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NEW SECRETARY OF WAR WILL BE NEWTON BAKER

Was Private Secretary to Postmaster General Wilson Under Cleveland

MAYOR OF CLEVELAND FOR TERM OF FOUR YEARS

Is Studious, Small and Spectacled and Noted for Having No Close Friends

WHAT MRS. BAKER SAID

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 6.—Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the new secretary of war, was today in the city, having just returned from a tour of inspection of the war department. She is a small, studious woman, with a high forehead and a serious expression. She is noted for having no close friends.

Washington, Mar. 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, is President Wilson's choice for secretary of war. He twice declined the offer of the interior when President Wilson formed his cabinet.

Newton D. Baker retired as mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, on January 1, after four years service in that office.

His first experience in public life was in Washington as private secretary to Postmaster General William L. Wilson, in Grover Cleveland's second administration. Wilson came from Baker's state, West Virginia. After the election of McKinley to the presidency, Baker moved to Cleveland and became a partner in a law firm with a close friend of Tom L. Johnson, afterward the famous "people's mayor" of Cleveland. Johnson was attracted by the young man, and when, in 1901, Johnson became mayor he had Baker named as assistant city solicitor. Shortly afterward Baker became city solicitor, and served in that office until Johnson was defeated in 1909.

In 1911 Baker himself was elected mayor of Cleveland, and was re-elected in 1915 when his party went out of municipal office in Cleveland.

Baker is a studious, small, spectacled man. He is noted for having no intimate friends, preferring to bury himself in his study when not engaged on public business.

His friendship for President Wilson dated from Baker's fight in the national democratic convention at Baltimore, when he made the fight against the unit rule that practically insured Wilson's nomination. Baker led the minority of the Ohio delegation that favored Wilson.

Baker was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., December 3, 1871, and was graduated from Johns Hopkins and Washington and Lee universities.

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Abe Martin



Mrs. Tifford Mott has sent a card to her niece in Florida saying, "You haven't got nothing on us. We're eating oranges and snowballs both. Wish you was here."

WEDDERBURN IN DANGER

Marshfield, Or., Mar. 6.—Wedderburn, a little town at the mouth of the Rogue river, may slide into the river if rains do not cease today.

The slide already has begun and citizens have fled to houses on the hills. Eleven inches of rain have fallen in less than a week. The river is rising. The general store, hotel, warehouses and cheese factory are said to be in immediate danger.

Saskatchewan Scandal To Be Probed To Bottom

Regina, Sask., Mar. 6.—When the house met today, Acting Premier Calder, replying to the Bradshaw charges of Friday involving cabinet ministers, stated everything would be referred to a royal commission and the fullest investigation invited. All of the government's facilities would be placed at the disposal of the judiciary, he declared.

For the ministry he entered complete denial of wrong doing. The chief subject discussed in parliament building circles today is the sudden death of John F. Linday. He was under arrest charged with stealing \$6,000 from the road fund. It is now feared that unless John Brown, the absconding clerk, is brought back, the utmost difficulty may be experienced in uncovering the alleged gigantic road work fraud.

Idaho Democrats Split On National Committeeman

Boise, Idaho, Mar. 6.—With an open split between factions of the party threatened as a result of the fight for national committeeman between Robert H. Elmer, present committeeman, and Jerome J. Day, of Moscow, the democratic state central committee met today to name the time and place for holding the convention to name delegates to the St. Louis convention. The day faction is insisting on a preferential primary. If this is denied it is understood a separate convention will be held and contesting delegations sent to St. Louis.

Nevada Banker Wants To Go to the Senate

Reno, Nev., Mar. 6.—A. H. Howe, secretary of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company and vice president and general manager of the John S. Cook company bank of Goldfield, today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator to succeed Senator Key Pittman.

Howe was formerly private secretary to United States Senator Thomas H. Platt, of New York.

FRANCIS IS CONFIRMED

Washington, Mar. 6.—The senate this afternoon confirmed President Wilson's appointment of David R. Francis to ambassador to Russia.

445 PASSENGERS DROWNED

London, Mar. 6.—Reports today declared 445 or more passengers and crew of the Spanish steamer Principe de Asturias were missing and believed lost in the wreck of the vessel on a reef off the South American coast. She was en route to Buenos Aires from Barcelona, Spain.

