

CHINA IS READY TO TAKE PART IN WAR ON SIDE OF ALLIES

Japan Bringing Pressure to Bear to Prevent Her Doing So

WOULD GIVE HER PLACE IN PEACE CONFERENCE

And Something to Say About Provinces Captured from Germany

By Ralph H. Turner. (United Press staff correspondent.) Tokyo, Feb. 23.—(By mail.)—Although a severance of diplomatic relations between China and Germany is declared here to be inevitable, there is declared to be a little possibility that the republic will actually join the European allies.

Authoritative information is that the Chinese cabinet has decided to sever relations with Germany but is awaiting developments in Washington and Tokio. Practically all the Chinese favor a break with Germany, including President Li Yuan Hung and Foreign Minister Wu Ting Fang. It is understood that Peking is already arranging a route by which German diplomatic and consular officials may return home.

Pressure will be brought to bear by Japan, it is believed to prevent China from actually entering the war. When talk of a break between China and Germany began, the move was opposed by Japanese newspapers, publicists and others close to officialdom. Many reasons were offered for this opposition. A few papers frankly opposed the move because it would give China a seat around the peace table at the end of the great war. The Japanese government remained silent.

When China suddenly sent her protest to Berlin, the news was received by Japanese with consternation, because China had not consulted Japan. However, China at once asked Japan what further action she should take and Japanese official sources declare Japan told China to join the entente. It is regarded as likely, however, that China was advised only to sever relations.

It is understood that when the Japanese charge d'affaires at Peking communicated this news to the Chinese foreign office he stated that Japan regretted that China did not consult Japan before deciding definitely on her course towards Germany.

Chinese Solid Against Germany. Far seeing Chinese, like Wu Ting Fang are anxious for their country to break with Germany or even, to enter the war on the side of the entente. It is pointed out that the Chimpung and Kuanming, the two big opposing Chinese political parties, are in complete agreement on this question. It is generally felt by Chinese leaders that, by following the footsteps of the United States, China will raise her diplomatic status, increase her prestige and mark the beginning of a new era in the history of her foreign relations.

But more than this, it will give her a place in the peace conference where she may have something to say regarding the disposition of Shantung province, which was captured from Germany. She will also profit by \$20,000,000 which is the remainder of the indemnity to be paid by China to Austria and Germany as the result of the boxer trouble and will also have an opportunity to revise her existing treaties with Germany.

HOGS STILL CLIMB East St. Louis, Ill., March 9.—Hogs today passed the \$15 mark when \$15.15 was paid for a shipment of heavy hogs. The general market was 15 to 20 cents higher.

ABE MARTIN



There's still a few fine old gentlemen, but they don't seem to be any in the park. The old time girl that kept an autograph album now has a daughter that has a dresser full of scarf pins.

German-Americans Pleased With Jones

Washington, Mar. 9.—Praising Sen. Wesley L. Jones, of Washington state, who part took in the conduct of the armed neutrality bill in the highest terms, the local branch of the German-American Alliance of Washington last night, amid much applause, endorsed a letter which today was sent to the senior senator from Washington, who with 11 other senators, has been condemned throughout the nation for his acts.

DRAMATIC STORY OF BRBE IS TOLD BY BILLINGSLEY

Placed \$4,000 On Table and Mayor Gill Put It In His Pocket

WITNESS FELT SURE HE WAS TO BE PROTECTED

Police Chief Told To "Get My Papers"—They Were Finally Secured

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—"The chief left his office, I reached into my pocket, took out \$4,000 in currency and hid it on the desk where the mayor was sitting. He picked it up and put it in his pocket."

Thus did Logan Billingsley tell the jury and a breathless, straining crowd in federal court here, shortly before noon today, that he bribed Mayor H. C. Gill on August 30, 1916, to discontinue cases pending against himself and his brothers and to surrender incriminating evidence which had been seized July 26 in a police raid on Billingsley's Night and Day drug store.

It was the big moment in the story of the government's chief witness in the bootleg graft conspiracy trial of Mayor Gill, Chief of Police Beekingham, ex-Sheriff R. T. Hodge and City Detectives Peyster, Poolman, Doom and McLennan.

He leaned forward and talked directly to the jury. He used the index finger of his right hand to emphasize his words.

Major Discussed Him "I felt sure since the seventh of August that my cases with the city would be compromised," he testified. "My attorney, George Vandever had discussed compromise with the mayor and told me that they could be compromised."

"I went to the Washington Annex hotel and got \$4,000 from the safe there and returned along between 2 and 3 o'clock to the police station. The mayor was there."

"We had a visit. The mayor treated me mightily decently. He didn't show any of the feeling toward me he had shown after the Weedin shooting."

