes to the winners. Superintendent Fred Peterson has named special announcers for each district, in order to facilitate the work.

## WEST IS STILL SCENE OF REAL BLOODY COMBAT

### BOTH SIDES ARE LOSING MANY SOLDIERS

Germans Gain at Some Points, and Lose at Others, According to the French Dispatches—Airmen are Busy—Austria May Declare War on Portugal—Turkey Sees Riots. Other War News.

United Press Service

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The French evacuated the village of Brabant-sur-Meuse, eight miles north of Verdun, last night, and also lost a part of the Caures wood. Elsewhere, though, they repulsed the Germans, according to today's official communique.

It is asserted that the enemy met a decisive defeat attempting to storm Samogneux, six miles from Verdun. There was continuous fighting within a ten mile radius of Verdun. Furious infantry action was almost constant at some point along the line.

Both sides have lost a tremendous number of men.

French airmen raided Metz last night. The gas works was fired by bombs.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—It is officially announced that German forces captured Babrant-sur-Meuse, Hamount, Samogneux and Herbe, near Verdun, also the wooded district northwest of Verdun.

United Press Service

LONDON, Feb. 24.—It is estimated that 60,000 men have been lost by both sides in the fighting so far at Verdun. The German crown prince has been appointed commander in chief of the troops in the Alsace and Meuse regions.

United Press Service

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—Berlin advices say Kaiser Wilhelm arrived at Verdun yesterday, and addressing

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## BERLIN THINKS WILSON LETTERS ARE FOR EFFECT

By CARL ACKERMAN

(United Press Staff Correspondent) BERLIN, Feb. 24.—It is hinted that Ambassador Gerard may campaign for President Wilson if the republicans attack his submarine policy. Gerard plans to visit the United States in the spring, and if he finds the president is under fire for German dealings, he may stump the country in explanation of inside facts.

It is given out here that after Gerard had tried to impress upon German officials the gravity of the situation, he learned that Bryan had told Former Austrian Ambassador Dumba that America would not take strong action against Germany, and also that this information had been conveyed to Germany by Dumba.

It is also reported that a certain man from Illinois, bearing credentials issued by Bryan, came here and told officials that Wilson was writing his notes mainly for home consumption.

## Inflated Waistcoat Saved Him on the Persia



Lord Montagu and His Inflated Coat.

This peculiar coat saved Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, who was a passenger on the steamship Persia, which was blown up in the Mediterranean. When he was thrown into the water he blew up the coat and he floated safely for hours until rescued.

## MEDFORD TO GET GOOD BALL TEAM

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF JACKSON COUNTY ENDORSES THE PROPOSITION OF AN ADVANCE SALE

The following excerpt from an account of the Jackson County Business Men's Association, printed in the Medford Mail Tribune's columns, should be of interest to local fans, who as yet are still in the unprepared stages: "R. L. Ewing stated the organization of a good ball team for this year had been started, and that they would endeavor to sell enough season tickets at \$5 each to help finance the proposition. The association voted in favor of the same, and agreed to lend all the support possible."

## BOSTONIANS WAR AGAINST BRANDEIS

ATTORNEY, IN BEHALF OF FIFTY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAR, ACCUSES HIM OF KNAVERY

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Austin Fox, representing fifty-five attorneys of Boston, preferred new charges against Louis Brandeis before the committee investigating Brandeis' fitness for the office of justice of the supreme court.

Three new charges were made. These included the deserting of a client and double dealing.

## WILSON IS NOT CHANGED A BIT BY SENATE ACT

### INTERNAL DISPUTE MAKES MATTER CRITICAL

President Still Insists Upon the Recognition of the Rights of Americans to Sail the Seas in Any Vessel They Choose, and Will Fight on That Line—Bernstorff Is Awaiting Instructions.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's determination to insist upon the recognition of the rights of Americans to sail upon armed merchantmen, it is understood, is in no way shaken, despite the serious opposition by congress to his proposed course.

Several influential senators, who oppose Wilson's course, plan to tell him privately. In this way they hope to bring about a change without an outbreak on the floor.

The present situation is admittedly the most critical since the beginning of the German dispute.

As yet von Bernstorff has received no additional instruction from Berlin.

## NEBRASKA STATE HOUSE IN DANGER

FOUR FOOT BOMB IS PLACED IN THE FURNACE AND IT EXPLODED—BAD FIRE PREVENTED BY PROMPT WORK

United Press Service

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.—Officials today admitted that a four foot bomb, which was enclosed in a steel casing, was exploded in the furnace of the west wing of the state house last night.

The blaze was extinguished by attaches before it became serious. The motive prompting the attempt is not known.

Viscountess Gage is vicar's warden of Firle parish church in England, an office held by her husband before his death.

## Local People at Mt. Laki Meet

Several local people are figuring on attending the meeting of the Mt. Laki Improvement Club tomorrow night, when a debate will be held, and other matters of interest will receive attention.

### In on Business.

County Commissioner John Hagelstein was a county seat visitor yesterday and today, coming in from his ranch at Algoma on business matters.

## Better Babies Exhibit Attracts Much Interest

Interest in the Better Babies Health Exhibit to be held March 2 and 3 under the auspices of the civic department of the Woman's Library Club is growing, and everything points to a large entry and big attendance. Owing to the number of inquiries being made, it has been deemed advisable to hold the exhibit at the council chamber in the city hall.

"Better Babies for Our Town" is the slogan adopted for the coming show. This will not be a contest, but the youngsters will be examined and judged by a committee of competent physicians and nurses. Lectures and

demonstrations of interest to mothers will also be a part of the program.

A meeting of the various committees in charge of arrangements for the exhibit has been called for tomorrow afternoon. This meeting will be held in the library club rooms, and will begin at 2:30.

### The Social.

Invitations are out for a candidate's pie social to be given at Mills Addition hall on Saturday evening, February 26. A special invitation is extended to all candidates and wives to be present and get acquainted.