RUSSIANS DRIVE CLOSE TO BITLIS; CITY 7 MILES OFF

Occupy Two Positions Northeast of Objective in Lake Van Zone

TURK FLIGHT CONTINUES

Muscovite Pressure Still Applied in Armenia, Petrograd Reports Officially

PETROGRAD, March 3.
Further advances in the Caucasus and
Taurus mountain districts by the Russians,
who are now within seven miles of Bitlis,
were announced officially last night.

"In the direction of Erzinjian," says the report, "the Turks continue their re-treat. (Erzinjian is about 100 miles west of Erzerum,) Our cavalry has found guns

abandoned by them. "In the direction of Bitlis the enemy continues his retreat under the pressure of our troops. We have occupied Kamalk

and the Nekavank Convent, seven miles northeast of Billis." Billis is on the southern slope of the principal pass of the Armenian Taurus, which forms the mountain barrier be-tween Armenia and the Tigris Valley. It is about eight miles southwest of the southern shore of Lake Van, and is on the main road to Mosul.

Regarding the European Russian front, the official report mentions artiflery actions and aeroplane raids along the Dvina front. "In Galicia, on the middle Stripa.' It says, "the Germans twice attempted to approach our trenches, but on each occasion were repulsed by our fire."

TEUTONS TAKE VILLAGE UPON VERDUN FRONT

Continued from Page One

line in the village of Douaumout, where the combat continues furiously

The enemy has been obliged to retire, leaving amidst our barbed wire critangle-ments a large number of dead.
"In the Woevre plain (between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers), toward the

end of the evening, the bombardment has invariably become extremely heavy, but we have always been successful in check-

"In the region of Malancourt, in Hau-court-Lorraine, and south of the forest of Parroy, feeble attacks by the enemy have been dispersed by our fire and by our hard grenade throwers."

GRAHAM SAYS HOUSE WILL

Philadelphians With Him, With One Exception, Says Representative

STAND BEHIND PRESIDENT

Congressman George S, Graham today expressed the opinion that the House will stand as strongly behind President Wilson as the Senate. He said that the Philaas the Senate. He said that the Phila-delphia delegation, with one possible ex-ception, would disregard politics and sup-port the White House in its foreign policy. Referring to the Gore resolution to warn Americans to stay off armed ships, Mr. Graham said:

T do not believe it will ever come out of the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives. If it does, it will be tabled by a vote proportionately as large as that received by the President in the Senate

"The House will be as solidly behind Mr. Wilson now as it was in the Vera Cruz matter. In this issue politics will not be considered

not be considered.
"The question is a diplomatic one entirely, and I do not think that Congress should interfere. The President alone should have the power to settle such problems. I know only one Philadelphia Congressman who gives any indication of voting against the President."

Mr. Graham refused to reveal the identity of this member.

tity of this member.

PALMER'S SUCCESSOR MUST BE NAMED AT PRIMARIES

Legal Opinion on Election of Democratic National Committeeman

HARRISBURG, March 3 .- According to HARRISBURG, March I.—According to an opinion filed with Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus Woods today by Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargest, the Democratic national committeeman from this State must be elected at the State-wide primaries May 16 next.

The opinion was written for

The opinion was written in answer to a question raised by A. Mitchell Palmer, the present national committeeman. It is decided that under the rules of the Democratic party in this State and the laws of the Commonwealth, the choice rests with the voters at the party primaries. the voters at the party primaries

5500 PER CENT. PROFIT IN DYE

Reading Man Gets \$1200 for Can That Cost Him \$21

READING, Pa., March 3.—Paying \$21 for a can of 25 pounds of fast black dye and selling it for \$1200, a 5500 per cent profit, was the experience of a textile manufacturer here. He kept it in a safety vault until he sold it. Textile and hat manufacturers here are seriously hampered by lack of dyes and all are willing to pay almost any price for genuine dyes.

Several plants here are manufacturing fast black. The Reading Chemical Manufacturing Company, is marketing two tons daily and is preparing to make several colors as well as black, having perfected its own formulas.

PRESIDENT WILSON WINS: GORE

the nation, subordinating proposals to warn Americans off armed vessels.

The House is expected to vote on the same question with the next few days. Administration supporters jubilant with the President's victory in the upper house, worked this afternoon for a vote. To accomplish this, however, the Foreign Affairs Committee would have to report out one of the warning resolutions, and innonmous consent or a special rule from the imous consent or a special rule from the Rules Committee would be necessary to get imprediate consideration. It was re-ported that the Fereign Affairs (committee ported that the Foreign Affairs Committee would atempt framing a resolution late today. The House will meet at 18 o'clock tomorrow for special consideration of war calims, but this business, it was said, would probably be completed by noon.

