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NEW YORK WORLD INSISTS GERMANS ARE BEYOND GORE

Asserts German-American Alliance Backs War Resolutions

ALPHONSE KOEHLER IS LEADER OF MOVEMENT

Plan To Defeat Wilson and Boom Champ Clarke For Place Is Shown

New York, Mar. 7.—Declaring the National German-American Alliance is backing the McLemore and Gore resolutions warning Americans off armed forces, the New York World printed a copyrighted article today exposing the workings of an alleged widespread pro-German propaganda in the United States.

The World claimed Alphonse Koehler, prominent New York attorney was the real chief of the alliance, and alleged D. L. Marsalis, New York realty man, was its leading lobbyist at Washington.

It asserted the alliance's program included warning Americans off armed forces, controlling the republican convention and defeating Woodrow Wilson in his campaign for re-election.

A copy of an alleged letter from ex-Congressman Bartholdt to Koehler suggesting a presidential boom for Champ Clark was published in the article, together with what purported to be a report from Marsalis on his lobbying in behalf of the warning resolutions, naming the legislators with whom he said he had conferred. Among those named were Senators Works, Jones, Chamberlain and Borah.

On January eleven in a letter signed "Loeke," the World said Marsalis wrote Koehler declaring he had interviewed Representative Stephens of Nebraska and Senator Gore, suggesting they merge their bills preventing Americans from traveling on armed belligerent ships. He said they agreed and that Marsalis added he would try to have them include his own suggestions in the merged measure.

The World charged a secret circular of the organization provided that no Austrian, German or Irish names appear among the officers of the alliance. Koehler's denial that he is connected with any such organization or has any connection with any body maintaining a lobby at Washington was also published in the World. In this statement Koehler was quoted as calling Marsalis a "Byran bug" and a pacifist.

Auto Dashes Onto Ferry and Off Into the Bay

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 7.—Investigation is being made today into the plunge of a big automobile off the Coronado ferry boat last night which resulted in the death of Benjamin Crockett, amusement promoter and exposition concessionaire. The car was driven at racing speed upon the boat as it was moored to the San Diego side, went through the boat, broke the chain and somersaulted into the bay. Edward S. Webb, driver, and Robert Heinze went into the water with Crockett, but were rescued. Webb, badly shocked, was taken to a hospital, where he was held practically under guard. Several blue-jackets from the torpedo fleet were with the party, but jumped as the speeding car approached the ferry.

Abe Martin



"I'm for Wilson 'cause cool-headed folks are generally right," said Squire Marsh yesterday. "I'd say if the butcher would just leave 'em meat on 't' scales long enough 't' see what it weighed we wouldn't feel so stung."

Three Men Attack and Kill Crippled Peddler

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 7.—Five men are held in the city jail here today in connection with the murder of Vernon Lindsay, aged 28 years, a crippled peddler, whose body was found about midnight in a rooming house on South 21st street with two bullet wounds, one in the abdomen and the other in the left breast. Four shots were heard by James Thompson, who lives directly across the street, and he went to his door to investigate, he saw three men running from the house where the crime was committed. Detectives later arrested Mohlon Rumer, James Wilson, J. A. White, James Morgan and J. Reddy, peddlers and laborers.

STORY READS LIKE ROBINSON CRUSOE

Vessel Wrecked On Coral Island, Survivors Had Primitive Life Six Months

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—Captain Thomas Torgersen, of the Norwegian schooner Prehm, was back in civilization today after having been cast away for six months on a coral island, maintaining a brave front toward unfriendly natives and living on what he could get from the sea by fishing.

He was accompanied by 12 members of his crew, who built rude shelters of driftwood and grass, wore Robinson Crusoe attire, and practically said farewell to the world, never expecting rescue. Their ship was driven ashore on a reef near Molten Island, 200 miles south of Tahiti.

Almost six months to a day after the wreck a tramp steamer chanced by the wreck a small boat to investigate. Captain Torgersen came to San Francisco on the steamer Sonoma, with Adolph Stub, one of the men cast away with him.