RAIDER MOEWE SAFE, DODGES BLOCKADERS REACHING HOME PORT

Berlin, Mar. 6.—Within a few weeks the German commerce raider Moewe will again defy the British navy to put to sea from Wilhelmshaven to renew its attacks on trading vessels according to statements today.

It is to carry the same crew that manned it on its last expedition which resulted in the reported capture or sinking of fifteen allied merchantmen, including the Appam, the seizure of 19 prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars, which she carried to Wilhelmshaven with her, successfully eluding the British blockaders.

Before starting out again, the Moewe is to be placed in drydock, scraped and overhauled. She is in remarkably good shape, though bearing the marks of heavy storms, and shell scars showing that many of her armed victims went down fighting.

The Moewe's triumphant return overshadowed the Verdun fighting in Germany's newspapers. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger said: "The Moewe's brave daring has inspired her name on every German heart," while the Vossische Zeitung asserted the exploits had proved to Great Britain that Germany is still unconquerable on the sea.

The Moewe's exploits, it is believed, will go down in history as among the greatest of the world war. In command of Captain Burgard Count von Dohna-Schallien, the little vessel, with its picked crew, slipped out of Wilhelmshaven, dodged the British cruisers and early in January created a reign of terror on the sea. The Moewe's identity was first learned by the world when one of her victims, the Appam, with a prize crew in charge, entered Newport News. Other prizes were sent to neutral ports, and a number were destroyed.

The crew has been decorated with iron crosses.

London Doubts Story.

London, Mar. 6.—Several London newspapers expressed doubt today that the German raider Moewe had eluded the British blockading fleet and returned safely to Wilhelmshaven, as announced by Berlin. They believed the story was circulated to throw pursuing British warships off the trail.

The Times war expert, however, accepted the Berlin statement as true. He wrote:

"The possibility of an enterprising captain breaking the blockade inward as well as outward has frequently been demonstrated. The Moewe's captain certainly executed a desperate adventure of skill and courage."

COMBINED LOSSES IN VERDUN BATTLE PLACED AT 200,000

Germans Claim to Have Captured 100 Square Miles of Territory

WRECK FRENCH FORTS BUT FAIL TO PIERCE LINES

Fifteen Days of Battle Finds Combatants Still Locked In Death Grip

London, Mar. 6.—Official announcements from both Paris and Berlin today indicated that, following the repulse of the Germans on the Douaumont plateau where they concentrated their attacks on the French center, Teuton troops withdrew and did not attempt any fresh assaults last night. It is believed that no more advances will be launched in that region until plenty of heavy artillery is available to support the infantry.

Elsewhere around Verdun infantry fighting almost ceased during the night. On the east bank of the Meuse, north of Verdun, Berlin said there were minor operations, which resulted in the capture of 14 French officers and 934 men. Paris did not mention this, dismissing all infantry engagements with the statement that they were "unimportant."

There was, however, severe artillery battling on the left bank of the Meuse, west of Douaumont and on the Woerwaele plain. In the Cheppy woods and along the Avoisot-Malancourt road German positions were swept with heavy artillery. "All night, though no attempt was made to seize those works which suffered from the continuous explosions."

London, Mar. 6.—Pounded night and day by a rain of heavy caliber German shells, Forts DeVaux, de Tavannes, and Monbailville, defending Verdun, have been almost completely destroyed, according to Amsterdam dispatches today.

Another report said 10,000 Germans have been heavily repulsed, with considerable slaughter, while attempting to throw a pontoon bridge across the Meuse in the vicinity of Samogneux.

Latest Berlin official dispatches did not confirm the report that Fort Dieppe, two miles northeast of DeVaux, had been stormed and captured by the Teutons, after artillery preparation had laid it in ruins.

On this, the fifteenth day of the great battle, the Germans are centering their terrific attack on the French center, on the plateau of Douaumont. There have been sanguinary clashes in the Frenes woods which are flanked with dead and mangled. The main struggle, however, is raging on a two mile front from Hautmont woods to Douaumont. Advancing under a curtain of shrapnel and high explosive shell fire, the French are reporting launching repeated counter attacks in a desperate effort to recapture the important key-stone position of Douaumont.

