

TRUE, SAYS PRESIDENT, OF BERLIN'S WAR PLOT

GRAND BAPAUME BATTLE RAGING
Indications Are Germans Are Evacuating Big Somme Stronghold

BRITISH WIN 13-MILE LINE
Capture Three More Villages and Pound Retreating Teutons

LONDON, March 1. Sharp fighting, signaling the beginning of the final battle for the German stronghold of Bapaume, is now in progress on the western outskirts of the town...

The brilliant successes obtained by the British yesterday, when the villages of Gommecourt, Thillois and Poise-au-Mont were captured...

GERMAN RETREAT LIKE THAT AFTER MARNE

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, March 1.—Slowly and steadily the German retreat continues south of Arras...

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BENNET SAYS DEMOCRATS PLAN EXTRA SESSION

Alleges Members of That Party Have Been Notified to Be on Hand March 6

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Representative Bennet, of New York, interrupted debate this afternoon to announce to the House that he had been informed that the Democrats were planning for an extra session to be convened next Tuesday...

German Consulate Robbed EL PASO, March 1.—The German consulate at Juarez was robbed last night and all Government papers belonging to Consul Max Weber were taken...

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled tonight, with incipient temperature about thirty degrees; Friday probably fair, gentle winds, mostly northeast.

STONE HALTS SENATE ACTION WITH HINT OF ALLIED SCHEME TO FAN AMERICAN WAR SPIRIT

Foreign Relations Leader Urges Caution in Demand for Light on German Effort to Array Mexico and Japan Against United States

RESOLUTION CALLS UPON WILSON TO SUBSTANTIATE PLOT CHARGES

WASHINGTON, March 1. SENATOR LODGE'S resolution for full facts of Germany's Mexican-Japanese plot reads: That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether the note signed Zimmermann, published in the newspapers of the morning of March 1, inviting Mexico to unite with Germany and Japan in war against the United States, is authentic and in the possession of the Government of the United States...

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Flat denial that his Government participated in any manner in the German plot against the United States was made this afternoon by Mexican Charge Ramon de Negri at the Mexican Embassy.

WASHINGTON, March 1. Secretary Lansing went to the White House late this afternoon with a large number of documents under his arm and immediately went into conference with President Wilson.

Branches of the American Government this afternoon were divided in their attitude toward the exposure of Germany's plot to link Mexico and Japan with her in a war against the United States...

President Wilson himself stood sponsor for the correctness of the exposure. Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, supposed spokesman of the President, declared he had information that the plot charges were a part of Allied intrigues to fan the war spirit in America.

The Senate debated the Lodge resolution calling upon the President for substantiation of the charges of Berlin plotting.

The House cleared decks by special rule and considered the Flood "armed neutrality" bill, patriotic speeches marking the debate.

President Wilson will not accept the Flood bill, which limits his power to deal with the German crisis. Instead, he has demanded passage of the Senate measure, which guarantees blanket authority.

Developments indicate that United States secret service men intercepted a letter from Ambassador Bernstorff to the German Minister at Mexico City in which plans for the coalition against the United States were outlined.

Assurances are given by the Japanese Ambassador that Japan would scorn plotting with Germany. Mexico, Secretary Lansing says, will not be involved.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—In spite of President Wilson's message, through Senator Swanson, that he stood sponsor for the revelation of Germany's intrigue to enlist Japan and Mexico in war against the United States, the Senate today, after excited debate, referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee a resolution calling upon the President to substantiate the charges and produce documentary proof.

The Senate committee readily agreed to recommend immediate adoption of the Lodge resolution striking out, however, the La Follette amendment, requesting further information as to when the American Government learned of the Zimmermann note.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, presented the report of the committee this afternoon. Vice President Marshall asked for objection to the Lodge resolution and hearing none declared it adopted. Senator Stone, chairman of the committee, was on his feet instantly protesting.

MANY SUBMARINES PREY OF BRITISH

Great Number of U-Boats Sunk and Captured by English FIGURES KEPT SECRET

LONDON, Feb. 13 (by mail)—England has sunk and captured a vastly greater number of German submarines since the German submarine war went into effect February 1 than at any time preceding that date.

It is known that more than one submarine supply station has been discovered and put out of business by British naval vessels.

Evidence is plentiful that the British navy, engaged in the most colossal shark hunt ever known to the high seas, is making a successful hunt of it.

