

REICHTAG MAY SUPPRESS TILT OVER U-BOATS

Hollweg and Von Tirpitz Factions Will Drop Debate, It Is Hinted

CHANCELLOR IN LEAD

Resolutions Against Agreement on Undersea War Probably Will Be Postponed

BERLIN, March 22.—Open debate in the Reichstag over the Government's submarine policies and relations with America may be suppressed by agreement of the Von Tirpitz and Bethmann-Hollweg factions, it was hinted today.

A special committee of the Reichstag met this afternoon to consider the resolutions directing the Chancellor to enter into no agreement with foreign powers restricting the use of U-boats. It was reported that the resolutions may be indefinitely postponed.

Canvass of the Reichstag is said to have convinced the Von Tirpitz element that Bethmann-Hollweg has a safe majority and that a fight would be useless.

RIVAL ELEMENTS

The movement which has found expression in the resolutions is composed of two elements. First, there is the large body of popular opinion which, honestly interested in the submarine weapon, desires that it may have an opportunity to display its efficiency unhampered by political restrictions. This element generally is unaware of the political motives which play a part in the movement.

Second, there are those who are now and long have been desirous of having another Chancellor—one who would permit discussion of peace terms, the projects of the annexationists and the sharpening of the submarine campaign regardless of political dangers.

This element would renounce the idea of Prussian franchise reform after the war and administer a check to the Socialists. Some of this faction have Admiral von Tirpitz in mind as the proper Chancellor.

CHANCELLOR STRONG, FRIENDS SAY

The Chancellor, his friends say, has proved much stronger than his opponents expected, both at headquarters, where he won in the test of strength, and among the people, where he has widespread support, particularly of the great body of lower middle classes.

The so-called Pan-Germans and extreme annexationists are, of course, opposing him.

Regarding the immediate occasion of the conflict, advocates of unrestricted use of his submarines argued that by proclamation of a determination of intention to sink merchant ships bound for England it would be possible to force Great Britain to make peace overtures within two months. This argument found a certain amount of support at headquarters until it was checked by the counter-argument that the effect probably would be to lengthen instead of shorten the war, owing to the effect on neutrals.

"PENROSE SPEECH NOT AUTHORIZED"

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boost the present price \$200 a ton until the Government plant begins operation. Was he authorized by the Bethlehem to make that statement?

"He was not. That report may have resulted from my statement that I would recommend the authorization of our plant immediately upon the passage of this bill."

Mr. Grace surprised the committee by offering to operate the Bethlehem armor plant and sell the product to the Government "at a price to be fixed by the Federal Trade Commission." "If the commission," he said, "decided that they furnish armor at less than \$295 a ton, the price quoted, they would do it. If we have invested the money we have put into our armor-plate plant in 4 per cent. bonds we would have made more money."

Mr. Grace declared that the private plants of the country could produce armor more rapidly than the Government could use it.

"Don't worry about equipment for war," he said. "What you need is men. We can produce more artillery equipment than the United States can use. We can duplicate the whole ordnance equipment of the country in a month."

OLIVER DENIES REED CHARGE IN ARMOR PLATE BILL DEBATE

Senator Says Steel Stock Ownership Did Not Influence His Stand

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, today skated close to the edge of the "short and ugly" in a brief sketch replying to Senator Reed's insinuations yesterday that Oliver's ownership of \$500,000 worth of steel stock may have influenced him in opposing the Government armor plate bill.

"The Senator either made an enormous mistake in calculation or deliberately stated something which was not true," said Oliver, rising to a question of personal privilege. Oliver said he owned 999 shares of steel preferred, but that its market value was \$117,000, not \$500,000.

"I call attention to the Senator's misstatement and failure to take advantage of an opportunity to correct it," said Oliver.

His personal interests, he said, had never been considered in his legislative conduct.

Bulgars Have 519 British Prisoners
LONDON, March 22.—There are 519 British prisoners in the hands of the Bulgarians, Under War Secretary H. J. Tennant announced in Commons today. Seven of them are officers.

The "Guess" Bouquet

THAT is what folks used to send when they sent flowers; they just guessed what was right. We know and we will gladly advise. You pay no more.

Charles Henry Fox
The Sign of the Rose
221 South Broad Street
in the middle of the block

FAVOR RACE TRACK BILL

Maryland House Committee Will Report Substitute Measure

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 22.—The Friel bill has been selected by a majority of the House Judiciary Committee as a substitute for the Hall bill, which aims to wipe out betting at race tracks entirely. The State's share under the Friel bill would be \$1000 a day from tracks during racing, and as there are usually about 100 days of racing in each year, the State would get \$100,000. This would more than make up the loss of income from the sale of the Northern Central annuity, which the Board of Public Works proposes to negotiate.