"Finally the chief left the office. The mayor told me that he knew I had

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BELIEVE GERMANS HAVE WIRELESS ON COAST OF BRAZIL

Germans In Rio Janeiro Got First Story of Battle with Raider

TOLD DETAILS OF FIGHT SAME DAY IT OCCURRED

Brazilian Government Searches For It To Guard Neutrality

By H. B. Robertson. (United Press staff correspondent.) Rio Janeiro, Mar. 9.—Clandestine wireless stations on the Brazilian coast are believed to be in operation by Germans. Searching investigation by the Brazilian authorities to prevent violation of neutrality has resulted in a bit of deduction on the part of officials.

On February 8 there was an engagement between British warships and German vessels off the island of Fernando De Noronha, on the northern coast of Brazil.

Within a few hours after inhabitants of this island reported seeing the flashes of big guns and hearing the cannonading, German interests in Rio de Janeiro gave circulation to a story that the British cruiser Amethyst had met three raiders off the coast and had been sunk.

The story was denied by the British consul. No information was obtainable from the Brazilian ministry of marine. Notwithstanding this the German interests circulated a very circumstantial and detailed story of the whole battle.

A week later—about February 15—the British cruiser Glasgow put into port and from one of its officers was obtained a story of the sea engagement agreeing in almost all particulars with the report the Rio Germans had the day of the battle, except as to the Amethyst being sunk.

What has struck the Brazilian officials with particular significance is that the Germans were completely advised regarding this battle on the day it occurred. The suspicion is, therefore, fairly well grounded that some German wireless station probably reported it to German sources.

The fact that such wireless stations operated by Germans could be depended upon to give possible sea raiders exact information as to sailings and arrivals of allied merchantmen at Brazilian ports, as well as furnish other information, has led to a re-doubling of the government's efforts to find their location and force their dismantling.

Special significance was attached to the above story from Brazil today, in view of reports from Washington regarding a powerful wireless station in Mexico City, giving direct connection with Germany.

One Plant in Mexico. Washington, Mar. 9.—The government is probing today a report that Germany is receiving American information—some of it in violation of American neutrality rules—through a powerful wireless plant in Mexico City. Should it be found that this plant exists, this government will doubtless take steps to induce Carranza to close it to any information that might be unneutral. The reported existence of the wireless plant links up with new indications that Germany plotted not alone to parcel out part of the United States to Mexico in case of a German-American war, but was also urging that she invade Guatemala and take a slice of territory to the south.

The state department is still without information from Carranza as to his position toward Germany's overtures in the Mexican-Japanese plot.

German Paper Hints Mexico Is Befogged

Berlin, via Sayville, Wis., Mar. 9.—A veiled hint that Dr. Zimmerman's offer to Mexico is much more sweeping than is indicated by the published excerpts of his letter to Minister Von Eckhardt, and an indirect threat that if America declares war on Germany Mexico will "know all" are voiced in an inspired editorial today by the German government's official organ, the Nord Deutsche Allgem. Zeitung.

"We still wish to avoid war with the United States," says the government's mouthpiece. "If America shares this wish, then Mexican knowledge of our offer shall be limited to what President Wilson's government itself published about it. Which way the dice shall be cast depends upon the president."

STORY NOT CONFIRMED. Havana, Cuba, March 9.—Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon there was no confirmation from the Cuban government of a widespread report that Santiago had been occupied by the Cuban federal troops.

ORDERED TO STAY IN BED

Washington, Mar. 9.—President Wilson was ordered to remain in bed by his physician today. While the executive was reported as "more comfortable," it is essential that he obtain "complete rest," it was stated at the White House. He has been forbidden by Dr. Grayson to see callers for several days except in case of urgent necessity.

Today's cabinet meeting has been called off. The president's noon Dr. Grayson authorized the statement that the president's slight fever has entirely subsided and his general condition improved.

GERARD DUE SUNDAY

Havana, Mar. 9.—Former Ambassador Gerard is due in Havana Sunday, according to wireless messages received today. Minister Gonzalez has not yet been officially advised as to arrangements for Gerard's continued journey to the United States, but it is expected that a special boat will convey the former envoy to Berlin to Key West and a special train take him immediately to Washington—that is, if President Wilson decides on an immediate conference with Gerard. Otherwise it was said Gerard will take the regular boat and regular train on Sunday.

SAYS WOMEN PREVENT YOUNG MEN ENLISTING

Points Out That This Is Really Source of Danger to Men in Case of War

The problem of finding enough recruits to fill up the ranks of Company M so that it can meet the requirements of the United States government and he retained here, has brought up the peculiar attitude of the women of the Capital City, according to an officer of the guard here who has been facing the problem for some time and who feels keenly the embarrassing situation thus created.