What proportion of the number of German submarines mastered by the navy may be catalogued as captures and what proportion as sinkings cannot be given.

BARBED WIRE DEFENSES FOR DELAWARE CHANNEL

Commandant at Fort du Pont Awaits Their Arrival—Expected Today or Tomorrow

WILMINGTON, Del., March 1.—Colonel Harris, commandant at Fort du Pont and in charge of the defenses of the Delaware is anxiously awaiting the arrival of more than 200,000 pounds of twelve-inch wire netting which the forces under his command will stretch across the river to prevent hostilities from ascending the stream and attacking shipping and doing damage to munition plants and other industries, or to Philadelphia.

Widow, Whose Husband Was Killed After Drinking at Bar, Receives Damage Verdict

The liability of saloonkeepers for furnishing by gift, sale or otherwise liquor to any person visibly affected by drink was fixed by a jury before Judge Staples in Court of Common Pleas No. 2 today when a widow was awarded \$5000 in damages against Cornelius P. Quinn, a saloonkeeper at the southeast corner of A street and Allegheny avenue.

STONE SCENTS ALLIED CONSPIRACY

His amendment requests the President "also to inform the Senate as to whether the information in his possession respecting the letter signed Zimmermann originated or was derived from any Government or any official of any Government engaged in the present European war and if so inform the Senate as to the facts relating thereto."

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES
Frankford High (first half) 18 Catholic High 9
Frankford High, 2d (first half) 6 Central High, 2d 9
Abington H., girls (first half) 10 Jenkintown High, girls 4

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS
Third Havana race, 3-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs—Encore, 99, Rowan 7 to 10, 1 to 3, out, won; Babe, 102, J. Ryan, 20 to 1, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, second; Margaret Ellen, 108, Wingfield, 5 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 3, third. Time, 1:01 2-5.

CALIFORNIAN ASKS REPARATION FROM KAISER
SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 1.—Assemblyman Don Williams offered a resolution in the lower House today urging Congress to obtain reparation from Germany for the death of William Eva, a Californian, on the torpedoed liner Laconia.

MOTORTRUCK KILLS SCHOOL CHILD
Harris Callam, nine years old, of 29 West Wildley street, was killed by an automobile truck at Front and Allen streets while the child was on his way home from the Immaculate Conception School today.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 1.—Work was started today on erection of a high heavy-woven wire fence around all the shops of the Rock Island Arsenal here. The fence will be topped with several strands of barbed wire and will be reinforced by a heavy increase in armed guards.

MOBILIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES ASKED
WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson's Council for National Defense today requested the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to proceed at once with mobilization of the nation's industrial resources along the lines that have already been laid down.

GREEK SAILORS REFUSE TO GO THROUGH BLOCKADE
Fifteen sailors of the Greek steamship Sallomenia, which is scheduled to sail from this port next Saturday, have said that they will not sail with the vessel because of their fear of submarines.

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO QUASH ROCKEFELLER SUITS
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Briefs for John D. Rockefeller and his son, John D., Jr., named defendants in the Government's trust suit against the United States Steel Corporation, were filed in the Supreme Court this afternoon.

FOOD RIOTING RESUMED BY NEW YORK WOMEN
NEW YORK, March 1.—Serious food rioting broke out in New York today after a lull of two days. An angry mob of women stormed a pushcart peddler in Williamsburg and rolled a policeman in a muddy gutter.

PRESIDENT THANKS SUFFRAGISTS FOR PLEDGE OF AID
WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson today expressed his thanks to the National American Woman Suffrage Association for its offer whole-heartedly to aid the Government in every way possible in case of war in a letter sent to suffrage headquarters.

TOLLS REMOVED ON WILLOW GROVE PLANK ROAD
NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 1.—Montgomery County Commissioners announced that, commencing today, tolls would no longer be taxed on the Germantown and Willow Grove plank road, as they had paid to the company \$27,000 which a jury awarded was due for the filling of the property.

SENATE KILLS \$400,000 FOOD PROBE FUND
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The \$400,000 appropriation passed by the House for a nation-wide food investigation by the Federal Trade Commission today was stricken from the sundry civil bill by the Senate Appropriation Committee on grounds of economy.