ANCORA UN ATTACCO TEDESCO SU VERDUN

La Nuova Offensiva Ha Dato Solo Un Vantaggio Insignificante e Gravi Perdite

Ieri, dopo aver conquistato con bombe pesanti di grande influenza un bosco nelle vicinanze di Malancourt, a nord-ovest di Verdun ed a dieci miglia dalla cittadina, i tedeschi continuarono nella notte a bombardare le posizioni francesi non rinnovando alcun attacco di fanteria. Sembra che in questo ultimo attacco i tedeschi abbiano subito perdite tanto gravi da non poter riprendere l'attacco almeno per qualche tempo. Sulla fronte italiana gli austriaci continuano ad attaccare le linee italiane. Essi erano riusciti a penetrare in alcuni elementi di trincee avanzate italiane nella conca di Plezzo, ma non furono subito cacciati via da un violento contrattacco delle forze italiane. Altri attacchi austriaci sono stati respinti nella zona di Rovereto.

I russi intanto attaccano gli austriaci su tre punti della fronte di battaglia, in Russia ed in Bucovina ed hanno battuto le forze di von Hindenburg.

N. J. LEGISLATORS FROLIC

No Work to Do, So House Members Just Have Fun

TRENTON, N. J., March 22.—Having no serious business to occupy their attention upon the reconvening last night, members of the Legislature devoted the first hours of the session to a frolic. The appropriation bills were not agreed upon by the joint committee until late, and it was nearly midnight before they were ready for introduction.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole and turned over the management of the frolic to the legislative correspondents. William K. Devereux, of Asbury Park, was chosen Speaker pro tem, and led the funmaking throughout the evening.

The House was darkened while the "Star-Spangled Banner" was played, and when the lights were turned on the entire chamber was draped with flags.

Chairman Devereux made the members sing "Brighten the Corner" and other melodies. During the evening a chest of silver was presented to Speaker Pilgrim, on behalf of the House.

N. Y. SUFFRAGISTS GAIN POINT

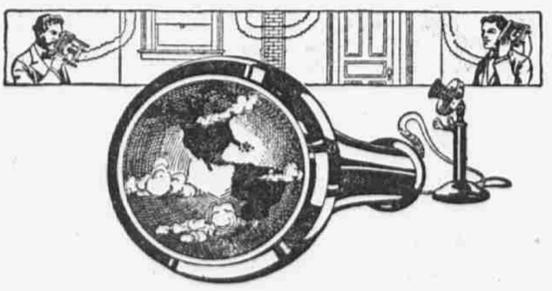
Senate Committee to Report Bill Providing Referendum

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—The Senate Judiciary committee late yesterday voted to report favorably the Whitney-Breton bill, designed to provide for another referendum on woman suffrage in 1917. The vote was 11 to 1. Majority Leader Brown was the only committee member recorded in the negative.

Suffrage leaders were informed that the bill will appear on the general orders calendar of the Senate on Thursday. This measure has passed the Assembly, in order to provide for the referendum, it must be passed by the Legislature next year.

Call Trolley Station "Nuisance"

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 22.—Because it is "a resort for disorderly persons and a nuisance to us and to our property," Mr. and Mrs. John W. Adams have brought action to have removed from in front of their property at the intersection of Ridge, Tully and Evansburg roads, in Lower Providence township, a frame building used as a trolley waiting station. The action is directed against the Evansburg Improvement Society.



Two Score Years of Telephony

FORTY years ago, Alexander Graham Bell spoke over the feeble instrument he had invented, to Thomas A. Watson—only two telephones in the world and a hundred feet of wire.

Recently the same men spoke to each other from the Atlantic to the Pacific over the Transcontinental Line—more than fifteen million telephones in the world and nine million in the Bell System. Twenty-one million miles of telephone wire connect every state in the union, and the wireless telephone has extended speech across our ocean boundaries.

A chorus of twenty-eight million Americans is brought into perfect unison daily by the Bell System, that unifier of the nation and harmonizer of distant peoples, which bridges distances, outraces time and makes a whole nation one community.

"The Bell System"

ZEPPELINS' TWO-MILE BOMB "HOOK" TO "FISH" FOR BRITISH WARSHIPS

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD

PARIS, March 22.—Equipped with a new, horribly destructive device, a great fleet of Zeppelins will accompany the German fleet when it dashes out to meet the British, according to stories told by the Swiss boatmen on Lake Constance.

They obtained their information, they say, from residents of Friedrichshaven, on the lake, where the great Zeppelin works is situated. Furthermore, they have watched the German sky cruisers experiment with the new missile, designed to blow England's great dreadnoughts into atoms.

Suspended from the gondola of the Zeppelin is a wire more than two miles long. At the end of the wire dangles a cluster of bombs, filled with high explosives.

