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WILSON ASKS FULL AUTHORITY ANKENY CANAL MATTER SETTLED BY U.S.R.S.

President Requests Joint Session Soon

"ARMED NEUTRALITY" TO PROTECT RIGHTS

President Says He Is Friend of Peace and Means to Preserve It—Emphasizes He Contemplates No Step to Bring War With Germany—War to Come Only Through Act of Germany—Law Case Deserves Consideration—Wants Credit Also

The house and senate foreign committees hurriedly met this afternoon to discuss the president's proposals.

Simultaneously Representative Ford introduced a resolution providing an extra session of congress, beginning April 24.

A bitter fight is expected over the resolution, which concerns Wilson's claim. No appeal is expected against the president's claims.

Ample signs came when he declared an overt act had been committed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Wilson today asked that a joint session of congress be called to give him permission to arm all merchantmen, establish an "armed neutrality" and full and immediate assurance that he may exercise such authority as he deems necessary to handle the German-American situation.

Declaring that he is a "friend of peace, and means to preserve it," the president emphasized the fact that he neither asks nor contemplates a step which might bring war between these two countries. He declared that war will come only through an act of Germany's.

"Our own commerce is suffering either because our ships are timidly keeping to their home ports than because American vessels have been sunk. Two American vessels, the Housatonic and the Lyman Law, have been sunk. Though reports on the sinking of the law disclosed ruthlessness which drew severe grave condemnation, it was unaccompanied by circumstances which might have been expected."

Saying that the overt act has not yet occurred, President Wilson said he felt he ought to obtain full and immediate assurance of authority he may need to exercise at any moment. He asked congress to accord him by vote a definite bestowal of authority to safeguard the rights of the people. He also asked "for sufficient credit to enable him to provide adequate means of protection."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Ambassador Gerard has asked for an American warship to convey his vessel home if war is declared. It is officially admitted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Ambassador Willard, at Madrid, recalled the Spanish foreign office here today that the 15 Yarrowdale prisoners were released February 19.

News From San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin returned last night from San Francisco, where they have been spending two months of the winter. Clay Ratcliffe, who went down with them, and also spent part of the winter there, returned some time ago.

Says Anyone Could Make Money Now



Captain Robert Dollar, who operates a line of steamships on the Pacific Ocean, says a shipowner could make money in the foreign shipping business now. "But," he continued, "after the war the American shipping business will be down and out."

SUFFRAGETTES TO HECKLE WILSON

BIG DEMONSTRATION SLATED TO TAKE PLACE AT WHITE HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A suffrage rainbow will encircle the White house next Sunday, March 4th. Flying the purple, white and gold colors of the Congressional Union, a thousand banners will flash this message to President Wilson—"Help women secure political liberty."

Born by a silent but determined army of women whose lines will completely surround the White house grounds, they will make woman suffrage the first subject of importance to be called to the President's attention at the beginning of his new administration.

Every state in the union will be represented in the huge cordon that the progressive suffrage leaders have planned as the climax of their campaign to visualize to the President the nation-wide demand for woman's enfranchisement. Doctors, lawyers, dress-makers, factory employees, stage carriers from every rank of life—will be on duty that day at the White House gates. Politicians and military allies, they will join hands to urge the passage of the federal suffrage amendment.

News of Brother's Death. Mrs. Lucile Rogers and Mrs. Carl Coker of this city left this morning for Jacksonville on receiving word of the death of their brother, John Margreiter, of that place. The death occurred Sunday. No particulars were received.

BELIEVED SEVEN DUTCH VESSELS SUNK BY PLANES

ONLY THREE SURE, FOUR BELIEVED; TOWED IN

Belief is based on theory Germany sought to force Netherlands into War to Get Access to Holland's Food Supplies—Expected German Troops Manned on Border and Hired Day Troopers.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—It is believed here in official circles that Germany deliberately planned the torpedoing of the seven Dutch ships at the western entrance to the English channel last Thursday after they had been granted safe passage through the barred zone.

The belief is based on the theory that Germany sought to force the Netherlands into war, thus giving her access to Holland's food supplies. It is reported that German troops massed on the Dutch border have dug trenches and otherwise prepared for trouble.

It is reliably reported that only three of the seven vessels were sunk, four others, being towed to port after being badly damaged.

FIRE ORDINANCES BE HEARD TONIGHT

CHIEF AMBROSIO'S CLEAN-UP, FIRE RATE REDUCING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES—BEFORE COUNCIL TONIGHT

The fire hazard ordinance up for first reading tonight before the city council, prohibits the placing of ashes and combustible materials in combustible receptacles or the allowing of such, as shavings, straw, bags and other combustibles and trash to accumulate in or about buildings. If such conditions are found, upon report of the fire chief to the council such apartments or chimneys, stoves or other conditions are deemed unsafe or defective, and are not remedied within forty-eight hours after notice, the owners, or those responsible, are subject to penalties.

The other ordinance authorizes the fire chief to enter any and all buildings within the city limits for inspection at reasonable and reasonable times. The fire chief reports and explains unsatisfactory conditions found in writing to the council. A cash fine and imprisonment or both is provided by the ordinance.

