

CANDID ADMISSION PUTS SENATE WITH PRESIDENT

Opposition to Armed Neutrality Bill Ceases As Zimmerman's Statement Is Read—President Will Sign Bill At Once and Issue Orders for Arming Merchant Ships for Defense—Details of Enormity of Plot Are Still Withheld

By Robert J. Bender, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Washington, March 3.—Germany's unabashed acknowledgment today of conspiracy to align Japan and Mexico for invasion of the United States appears to have removed the last vestige of opposition in the senate to the armed neutrality bill. First news of the Berlin admission was conveyed to the senate in United Press dispatches, read into the record at the request of Senator Brandegee. They created a profound impression on Senators, being re-read by unanimous request. It made absolutely certain that before midnight President Wilson will have the fullest authority of congress to arm American merchantmen against submarine attacks and uphold American rights at sea, "through other instrumentalities." Republicans, amazed at what some called "brazen" admission from Berlin, announced that the measure would have their ungrudging support.

LaFollette Is Silent. Senator LaFollette loomed as the great unknown quantity. Up to noon he had maintained an ominous silence. Republicans and democrats alike were in the dark as to his intentions. "Of course, if LaFollette wants to," one leader said, "he can defeat the bill. A roll call will be demanded, and it is a question whether he will undertake to go on record before the country as refusing to uphold the president's hands in this crisis."

Senator Brandegee, Connecticut, opened the debate on the bill at the close of the morning routine, urging union of all factions in a face-against-Germany. He declared war should immediately result if Germany should sink another American ship after arming by the government. "If another of our vessels is sunk after this action by the congress then there would be war if this country is fit to live," he shouted Brandegee. "The president says ships should be armed if it becomes necessary. Great God, Mr. President, isn't it necessary if we keep to the seas at all? "Won't you stand up and fight like men, or will you lie on your backs? "Shall we sit supinely by and allow the edict of a foreign potentate to destroy American commerce? "Must we wait until the slaughter actually comes? "It is timidly, as the president says, for our merchantmen to hug the shores," Brandegee continued. "It would be manslaughter, however, for them to leave without being armed against the homicidal mania that is now scouring the seas. "Germany in even now waging war against us and we hesitate to defend ourselves.

Would Grant Full Power. "I am willing to vote this authority to the president and further direct him to use any means necessary to bring this state of war to a successful end," Senator Fall, New Mexico, followed Brandegee, stating that the passage of the bill would be a virtual declaration of war. "The president knows if congress passes this bill it amounts to a declaration of unlimited war." Asked by Senator Reed, Missouri, the

ABE MARTIN



Miss Tawney Apple has been presented with a handsome smoking jacket by her skatin' class. Who remembers when beauty used to be only skin deep instead of nearly an inch? (Continued on page six.)

GERMAN PLOTTING AND CHANCELOER'S PROFESSIONS

January 19.—Foreign Secretary Zimmerman forwarded through Ambassador Von Bismarck a letter saying "we shall give financial support and Mexico to reconquer New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The president of Mexico should communicate with Japan suggesting adherence to this plan." February 27.—Speaking in the reichstag, Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg said: "Friendly relations between us and America had been carefully promoted. We honored them as an heirloom of Frederick the Great." President Wilson brusquely broke off relations. This breaking of relations is without precedent in history. March 3.—Foreign Secretary Zimmerman admits and justifies attempt to have Mexico and Japan war on America on the ground no action was intended unless America declared war and also because America had herself "plotted" against Germany in urging neutrals to make common cause against her.

VILLA AGENTS TOLD OF GERMAN ACTIVITY

They Were In Detroit To Buy Autos and Repeated Story

Toledo, Ohio, March 3.—The activity of Germany in Mexico, revealed in the German plot letter, was known among Detroit motor car manufacturers at least three weeks before the letter was given to the public," said Theodore F. MacManus of Toledo and Detroit, one of the country's leading advertising men here today. Pancho Villa's secretary, an American, and his brother, were in Detroit recently, trying to buy two hundred automobiles for Villa's army. They had plenty of money and certificates. They were unable to get the cars, MacManus said, the manufacturers taking the position that the sale would be unfair considering the strained relations between the countries. "The secretary seemed very much surprised and during one of the conferences he made the statement that Carranza was being financed by German money and that Villa was receiving backing from Japan," said MacManus. "This information has been in the hands of the government at Washington for days. "The secretary said that 50 per cent of the men in Villa's command are American army deserters. He said only one, a machine gun operator, very bitter against the United States, would fight for Mexico against the United States, however. "The secretary made it plain that Villa had plenty of money. He said, of course, the cars could be secured, but he hoped to get them at factory prices.

"Rain or Snow" Is Prediction for Inaugural Ceremonies

Washington, March 3.—A dripping, foggy day, pervaded with gloom of the kind that only Washington inaugural weather can bring, dawned today to greet the thousands of Americans who came to town to see the president inaugurated. Regiments of tanned troops fresh from the border; regiments of marching clubs from every town big enough to support a cornet band; regiments of children under the care of loquacious mothers and dispirited fathers rumbled into Union station on regiments of trains in the cold, clinging rain to hotels and boarding houses, which already were filled with earlier birds. Mingled with the music of the bands of soldiers and marching clubs, and the wails of infant children, were the taps of the thousands of hammers thumping incessantly up and down the avenue from the capitol to the White House, putting finishing touches to the parade stands, the parade decorations and the court of honor before the White House. Every "Sonoma" in this part of the country—some in red uniforms and some in purple—marched in from the station at the head of his puffing bandsmen, marched through the streets, defying the rain, playing marches, and stopped at one or all of the leading hotels to go through its repertoire. Hoping for Monday Clear. The weather report said today laconically "Rain or snow." The weather man was to say this afternoon what Monday would bring. He would do it earlier, remembering the fatal day in 1909, when, in the face of a "clear and warm" prediction, Washington greeted visitors with north pole weather, including a foot of slush and almost certain pneumonia. A hint, though, early today, that it