Baker Is Evidently Getting New Ideas

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 7.—On the eve of his departure for Washington, Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, declared today he favored the Swiss system of military training. He advocated a number of transcontinental and coastwise railroads for strategic purposes.

"I believe," he said, "in peace, and in the proper enforcement of peace laws by force if necessary."

Baker believes the military railroads should avoid passing through large cities, being built to save as many miles as possible in quickly transporting large bodies of troops.

Firm Stand of Congress Makes Prices Advance

(Copyrighted 1916 by the New York Evening Post.)
New York, Mar. 7.—The stock market today watched Verdun and Washington.

No very conclusive evidence came from either place but the house's large majority in supporting the wishes of the administration had its due effect. The receipt of the early test votes, in mid-afternoon caused a sharp advance in which the well known investment shares led.

The earlier movement of prices was irregular. Opening with no great change overnight, activity was mostly restricted to industrials. Prices rose

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL TELL SHIPPERS WHAT GOODS CAN PASS

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Mar. 7.—The British government has adopted a new plan that will eliminate many of the inconveniences now suffered by American shippers because of the blockade, the United Press was informed today by Lord Robert Cecil, new minister of blockade.

SIXTEEN BURNED TO DEATH IN JAIL AT EL PASO TEXAS

Nineteen Others Terribly Burned Before They Could Be Released

THIRTY-FOUR, ALL NAKED WERE WAITING FOR BATH

Roasted Alive In Red Hot Cells With Jailors Powerless to Help Them

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 7.—A match, lighted by a morphine fiend, caused the city jail fire which killed 16 and terribly burned 19 prisoners, according to the statement today of Police Captain L. H. Hill. He said:

"We know of 16 dead. Thirty four naked men were in their cells waiting to be bathed when a match, lighted by a morphine fiend, set fire to disinfectants used in the bath house."

Two additional deaths today brought the total number of lives lost up to 16. Twenty-five prisoners, mostly Mexicans, were caught in sheets of flame when the disinfectant exploded and burned in the prison bath house. A number of nude men, standing in line awaiting their baths, were killed before they could move to rise.

Trapped in red hot steel cells, other men cooked alive while their agonized shrieks rang through the building. Jailors made valiant attempts at rescue but it was useless. The chemical fire spread with great rapidity, radiating so intense a heat that the turnkeys were driven back with seared faces and singed hair.

Within a short time after the flames subsided many dead, some burned to a crisp, were removed. There was no wood construction nearby, but the gasoline mixture made a short lived, fierce fire.

Republican Senators Surprised at Appointment

Washington, Mar. 7.—"If President Wilson selects a pacifist for secretary of war, why doesn't he appoint an anarchist secretary of state?"

This is the way some republicans today viewed the president's selection of Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, member of numerous peace organizations, for the office of war secretary.

The republicans were surprised at the appointment of a known pacifist, but they evidently will not oppose his confirmation. The senators regard cabinet officers merely as presidential advisers, and hold that if the president wants a "peace-at-any-price" man, it is his personal affair. It is the custom not even to refer a cabinet appointment to committee, but to confirm it immediately.

Willamette Notes.

Last night Eaton Hall was entered by marauders, and this morning when the building was opened by caretaker Clark a sorry looking spectacle greeted his eyes. All the doors had been removed from their hinges and the pins that fastened them to the hinges were

first important results of the elevation of Lord Robert Cecil to a position in the British cabinet.

The operation of the new plan, the minister said, will be left to the British authorities in America who will pass on the eligibility of shipments.

"There is no absolute guarantee of immunity under this plan," he said. "The government retains the right to seize goods if destined to the enemy, but we will give shippers information on which, from the business standpoint, they can rely."

EXPECT NAVAL BATTLE

London, Mar. 7.—Rumors (not Prince Henry of Prussia is in command of the German fleet for its expected dash into the North sea were revived and given wide credence here today.

Amsterdam reported 25 German warships cruising in the North sea yesterday. They were said to have been observed off the coast of Holland proceeding north in battle formation.