U. S. WAR MOVE SOON, PARIS BELIEVES
PARIS, March 1.—No immediate declaration of war because of the Laconia sinking is expected by the French press, but it is believed President Wilson will take measures which must soon lead to war.

CITY'S PURSE HOLDS \$19,000,000 BALANCE
The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$669,676.67 and the payments to \$442,233.45, which, with the sum on hand last week, leaves a balance of \$19,481,713.33 on deposit.

MORE THAN \$15,000,000 INCOME TAX IN THIS DISTRICT
More than \$15,000,000 is expected to be paid for income tax in this district according to Ephraim Lederer, Collector of Internal Revenue.

NAVAL MILITIA SEEKING RECRUITS
A campaign for young men has been started by the First Battalion of the Naval Militia of Pennsylvania. One evening a week is devoted by the guardsmen to learning the rudiments of the naval reserve service.

MAYOR UNGUARDED FIRST TIME SINCE VICE RAID
For the first day since the famous vice raid of last summer Mayor Smith has been without a bodyguard. Acting Detective George Bens has not been returned to duty as the Mayor's official bodyguard, and the Mayor today walked the corridors of City Hall without a shadow.

GERMAN PLANE SHELLS NORTHCLEIFFE'S HOME TOWN
LONDON, March 1.—A German air raid was made today on the seaside resort of Broadstairs, on the Kentish coast, the War Office announced this afternoon. One woman was injured by a bomb dropped from a German aeroplane.

NIGHT AT NOON BLANKETS CITY WITH DARKNESS

Obscuration of Sunshine Forces Lighting in Central Section

CHICKENS ON ROOSTS OUT IN THE SUBURBS
City Hall Pigeons in Fear at Strange Visitation, Like That of 1915

WEATHER MAN EXPLAINS

Scientific Explanation of Darkness at High Noon
A SCIENTIFIC explanation of the midday darkness is as follows: The snow cooled the lower air currents. When these came in contact with the upper air strata a thick fog was formed by a process of condensation.

Midday darkness settled over the city today, bringing night at noon. The phenomenon, which is the second Philadelphia has experienced within two years, came suddenly, blotting out even the sickly gray light of the heavens.

The unshedded "night" remained until shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the fog lifted, daylight returned and the lights were turned off.

Lights blossomed out in every building in the central business section. Trolley cars turned on their lights. Headlights glared from automobiles. At a word from Chief McLoughlin, of the Electrical Bureau, the street lamps along Broad, Chestnut and Walnut streets were flashed.

HALL A BEACON
City Hall tower, a beacon in the shrouding gloom, gleaming with many brilliant bulbs, turned a pallid green by the fog and intermittent snowfall. Around the eaves fluttered a few disconsolate pigeons, like wraiths in the unearthly atmosphere.

The taste of night, which was at its height between noon and 1:20 o'clock this afternoon, affected most of the central business section. While housewives in West Philadelphia, at Eighteenth and Diamond streets and more outlying districts knitted at their windows, their husbands downtown sat in illuminated offices.

Wondering queries from hundreds of persons as what the strange visitation meant kept the Weather Bureau busy. The scientific explanation given by the Weather Bureau was that the lower air currents, cooled by the snow, formed vapor upon contact with the upper warm strata. This vapor remained because a two-mile-an-hour wind was not sufficient to disperse it more rapidly than it formed.

BLANKET NEAR EARTH
The dense clouds—no one knows how thick they were—settled down close to the earth, perhaps as low as 500 feet above the ground.

They brought darkness more pronounced than that of June 22, 1915, when a similar "night" visited Philadelphia suddenly. So dark did it become that pedestrians, especially at Broad and Chestnut streets, were confused in attempting to effect crossing of the streets.

Chickens in the suburbs, as usual, went to roost. The superstitious, connecting the dismal sky with world events, predicted war or worse disaster for the nation. Altogether, the damp, dark day enabled

TOKIO QUESTIONS U. S. ON IDAHO MARRIAGE BILL
Inclusion of Asiatics in Prohibited Matrimonial Classes Prompts Query

BOISE, Idaho, March 1.—The Japanese Government has made known through its Ambassador at Washington that it is interested in the Atherton anti-Asiatic marriage bill pending before the State Senate.

Edge Addresses New Yorkers
NEW YORK, March 1.—Governor Edge of New Jersey, and Comptroller Prefers spoke at the monthly luncheon at noon today of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

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