At Least 50,000 Dead.

Combined losses of the two armies, according to the latest estimates total more than 200,000. The dead will, it is believed, number over 50,000.

Paris declares that in their Verdun.

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BAKER ACCEPTS PLACE

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, announced today that he had accepted President Wilson's offer of the secretary of war's portfolio.

TWO ZEPPELIN RAIDERS COVER MUCH COUNTRY

Sail Over Several Counties Killing Three Men, Four Women, Five Children

London, Mar. 6.—Zeppelin raiders killed 12 persons and injured 33 in an attack on the northeast coast of England last night, it was officially announced today. Two raiders dropped bombs in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Huntingdon, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex and Kent.

The dead are three men, four women and five children.

Although the original admiralty statement declared two Zeppelins participated, it is now believed three took part in the attack.

Forty bombs were dropped, wrecking houses on two terraces and damaging several shops.

The counties of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Essex, Kent and Bedford, raided by Zeppelins, extend along the east coast of England from the southern part of the island almost to the Scottish border. They are thickly populated and fringed with seaside resorts.

The raid's extent is perhaps the greatest in the war's history. It was the twenty-first and brought the total of killed by German air bombs up to 242, while 492 have been injured. Several large munition manufacturing towns are within the affected area. The counties of Essex and Kent adjoin London.

Soaring high over the towns and cities in their path, the Zeppelins showered high explosive and incendiary bombs on the homes of workingmen, according to the admiralty account. One entire block crumpled in a whirl of fire and smoke as the missiles descended.

In the ruins of a wrecked dwelling an aged woman, bedridden seven years, was found uninjured. She did not receive a scratch.

After crossing inland from the east coast, the air fleet moved eastward. It was observed to change its course repeatedly, finally soaring in a huge circle high overhead, evidently uncertain of its position. Finally one of the Zeppelins detached itself from the squadron and hovered motionless over a village, dumping a veritable hail of explosives upon the houses, until its supply was evidently exhausted. Then it rose suddenly to a great height and vanished, the glare from burning buildings illuminating it dimly against the sky until it was lost to view.

A LITTLE PUBLICITY AWAKENS MR. SPOULE

Southern Pacific Sits Up and Takes Notice of Some Caustic Criticism

The visit of William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railway system, to the offices of the Public Service Commission today was productive of two personal promises from the president which indicate that the present car shortage will begin to decrease at once. President Sproule promised the public service commissioners that Superintendent D. W. Campbell would be returned to Oregon within 30 days to assume personal charge of the traffic situation in this state and that a car distribution bureau would be established at once to facilitate the efforts of the commission to relieve the car shortage.

The careful study of the present car shortage which today is said to be about 2,000 cars in Oregon on the S. P. lines and Commissioner Frank Miller states that it is an absolute fact that the car shortage exists on the Southern Pacific lines where there is no competition. The records of the office show that there is no severe car shortage in California and although Mr. Sproule maintains there is no discrimination in Oregon it is admitted that with his headquarters in San Francisco he is out of close personal touch with conditions in Oregon.

When D. W. Campbell was in Oregon the commission was able to treat directly with an officer of the company who had the authority to settle questions but when Mr. Campbell was removed to San Francisco it was necessary to make telegraphic complaints which were unsatisfactory and with 800 miles of railroad between the cause of the trouble and its remedy the car shortage increased rather than decreased, so the commission arose another remedy.

Publicity Bring Results.

The railroad commission began giving

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GERMAN POSITION STATED FRANKLY BY DR. HECKSCHER

Leader in Reichstag Holding Place Similar to That of Senator Stone

SUBMARINE IS LEGAL BUT ARMED TRADER NOT

Says United States Should Pay No Attention to England's Illegal Blockade

By Carl W. Ackerman.

(United Press staff correspondent.)

Berlin, via Amsterdam, March 6.—"Armed merchantmen are the snipers of the sea," declared Dr. Heckscher, reichstag leader, "and the British admiralty by instructing merchantmen to fire on submarines, began franc-tireur warfare on the seas."

