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## SON MOVES TO ARM CRAFT; SUMMONS GREGORY AND LANSING

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y a group of seven Republican Democratic Senators. e Schators who stand most conin the successful fight against the

ollette, of Wisconsin; Norris, of Ne-Stone, of Missouri; Clapp, of Min-and Penrose, of Pennsylvania. others in the group are: imins, of lowa; Gronna, of North a; Kenyon, of lowa; Works, of Call-i, Kirby, of Arkannas; Lane, of Ore-rGorman, of New York, and Varda-

of Mississippi

handful of men, taking advantage rule for unlimited debate in the Sen-terally talked the measure to death. the fact that the overwhelming maof the Senate members favored it, owing the defeat of the bill, Presiison issued a preclamation to the in which he denounced the fillgroup as having rendered the United "helpless and contemptible" before rid and urgently intimated the necesor amendment of the Senate rules, so a similar scandal may not be repeated, pite the statement in his armed neu-y address to Congress that he probably

the power to arm American ships for without special authorization of reas. President Wilson himself has d a doubt on the matter. He has called conference Attorney General Gregory Secretary of State Lansing to obtain

opinion on the situation. Is afternoon the Secretary and Attorney ral will examine the entire list of stat-bearing on the situation and will make al decision for the benefit of the Pred-In this work they are to have the tance of the most eminent authorities ternational law in this country, should international law in this country. Should inally be decided that the President has authority to act. It is stated in au-rity that orders immediately will be is-d to arm the pacenger and mail-carry-liners of the American line so that they

resume regular sailings. the meantime, while waiting for de-m on the question of actual arming ips, President Wilson, in his inaugural see today, has proclaimed to the world "we stand firm in armsd neutrality."

SPECIAL SESSION LINELY

The inference to be frawn from the ident's statement to the country way hat as soon as the Senate amends its ules he will convene Congress in special

Following the President's statement nator Owen, of Oklahoma, announced hat a group of thirty-three of his dusotos had pledged themselves to instia movement today to revise the les in accordance with the President's

When Congress adjourned at noon yesteray, many of the President's friends were convinced that he would show the Senate and the country that the refusal of the ite to sanction the armed-ship measure ald not deter him from taking his own American flag.

When the President realized that an clent statute may the his hands in a desire to arm merchantmen has not en accertained. On last Friday Senator re had pointed out in the debate in the ate that the President, while he had thority to arm merchant vessels, he ald not permit them to use there arma almst vessels of a nation with which the fited States was at amity. Apparently, however, little if any atten-

tion was paid to the effect upon the present situation of the statute to which Senator Lodge made reference. When the armed ship bill went lown to defeat several mem-bers of the Cabinet were of the opinion that the President would give the order to have the Navy Department furnish guns to the vessels of the transformer and the set the vessels of the American Line and such other vessels of American register which applied for guns as a means of protection against U-boats.

HOT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The President went back to the White House from the Capitol as soon as he had taken the oath of office in the President's room of the Senate chamber. He went driving in the afternon and apparently had to leasure until early in the evening to prepore the public statement afterward issued from the White House offices. The copies of the statement given to the press show svidence of naving been prepared under hurry orders, as if the original from which the copies were made had come hot from posed to President's typewriter to the copyists he would have voted for the bill if the game sheet by sheet.

Before issuing the statement the President had a conference at the White House dent nau a conference at the write former with Colonel E. M. House, of New York; Vance McCormick, chairman of the Demo-eratic National Committee; socretary Mc-Adoo, Fostmaster General Burleson and Secretary Tumulty.

Late last night the White House authorized some changes in the President's statement which indicate that a doubt re-mains as to the effect of the old law on the President's right to take step for the

protection of American commerce. In the statement as first given to the press there was a paragraph in which the President, speaking in the third person, as served that "it had been found that there were certain old statutes as yet unrepaided which raised insuperable practical obstacles and virtually nullified his power." Several hours after the states

Soveral hours after the statement was loon sit the White House asked that the large be made in the sentence ground. his change modified the directness of the

It is believed that there changes indicate that predicted that President Wilson would be that the President may have seen the application of the old statutes in a new light after his statement was bound. At least, they suggest that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of possibilities to arm of the statement was presented to arm of the statement was bound. At least, they suggest that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been the application of the statement was been that been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been the arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been the arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the President's mind as to his earlier minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was been that a doubt has been raised in the president's minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that be was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that the was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that the was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that the was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that the was forbidien to arm of the statement was the minersion that the was forbidien to arm of the reasion that he was forbidden to arm h ps unless the statute of 1819 was re-scaled and authority given him to furnish aval guns to vessels for the American merchant marine.