Sentiment in the House this afternon favored having the Foreign Affairs Committee report the

mittee report the McLemore resolution with a recommendation that it be tabled, the same sort of parliamentary procedure as that in the Senate this afternoon Under this plan there would be little or no time for debate.

DEBATE FOLLOWS VOTE After the Gore resolution had been disord of, several Senators openly an brorously discussed the international sit-

to explain his vote. He denounced Sen-ator Williams' declaration of yesterday that the time has come to decide whether sing "America first" or "Deutschland

statement more encouragement to believe that the United States is divided than anything else said on the subject said Reed. "There was much talk here about traitors yesterday. This is no time to be casting aspersions on the loyalty of any of us. There aren't 10,000 dis-loyal citizens in the whole United States." Senator Reed said there was good reaon to believe favorable news would be eccived from abroad in the next few days. Sciutor Jones, of Washington, declared he vote on the Gore resolution had set-

tled nothing, and said he would renew the fight immediately. "We have decided nothing today, ex-cept that the Senate can be gagged," de-"We have stuck our head in the sand like estriches. We have not compiled with the President's request." "If the President is wrong," Senator the same hour.

"Assaults directed from the north and northeast have broken down under our gunffee and by the fire of our machine guns.

Carke asserted, "he ought to be stopped. We're not going around with a chip on our shoulder, nor are we going to war because of an academic question that even college professors are not agreed upon."

We have reached no conclusion today

American to travel on an armed p." said Borah, "but I would not vote for the gag rule always firmness in all inter-

degradation and war. We are in a crisis, "To the west of the Meuse River the Finness is more likely to keep us from enemy's artillery has been very active war than vacellation. "I believe that Jackson's firmness pre-vented war and that Buchanan's habit

of writing pieces instead of action causes the Civil War, and if Earl Grey had warned Germany that invasion of Belgium would mean war there would have been "And if with Mexico we had been firm

nstead of being weak, almost apologizing, 300 Americans would not now lie mur-

an army to Mexico because a Mexican had sed to American soil and taken Mexican girl into Mexico.
"I believe we should aphold our every

right-on the high seas or in Mexico. believe in publicity—not in shoving through this Senate a resolution as you might Jam a plank through a political convention. This Senate was Germanized today; we obeyed the President like the German legislators do the Kaiser's order

urged a public discusion so he might know the sectionents of Congress. What does he

"Lam not afraid of war, but I fear for When a great crisis is on, we crawl

and cringe to our decision due to some force outside the chamber. "Far beter our battleships should be than that the honor of this body

should be destroyed." LEWIS TO THE RECUE

He was answered by Democratic Whip

"The Senator has charged," he said, "that the majority has not allowed a full discussion. One would think we had done something unusual, unprecedented and that it indicates the biding of some motive by the President.

"In every Legislature there must be rules of procedure and the means we used were neessary to carry the nternatonal poley the Senator defends A 第一篇 第一样 第二次 表 第二章 2 章 2 章 1

"Hestancy n acton or long drawn-out scussion might have resulted as did Buchanan's unhappy vaccilation.

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"We are approaching peace or war,"
answered Senator Sherman. "Our action
today may be parliamentary, but it
smacks strongly of cowardice, evasion,
cringing and shirking a responsibility.
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000,000 people is worthy of full discussion.
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RESOLUTION IS LAID ON TABLE

of Congress—a request to know the judg-ment of this Senate. He was entitled to more than an evasive vote on a question HOUSE VOTE IN FEW DAYS.

"He will soon arrive where the means of diplomacy end, the steps of war begin. He should have been warned today in all reality what the judgment of this body is—whether we will follow him.

"Ultimately the path the Unief Execu-tive is treading leads in one direction— national degradation or war." "Don't you think merchantmen should be allowed to arm itself to prevent unlawful attack?" usked Hustin.