Dr. Heckscher whose position in the reichstag is similar to that held by Senator Stone as chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, discussed the German-American controversy over armed merchantmen at some length today.

"If an officer and 10 men in a hostile country saw a group of civilians across the street armed with two or three rifles the officers couldn't wait until he had warned the civilians before ordering his officers to shoot," said Dr. Heckscher. "That is an example of franc-tireur and the same principle applies on the seas to merchantmen who snipe at submarines."

"The submarine is a legal sea weapon as Secretary Lansing himself has admitted, and the submarine that attempts to warn an armed merchantman puts itself in grave danger, since it is easily detected."

"It is said that the United States wants to settle the submarine question with Germany before taking up her trade relations with England, holding that questions affecting human lives should be first. Conceding this viewpoint, does America realize how many thousands of women and children in Germany and Poland lack nourishment today because America doesn't insist on the right to send milk and food to the German people. Isn't that a question of lives too?"

"Germany has waited for months for America to take steps against England's illegal blockade, but nothing has been accomplished. Now Germany, finding the English admiralty instructions aboard the steamer Woodfield must act for herself. Germany's official declaration is but the counter-step any belligerent would take against an enemy."

Lumber Laden Schooner Is Breaking to Pieces

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 6.—Caught in a gale, the lumber laden schooner Thomas Wand, owned by the William Olson Steamship company of San Francisco which left Eagle Harbor Sunday for San Pedro is reported breaking up off Tatoosh Island.

The steamship Admiral Dewey, of the Admiral line has put a line aboard and is towing the Wand toward the straits.

Part of the schooner's deckload is overboard and two of her three masts are lost.

The Dewey is in wireless communication with the port warden's office in Seattle. The gale is blowing sixty miles an hour outside Cape Flattery and has been raging since Sunday.

The Dewey came alongside the schooner at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

The Thomas Wand is of 670 tons register. She carries a crew of 20 and was built in Aberdeen in 1906.

ENGLAND WILL WAGE COMMERCIAL WAR ON ALL OTHER NATIONS

By Wilbur S. Forrest.

(United Press staff correspondent.)

London, Mar. 6.—England's commercial campaign against Germany and Austria after the war will have a demoralizing effect on American export trade. American business men with large interests in London declared today.

Prohibitive tariffs on foreign goods are considered certain after the war. English manufacturers, merchants and bankers are almost unanimous in their demand for a high tariff, and a heavy tax on the foreigner. These measures, initially aimed at Germany and Austria, cannot help but have a disastrous effect on American export trade to England and her colonies.

Germany and Austria before the war underbid the English merchant on the small, inexpensive articles. America has provided the more costly products, such as automobiles and machinery. The three nations were England's principal commerce invaders.

Men in close touch with the parliamentary situation say it is certain parliament will heed the demand for measures to proceed with an English commercial defensive against the whole world after the war. The result will be, it appears certain, that many American business men will shut up shop and go home.

FRANCIS IS NAMED

Washington, Mar. 6.—President Wilson today nominated David R. Francis, of St. Louis, as ambassador to Russia. He will succeed George T. Mayre, of San Francisco, who resigned on account of ill health. Francis is a former governor of Missouri, was secretary of the interior under President Cleveland, and president of the Louisiana purchase centennial exposition in 1904.

Think Dope Sellers Killed Betrayer

San Francisco, Mar. 6.—Detectives today hunted two alleged drug dealers suspected of having murdered a man supposed to be Thomas Murray for betraying the hiding place of their cocaine and morphine.

Shortly after police had raided an O'Farrell street lodging house, seizing the contraband, Murray's body was found in a front room of the establishment. Death was caused by a bullet through the brain. Other lodgers heard shots, followed by the sound of men running, just before the body was discovered.

Santa Monica Mayor Will Tackle the Minister

Santa Monica, Cal., Mar. 6.—"Rev. Boyd's sermon was an insult to everybody living in California. I will reply to it even if I have to hire a theatre to do so," Secretary R. Haddon, Santa Monica chamber of commerce, said today, referring to the sermon of Rev. W. J. Boyd, delivered last night at the Ocean Park Methodist church.

