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ALLIES ALARMED OVER GERMANY'S LAST MOVE

Austro-German Declaration That Armed Merchantmen Will Be Torpedoed Without Warning Raises Another Intricate Diplomatic Question—Allies Fear America May Modify Her Views As To Shipment of Munitions—Will Protest Claiming Act Is Unneutral

Washington, Feb. 12.—With the possible arrival today of the Austro-German notices of intent to torpedo armed merchantmen without warning, the American government faced one of the most serious and intricate diplomatic questions since the war started. Indications are that Secretary of State Lansing will admit the soundness of the foundation on which the Teutons have built their contention that arming merchantmen makes the usual visit and search impossible before attack by submarines. Such agreement with the Teuton notes would be followed by a warning to Americans not to travel on armed allied merchant ships.

Meanwhile allied diplomats are beginning to feel that if the United States acquiesces in a change of rules concerning armament, while the war is in progress, it would be only a short step to a change of view that would result in placing an embargo on munitions traffic. The United States has held such trade legal and neutral, but the allies suggest that a modification of the submarine policy may forecast a modification of the munitions policy, too.

A government official admitted today he is considering the possibility that the allies ship lines would boycott American goods billed for other ports than their own, but he believes that such a boycott could be fought successfully.

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has already forwarded a summary of the German notice, while Ambassador Penfield cabled that he had received Austria's and was forwarding it.

London, Feb. 12.—The allies will protest to America if Secretary of State Lansing accepts the new German policy of attacking armed merchantmen without warning, it was learned on good authority today. Their objection will be based on the fact that after the outbreak of the war, America announced she would permit merchantmen, armed

for defensive purposes, to enter American ports. A change in this policy in the midst of the war is regarded by the allies as unneutral.

"There may be landslide in November that will sweep away President Wilson with his trimming policies," said the Globe editorially today in discussing the situation.

W. I. NEEDHAM FILES TODAY IN RACE FOR OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Chief Deputy for Eight Years Enters Race for Republican Nomination

Deputy Sheriff W. I. Needham, today filed his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for county sheriff. Mr. Needham's platform is "An efficient administration based upon experience." The experience means that he has worked nearly eight years as a deputy sheriff in Marion county. For four years he was a deputy under Sheriff Harry Minto and for the past four years he has

served as the chief deputy for Sheriff William Esch. During this time he has handled all of the departments of the office and has worked in the criminal department as well as the clerical and under Sheriff Esch had charge of the civil work of the office. His efficiency in the office has won him a host of friends among the taxpayers of the county and he is counted as thoroughly capable to occupy the big office chair without any further apprenticeship.

Mr. Needham is the son of Isaac C. Needham and was born near Roadside in this county where he has lived all of his life and he says he expects to remain here at least during his natural lifetime. He is a tax payer and resides at 905 North Church street. So far only one opponent for the republican nomination has entered the lists, E. E. Cooper, the present constable, having declared his candidacy.

Interned German Ships Escape from Buenos Ayers

New York, Feb. 12.—The reported escape of the interned German merchantman Bahrenfeld from Buenos Ayers and the Turpin from Puntas Arenas was chronicled in a Buenos Ayers cable to the Evening Sun today.

"The commanders asked permission to exercise the engines and then dashed to sea," said the story. "German subjects are said to have provided the vessels with enough coal for a long voyage."

"As far as the authorities know, they may have joined the armed German merchantmen in the Atlantic steamship lanes to the north."

"PREPAREDNESS" IS SLOGAN OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL GIRLS



Charter members of girls' rifle club in a Washington high school. Even the school girls of Washington have heard the preparedness slogan that has gone out from congress and they are preparing for war. This picture shows the charter members of a girls' rifle club formed at the West-end high school, the first organization of its kind in Washington. Miss Helen Cummings, who stands in the center with her hands on the breech of her rifle, is the organizer and captain of the fair preparedness champions.