Russian destroyer squadrons were recently seen off the Swedish coast. It is predicted the British and Russian fleets may combine against the Germans should the latter seek battle.

Lord Derby and other members of parliament recently forecasted a North sea battle, which they expect soon.

WEST STAYTON LAND CASE IS REVERSED IN SUPREME COURT

Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Co. Wins Out Over McGowan

The supreme court today reversed the rulings of Judge Galloway in the circuit court in the case of H. S. McGowan and Lida D. McGowan against the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company in an opinion written by Justice Burnett. This suit involves a realty transaction of some orchard tracts near Stayton.

The plaintiffs allege in their complaint that they contracted for a certain tract of land containing about 30 acres and were to pay \$3,000 for it. They claim the agents of the company stated that the orchard tract was set to young trees of which 60 per cent were Home Beauties, 20 per cent Ganoes and 20 per cent Thompsons. The plaintiffs further allege that the facts were that the varieties of apples on the land were equal proportions of Spitzenburg and Jonathan which later varieties were not adapted to the soil and would not be as valuable as the former varieties.

The defendants answered that there were two similar tracts of land for the plaintiffs to choose from and that they selected the one with the Spitzenburg and Jonathan on it. The decree of the circuit court was for the defendants and McGowan appealed. Attorney Ernest R. Ringo and Alfred Todd represented the appellants and John Carson appeared for the defendants and respondents.

The other opinions handed down were as follows:
The Molalla Electric company against Irvine Wheeler and Jennie Wheeler, appealed from Clackamas county, opinion of Circuit Judge J. E. Campbell affirmed in opinion written by Chief Justice Moore.

A. A. Larrabee and Jane Larrabee, appellants, vs. Erik Bjorkman and Frieda Bjorkman, respondents, a suit on contract for sale of real property, appealed from Multnomah county, ruling of Circuit Judge Davis affirmed in opinion written by Justice Burnett.

Ether P. Wettersten and Charles A. Jolas as guardian, appellants, vs. Susie Fisher and Leonard Fisher respondents, appealed from Multnomah county, an action of ejectment, opinion of Circuit Judge Davis affirmed in opinion by Justice McBride.

Cleta Helen Lyons, respondent, vs. Charles Wheeler, appellants, appealed from Hood River county, Circuit Judge Braithwaite affirmed in opinion by Justice McBride.

City of Albany, respondent vs. W. H. McGuldrick and the Title Guarantee & Surety company, appellants, an action to recover on a bond, appealed from Lane county, Circuit Judge Kelly affirmed in opinion by Justice McBride.

Minnic Evin Stadelman and others, respondents, vs. W. H. Miner, and Chas. Worden, appellants, a suit to quiet title, appealed from Coos county, opinion of Judge Coke affirmed by Justice McBride.

Harry G. Hoy, appellant, vs. V. G. Garst, respondent, an action in replevin to recover a Ford, appealed from Coos county, opinion of Circuit Judge Coke affirmed.

Luther B. Hudson, appellant, versus Brown Lumber company, respondent, appealed from Lane county, an action for damages, opinion of Circuit Judge Hamilton affirmed in opinion by Justice Benson.

GERMANS HALTED IN VERDUN ATTACK BUT KEEP TRYING

Berlin Impatient Over Crown Prince's Failure to Make Progress

FRENCH NOT WORRYING BUT FULL OF CONFIDENCE

Checked In One Place Army Is Hurling at Another, Feeling for Weak Spot

London, Mar. 7.—Using the tactics which brought victory to Field Marshal von Mackensen at Warsaw, the German crown prince's armies today smashed at Verdun with their right and left wings simultaneously.

The right jaw of this monster "nutcracker" of fire and steel advanced in an impetuous rush to within seven miles of Verdun, seizing Hill 265, according to the Paris war office's admission.

Simultaneously the left jaw shattered French lines around Fresnes and, according to the German claim, captured the village. Paris failed to confirm the report that Fresnes was taken. The French statements mentioned only artillery duelling on the Woivre plain around Fresnes, in the Bras sectors, and in the region of Harlanmont. Berlin claimed further gains north of Locheville in the Argonne forest, but Paris asserted all Tontou attacks had been hurled back with severe losses near Haute Chevauche.