Each Zeppelin accompanying the grand fleet will be fitted out to "fish" for enemy warships. Scouting ahead of the fleet at a great height, the Zeppelin, the boatmen say, will drop its explosive bait to the water, drag it at a high rate of speed in the direction of the approaching Britishers. When the bomb cluster strikes the side of an enemy warship the Zeppelin commander, two miles above the water, will touch an electric button, setting off the charge.

The bomb-dragging feat has been practiced several times in the last fortnight on Lake Constance, according to reports reaching Luzerne, by a new Zeppelin that apparently attained a speed of 100 miles an hour. German military representatives in Switzerland made haste to deny the rumor that the Germans were planning to drop poison gas bombs on French and English cities.

ITALIANS DRIVE FOES FROM NEWLY WON LINE

Austrians Capture Advanced Trenches in Plezzo Basin, but Lose Them Again

ROME, March 22.—Admission that the Austrians succeeded in capturing first line trenches in the Plezzo basin, north of Tolmino, was made in the official Italian report issued last night. Rome asserts, however, that the Austrians were driven from their newly won positions by a violent counter-attack.

Along the front from Rovereto to the Gorizia heights the enemy persists in making attacks, with great waste of ammunition and small infantry advances against our advanced line. Yesterday he was everywhere repulsed.

Especially intense artillery duels took place in the Sugana Valley and on the upper Cordevole. Along the Carnia frontier, on the upper Isonzo and on the heights of Gorizia, our artillery effectively replied to the enemy's fire, damaging his lines.

Successful infantry engagements took place southeast of Rovereto, near Forquella. There has been further fierce fighting around the railway in the Plezzo basin, where the enemy, after an intense artillery bombardment, succeeded in occupying some of our advanced trenches, but from which he was immediately ejected by a violent counter-attack.

On the Carso yesterday the situation was comparatively calm.

KEPHART IN THE FIELD FOR STATE TREASURER

Senate Clerk Announces Candidacy for Republican Nomination

HARMON M. KEPHART, of Connettsville, Fayette County, today formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer. Kephart, who is Chief Clerk of the State Senate, made his announcement after a careful canvass of the State. J. Lee Plummer, Blair County chairman, has also announced his candidacy for the office. Kephart announced his candidacy through the following letter:

"To the Republican voters of Pennsylvania: Having definitely concluded to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of State Treasurer, I now make the fact known by this public announcement. If nominated and elected I pledge the people of the State an administration characterized by efficiency and strict integrity. My candidacy, too, is submitted in the belief that Fayette County, having loyally and without State recognition, supported the Republican cause for upwards of 20 years, is entitled to consideration at this time. I therefore solicit the support of all Republicans, pledging them in return my appreciation."

BULGARIANS PREPARE TO FIGHT RUMANIA

Mines Sent to Town on the Danube and Newspapers Assume Hostile Attitude

MILAN, March 22.—The Secolo has received a dispatch from Bucharest which says that the Bulgarians are steadily making preparations for war with Rumania.

Bulgarian boats carrying mines have arrived at Giurgevo, a Rumanian town on the Danube, which is the port of entry for supplies for Bucharest. It is thought that the Bulgarians will lay the mines in the Danube.

The dispatch says that the Bulgarian press is becoming more threatening in its attitude toward the neighboring country every day.

ITALIANS QUIT EPIRUS AT REQUEST OF GREEKS

Retire After Receiving Notice of 24 Hours

PARIS, March 22.—Premier Skouloudis said in the Greek Chamber of Deputies that Italian troops had left Greek territory in Epirus when "decried to do so by the Greek commander, the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency asserted. The Premier is quoted as making the following statement in the Chamber:

"Italian troops advanced into Greek territory and occupied Faghea, in Epirus. The Greek commander notified the Italian commander that he could not permit Italian troops to remain in Faghea. The Italian officer requested 24 hours in which to ask instructions. At the end of that period the Italians retired."

State Jewelers to Meet at Lancaster

LANCASTER, Pa., March 22.—At a conference held here by the local jewelers and manufacturers with representatives of the Pennsylvania State Jewelers' Association, including President Ferguson, of Philadelphia, it was decided to hold the next annual convention of the association in Lancaster on May 17, 18 and 19. The convention will bring several hundred jewelers together.

ATTACCHI AUSTRIACI LUNGO LA FRONTE DA ROVERETO A GORIZIA

Elementi di Trincee Avanzate Conquistate da Nemico nella Conca di Plezzo e Riprese dagli Italiani

VALONA E' BOMBARDATA

ROMA, 22 Marzo. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica oggi la seguente comunicato in base al rapporto del comandante interinale delle forze italiane operanti sulla fronte Italo-austriaca:

"Lungo la fronte da Rovereto alle alture di Gorizia il nemico persiste nel fare attacchi spendendo grandi quantita' di munizioni ed adoperando forze di fanteria che fanno piccole avanzate verso la nostra fronte. Nella giornata di ieri il nemico fu respinto da per tutto.

