

GERMANS RENEW SMASHING ASSAULTS IN WOEVRE ZONE; BOMBARDMENT BLAZES WAY

Paris Admits Attack on Front East of Verdun - French Sacrifice Men, Berlin Says



DUKE ALBRECHT OF WURTEMBERG Placed in command of the German offensive at Verdun, supporting the Crown Prince, who has been called to Berlin for some unknown reason.

Action Centres at Fresnes, Seven Miles Southeast of Argonne Stronghold - French Retake Trenches in Counter-Move

Fort de Vaux, on Douaumont Line, Evacuated, Report From German Sources - Crown Prince Rumored Ousted in Favor of Wurtemberg Duke

PARIS, March 2. German troops late yesterday afternoon renewed their terrific assaults in the Woivre region on the front to the east of Verdun. The assaults were launched following a violent bombardment of the French lines by the German artillery.

BERLIN, March 2. Renewed efforts of the French to recapture Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, from the Germans have been unsuccessful, the German War Office announced today.

AMSTERDAM, March 2. The French evacuated Fort de Vaux, one of the Verdun forts, two miles southeast of Douaumont, according to unconfirmed reports from German sources.

The position, it was stated, was wrecked by German artillery fire. From the heights south of the Meuse the French have played steady streams of fire over the ruins of the fort and the Germans have been unable to occupy it.

After taking Dieppe, Berlin reported, the Germans moved up heavy howitzers and began a bombardment of Fort de Vaux. At the same time an artillery and infantry attack was delivered against Fort de Vaux, the next of the Verdun forts south of Douaumont.

Fort de Vaux lies about five miles northeast of Verdun.

Travelers arriving here today reported the Germans are concentrating heavily in the Argonne woods in the past few days. It is believed the Crown Prince will renew the Verdun offensive.

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THE WEATHER This is one of those days for which the weather man predicts "rain or snow," just as if there was very little difference between rain and snow.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity - Generally cloudy tonight; Friday fair; slightly colder; moderate winds mostly northeast.

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MINERS' BOARD FILES REPORT Philadelphia Aids in Probe of Colorado Strikes

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The commission appointed to investigate the Colorado coal strike, consisting of Seth Low, of New York, for the public; Charles H. Mills, of Philadelphia, for the operators; and Patrick Kilday, of Clearfield, Pa., for the miners, presented its report to President Wilson today.

GORE QUOTES "HIGH AUTHORITY"; WHO SAID WILSON "FAVORED WAR"?

WASHINGTON, March 2.—During the exciting debate on the submarine issue in the Senate this afternoon, Senator Gore created a profound sensation by declaring he had "learned from high authority" that at one of the conferences between President Wilson and members of Congress the President had said that "a state of war might not be a bad thing for this country, as it would bring the war to a conclusion in the middle of the summer and in that way the United States would be performing a great service to humanity."

\$86,794,250 LOAN BILL OFFERED IN COUNCILS TODAY

Chairman Gaffney, of Finance Committee, Introduces Measure

BEFORE VOTERS IN MAY

\$35,000,000 Provided for Transit—Art Museum Excluded

The initial step toward placing a municipal loan of \$86,794,250 before the voters at the presidential primary of May 16 was taken this afternoon when Chairman Gaffney, of the Finance Committee of Councils, introduced a bill signifying the intention of Councils to increase the city's indebtedness.

The bill is as follows: Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, that it is the desire of the corporate authorities of the city of Philadelphia, which desire is hereby signified, that the indebtedness of the said city shall be increased in the sum of eighty-six million, seven hundred and ninety-four thousand, two hundred and fifty (\$86,794,250) dollars for the following purposes, to wit:

Table listing various municipal projects and their costs, such as 'Toward the erection and construction of the main building of the Free Library, etc.', 'Toward the acquisition of property for the improvement of the Parkway', etc.