CROWDS GATHER IN GALLERIES AS SESSION CLOSES

Appropriation Bills May Be Held Up To Force Extra Session

ADJOURNMENT WILL BE SOMETIME TOMORROW

Republicans Serve Notice They Will Force President's Hand

By Carl D. Grant, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Washington, March 3.—The second session of the Sixty-fourth congress will adjourn sine die at noon tomorrow. President wants it—will go through both regular hours after noon Sunday, but tonight the congress clocks will be stopped and set right again only after the present congress is history. There will be no extra session until June at the earliest—unless international possibilities make it essential that senate and house meet sooner. President Wilson today sent word to his legislative leaders that he would not call the Sixty-fifth congress into extraordinary session unless the Sixty-fourth fails to pass the armed neutrality measure. It is confidentially predicted by leaders of both parties this bill—the president wants it—will go through both houses. The first work of the next congress when it is called in, and after the month or more that may be necessary for organization, will be to pass any appropriation lost in the rack by the dying congress. Wilson Stands Firm. Even if the army appropriation bill—one of the most important which congress handles—is lost, the president is determined not to call the extra session Senator Lodge and other republican leaders have been openly fighting for.

MEXICO WELCOMES OUR AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Fletcher Presents Credentials to Mexican President

Washington, March 3.—Germany's admission today in a United Press dispatch from Berlin that she plotted Mexico against the United States clinched republican determination for an extra session of congress. This admission, they held, showed Germany's spirit—a spirit heedless of bringing on war, and perhaps even really desirous of having the United States as an enemy. Up to the time of the receipt of the German admission, however, administration leaders said there will be no extra session immediately though they admitted that failure of pending supply bills might make it necessary to have a session in June or thereabouts for appropriations. Congress Should Be Stung. Republicans said an extra session was essential; that war was evidently at

WHERE IT WAS FOUND

New York, March 3.—That the Zimmerman letter proposing that Mexico and Japan make war with Germany on the United States was intercepted on its way to Mexico City by American secret service agents at San Antonio, was hinted today by a well known Mexican, who recently arrived here from Mexico City. "That's a question that's been bothering a lot of us Mexicans," said he, "but the San Antonio story seems to be a pretty well grounded suspicion."

It's No Cinch To Be a Lady Cop In London

London, Feb. 9.—WANTED—Ladies to act as policemen; must be well educated, and not afraid of work; salary \$6 a week. It's no easy matter for a lady to become a "bobby" in London. After she has assured the authorities that she's a "perfect lady" and a demon for work, she must go through the severe course of sports before she can start drawing her six pax. Here's the test: Report for roll call at 9:30 every morning of the week. Start at once on patrol work, and later go on duty at the police station. In the afternoon more patrol work and attendance at the children's court. From 4:00 to 5:00 instructions from inspectors in special duties. From 8:00 to 10:00 more patrol work to finish up the day. The lucky ones who pass the test are then sent to the munitions factories. If their job doesn't go up in their air they get a uniform and after reporting to "Millie" Dawson, chief officer of the Women's Police Service, start at work keeping the pace.

THE WEATHER

THIS IS THE LATEST IN A GOLF SUIT Oregon: Tonight and Sunday cloudy and occasionally threatening. Light temperature changes; westerly winds.

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AMBASSADOR FLETCHER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO MEXICAN PRESIDENT

Gundlajara, Mexico, March 3.—United States Ambassador Fletcher formally presented his credentials to First Chief Carranza today, marking the complete restoration of diplomatic interchange between Mexico and the United States and the final step in entire recognition of the Carranza government. The occasion was to be made the formal occasion for a ceremony of great pomp. Ambassador Fletcher was received with extraordinary honors, accorded the salutes of a general division in the army and granted respectful tribute by officials and the people at large. Fletcher's first official act as ambassador was expected to be presentation of an inquiry at the Mexican foreign office requesting a statement from that government as to its position with regard to the United States. The inquiry was ordered from Washington in view of the revelations of Germany's attempt to align Mexico and Japan against America. In view of the government's disavowal that such a plan was ever broached by the German Ambassador, a formal answer reiterating Mexico's complete friendship for the United States is expected at once.

AMERICAN LOSSES THROUGH GERMANY'S SEA WARFARE

Table listing American ships lost or damaged by German submarines, including ship names, dates, and circumstances of loss.

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ZIMMERMAN'S STATEMENT

Berlin, March 3.—(Via Sayville wireless.)—The official press agency today issued the following statement: "Foreign Secretary Zimmerman was asked by a staff member of the official German press bureau about the English report of a 'German plot' revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States." "The state secretary for foreign affairs answered: "You understand that it is impossible for me to discuss the facts of this 'revealed plot' just at this time and under these circumstances. "I therefore may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports, which most certainly were not inspired by sympathy with Germany. "The English reports expressly state that Germany expected and wished to remain with the United States on terms of friendship, but that in case the United States declared war against Germany, we prepared measures of defense. I fail to see how such a 'plot' is inspired by unfriendliness on our part. "It would mean nothing but that we would use means universally admitted in war in case the United States declared war. "The most important part of the alleged plot is its conditions and form. The whole 'plot' falls flat to the ground in case the United States does not declare war against us. "And if we really, as the report declares, considered the possibility of a hostile act by the United States against us, then we really had reasons to do so."

DISTRICT "BONE DRY"

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson today signed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying the "bone dry" prohibition provision.

SIGNED LITTLE BILL

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson today signed the \$150,000,000 revenue bill.