Denouncing the proposed bathing suit Easter Sunday parade, the minister said in part:

"An Easter Sunday parade is an insult to Christianity. Many people coming to this state have left all religious training behind them—have forgotten, once this state is reached, all of the lessons they have been taught in their eastern homes, churches and Sunday schools."

Report Heavy Storm All Along the Coast

San Francisco, Mar. 6.—Coasting vessels arriving here from the north told of a severe southeast gale sweeping the sea above Mendocino county today. Two lives have already been lost, and others are imperiled.

Mrs. Marrie Miller, aged 67, died of heart failure caused by fright when the steamer Sea Foam was buffeted by huge waves. August Olson, seaman of the Roanoke, was swept overboard and drowned just after his vessel crossed Columbia river bar, outward bound. Several other sailors were injured by seas which swept the decks.

Practically all shipping north of the Golden Gate is delayed.

MRS. BOOTH ON TRIAL

McMinnville, Ore., Mar. 6.—Mrs. Anna Booth was placed on trial for the second time today for the murder of her husband last October. William Brannon, indicted with her, was convicted of second degree murder three weeks ago. Mrs. Booth's first trial resulted in a hung jury.

COPIES OF THE ENGLISH ORDERS ARE RECEIVED

Washington, Mar. 6.—The state department today received appendices and photographic copies of the alleged British admiralty orders directing armed merchantmen to attack submarines. The documents were forwarded to Washington by Germany, as reasons for the Teuton campaign or torpedoing armed ships without warning.

JUDGE IRWIN DEAD

Aberdeen, Wash., Mar. 6.—Superior Judge Mason Irwin died at his home at Montesano at noon today. Grief over the death of his wife a year ago is believed to have hastened the end. Since her death his health has been poor and he has mourned unceasingly.

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Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday generally fair; westerly winds.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SHOW DOWN IN HOUSE TOMORROW

Developments In Submarine Tangle Are Rapidly Coming Into Shape

BRYAN AT CAPITAL BUT WILL NOT OPPOSE WILSON

Vote Will Be On Tabling Lemore's Resolutions—Another Vote Later

Washington, Mar. 6.—Developments which may guide the administration in its future handling of the submarine question took rapid shape here today.

Plans were practically completed for a "show down" in the house tomorrow on the resolutions warning Americans not to sail on armed belligerent vessels.

Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal envoy to Europe, returned and was scheduled to give the president important information concerning the attitude of Germany and other warring nations toward the United States.

The photographer copies of alleged British admiralty orders for armed merchantmen to attack submarines were due to arrive at the state department. These documents were obtained by Germany and sent here to justify the order for submarines to torpedo armed ships without warning.

Another sub-surface influence was the presence of W. J. Bryan at the capital. He planned to entertain eight representatives at luncheon, but he and his friends denied plans for open opposition to President Wilson's preparedness and submarine policies would be discussed. Bryan leaves late today for Wilmington, Delaware, from which city he will start west on a lecture tour.

Despite the clamor for a test on the merits of the warning resolutions it became certain today that the vote in the house would be on the proposition of tabling Representative McLemore's resolutions. Ultimately, however, leaders believe a ballot strictly on the merits of warnings will be unavoidable.

Negro Gets Life Sentence For Murder of His Wife

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 6.—After acting insane for the past two months to such a degree that his attorney, Lawrence Sledge, asked to withdraw from his case, James Foster, an aged negro who killed his wife, Mary, with a shotgun last December, today changed his plea to guilty after District Attorney Hynes had assured him he would not be hanged.

Upon Hynes' recommendation, Superior Judge F. B. Ogden sentenced Foster to life imprisonment in Folsom.

"I think your course is an unwise one," he told Foster in referring to his preference for life imprisonment instead of hanging. "I would rather be hanged at once than spend the rest of my life in prison. It would be a living death."

Whether feigning insanity or not, Foster this morning appeared not to understand the arrangements made for his sentence of life imprisonment.

"Please don't kill me, judge," he pleaded just before sentence was pronounced.

"It is Foster's weak physical condition alone that leads us to offer him this chance to save his life," declared Hynes in recommending the lighter punishment. "We believe him to be perfectly sane, and feel certain that a jury would find him guilty of first degree murder."

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