This peculiar attitude is the fact that women are not giving any encouragement to the young men of military age to train themselves for probably active service for their country in that most serious crisis it has faced since the Civil war. The officer in question did not doubt the patriotism of the women but the fact that there was no encouragement given to prepare for what the future might bring in the way of service has kept many young men from enlisting and securing the training that would enable him to be of some benefit to his country when the call came instead of being an actual burden and dead loss for months after he enlisted after the call came, and valuable men had to be set aside to train him to do the things he should have known how to do before.

Is Protection to Men. This officer feels that the women are not as willing to sacrifice in peace time the presence of their sons for one night a week in preparation that may eventually keep the peace, when in war-time they would have to sacrifice all his time, and without preparation, probably his life.

War is not wanted by the military men any more than by the women, according to this officer, but the hard realities of the facts are not to be denied, and war-clouds threaten the peace of the country. He said war has become so specialized, so scientific that it requires trained men to be able to combat successfully.

This officer said he realized the women wished to keep their sons and brothers with them at their firesides. He declared the sons and brothers wished to be at that same fireside, but the safety of the country, and the peace of their homes, was threatened, and he could not see why the women were not willing and eager for the young men to learn how to defend their firesides and be ready at once instead of having to go into training camps for months before being fit to go into the field.

All Should Be Trained. He wished to impress on the minds of the mothers and sisters of Salem that it takes more than a uniform and a gun to make a soldier in these days. He declared it required months of training, of instruction, in the many things requisite for the trained soldier. Although he admired the patriotic fervor of the young man who enlisted when the bands were playing and the flags flying and the crowds cheering, he knew the wise man was the one who enlisted when there was peace and who studied to fit himself to be efficient when the call came.

Accordingly, he wished the women of Salem would look at the matter from his viewpoint and see the necessity for the young men going into the Salem company, getting the necessary training, and save the organization for the Capital City, which now has a reputation as being the first in the state.

THINK IT WAS SUICIDE. Tokio, Mar. 9.—When Lieutenant Sawada, a military aviator, fell to his death in an aeroplane today, he is believed to have taken a new and sensational form of suicide. Persons who witnessed the tragedy believed he deliberately upset the balance of the machine after having ascended to a considerable height.

CALLS EXTRA SESSION; MEET ON APRIL 16

To Give Support in Protecting Lives of Americans On High Seas

DECIDES TO ARM SHIPS FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE

No Statement Made As To Government Furnishing Guns for Ships

By Carl D. Grant. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, Mar. 9.—President Wilson today announced his decision to arm American ships immediately for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of Americans on the high seas.

In a formal statement issued at the White House the president simultaneously called for an extra session of congress to begin April 16, to render support he will need in all matters collateral to the defense of our merchant marine.

The president does not state whether or not the government will furnish guns as well as guns to merchant ships. This probably will be disclosed as soon as the orders to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, providing for arming the ships, are made public.

Henceforth, however, the government's steps will be more and more secretive. The president desires the cooperation of the press and the public in taking every precautionary measure which may serve to preserve lives.

The names of the vessels which will be armed first will not be made public. In reaching his decision today the president had the legal support of both Secretary of State Lansing and Attorney General Gregory. And in calling the extra session he fulfilled the intimation that he would so act as soon as the United States senate modified its unlimited debate rule so as to be able to act quickly on measures of vital interest and importance to the country.

In connection with the president's call for the extra session of congress Secretary Tammaly stated that the president is convinced he has the power to arm American merchant ships and is free to exercise it at once.

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Loss of Fleet Would Mean End of Empire

London, Mar. 9.—More drastic restrictions in imports was predicted by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty today, in a speech at the Admiralty club in stating "the peoples food is really threatened."

The cabinet minister took a sharp fling at "amateur strategists."

"Disregard those who are impatient and ready to gamble," he said, referring to suggestion as to use of England's navy. "We cannot afford to gamble with the fleet. If we failed, it would mean the end of the British empire."

"I am neither a pessimist nor a coward, but we must face the facts and not allow the people suddenly to be confronted with a situation not anticipated—because remedies conceived in panic lead to revolution."

"England will fight and endure despite German measures."

HOME PAPER CALLS ON STONE TO RESIGN

Says He Has Repeatedly Been Indiscreet—Other Papers Roast Him

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 9.—Opposition to Senator Stone was strongly evident yesterday. The Globe-Democrat, which heretofore has not commented on the Missouri senators' stand, today asked Stone to resign. "There is only one explanation of the intolerable situation in the United States senate of having, at a time of gravest internal crisis, a chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations who is not in accord with the president," said the editor.

"It is the evil of seniority. He has been repeatedly guilty of grave indiscretions. The chairman of the foreign relations committee must be in accord with the president and his fellow committeemen."

The Sterling Price camp of the United Confederate Veterans conducted Stone.

"We regard his conduct as a betrayal of the rights of the nation and complete misrepresentation of the conviction of his constituents," said the resolution.