"We are getting together a first class fire department," said Chief Ambrosio today. "We have the most up-to-date equipment for that purpose, and with the aid of the mayor, the city council and the citizens of Klamath Falls, we hope to eliminate the fire risk in this locality considerably. We have in the fireman's club rooms of the city hall the latest edition of the 'Underwriter's' dealing with fire protection and prevention in every line; the most important being safe construction of chimneys and stovepipe connections. Underwriter's records for the year 1916 show that

BUNARD LINER LAGONIA SUBBED OFF IRISH COAST

REMOVED FROM SINCE SUB WAS SURE DESTROYED

Ship Without Warning While En Route New York to Liverpool, 12,000 Tons Displacement—Only 70 Life Lines—Over 275 Passengers Aboard—Sank Last Night at 10 o'Clock—No Americans Aboard.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The 12,000 ton Cunard liner Lagonia was submerged without warning off the coast of Ireland last night at 10 o'clock, while en route from New York to England. She is the latest vessel to be sunk since the barred zone was declared February 1st.

Only one life was lost, the Cunard company here announced.

The American consul at Queenstown where there are 275 passengers on route to Queenstown, and others are being landed at Bantry, Ireland. It is announced there were no Americans aboard, though New York office had listed six American passengers.

CASE DECIDED IN FAVOR OF TOTTEN

CONTENT CASE DECISION ON HOMESTEAD NEAR ODESSA OF JOHN TOTTEN BY LAND OFFICE UPHOLD BY SECRETARY

C. C. Brower, who is attorney for John Totten in the content case against his homestead near Odessa by A. L. Alexander, has received the decision of the secretary of the interior in favor of Mr. Totten and affirming the decision of the Lakeview and the general land office.

The secretary says: "The local officers, after full hearing and careful examination of the testimony, with reference to the several charges, found that not one of them was proved. The commissioner has reviewed the record at length, and held that the entry should remain intact. The decision is correct, and is affirmed."

The number of fires caused by defective chimneys was 5 per cent, or one-twentieth of all the fires in Oregon. Last year there were 12,000 fires caused, and 1,000,000 dollars worth of property was destroyed. No one can fall asleep on a fireproof bed.

"Do not think any of you are safe. Remember that the insurance companies are based on the soundness of property as well as your own, and by keeping your own buildings in good condition you help your neighbor, and lower his insurance rates as well as your own."

"If you ever do have an occasion to call the fire department, be sure and give us the fire district, street corner names and your name. Do not get excited and give us your telephone number."

U. S. Counsel Here Now Notifies the City Council

Refuses Norway's Aid for Expedition



Captain William Anderson has refused the financial aid of Norway in his coming polar expedition. He believes his native land has plenty of use for all its funds in connection with the war.

FARMERS HAVE BASKET DINNER

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF SOUTHWEST KLAMATH FARMERS' DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION HELD AT FLEVNA

The regular quarterly meeting of the Southwest Klamath Farmers' Development League will be held Wednesday, February 28th, at the Flevna school house, announced Wm. B. Hoag, secretary, today.

At this time the regular annual election of officers will be held and all other business matters of importance will be taken up.

This will be an all day meeting with a basket dinner. Everyone is invited to come, bring a well filled basket, and enjoy a good time.

Many Attend Service.

A large attendance was present at the Frances E. Willard Memorial service held at the Christian church Sunday night. Mrs. Hammer, local president of the W. C. T. U., under whose auspices the service was held, presided, and gave an interesting talk on the very situation in the United States, saying that it is possible to travel from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic almost entirely by going through dry territory, and not going out of the way. Professor M. S. Taylor of the high school, directed the chorus of thirty-five voices for the service, besides which a number of individual musical numbers were rendered.

Leaves for California.

Burge Mason of the Ewauna Box company of this city, left this morning for Los Angeles and California points on a trip for a few weeks.

IS DEFERRED UP AT A COST OF NOT 5000

Government Relinquishes All Rights and Status Will Never Use Canal Below Leavitt Place—City Has Purchased All Water Rights—The Property Owners May Do as Please With Canal on their Sites.

After years of trouble, strife and hard work on the part of city and United States reclamation service officials, it was announced today by both the reclamation service and City Attorney Grosbeck that the Ankeny canal situation has been straightforwardly met, and that the canal will be closed for all time to traffic.

District Council Taylor of the government, who is here with other government officials, after all the information that the government had relinquished all hold and interest in this canal below the Leavitt tract at the northern end of Conger avenue, which leaves the remainder of the canal right of way to the disposal of the property owners along its banks.

Reclamation service officials state that they will maintain the canal from the river to the Leavitt tract for the use of property owners above that place, and also for use in case of construction of a power plant which has been considered for that vicinity.

This action of the reclamation service officials leaves all water rights in the canal to the city, since through city officials, work started by J. B. Mason, ex-mayor, and Rollo Grosbeck, city attorney, over a year and a half ago, the water rights owned by the canal were purchased by the city from the owners. Up to this time the canal had been an eyesore and a disease breeding ground for years.

The first really effective work towards ridding the city of the canal was started by Mr. Mason, and followed by Mr. Grosbeck, city attorney, and the present members of the city council have worked out the plan which eradicates the canal from the city.

The government relinquish without requesting a vote of the people or any strings attached, local officials are advised on word received from A. F. Davis, U. S. R. S., of this fact, at the local office.

Mr. Grosbeck announces that this problem has been disposed of at a total cost of but \$750 to the city.

It is expected that the official notification from the government will be received by the council tonight.

Captain Stinson Goes South.

Captain J. W. Stinson, president of the Commercial Club, left yesterday morning for San Francisco and California points, where he and W. Paul Johnson will visit California commercial houses to raise subscriptions for the proposed Strabon railroad.

A. F. Engstrom Back Here.

Engineer Sibley, accompanied by Mrs. Sibley, returned to this city last night from spending the winter in California, and will live here. Mr. Sibley will go back on the Klamath-Wood run. They have been at Los Angeles this winter.