Hunting Weak Point.

London, Mar. 7.—Halted again in their attempt to break the French ranks north of Verdun, the armies of the German crown prince have shifted their attack to the northwest defenses of the city. They have captured Forges a village eight miles northwest and are battering the French trenches on Goose Hill with big guns, according to the latest Paris advices today. The French are resisting with great strength, giving the Germans shell for shell and meeting them with the bayonet at many points.

It is evident that the French are not worried about Forges, an advanced village from which the soldiers of the republic rapidly retired under a terrific cannonade, heading for the shelter of Goose Hill, a mile south. Another slight advance in that sector would bring the Tontou howitzers within range of the main northwestern Verdun forts.

Expect Complete Collapse.
Crediting the Germans with success in their first rush at Verdun, Paris believes the repeated checks of the past few days are a forerunner of the offensive's complete collapse. The Tontous suffered severely in their three day fight to shatter the French center at Donaumont, being hurled back in confusion from the defenders' barbed wire entanglements time and time again, according to Paris.

Failing in this effort, the crown prince sent his men against the French along the west bank of the Meuse in another attempt to find a weak spot. They smashed first at one point of the line and then at another, hammering hard at each, but the French stood firm everywhere, it is declared. The assaults in that district are continuing furiously.

The crown prince's failure to make more rapid progress is causing impatience at Berlin. Evidently inspired articles in newspapers urge the people to more patient. The Vossische Zeitung said: "The battle at Verdun may seem to be making slow progress to people who like to dash through history in an express train. German arms can not always win victories. But the deeds already accomplished should earn implicit confidence in the magnificent leadership of our armies."

Cost of Hill Is Great.

Paris, Mar. 7.—Continuing their smash against Verdun from the northwest, the Germans have captured Hill 265 near Benzeville, it was officially admitted by the war office today. The Tontous charged and seized the hill under cover of an intense bombardment.

Germans who occupied Forges stormed the hill, it was announced. The French positions on Goose Hill are under severe shell fire. A general renewal of extensive infantry operations is expected.

As the Germans charged out of Forges and dashed toward Hill 265 they encountered a storm of shells from the French guns, the war office declared. Despite staggering losses they advanced steadily up the slope, leaving a trail of dead and dying. As they neared the summit, struggling through a mass of barbed wire, the French retreated to Goose Hill, the village of Bethincourt, the eastern part of the Corbeur forest, and Comieres wood.

Tontou artillery immediately centered its fire on these positions. The official communique declared the French still held "the summit of Goose Hill." This may mean the Germans have already occupied its slopes. Goose Hill

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Murdered His Family Then Killed Himself

Lawton, Okla., Mar. 7.—Daniel O'Kane, aged 48, murdered his family of seven and committed suicide early today, following a quarrel with his father. He is believed to have been insane.

Detectives say O'Kane killed his victims as they slept. He appears to have gone methodically through his farm house, armed with a razor, a hammer and a revolver.

His wife was shot and her head crushed with a hammer. The five children were all killed by blows on the head and the throats of the four eldest were slashed with a razor.

The baby was both shot and beaten. O'Kane's aged father was killed by a bullet. Then the maniac tossed aside his razor and hammer, walked into a front room and shot himself to death.

CHINESE TONG WAR BREAKS OUT AGAIN

Suey On Leader Shot In Revenge for Killing of Hop Sing Member

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—In revenge for the killing of a Hop Sing tong member and the wounding of four others by a Suey On gunman in the Chinese Lyceum theatre, a Hop Sing hatcherman today shot and severely wounded Wong Loy, Suey On leader.

The shooting occurred in a laundry on Geary street. Crawling through a window, the assailant fired five shots at Wong Loy as he slept. One hit him in the chest. The others missed.

While other frightened Chinese screamed and covered in their bunk the hatcherman leaped through the window and disappeared. Police believe they know who he is, and are on the lookout for him.