TWO CATTLE THIEVES WILL BE PUNISHED

Mexicans Give Example of Their Ability to Torture Their Prisoners

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 12.—Two cattle thieves will be dragged to the Juarez cemetery today, while Carranza authorities give them an object lesson from the execution of Sergeant Rojas and Civillan Sanchez, convicted of stealing and selling ammunition.

The officials arranged that the thieves should think that they, too, were going to their death. "They will not be informed that they are not to be killed," said Consul Gavira, "until after a firing squad has disposed of the two condemned men. We planned this as an object lesson, so they will not steal any more cattle."

General Villa is reported heading toward the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes where 500 men, women and children are, practically unprotected. The rebel chief spent the night at La Hacienda De La Candelaria, 100 miles southwest of Juarez, and there stole horses and slaughtered cattle and looted a provision house.

Meanwhile El Paso Mormons are considering bringing the other members of their faith here.

Severity of foodstuffs, and the depreciation of Carranzista scrip is causing some dissension among the Carranza garrisons of northern Mexico.

UNITED STATES NOT UNDERSTOOD BY BELLIGERENTS

English Say We Keep Out of the War In Order to Make Money

FRENCH MORE POLITE SO ONLY INTIMATE IT

Both However Are Determined to Fight Until Victory Is Achieved

Washington, Feb. 12.—An idea that Germany's animosity toward the United States because of our munition sales to the allies will inversely assure us the lasting friendship of the allies is erroneous in the opinion of two American newspaper men who are in a position to know.

Ed L. Keen, general European manager of the United Press with headquarters in London, and William Phillip Simms, manager of the Paris bureau of the United Press back in this country on short vacations, met here today prior to their return to Europe. The outstanding idea in the mind of each after a few days of contact with the American viewpoint was the extent to which Americans are deceiving themselves on two points, namely the feeling of the people of France and England toward America, and the possibilities of an early peace.

English Opinion of Us. (By Ed. L. Keen.) (General European manager of the United Press.)

It is evident that America misunderstands England almost as much as England misunderstands America in this war.

An American returning from England for the first time since the war started, cannot fail to be amazed at the lack of appreciation among his fellow countrymen of the determination of the allies—and particularly that of England—to push the war relentlessly to a victorious conclusion at any cost and any sacrifice. It is like the surprise of the first-time traveler to Europe when he finds that the people of the allied countries are not overflowing with gratitude for the material support given by the American munition makers.

It may be a shock to some folks on this side to learn how prevalent throughout the allied countries—and especially in England—is the idea that the only reason we are keeping out of the war is that we can make more money by not coming in. It is not merely the anti-American newspapers that label us "dollar chasers." In official circles a more sympathetic view is taken, but the public at large is convinced Uncle Sam is prepared to swallow "any insult to his honor" rather than relinquish this unprecedented opportunity of lining his pockets with European gold. They don't hate us exactly. The feeling ranges rather from pity to contempt, according to the individual.

Such misapprehension of America's attitude finds its parallel here.

Is Fight to a Finish.

"Aren't the allies about ready to quit?" "Do they really think they have a chance to win?" These questions are asked in all quarters here. Rumors have spread broadcast that one or more of the allies are seeking a separate peace; that any of them would be willing to listen now to terms less

REPUBLICAN BANQUET STIRS ENTHUSIASM

Of Possible Presidential Candidates That of Roosevelt Alone Cheered

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Fired by the tremendous enthusiasm which swept 1200 men and women at the Lincoln Day banquet here last night, republicans are today confidently predicting victory in 1916.

The banquet, the largest in the history of political events here, was held at the Hippodrome pavilion under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican club. Previous to that, the state central committee met and selected North Yakima as the place for the state convention, May sixth.

Of three possibilities for the presidential nomination, mentioned by President Wiley, of the club, Taft's passed without a ripple of applause; Root's stirred up a bit of enthusiasm, and Roosevelt's elicited cheers as well as applause. Non-partisanship was denounced by Chairman Whitney, and Wallace McCann, of Portland, Oregon, referred to Louis D. Brandeis as an "avaricious mountebank." These statements were wildly cheered.