#### FILIBUSTER IN SENATE

The filibuster against the armed neutral-ity bill in the Senate was maintained to the last minute, despite the fact that a great majority of Senators were in favor of bringis the bill to a vote and had signified their stantion of voting for It. During the night riends of the measure drafted a statement intended to show the public that the passage of the bill was only prevented by a small minority exercising their right to free speech under the rules of the Senate. This statement was signed by seventy-six the ninety-six Senators. Seven Repub licans and five Democrats refused to sign it and eight other Senators could not be reached at the time, although it is believed that several of these nine would have signed

had they had the opportunity Despite this clear manifestation of the sontiment of the Senate, the filibuster held sway until the hour of adjournment was reached. The closing hours of this remarkable fight were marked by an acrimonious the performance as one of the "most rep-

In the history of the Senate." This was just after Hitchcock had made a final appeal for unanimus consent for a vote on the bill and La Follette had ob-jected. While this final skirmish was taking place in the Senate chamber Presi-than fifty feet away, ready to sign the bill. But La Follette's emphatic objection ban-ished the last hope for its success. BERLIN

Senator Stone, as the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, as well as Norris and La Follette, new occupy most impatricite positions, howing, it is charged, to an un-American citizenship in their re-

spective States and stuffiging themselves in the hope of attracting a large group of voters on election day. Pentruse and Stone are what is known as Triends after dark" Penrose nided and abetted the fillunters without being an ac-tive one himself. While he is hitterly op-posed to President Witson's foreign policy. ngineered.

unineered silently by himself had allowed is taking of a vote. When Senator Lodge was advising his Republican colleagues and others to sign a paper protesting against the flibuster late Saturday night, Penroes declined to sign it. celaring that it was an unnecessary and

unwise political move. After criticisms had been heaped up in him today for his attitude. e sought to explain it by saving that he was not present when the paper was cir-calated, but was favorable to the passage of the full, as every one linew

## GREAT BRITAIN AMAZED AT FILIBUSTER RESULT

LONDON, March 5 .-- London is purgled and amaged at the failure of the United States Senate to pass the armed ship bill. The news reached here after the morn-ing papers had closed their editorial col-

umms for the day, but it evolved much com-ment in official circles and among members of the American colory. Everywhere it was

this power, evidently had not reached Lon-don when this dispatch was filed. The Senate's failure to act will have no exchange of remarks, which at one time threatened to develop into a personal en-counter between Senators La Follette and Robinson. Senator Hitcheock, of Nebraska, who held the floor at the closing, branded diplomats, it is pointed out, will make much rehensible flibusters that ever took place in the history of the Senate." This was just after Hitchcock had made a final appeal for unanimus consent for a

### MEXICO TO WAR ON U.S., GERMAN PRESS BELIEVES

BERLIN, March 5 .- Mexico will begin hostilities against the United States at once, if war breaks out between the United States and Germany, a portion of the German press believes.

General Carranza will act upon his 5wn nitiative and without any urging from Ber in, the Vossische Zeitung declares. And, that newsparser adds, Cuba and the Philip-pines may decide to make common cause with Mexico on the ground that the United States has inflicted serious wrongs on them.

Almost without exception the Berlin pa pers agree that Foreign Secretary Zimmer-mann's statement was a complete justifica-tion of Germany's course in attempting to arrange a defensive alliance with Mexico and Japan

Count von Reventiow, often accused of cong violently "anti-American," criticizes

Being violently "anti-American," criticizes Secretary Zimmermann severely in his dis-cussion of the proposal to Mexico. Publication of Germany's offer, Revent-bow asserted, has unified American senti-ment behind President Wilson. Further-more, Reventiow declared the propie of the United States will remember the Gar-man proposal long after the end of the present was with probably indury to Garman. nt way with probably injury to German trade interests

PRESIDENT ASSAILED

# IN REICHSTAG DEBATE

BERLIN, March 5 --- President Wilson as vigorously assalled by Doctor Stresswas vigorously assalled by Doctor Stress-mann, Raichstag member, during the course of a discussion on the hudget that turned into a discussion of relations with the

all the world and looks on it as a chemist on a report. He doesn't know Europe, but considers himself justified to be her teacher. "German Americans tid everything to prevent conflict between us and the United States. They fully understood Germany." Strugg'e for existence. Persecuted by Wil-son they maintain the idea of Germany. Americanism until new. Wi son once weit. Toctor Hausmann, member of the Peo-

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