Gee Gong was slain and four more Hop Sing members were wounded by a gunman in a theatre last night. The gunmen fled and the police later arrested Mow Pong, a pottery dealer, on suspicion.

Democrats of Marion Ask Senators Favor for Party Man in Office

A meeting of the democratic central committee of Marion county was held at the court house Saturday afternoon, the meeting having been called by the chairman, P. L. Frazier.

P. L. Frazier presided and William Fleming was elected secretary pro tem. A fairly good representation appeared, considering it was the first meeting of the campaign and harmony and good feeling and fine spirit prevailed. Suggestions were made that as to the making of nominees for the coming primaries none but the best be encouraged to stand for the various offices to be filled. The following resolution was made and unanimously adopted, viz: That it is the sense of this meeting that the administration of President Wilson be upheld and heartily endorsed.

A second resolution was presented in form and adopted without dissent which read as follows:
Whereas, The present administration has been in office for over three years, and
Whereas, Many federal offices, not covered by civil service rules are still filled by republicans, and
Whereas, The keeping of said republicans in office is not promoting democratic harmony, therefore be it
Resolved, That the Marion county democratic committee do hereby protest against republicans holding offices that should be in democratic hands and call upon Senators Chamberlain and Lane to play the game fair and see that only the faithful are on guard.

A number of speakers were heard and it was made manifest that the democrats of Marion county are to be heard from during the campaign. Rooms for headquarters are to be provided and kept open and speakers abroad will be invited.

The name of Mark Weatherford, of Albany, was suggested for the nomination for congress and was favorably considered and the secretary instructed to write him and obtain his acceptance and agreement to stand for the nomination for next office.

The next meeting will be an open and general meeting and will be held March 18 at the court house, if not otherwise published, at 2 o'clock.

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PRESIDENT WINS FIRST TWO FALLS BY DECISIVE VOTE

Congress Flooded With Oratory, Poured Out for Public Admiration

DIVISION IS NOT MADE ALONG PARTY LINES

Republicans and Democrats Found On Both Sides—No Doubt of Result

WHAT CONGRESS VOTED ON

The McLemore resolution, after a preamble, recites the facts in the armed liner controversy and says:
"Therefore be it resolved, That the house of representatives request the president of the United States to warn all Americans from traveling on ships of any and all powers now or in the future at war, which must be called 'offensive' or 'defensive.' In case Americans do travel on such ships, they do so at their own risk."

Washington, March 7.—The house of representatives voted this afternoon to table the McLemore resolution warning Americans off armed liners. This made the administration victory complete in both branches of congress. The vote was 378 to 143.

Great Crowd in Galleries.

Washington, Mar. 7.—In a tumultuous session the house today went on record on the issue of warning Americans off armed liners.

The first test resulted in a vote of 256 to 160 in the administration's favor. The house by that ballot refused to permit amendment of McLemore's warning measure.

A second roll call was immediately begun on the proposition of adopting the rule to bring McLemore's warning before the house.

It was evident that the administration would win again on a second early roll call, and that the rule would be adopted.

As the proceedings went on excitement increased. More than 10,000 spectators jammed every available foot of space in the galleries included in the throng were many figures prominent in world politics, as well as representatives of the belligerent nations.

Some Warm Oratory.
The impassioned flights of oratory stirred members as well as auditors to a frenzy. The applause increased in volume. Women waved handkerchiefs. Rumors that President Wilson would not regard war as unwelcome, which were so hotly denied last week, were revived and circulated through the capital. Friends of the administration met these reports with heated denials and denunciation.

On the floor republicans and democrats got together on opposite sides of the momentous question.

On the second roll call the administration won another victory. By a vote of 271 to 138 the house adopted the rule bringing the resolution up for final disposition.

Party affiliations were generally effaced on the first ballot, but the democrats voted as a rule to cut off amendment of the McLemore resolution.

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THE WEATHER

EXPENSES ARE AWFUL
Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday rain west, unsettled and probably rain or snow east. Partly sunny southerly winds reaching gale force near coast.