Judge J. Stanley Webster, of Spokane paid an eloquent tribute to Lincoln without reference to partisanship. The other speakers attacked President Wilson unmercifully. T. R. Bruner, of Aberdeen, held out an olive branch to the progressives.

WILSON WILL NAME SECRETARY ON RETURN

Wise Ones Say It Will Be Houston, Lane or a Dark Horse

Washington, Feb. 12.—President Wilson will bring the name of Secretary of War Garrison's successor with him when he returns to Washington tomorrow from a cruise on the Potomac, officials believed today. Although there is a strong idea that a "dark horse" will be chosen, it is known that when he left last night, the president had under foremost consideration for the place, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Secretary of Interior Lane.

German-American opposition has developed against Lane, however, inasmuch as he is of Canadian birth.

There is much talk that Major General Goethals, Panama canal builder, will get the appointment, but a high authority stated today that he is not yet being considered.

It is believed that the president has simmered the possibilities down to Lane, Houston and a "dark horse," Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Counselor Peck of the state department and Colonel House, mentioned in the past for almost every post, are others mentioned.

"TREASURE ISLAND"

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 12.—Patrolman Walter J. Bunker is en route to the Cocos Islands, off the coast of Peru, today, to dig for buried treasure. He sailed on the yacht Sweetheart with J. Bender, a Mexican capitalist. They expect to remain three months. The gold is reputed to have been buried on the island during a war 200 years ago between South American tribes.

ITALY FORBIDS IMPORT OF AUSTRO-GERMAN GOODS

Last Gap In Economic Boycott of Teuton Allies Closed—Italy's Act May Cause Declaration of War by Germany—Canada Sends 2700 Men and 15 Machine Guns to American Border Fearing Raid From German-Americans—Fighting Is Resumed Along Eastern Front

By Henry Wood (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rome, Feb. 12.—The last gap in the allies' economic boycott of the central powers was closed today by issuance of an Italian decree forbidding, under heavy penalty, the importation of any Austro-German goods. This step was announced after Premier Briand had held several hours' conference with the foreign office.

"We have completed the steel wall around Germany," he said in discussing the embargo.

Ordinarily such a step would have provoked an immediate declaration of war, but it is not believed here that Germany cares to enroll Italy among her open enemies, both for financial and military reasons.

Briand said that the allies are determined to throttle the Teutons from an economic standpoint, while making them suffer from a military standpoint.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Toronto and Thorol troop detachments with machine guns today strengthened the garrison across the boundary here to 2,700 men and 15 machine guns, following a rumor that German-Americans were planning some inhumane move.

Guards at power houses, bridges and factories were doubled and equipped with machine guns and artillery placed in advantageous positions. Shortly before midnight an explosion damaged a building under construction for the Custer Electric Co. Chemical company, and police found three attacks of unexploded dynamite there. They doubted a German plot, however, and suggested the blast might be due to trouble between the Buffalo contractors and employes.

Russians Are Attacking. Petrograd, Feb. 12.—The entire Volhynia-Bessarabia front is the scene of fighting after a lull of weeks. General Ivanoff is attacking west of Tarnopol, and the Russians are trying hard to throw a big force across the Dniester northwest of Czornowitz.

French Take Small Ditch. Paris, Feb. 12.—French troops captured 300 yards of trenches in the Champagne with a sudden grenade attack northeast of Meaulx, the war office said today. The French took German trenches in the direction of Labure Heights, dominating the important Somme Py railroad on which the Germans obtain their supplies. The Teutons made vain counter attacks.

Think Cook Put Poison In the Soup

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Manager H. J. Doherty of the University club intimated today that a missing employe of the club in a deliberate attempt to poison them placed arsenic in the soup of Archbishop George Mundelein, Governor Dunne and 100 other distinguished guests at a banquet Thursday night.

It was at first thought that the guests, taken suddenly ill, were suffering from ptomaine poisoning. The police admitted today they are seeking the missing employe following a conference between Doherty and Detective Captain Collins.

