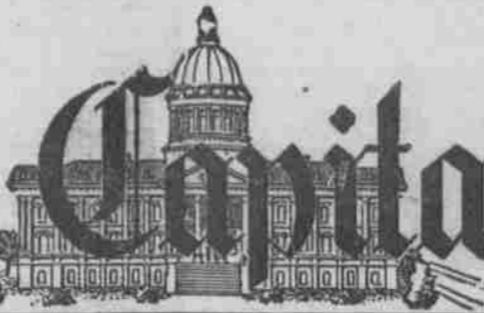


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HOUSE WILL TAKE HAND TO VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

Claim Made That Senate Leave Matter Unsettled and Uncertain—Lower House Will Make Administration's Position Clear—Democrats Divided But Belief Is President Will Be Strongly Sustained—Row Breaks Out In Senate Again Over the Bill

Washington, March 4.—The house will try its hand Tuesday at saying whether congress shall mix into diplomatic affairs.

After a day of perplexity over the significance of the senate vote on the Gore resolution to warn Americans off armed ships and a threatened division among their own ranks in the house, administration leaders announced that the matter of voting on the McLemore resolution—similar to Gore's—will be deferred to Tuesday.

Differences of opinion in the house rules committee, which must pave the way for consideration of the McLemore measure by reporting a special rule, were mainly responsible for delaying action, which had been slated for today.

Those favoring immediate action harried the committee to report a rule this afternoon, declaring that the senate's confusion of issues yesterday ought to be counteracted at once by the house.

Political arguments, however, finally appeased such persons.

President Wilson's friends were reported to be seeking republican votes on tabling the McLemore resolution, and they argued that few republicans were in favor of a strict "gag rule," necessary to bring up the measure.

It was reported that the house, with Wilson's approval, might vote strictly on the merits of the McLemore resolution, instead of merely on whether or not it should be tabled as recommended by the foreign committee.

Advocates of immediate action urged this on the ground that the senate had tabled a substitute proposal without realizing its provisions and that the house must clear up the muddle.

In the senate discussion of the armed ship issue burst forth for a time today.

Scrapping in the House.
Washington, Mar. 4.—Division among President Wilson's supporters in the house broke out today. After several planned to postpone a vote on the McLemore warning resolution, providing the desired Wilson "show down," others, including Representatives Sherry, Allen and Glass began a fight to force a vote today, claiming that the muddle surrounding the vote in the senate yesterday on the Gore warning resolution must be cleared up immediately.

The advocates of immediate action condemned the plans for postponement announced by Acting Chairman Fox of the house rules committee, who said it was due to the fact that many congressmen were absent from the city.

Such advocates started a canvass of the rules committee, seeking enough votes to force a report of the rule that would make the McLemore resolution in order for a vote this afternoon.

Fox admitted that the resolution might be brought up, in view of the strength of those desiring immediate action.

Speaker Clark thought the matter would go over to Monday, but was not sure until he could confer with house leaders. His private office was the scene of many conferences with heads of both factions.

Want Immediate Action.
The sentiment generally among representatives was in favor of immediate action. Republican members appeared to be willing to have the vote today, while administration men held that a postponement would be an indirect slap at the president.

The house rules committee was scheduled to meet at 10 a. m. today but postponed its session until 2 this afternoon when it expected to pass a rule enabling a vote to be taken Monday.

The house had anticipated voting on the "show down" desired by Wilson today. The McLemore resolution, warning Americans off armed ships had been reported from the foreign committee with a recommendation that it be tabled.

This gave the administration an opportunity for a complete "showdown" upon support of President Wilson in his stand against such a warning.

The effect of the vote on the Gore resolution in the senate yesterday was still disputed. The discussion following upon tabling of the resolution was held by many to have killed the effect of the tabling. Some said indeed that it failed to show support of the president and was, instead, the direct opposite. Debate in the senate was expected to break out anew today.

To Clarify Issue.
The house situation was such that a vote on the McLemore proposal, however, seemed likely to make the issue clear cut—whether President Wilson should be supported or not in his international position.

Chairman Flood of the foreign committee reported formally to the house, when it convened, his committee's recommendation for tabling the McLemore resolution.

After conferring with Clark and others, Flood said that it appeared no vote could be taken before Monday.

Following a conference of House Leaders, Majority Leader Kitchin said it was practically certain that the McLemore resolution vote would be postponed to Monday, and possibly Tuesday. He declared also that it was probable the resolution would be re-drafted so that the house could vote directly upon the merits of warning Americans not to travel on armed ships.

TO WARN SHIPS
San Francisco, Mar. 4.—A wireless apparatus to warn ships of fog peril has been invented and will soon be installed at government coast stations and lightships. It operates for a distance of 16 miles and is said to be an effective warning.

OH! YOU APPOINTEE
Gladstone, Or., Mar. 4.—Because he didn't pay his water rent, Mayor Howe of Gladstone had his water shut off by the man whom he had appointed superintendent of the water department.

