

SON CHIEDE PIENI POTERI AL CONGRESSO

Due Senatori Italiani Devono di Rispondere di Settanta-quattro Capi di Accusa

WASHINGTON, 26 Febbraio. Il Presidente Wilson ha parlato oggi davanti al Congresso per domandare pieni poteri per la protezione del commercio e della vita dei cittadini Americani che sono costretti ad attraversare la zona dichiarata bloccata dai sottomarini tedeschi.

Il presidente ha dichiarato che la diplomazia non è riuscita a sal vaguardare i diritti dei cittadini americani garantiti dalle leggi internazionali e che in seguito alla guerra di sottomarini ed al cosiddetto blocco del commercio marittimo americano è paralizzato tanto che i vapori americani non si azzardano ad uscire dai porti dove si trovano.

hana, ma furono respinti dappertutto e subito perditi considerevoli. Le buone condizioni atmosferiche hanno favorito l'attività delle squadriglie aeree. I nostri aviatori, appoggiati dalle batterie antiaeree, hanno messo in fuga aerei nemici.

Il senatore Mangilli, attualmente presidente della Banca Commerciale Italiana e notoriamente germanofilo fino a tentare e fare quello che la sua semplice qualità di italiano avrebbe dovuto impedirgli di anche soltanto pensare, è sotto processo per settantiquattro capi di accusa.

Per adesso non si sa troppo di positivo intorno a questo scandalo i cui particolari le autorità inquirenti tengono segreti per quanto è possibile, ma è facile immaginare che se ne parla in tutti i circoli politici e parlamentari, nella capitale e fuori.

ripiegare. Essi hanno conquistato il villaggio di Serre, a nord dell'Ancre, in seguito a che i tedeschi sono stati obbligati a ripiegare sull'intera linea tra Miramont e Serre. Gli inglesi continuano così i loro sforzi per la conquista di Bapaume verso cui era diretta la loro grande offensiva recente.

Le truppe inglesi hanno anche ottenuto importanti successi in un altro lontano teatro della guerra, sul Tigri, in Mesopotamia. Ivi essi hanno passato il fiume al gomito di Shurran ed hanno in tal modo isolato i forti turchi di Kut ed Amara dove tempo fa un esercito inglese di 9000 uomini fu costretto ad arrendersi.

Telegrammi da Vienna dicono che si sono riuniti nella capitale austriaca i ministri ungheresi ed austriaci allo scopo di discutere circa la situazione economica dell'impero. Le riunioni sono presiedute dal presidente del Consiglio ungherese, conte Tiska, essendo assente il ministro degli Esteri comune, conte Zserin, che si trova ancora a Monaco di Baviera.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK OFF CEYLON, TOKYO SAYS

Vessels Victims of German Plotting, Japanese Say—May Have Been Sent to Bottom by Raider

TOKYO, Feb. 26. The British steamships Persus and Worcester-shire have been sunk off Colombo, according to announcement today. No details have so far been received, but it was reported there were explosions aboard both vessels due to German plotting.

The Persus was reported sunk from London on February 23 and the Worcester-shire on February 19. It was then assumed they fell victims to the German submarine warfare in the barred zone. The Tokyo dispatch is the first report that they were sunk in a section where other rumors have recently reported a German raider.

Colombo is the principal seaport town of Ceylon, an English possession. The Persus was a steel screw liner of 6728 tons, owned by the Ocean Steamship Company, limited, and registered at Liverpool.

Dutch Fear Germany Plots Forcing War

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ships by German submarines was tempered today by realization of the acute danger with which the Netherlands are menaced in these massed forces just across the line.

Dispatches from various Dutch cities today indicated no abatement in popular anger at the sinkings, but a general disposition to weigh this situation against the consequences of a sweep forward by those ever-menacing German troops.

This explanation details negotiations with Berlin by Dutch shippers for safe-conduct of the liners from Falmouth after February 5, when the last restriction on "submarine-

was removed, how permission was granted to February 13 and how later the German Government announced the ships could leave "with full safety" on March 17, or "only relative safety" on February 22. The "relative safety" for the 220, it was explained, was due to the fact that it was not certain all submarines would receive wireless orders to accord the Dutch ships passage.

GERMAN RETREAT SEEN AS MENACE TO HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The great German retreat before General Haig's armies on the west front was in part a result of a call for more men and materials for the Holland front, Allied diplomats declared here today.

Military attaches of Allied embassies said they would be "far from surprised" if the present German retreat continued.

Government, increased over recent vast destruction of her merchant ships, more belligerently inclined than at any time since the war began, presents a big problem for the German land forces.

They believe also that the Swedish menace, added to that seen in Holland, is a contributory reason why the German General Staff is willing to fall back in the west, thereby slightly shortening the line she must defend against Haig's battering, and affording an opportunity to shift the men thus released to the Dutch front.