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STORMY DEBATE IN SENATE ON U-BOAT TILT; HOUSE BALKS IN STRUGGLE WITH PRESIDENT

Stone, Lodge and Williams Join Demand That a Test Vote Be Taken

Wilson's Ultimatum—Lets It Be Known That He Will Insist Upon a Record Ballot—May Be Taken Tomorrow

Republican Leader Mann Invited to White House to Confer on Situation—Stirring Scenes at the Capitol Unparalleled Since the Spanish-American War Days

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The storm over the President's demand for a show-down in the matter of his negotiations with Germany broke in the Senate this afternoon.

The Senate responded to the President's demand for consideration of the Gore resolution with nearly two hours of tempestuous debate. At an early morning session tomorrow the final vote may be taken.

Floods of pent-up oratory were loosed in the Senate by Senators Stone, Lodge and Williams, who demanded that the President be given the vote he asked.

Possibility of hostilities with Germany were openly discussed.

Senator Stone, answering a statement by Senator Gore, said he had not quoted the President as intimating that war with the Teutonic Allies would be desirable.

Senator Williams charged opposing Democrats with "nagging and defying the President." Senator Lodge called upon the Senate to show the country that Congress stands behind the President and not behind Germany.

HOUSE OBDURATE While the Senate was breaking into stormy debate, the House remained obdurate against considering the McLemore resolution as desired by the President.

The day of turmoil made practically certain that the Senate would sustain the President, but the greatest doubt still prevailed regarding the House's action.

CLASH COMES IN SENATE The submarine situation was injected into the proceedings of the Senate today by the Senate's refusal among the members to refrain from action.

Stirring scenes, unparalleled since Spanish-American war days, were brought on by the Senate debate. Every Senator was in his seat. Galleries were jammed. Nearly 100 House members came over and crowded in, standing about the chamber.

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EXECUTIVE'S ATTITUDE Senator Stone admitted he and the President were not in agreement as to the armed merchantmen policy. The President's attitude he gave as follows: "The President is disposed to support"

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WILSON CALLED A "COWARD" AT CITY CLUB LUNCHEON

National Voters' League Secretary Makes Accusation in Address

Lynn Haines, secretary of the National Voters' League, an organization devoted to him as one "to improve the government," spoke today at a City Club luncheon, and accused President Wilson of being a coward.

"The President," he said, "has become afraid of his position in international affairs, and is trying to unload his responsibilities on Congress."

Mr. Haines also took a rap at Congress, saying it was overorganized with committees, and spent useless money in allowing its members \$125 a month for clerk hire.

CHEMICALS MIXED IN MEAL Woman Drops Hot Stove Pipe and Firemen Spoil Breakfast

A stove pipe that refused to "stay put" this morning caused a fire in a kitchen in the rear of the notions store of Mrs. J. Miller, 628 East Allegheny avenue, a pedestrian, who saw smoke rising from the building sent in an alarm.

Mrs. Miller endeavored to fix the pipe, and when it burned her fingers she dropped it. The walls then caught fire from the flames. The soot scattered over a plate of hot cakes and mixed in the oatmeal. Firemen sprayed the flames and set and breakfast impartially with chemicals. They succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any great damage was done except to the breakfast.

Two Caught Prowling in Store Policeman Murphy, of the 28th and Federal streets station, while trying the doors on his beat early today, found one to open at his touch, at 1311 Point Breeze avenue, a department store, run by Adolph Curson. The policeman went inside and heard voices. Subsequently he arrested John O'Donnell, 21, who said he lived at 1841 Wharton street, and Thomas Gillen, 25, who said he lived at 2113 Dickinson street. Murphy said the pair had a lot of goods packed up ready to take away. They were held without bail for court by Magistrate Frankel, in the Central station.

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QUICK NEWS

WEST PHILADELPHIA BOARDER COMMITS SUICIDE Alexander King, 55 years old, a boarder at 130 North 58th street, committed suicide in his room today. He was removed to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The police of the 61st and Thompson streets station are making an investigation.

MALOJA MINE VICTIM; CORONER'S INQUEST VERDICT DOVER, England, March 2.—A coroner's inquest today rejected the theory that the liner Maloja, sunk off Dover Sunday, with a loss of about 109 lives, was torpedoed. The verdict was that the Maloja struck a mine. The testimony of the chief officer that he believed the liner had been submerged was not supported by other witnesses.