GALICIAN TOWN TAKEN AND RETAKEN BY AUSTRIANS AND RUSS



Street scene in Grzeany. The unfortunate city of Grzeany in East Galicia has been in the midst of a great deal of fighting between the Austrians and Russians since the beginning of the war. It has been taken and retaken several times by the fighting armies as they have surged to and fro.

WANT WOMAN NAMED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Sacramento, Cal., March 4.—Prominent Sacramento women took a stand today for a woman lieutenant governor to succeed the late John M. Eshleman. Names of numerous California women said to be well qualified for the place were mentioned, including Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edison, of Los Angeles; Mrs. G. Shepard Baruum, of Los Angeles; Miss Katherine Felton, of San Francisco; Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz, of Los Angeles.

3300 WENT DOWN ON CRUISER PROVENCE
Greatest Marine Tragedy In History—Only 695 Saved of 4,000 on Board
Paris, March 4.—In making public the fact that 4,000 men were aboard the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, which sank recently in the Mediterranean, the admiralty indicated today that there is no hope now for more survivors than the 695 landed at Malta and Melos.

The first official announcement of the disaster to the Provence, formerly in the trans-Atlantic service, but more recently in war service, said that there were about 1,800 aboard. The rescued were placed at over 800, leaving about 1,000 who perished. Afterward there were some hopes that others had been saved.

Then the admiralty followed with its announcement that 4,000 were aboard and that about 695 were landed at Malta and Melos. This places the number lost at over 3,000, the largest number of victims of a sea disaster in history.

Withcombe Upholds Wilson's Attitude In Present Conflict
Governor Withcombe upholds President Wilson's attitude in the present conflict in congress according to a telegraphic interview which was sent last night to the New York Times upon the request of this publication for an expression of the governor's views.

Governor Withcombe's reply says: "It is my opinion and I believe the opinion of loyal Oregonians that the hands of the president should be upheld by congress. Of necessity the executive must be depended upon to handle in a large measure the problems of our foreign relations at a time of crisis."

Wilson's insistence on the rights of American citizens on the sea is guaranteed by international law is sound and justified. If we are to retain a place of honor and respect among nations we must insist upon rightful privileges and protection for our citizens.

While totally out of sympathy with much of the administration's foreign policy in the past the President seems to me quite right in his present apparent conflict with congress.

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK
Watertown, N. D., Mar. 4.—One passenger and a mail clerk were killed today when a South Dakota Central passenger train crashed through a bridge near Thous which had been weakened by a smouldering fire.

SAYS OUR NAVY IS IMPOTENT TO CHECK INVASION
Ex-Secretary Meyer Says It Has No Organization to Act On War Footing
New York, Mar. 4.—"If war were declared tomorrow, our navy under Secretary Daniels would be absolutely impotent to check an invasion of our coast," Ex-Secretary George Von L. Meyer declared today.

"Let us draw the indictments as follows," he continued.

"Our navy has no organization prepared to act on a war footing.

"It has no tested war plan.

"It has no tested mobilization plan.

"There is no general staff, and no national counsel of defense.

"There are no fast cruisers, except three obsolete ones.

"We are lacking in armed hydro-

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REPUBLICANS GATHER
San Francisco, March 4.—State republicans gathered in force today at 2 p. m. to pick their delegates to the June Chicago national convention.

Harmony appeared to be the watchword, though from one source came word that there would be insistence upon a program of no further "trading with the progressives."

Every section of the state was represented. From Los Angeles came a delegation of 40, while other sections of the south were on hand in force. It was estimated that more than 360 were here to participate.

FOOT BY FOOT GERMANS GET NEARER TO VERDUN

After Fierce Shelling French Make Gallant Attempt to Recapture Douaumont But Are Repulsed—Graphic Story Told of Charge at Night Over Plain Lit by Bursting Shells When Germans Took, and Held This Hamlet—French Confident Their Lines Cannot Be Broken

London, March 4.—Infantry drives for Douaumont continue, according to dispatches today, but both the Paris and Berlin official statements agreed that no important change has occurred during the night in the contest between German and French troops for Verdun.

After an intense artillery preparation, the French attempted to recapture Douaumont, but were repulsed in hand to hand fighting, the Berlin statement claimed. The French bombardment on both banks of the Meuse is reported growing more violent.

The Berlin statement, reporting the repulse of French attacks at Obersepe, claimed that 1,000 prisoners, 115 field pieces and 61 machine guns had already been captured at Douaumont.

The Paris communique told of artillery duelling north of Verdun but said there was no important infantry onslaught. A minor engagement at Eparges, 12 miles southeast of Verdun, was reported and Paris declared this had prevented the Germans from occupying a mine crater there.

Germans Irresistible.
London, Mar. 4.—Germany's effort to break through to Verdun today centers around the Pepper Heights.