"Let the beligerent decide that," answered Sherman. "We're to decide if Americans should travel on these ships, believe armed ships are auxiliary warships. We have pirates only in fiction

'If a vessel arms it becomes a warship and must accept the fortunes of war

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE The Rev. Mr. Prettyman opened the ession with a prayer for Almighty guid-nce in the midst of conditions calling for he deepest carnestness of reverence the history of our past be our guide," was one phrase, and "aid us with a sympathy

for our limitations" was another. Congressmen and Capitel employes made a deep fringe, scated and standing. around the chamber. The smoking rooms

telegram on the Gore resolution and to seak on it. Fearing debate, Senator tone objected, and it was referred to the tone objected, and it was refere committee on Foreign Relations. The crowds became so characters for dmission that the doorkeepers were nally compelled to permit spectators to it in the aisley

Tension was broken by a subdued laugh which swept over the Senate when a bill was rend regulating Sunday closing of capital barber shops. Senator La Poliette obtained permis-ion to read telegrams on the Gore reso-

MCCOMBER OFENS FIGHT. Senator McCumber opened the fight un-expectedly by offering a resolution as a substitute for the Gore resolution. It de-clared, in view of the questionability of the validity of submarines, it is the duty of every American citizen to abstain from the right to travel on an armed merchant-man, until the President and other coun-

man, until the President and other countries should agree on the submarine question. It was inid on the table.

Senator James then called up the Gore resolution and demanded the ayes and mays on tabling it. Gore countered with an amendment to his resolution, and noked to discuss it. He was fencing for a chance o other a dehate. open a debate.

His amendment said that the sinking of an armed merchantman by a German sub-marine and the death of an American should be deemed a cause of war with dermany. Gore's amendment was, according to

the blind Senator's explanation made later, an attempt to make the Administration express itself on that issue, which he daims is the real one. Senator James called again for the aves

nd nays, but Gallinger demanded the esolution and its amendments be read gain. This was done. Clark, of Arkansas, raised the point of

rder that the resolution, as amended, ould not be consistent today. "I call for the rolleall," said Ashurst.

Then the rollcall began at 11:40. "I VOTE AVE." STONE SHOUTS. When Scatter Stone's name was called be tried to explain the absence of Schater

"I object to any remarks," shouled Senator Borah. "If this Senate is to be gag-ged, the whole Senate will be gagged." There was a moment of uproar and then

There was a moment or the second of the second opened. The second opened of the second opened of the second opened of the second opened of the second opened on the floor. He reared down opposition in forcing the final vote with its front row of the diplomatic gallery Miss Lausing, sister of the Secretary of State, had a party of friends.

"We're here for America," they said, when asked to what Government they death.

Stone. Vardaman, Smoot and Clarke, Arkansas, vainly tried to explain their votes. Senator James ruthlessly intervotes. Senator James ruthleady inter-posed objections, his points of order be-ing sustained by the Vice President. The latter played no small part in the drama. His rulings were uniformly toward pr-vention of debate.

Senator Borah, Republican, protested vigorously against "gagging" the Senate. When he was not allowed to explain his reason for voting in retalilation he pre-vented similar action by Senator Stone. Senator Stone, shaking his hand and glaring at Borah, defied Borah to shut him off. "Neither the Senator from Idaho nor.

Suite

Bellicose Utterance in Gore Resolution

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- Senator Gore's new substitute resolu-tion, defeated in the Senate today, proposed that Congress declare:

"That the sinking by a German submarine without notice or warning of an armed merchant vessel of her public enemy, resulting in the death of a citizen of the United States, would constitute a just and sufficient cause for war be-tween the United States and the German Empire."

any other Senator can prevent me from speaking," said Stone "I will and I am." Borah shouted loudly able, his objection being min

tained by the Vice President. Stone sur-

rendered. Senate galleries, public and private, filled early. Wives and daughters of Senators and Representatives were among the early arrivals in the elite reserved sections. Among the first were the wives of Senator Cummins and Representative Scherley Senator Oliver's daughter also came early. Senator Chilton had an exted, chattering bunch of seminary girls

Women were in the majority. Scenate convened a buzz of feminine, an rewounded against the stained glass the solemnity of the proceedings

Just outsid the women's galleries, louiging in stolid indifference in the dramatic scenes within the chamber, a group of thage indians assembled. They were interested only in disposition of their oil land bases. One were a small American

land leases. One wor flag in his buttonhole Almost rubbing elb et rubbing elbows with the richly ic reservations. Poorly clothed. ading portions of newspaper saring on the situation, these tories bearing on the situation, these were wedged in between more prosperous

SOME BRING LUNCHES.

Several of the visitors brought lanches, rapped in newspapers, prepared to erapped spend the entire day. pend the chire day. Some transport of any girls brought notebooks, evidently or anyumition for future theses.