"Specialmente intenso il duello della artiglieria e' stato nella Val Sugana e nell'alta valle del Cordevole. Lungo la fronte della Carnia, nell'alta valle dell'Isonzo e sulle alture di Gorizia la nostra artiglieria ripose efficacemente al fuoco delle batterie nemiche danneggiando le linee austriache.

"Compartimenti di fanteria favorevoli a noi ebbero luogo a sud-est di Rovereto, nelle vicinanze di Forquella. Si sono avuti ancora violenti combattimenti attorno alla ferrovia, nella conca di Plezzo, dove il nemico, dopo un intenso bombardamento, riuscì ad occupare alcune delle nostre trincee avanzate, dalle quali però fu subito ricacciato con un violento contrattacco da parte della nostra forza.

"Sul Carso vi e' stata ieri una relativa tranquillita'.

Un comunicato ufficiale austriaco dice che aviatori austriaci hanno bombardato di notte il caserme ed il porto di Valona nonostante il violento fuoco delle artiglierie italiane e ritornarono quindi senza incidenti alla loro base.

Si apprende che le forze italiane che avevano occupato la localita' Faghea, nell'Epiro settentrionale, hanno dovuto ritirarsi. Il comandante greco avvertì il comandante italiano che egli non poteva permettere alle forze italiane di rimanere a Faghea, e l'ufficiale italiano chiese 24 ore di tempo per domandare istruzioni.

Dopo di che si ritirò con le sue forze in territorio albanese. La notizia fu data dal presidente del Consiglio greco, Skouludis, nella Camera, in risposta ad una analoga interrogazione.

Un telegramma da Bucarest al Secolo di Milano dice che i bulgari fanno grandi preparativi militari sulla frontiera rumena. A Giurgevo hanno trasportato una grande quantita' di mine per seminarle nel Danubio. La stampa bulgara assume un tono sempre piu' minaccioso verso la Rumania.

LA BATTAGLIA DI VERDUN.

Un altro violentissimo attacco i tedeschi hanno fatto contro le posizioni francesi a nord-ovest di Verdun, e sono riusciti a guadagnare ancora del terreno nella regione di Malancourt, cacciando con bombe incendiarie riprese di liquido infiammabile i francesi che difendevano un bosco. Malancourt e' pero' a dieci miglia da Verdun, e la posizione di Le Mort Homme e' tuttora nelle mani dei francesi.

I critici militari francesi dicono che questo successo tedesco e' di minore importanza e non credono che i tedeschi rinnovano, almeno per qualche tempo, i loro attacchi contro Verdun. Si ritiene generalmente che il fallimento dell'offensiva tedesca contro Verdun costituisce per il Kaiser un disastro che si puo' para-

The War Today

Violent artillery duels occurred last night on the front northwest of Verdun, the French War Office announced this afternoon. The bombardment was especially heavy in the region of Malancourt and on Haucourt Hill.

On the east bank of the Meuse cannonading continued on the sector between Vaux village and Damuloup. No infantry attacks occurred.

Dispatches from Amsterdam report that 200 persons, mostly German sailors and soldiers, were killed when 65 Allied planes raided Zebrugge last Monday.

L'OFFENSIVA RUSSA.

E mentre i tedeschi logorano le loro forze migliori davanti a Verdun, i russi prendono l'offensiva non solo in Galizia e nella Bucovina e continuano la loro marcia nell'Asia Minore e verso la Mesopotamia, ma attaccano violentemente le linee di resistenza tedesche sulla Dvina, che sono tenute dal maresciallo von Hindenburg, battono i tedeschi e conquistano un saliente che minaccia le linee tedesche.

La battaglia si riaccende dunque anche sulla fronte russa per l'iniziativa dei russi che si propongono di impedire che nuove truppe siano tolte dalla fronte orientale per essere inviate contro Verdun. I tedeschi stessi ammettono che essi sono stati costretti ad abbandonare un saliente a sud del lago Narocz, nelle vicinanze di Vilna. Nella Bucovina le forze russe minacciano ora seriamente Czernowitz.

Plans Church in Memory of Son

At the conclusion of a dinner which he gave to the elders and trustees of the Ninth Presbyterian Church, Craig N. Liggett, of 4036 Walnut street, last night announced his intention of building a new church in memory of his dead son, John D. Taggart Liggett. Plans for the building already have been drawn by an architect and were presented during the evening. When completed the structure will cost \$50,000.

Porter Preaches Preparedness

George D. Porter, former Director of Public Safety, spoke on "Preparedness" last night before the Men's Association of the Presbyterian Church, at Lancaster. The address was enthusiastically applauded. A musical program and a reception followed the address.



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