General Petain's French forces have blocked the Teuton flank attempts to capture these heights thus far, but fighting of the most desperate character continues. Driven out of Douaumont, Petain's men are making their stand at a redoubt about a mile to the southeast, and have heavily repulsed repeated charges by the Germans who hoped to cut off the Pepper Heights defenders.

The fire around Verdun in the renewed efforts to batter down that fort with giant howitzers is as fierce as in the opening days of the great German offensive. German sacrifices continue to be enormous. The Teutons are rolling up new regiments to smother the French fire.

Douaumont is almost entirely in German hands, but the French still are valiantly fighting on the western outskirts.

A new attack against the town of Vaux, near Verdun, is raging as a preliminary to storming of Fort De Vaux.

A Ghastly Battle.
The French were driven out of Douaumont after a day of infantry battling which started Wednesday night. Thousands of men died or were wounded as the result of the Kaiser's determination to capture this hamlet—a group of 70 houses. But the significance of the struggle there arises from the fact that from the town radiates three highways.

Two German columns advanced at dusk. The flare of illuminating bombs spread over a ghastly sight. Clouds of smoke and darts of flame from the French artillery showed clear cut against the bomb lights. The first lines were cut to pieces by the artillery and the French soldiers counter-attacked.

All through the night the struggle continued. At dawn, however, the Germans massed their reserves and stormed.

The awfulness of that charge was related in a Paris dispatch today saying: "On the first two occasions, the enemy bravely reached the barbed wire entanglements, but the hail of machine guns and rifles melted the grey lines."

Success Comes At Last.
At last, however, success came to the German standards and the French were compelled to retreat.

The heaviest German attack was dealt Thursday afternoon. Headless of the scorching French fire, the Germans made their way through entanglements and penetrated several vital points. Meanwhile the German artillery peppered the French rear, making it impossible for them to bring up fresh reserves.

At nightfall the Teutons stormed positions and drove the French through the streets in hand to hand combat. A counter attack yesterday re-established the French in the outskirts of the town.

The Times Paris correspondent today estimated the French casualties in the early Verdun attacks at 30,000. It was suggested that the tactics of the Germans and the fact that Balkan brigades are participating against Verdun tends to confirm the belief that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is now directing the offensive.

STEEL BRIDGE ONLY FOR CENTER STREET
Board of Viewers Says Sand Will Not Hold Up Concrete Structure
The board of viewers in a partial report submitted to the county court today stated that on account of the underlying beds of sand it will be impracticable to erect a concrete bridge on the site of the present steel bridge on Center street across the Willamette river at this place. The state engineering department took bearings from the river bed down to a depth of 50 feet below the bottom of the river along the line of the proposed bridge on Center street and found nothing but loose sand in most places.

Since the concrete structure appears to be the most popular design the viewers looked over the borings made by State Highway Engineer Howley last

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RETURNS REMAINS OF STRONG RADIO PLANT
Ship Brings Remnants of It from Mexico—Was Used by Germans
San Diego, Cal., March 4.—"One box electrical apparatus," "copper and brass wire 2 1/2 tons American goods returned."

These items, listed today in the cargo manifest of the steamer Gryne, on her arrival from Ensenada, Mexico, are the last chapter in a story that attracted international interest.

The wire and electrical apparatus are all that is left of a powerful radio plant, erected more than a year ago in the Alamo district, deep in the mountain fastnesses, about 75 miles from Ensenada. Radio messages, said to be far from neutral, and claimed in many cases to be warnings and advice to German warships in the Pacific, were intercepted by stations in this vicinity, about this time.

"Mining engineering machinery" was the explanation made by the men in charge of the station. Harry Von Denburg, former marshal of Coronado, Cal., was one of the men connected with the plant. Taken to Ensenada, he was held for months in the Mexican prison. Finally, on deposit of \$1,500 cash bail, he was released.

"Had No Hand" Because Having No Trumps It Went Into The Discard
There was no factionalism at the New York republican "Harmony" meeting Wednesday night and the administration crowd "had no hand whatever in the proceedings at the meeting," according to one of the morning publications of this city. The administration crowd had no hand in the proceedings for the same reason that Jack Johnson had no hand in the flogging of Jess Willard—Jess wouldn't set him. Johnson had an "explanation" and so did the state house crowd.

The explanation is simple, so simple in fact that "no man need err therein." According to the best explainers at the state house the votes were pledged to Mark McCallister before the meeting to defeat the anticipated candidacy for president of a suspected campaign manager of a prospective or campaign manager of a prospective nominee for the prominent office of district attorney of this county which, should the prospective candidate be nominated and later elected, would wield a powerful influence in the political affairs of this great state.

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Sunk Two Cruisers.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Mar. 4.—German submarines have sunk two French auxiliary cruisers and an English patrol boat, said an official announcement today.

Paris officially stated yesterday that no auxiliary cruisers has been sunk off Havre by submarines. The above Berlin story was the first claim reaching the United States that there had been

THE WEATHER

I'VE GOT AN AWFUL COLD

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday rain or snow; center tonight east portion variable winds.