It was pointed out in Allied circles that Allied war heads have always believed that Germany was prodigal of lives and material at Verdun, so that, upon winning there, the Teutons could have then afforded to fall back on a virtually straight line of defenses stretching from Verdun northward through Brussels or Namur or Bruges. Such a line, it was pointed out, would take hundreds of thousands less men to defend, since it would be many miles shorter than the present circuitous line.

Paulshoro Growing Rapidly

PAULSHORO, N. J., Feb. 26.—At the rate its population is increasing, Paulshoro will soon be the largest town in Gloucester County. Before the boom came Paulshoro had about 2200 residents. Now it has a third more, and every month shows a rapid increase.

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AUTOCARS ASSIST RAILROADS



Baltimore to Boston by Autocar Philadelphia Yesterday

ON SATURDAY, February 24, S. S. Pierce Company, Boston's big grocery house, wired us to haul for them from Baltimore to Boston two tons of tin cans for their "Choisa Tea."

The Autocar used is one that has just been purchased by S. S. Pierce Co. to be added to their present fleet—they now own eighteen.

Running by daylight only, the Autocar is en route via Wilmington, Philadelphia, Trenton, Newark, New York, Bridgeport, New Haven and Providence. It reached Philadelphia yesterday.

Motor trucks are a necessity. Business houses these days are depending on them not only for city and suburban deliveries, but for long distance shipments and for quick unloading of freight cars in crowded yards.

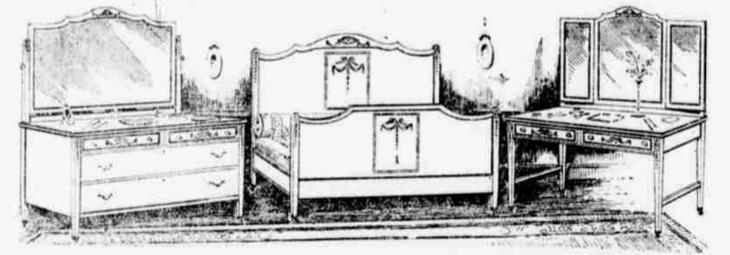
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Still Three, Bright, Busy Days in this February Sale

THE "Sands of Time" have sifted rapidly down and this morning begins the first of the three final days of our epoch-making February Sale. Three bright, busy days we have prophesied; bright, not necessarily in an external weather-wise sense, but in the internal atmosphere of cheerful satisfaction which always prevails in this unique Store; busy, because every day of the month so far has been busy and no one who can possibly help it will miss these closing hours of opportunity.

selling and those who visit us between now and Wednesday evening will find no lack in volume or variety of beautiful "home-making" merchandise. The tendency among manufacturers to reduce the number of their designs has given us an unusual quantity of handsome suites and pieces that may not be duplicated again for years, and which, to avoid carrying into next season, have been reduced far below their original and proper valuation.

An Adam Suite in Ivory Enamel, Decorated, (4 pieces) \$158



A charming suite that really needs to be seen to be appreciated. The refined Adam style is most attractive in the Ivory Enamel and each piece is beautifully decorated. Suite comprises: Bureau, 44x23 1/2 in.; full size Bed, Chiffonier (not illustrated) 36x21 in., and Triplicate Mirror Dressing Table, 40x19 in.

Such Low Prices on Floor Coverings May Not be Duplicated Again for Years

Everything that goes to the making of rugs, carpets and other floor coverings has advanced rapidly in price, of late, and the trend of the market is still upward. Reductions ranging from 15% to 33% are offered in our February Sale; reductions that have been made on our old prices, those in effect before the advance, so that in many cases our Sale prices are below the manufacturing cost to-day.

Table listing rug prices: Choice Royal Wilton Rugs in Varied Selection. Includes items like \$106 rug, \$55 Royal Wiltons, \$45 Best Axminsters, etc.

A Handsome Colonial Secretary in Rich-toned Dull Mahogany, \$23.50. An attractive, useful piece that fills the dual role of desk and bookcase and has conveniently ample drawer space besides.

A Round-top Library Table in the Colonial Style, \$12.75. A very good-looking Library Table in Dull Mahogany, Colonial style. The workmanship is excellent, is evidenced in the line of the pedestal and the finely turned scroll feet.

Clearance Sale of Lace Curtains, Many at Half Price and Less. In order to reduce our stock to the desired proportions we are closing out \$10,000 worth of Lace Curtains at reductions ranging from 25% to considerably more than half.

Supply Your Bedding Needs While Our Sale Prices Continue. We are specially well equipped to supply your Bedding requirements and you will be especially interested in our greatly reduced February Sale prices.

GREATEST REDUCTIONS ON 1 TO 3-PAIR LOTS. \$1.50 to \$35.00 CURTAINS Now 50c to \$17.50. Included in the Sale are Ruffled Muslins, Antique Serims, Cluny's, Lacet Arabians, Hand-made Arabian, Brussels Net Renaissance, Irish Point, etc.

A little trip across the ferry to the Van Sciver factory-store may save you from \$5.00 to \$500.00, according to the size of your purchase.

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