Collins said the authorities are looking for the club sub-club, a crank on chemistry, in whose room bottles of poison and bomb materials were found. Experts are testing the soup by feeding it to animals, and the result of this investigation will be known Tuesday. An independent test by City Health Commissioner Robertson disclosed the presence of arsenic, however.

Officers Believe Doyle Shot Women Deliberately

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 12.—Although officers expressed the belief that William Doyle would break down and admit that he murdered Mrs. Mary A. Wilcox and Mrs. Maggie Jones in Linnell valley Tuesday morning, Doyle in jail here, still insists the shooting was accidental.

It was while struggling with Mrs. Jones for possession of a shotgun that the two women were killed, Doyle says. Both barrels went off and both women received a full charge of buckshot at close range.

Mrs. Wilcox was about 65 and Mrs. Jones 39. Each had been married five times. Doyle, who leased part of the ranch, lived in the bunk house nearby, he declared, but officers found most of his clothes in Mrs. Jones' room.

THE WEATHER

Oregon Fair to-night except rain northwest portion and Sunday rain west; increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow east portion and southeasterly winds.

OREGON SYSTEM IS BENEFIT TO WORKMEN

Commissioner Marshal Explains Its Workings—A Very Interesting Meeting

W. A. Marshall, of the state industrial accident commission, delivered an address last evening on "Compensation," at the Union hall, explaining in detail the workings of the compensation act.

Injured workmen receive far more liberal benefits through the workings of the Oregon law than through the laws of other states where the employers insure through stock or mutual companies, according to the statement of Mr. Marshall. The expense is much less through the workings of the Oregon law than that compared to mutual or stock companies, and to substantiate this statement, Mr. Marshall noted the fact that \$544,878 had been paid in benefits to injured workmen during the past 19 months, or had been laid aside for future payments, at an administration cost of only \$78,544.

An average of 8,900 accidents occur every year in Oregon and the loss in actual wages amounted to possibly \$2,800,000, according to Mr. Marshall's figures.

In reference to the money that was paid and set aside as a reserve fund to be paid in monthly payments to dependents in fatal cases, it was stated that fully one-third of a million was invested in Oregon municipal and school bonds.

Following Mr. Marshall's talk, an interesting address was made by E. W. Sleeman, of the Carpenters' Union of Portland, who represented the Salem body at the San Francisco convention of the American Federation of Labor.

E. J. Stack, of Portland, secretary of the state federation, gave a brief talk, and also C. M. Ryerson, editor and manager of the Oregon Labor Press delivered a short address.

At the close of the business session and speaking, the doors of an adjoining room were thrown open and a Dutch lunch served. The music for the meeting was furnished by the Musicians' association. The entertainment committee in charge of the session were: T. M. Newberry, chairman; W. B. Schemmerville, C. W. Brant, Charles Gillespie, George Clay and John Van Vleet.

OLD OREGON IS COMING

Washington, Feb. 12.—Disposal of the battleship Oregon to San Francisco, ordered by the navy department is under assignments of second line ships to the naval militia. She replaces the Marblehead which goes to Portland.



TAHOMA IS SAVED

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—The steamboat Tahoma, stuck in the upper Columbia river ice since January 2, was rescued today by the steamer George Burton and will reach Portland late this afternoon. Since she was frozen in the Tahoma mover half a mile down stream with the shifting ice.

Although her position has been dangerous since yesterday, the Tahoma is undamaged. The captain, four deckhands and a baby mule have lived comfortably aboard the steamer for more than a month. Food has been carried to them over the ice.

REPUBLICS QUARREL

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 12.—Relations between Argentina and Bolivia are badly strained, it is rumored, as a result of an old boundary dispute. Both nations officially deny the report, however.

Argentina is reported impatient at Bolivia's failure to complete her part of the international railway.

GOT \$250 FOR LETTER

New York, Feb. 12.—Marjorie Sterrett received \$250 for the letter she received from Theodore Roosevelt the other day, telling her about his ancestors and grandchildren.

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