Chicago Papers Oppose. Chicago, Mar. 9.—Attacks upon Senator Stone and the part he played in the filibuster, together with demands that he be removed from the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee, continue in Chicago newspapers.

"The issue is not one of Senator Stone's sincerity. Concede that he is honest in his mistaken convictions and it remains true that he is unfit for this important office," says the Chicago Post, republican.

"No man should be entrusted with

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Gumshoe Bill Stone Busy Revising Filibuster Speech for Missouri Consumption

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, Mar. 9.—"I never explain what I say or do in the senate on a great public question," said Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, today, when asked for a statement regarding the attacks being made upon him throughout the country.

Stone will disregard the demands for his resignation as chairman of the foreign relations committee voiced by newspapers in his home state, Missouri, and elsewhere. He has no idea of resigning and is absolutely confident that he will be retained in his position by the senate organization.

"I never go into the press or upon the floor of the senate to explain today what I said or did yesterday," the senator continued. "But in due time I will answer my speech of Saturday with additional remarks which I am now putting into it—before the people of Missouri, from whom my commission comes. That will be my answer."

Will Tell It To Senate. "What I say in the senate is the explanation. No other is possible.

"To undertake to make what is called an explanation would be to admit that some explanation was necessary.

"If occasion arises for me to speak on any phase of this subject in the future, I will speak from my place in the senate—and that will stand for itself."

Stone paused, closed his eyes, rubbed his forehead thoughtfully and then added:

"I am carefully studying my speech of last Saturday. I have been so hard pressed that I haven't had time to even read over and analyze what I said then. Every minute I can get away from the senate I am devoting to that speech—adding and inserting remarks which I didn't have time to bring out while I was talking. When they are done and duly extended in the record my case will be complete for my people back in Missouri."

Bound by Revised Speech Only. "Those who are interested in my attitude must read what I say in that speech when it is completed."

Then, smiling broadly and for the

CAPTAIN FRITZEN GERMAN OFFICER IS UNDER ARREST

Alleged To Be Connected with Plots To Blow Up Welland Canal

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF PLOTS AND PLOTTERS

Is German Naval Officer, Here When War Broke and Could Not Go Home

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 9.—Alleged to be connected with plots to destroy the Welland canal and other unneutral acts in America, Captain Alfred Fritzen, a German officer, was arrested early today by agents of the department of justice, in Alhambra, near here.

According to Special Agent Blanford of the department of justice, one of the arresting officers, the specific charge against Fritzen is implication in the Welland canal plot. His recent activity in Mexico and actions elsewhere in the country are also under investigation on suspicion that he may have knowledge of plots to destroy property in New York and elsewhere.

The arrest follows a search of six months conducted by the department of justice. Revelations in southern California and northern Mexico are said to have caused the issuance of orders by A. B. Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation, for the arrest. A connection between Fritzen and German Consul Bopp, recently convicted in San Francisco and Captain Boydel and Von Pappen, deported a year ago is also said to have been established.

Says It Is Mistake. At the city jail, where he was lodged after his arrest, Fritzen refused to make any statement, except to say that the federal officers have made a grave mistake. He stated that he has been in the United States three years and admitted visiting Cuba recently, although he insisted the visit was merely a tourist trip.

Fritzen, who is said to be a naval officer, was arrested at the home of Frank S. Hart, music dealer, whom he worked for as a farmer some time ago. Fritzen had arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco for a visit with Hart, and he was arrested while asleep. He submitted calmly and is held on charge of suspicion of a felony pending advices from Washington.

As Mr. Piper, Fritzen is said to have resided in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and northern Mexico during the past six months. He admits being in these cities. A search for Fritzen's trunk is being made today and arrest of persons believed to be associated with him is expected soon.

Denies Knowledge of Plots. Fritzen denied any knowledge of plots against the United States.

"At no time since I have been in the United States have I been in communication with the German government," he told the United Press. "I was a captain in the German navy previous to the war, but was in America when hostilities began and have been unable to return home."

"I came to America in 1914 and visited New York, later coming here to take a position with Mr. Hart of the California Music company. Later I decided Mexico or Cuba the safest places for Germans and went to Havana."

"After leaving Cuba, I sought to reach Mexico City, but got only as far as Vera Cruz, from there I went to New Orleans, and reached here in January. Since then, I have tried to reach Mexico City through Tijuana."

"I have been well supplied with money since coming here, but this was all secured from private sources. I did not communicate with the German government from Cuba or Mexico. It is absurd to charge that I had anything to do with the Welland canal plot."

Indicted in New York. New York, Mar. 9.—Alfred A. Fritzen, arrested in Los Angeles today in connection with German plots may be brought back in New York for trial as one of the plotters who attempted to destroy the Welland canal, it was stated

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THE WEATHER

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