THOUSANDS OF TAILORS STRIKE IN NEW YORK NEW YORK, March 2.—Several thousand custom tailors, including employes from Broadway and 6th avenue shops, struck today, demanding a 20 per cent. wage increase and a "free shop" as a substitute for home work. Strike leaders estimate 20,000 workers would be out before night.

ARTILLERY COMBATS ON EAST WAR FRONT BERLIN, March 2.—At the northern end of the east front there were very lively combats with artillery at several places," the War Office reported. "There were successful enterprises carried out with German field guns against enemy detachments. Northwest of Mitau a Russian aeroplane was shot down in a fight with one of our air machines and the occupants were made prisoners. "The railway station at Molodetschno was successfully attacked by a squadron of our airmen."

HOUSE RETAINS MILEAGE GRAB WASHINGTON, March 2.—The annual fight over the question of mileage for Congressmen was staged in the House today, and the 20-cent rate per mile was retained in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Amendments lowering the rate to 5 cents a mile and the payment of actual expenses were defeated by a vote of 150 to 46.

CITY'S BALANCE AT WEEK-END \$8,354,662 The amount paid into the City Treasury during the week ending last night was \$382,869.20 and the payments amounted to \$590,990.34. This, with the balance on hand from the previous week, not including the sinking fund account, leaves a balance on hand of \$8,354,662.43, deposited in various banks and trust companies.

NO DEALING WITH GERMANY UNTIL U-BOAT ISSUE ENDS WASHINGTON, March 2.—The State Department admitted today that "all negotiations of any kind whatever with Germany" have been held up pending action by Congress on the armed merchantmen question and pending the arrival of the appendices to the German submarine decree.

BRITISH REPLY TO U. S. DEFENDS MAIL SEIZURES WASHINGTON, March 2.—The British reply to the American protest against mail seizures is on its way here by mail. A brief cable from Ambassador Page today arrived this afternoon. It was learned that in the reply Great Britain upholds its action, on the ground that German sympathizers in the Western Hemisphere have put first-class mail to illegal use and that, therefore, seizures are justified.

GERMANS INTERNED IN CHILI ESCAPE LONDON, March 2.—A report from Chili is current here that many members of the interned crew of the German cruiser Dresden have decamped from the island on which they have been kept, and are seeking to reach Europe. Other resident Germans, it is said, willingly took the places of these men so they could escape.

FRANCE BANISHES NATIVE-BORN AMERICAN PARIS, March 2.—The French Government has expelled from France Gustav Adolph Trube, a native-born American, who for four years has been head of the French Westinghouse Airbrake Company. He was given the usual delay of 48 hours to leave French soil, but there being no steamship departure within that period, the French authorities allowed six days' additional grace. Trube was expelled under the order against persons suspected of tampering with the national safety.

CONSCRIPTION GOES INTO EFFECT IN ENGLAND LONDON, March 2.—The Government's conscription act went into effect today, and early this afternoon machinery was set in motion for its enforcement. Large proclamations were posted all over England announcing that henceforth all bachelors and widowers, eligible under the act, will be regarded as soldiers and drafted as needed. The first nine groups, it was said, would be called up by March 15.

SLAVS IN PERSIA 40 MILES FROM MESOPOTAMIA LINE PETROGRAD, March 2.—Moving southwestward toward the positions held by the British in Mesopotamia, the Russian conquerors of Kermanshah, have arrived within 40 miles of the Persian-Turkish border, according to delayed dispatches received here today.

RUSSIA LIMITS NATION'S MEAT RATINGS PETROGRAD, March 2.—The food shortage in Russia due to the war is beginning to be keenly felt among all classes of people. The Ministry of Agriculture announces that meat must only be eaten on five days during the week, and four has become so scarce that bread tickets probably will be issued soon. The most important effect of the cattle shortage has been a reduction of the meat allowance for the army. Whereas soldiers were formerly allowed a heavy meat ration, now they get one-half of the former amount.