One tradition the Senate maintained on

the surface was that of being calm and deliberative. Through the routine morn-ing business it droned. Bills for bridges across the Gra River, memorials favoring prohibition in the Hawnilan Islands, Qualker petitions against war, business nen's declarations for preparedness, pen-don bills, relief bills, telegrams from cosstituents—all these were taken up and disposed of as disposionately ag if noth-ing but everyday business were on hand. Eyes of the gallaries centrel on two picturesque figures. Senators Stone and Gore. A greater contrast could not be imagined. Stone is tall, gray and grim, who lolls at his desk in a crisis as calmly as gambler sits with four aces. In action, when excited, he shakes his finger nerv-ously or swings his arms in great wind-

mill gestures. He has a habit of saying what is not important in a ringing, excited voice and what is vital and dramatic, measuredly, autiously and almost under his breath Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, was led into the chamber by a special clerk. Short and stocky, his is a figure of peculiar vigor. A powerful and emotional orator of the Bryan type, he is at home discussing such a question as was before

the Senate today. Before the Senate convened, every senin every gallery except the President's, re-served, and the diplomatic gallery was taken, with several hundred persons jam-

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KAISER'S VERDUN DRIVE NOT A 'FEINT,' FRENCH STRATEGISTS CONCEDE

> Present German Offensive Believed "the Real Thing" in Paris Military Circles

> MAY BE OTHER THRUSTS

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS PARIS, March 2.

Renewal of the severe fighting around Verdun reported in official dispatches to-day, convinced French military experts that the present German offensive is the "real thing."

German dead are now strewn about the Verdun woods and hills until the field from a distance, seem to be covered with a strange gray-green growth. Not alone because the Teutons have suffered enormous losses, but for other reasons rities do not believe the Verdun attack

French leaders certainly are not unmindfol of the possibility of a sudden
German thrust in the Champagne, or
nearer Paris along the Alsne. The massing of artillery and infantry around Verdun, however, leads the critics to expect
heavy onslaughts against the French citadel from the cast or the south.
The soft ground east of Verdun does
not favor the great deployment of artillery to blaze the way by a deluge of
shells. Consequently infantry must storm
the heights with heavy sacrifices. For
this reason the heaviest German blow may
fall south of the sectors where fighting is French leaders certainly are not

fall south of the sectors where fighting is

now going on.

The situation on the Verdun sector was described by a competent authority to-day as satisfactory, though no secret was tade of the fact that it It is considered certain the Germans have not launched such a vast undertaking with the intention of giving up after only partial check. Eye-witnesses all agree that the fight-ing around Verdun is much the heaviest

of the war, not excepting even the Yacr, the Ypres and the Champagne struggles. Many times more shells were used by the Germans in preparing the advance than were utilized by the French in the Chamsurne offensive. The flower of the German army is par-ticipating in the Verdun struggle, and it is estimated here the number of German killed alone already exceeds 10,000.

Total losses suffered by the Germans the great battle at Verdun, which began 12 days ago, were estimated today

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at from 110,000 to 120,000 men. Most of those who fell were picked troops chosen for the storming divisions by reasons of their youth, vigor and brav-ery. These men, it is held here, cannot

ery. These men, it is held here, cannot be replaced by Germany.

French commanders are ready to receive the renewed German attacks in a way the ohemy will never forget, it was stated today. But despite heavy losses, the Kalser must strike now with his maximum strength, it is held here, or German prestige and the German army morale will

ruffer.

The Allies ask nothing better than this. French leaders asserted today. If the Germans should take Verdun the war would only be prolonged, they said; while if the Kaiser falls, as they feel he must, then the die will have been forever cast and Germany must realize that she is definitely leaten.

In the presence of such an immense possibility, Paris waits, calm and confident. President Policage has returned from

President Poincare has returned from visit to grand headquarters at Verdun-e met General Joffre and other French ommanders, complimenting the French commanders, complimenting the troops in the name of the nation.

PENROSE "SPEEDS" TO VOTE. BUT SENATE IS TOO QUICK

Buys Paper at Capital and Finds He Is Behind Time

Senator Penrose went to Washington today especially to vote on the Gore reso-lution. Before he went he announced he would uphold President Wilson in his

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stand behind the President to fla-

crisis," he said.

But the Senator's trouble of branch trip was without avail. He left ben a little too late.

Upon his arrival at the Union state
Washington he spent a penny for a
of an afternoon newspaper and ha
that the vote had already been taken

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