AGED WOMAN ROLLS BURNING GIRL IN SNOW A 76-year-old woman probably saved the life of a 17-year-old girl today when the latter's clothing took fire by rushing her out in the yard and rolling her in the snow. The girl, Madeline Mason, a negress, of 1339 Christian street, is now in a serious condition in the Howard Hospital. Madeline was cooking breakfast today when her apron brushed over the open grate igniting her clothes. Summoned by her screams, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd, also a negress, a boarder at the house, quickly wrapped the girl in a shawl and then rolled her in the snow.

RUSSIA'S HUGE BUDGET LAID BEFORE DUMA PETROGRAD, March 2.—An estimated excess of expenditure for ordinary purposes of 210,414,280 rubles (\$105,207,140) over the estimated revenue is contained in the budget presented to the Duma yesterday. An ordinary expenditure of 3,323,463,698 rubles (\$1,661,731,849) is estimated in the budget. This does not include the expenses of the war, which are much greater. The cost of the war in 1915 amounted to 8,000,000,000 rubles (\$4,000,000,000), and this year, it is expected, will be about 11,000,000,000 rubles (\$5,500,000,000). The decrease in the revenue derived from alcoholic drinks on account of the ban on vodka is the most important factor in the deficit. In 1914 the revenue derived from this source was \$89,000,000 rubles (\$44,500,000), as compared with 3,000,000 rubles (\$1,500,000) last year.

AUTO DRIVER SAVES WOMAN; MAY LOSE OWN LIFE George W. McKeon, 31 years old, may pay with his life for his heroism in steering an auto truck into a telegraph pole to avoid striking two women who were crossing Lancaster Avenue at 52d street. He is in a serious condition in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. McKeon lives at 617 North 53d street. The accident occurred late last night.

GERMANS QUIT LISBON; WAR RUMORS SPREAD Kaiser's Minister to Portugal Reported Preparing to Leave Today

LISBON, March 2.—Sixty leading members of the German colony left hurriedly for Spain today on receipt of reports that Germany is about to declare war on Portugal. The majority of the German business houses have been closed.

It is rumored the German Minister will leave Lisbon this afternoon. No confirmation of this report was obtainable at the Embassy of the Foreign Office, but it is generally believed there will be important developments within 24 hours.

The President conferred until a late hour last night with his Cabinet and also with other political leaders who were summoned to the foreign office. The reply to the German demands is said to have been telegraphed to Berlin before midnight.

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SAY LAD THREATENED TEACHERS AT Y. M. C. A.

Chemist, Who Failed, Accused of Writing He Would Kill His Instructors

A youth accused of sending threatening letters to his instructors in the Central Y. M. C. A., announcing his intention of killing them, was arrested in a poolroom at Oxford street above 3d early today, after the police had been "trailing" him for several days. The prisoner gave the name of Paul Zagas. He is 21 years old.

Zagas was recently a student of chemistry in the school of the Y. M. C. A. He failed to pass an examination conducted by the State, and was unable to procure a license. He attributed his failure to the faculty. He is accused of writing threatening letters to J. Leeds Clarkson, educational director of the institution, and J. D. Brewster, instructor of foreign classes, and to Lee Fountain, house manager of the Y. M. C. A. The first letter was sent several months ago. Others followed periodically until February 12, when the case was reported to the police.

Zagas was arraigned in Central Station and held in 800 hall for a further hearing. Physicians will make an examination into his mental condition.

PRESIDENT HAS FAITH IN GERMAN-AMERICANS

Wilson Tells Editor of Abend Post He Believes in Their Loyalty to U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson today expressed confidence in the German-American publishers of the country.

He conferred for 30 minutes with Paul F. Mueller, president of the National Association of German Publishers and editor of the Chicago Abend Post. He told Mueller he was firmly convinced of the loyalty of the great majority of American citizens of German birth in this country. He feels, he said, that some who claim to speak for the German-Americans do so without the consent of the vast majority.

The appointment for Mueller with the President was made at the request of Senator Lewis and State Senator Kent E. Keller, of Illinois.

Following the conference, Mueller said: "I am delighted to have had the opportunity to talk with the President. He is a sane and generous man. I believe that the Germans in this country are loyal and I know that I for one am as loyal as any American born in this country."