



WILSON SEES DEFEAT OF SHIP PURCHASE BILL AND OFFERS CONCESSIONS TO REPUBLICANS

President, During Conference, Asks Progressive Republicans to Take the Places of Nine Democrats Who Revolted Against the Administration Yesterday

MEASURE WILL BE AMENDED, IS BELIEF Declaration of Principle Might Be Incorporated, Saying Government Would Buy No Ships Which Would Involve Controversies With Belligerents

Washington, Feb. 2.—While the administration Senate Democrats cautioned to-day to reorganize their shattered lines and renew the fight for the ship bill, President Wilson conferred with Progressive Republican Senators at the White House seeking a basis to make the bill agreeable to enough of that wing and fill the gap caused by the sudden defection of nine Democratic votes in yesterday's session coup, when the anti-administration Senators threw the measure into the shadow of defeat.

One of the strong possibilities of a basis of compromise was that a declaration of principle might be incorporated in the bill, saying the government intended to buy no ships which would involve controversies with the European belligerents, but that it would be so framed as not to surrender any of the rights of the United States.

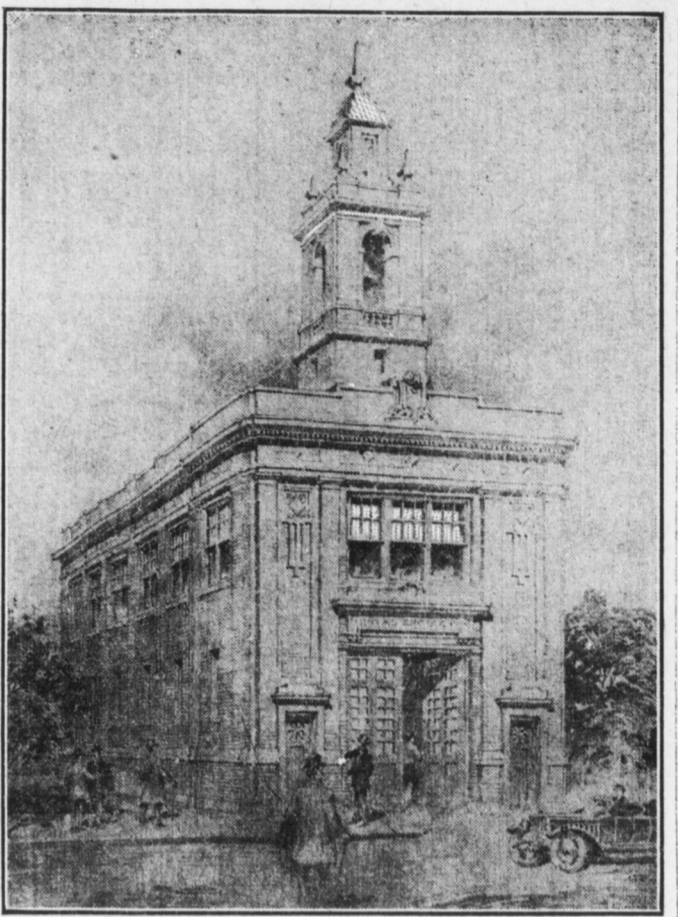
Remain Out of Caucus Seven of the Democrats who voted with Republicans yesterday did not attend the caucus. They were Bankhead, Camden, Clark, Hardwick, Hitchcock, O'Gorman and Vandaman. Senators Hoke, Smith and Bryan, however, who voted to table Vice-President Marshall's ruling declaring out of order Senator Clark's motion to recommit the bill did not ignore the caucus.

Amendments which the caucus considered included those urged by Senators Norris and Kenyon. One, by Senator Norris, would provide that no vessel should be purchased by the government which sails under the flag of any nation at peace with the United States, unless prior to such purchase an understanding or agreement shall have been reached that will avoid any international difficulty or dispute regarding such ship purchase.

Wilson Still Confident The President told the correspondents at the White House he was confident the bill would pass. When asked if there would be amendments he replied the changes contemplated would not alter the spirit of the measure. He hoped, and was inclined to think, that such changes as were made would satisfy the Progressive Republicans, who were not asking anything inconsistent with the principle of the bill, but wanted chiefly, he said, to de-

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain or sleet to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; lowest temperature to-night, about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or sleet to-night and Wednesday; cast gales. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to rise to-night and Wednesday, except the upper portions of the Susquehanna river which will probably begin to fall Wednesday. The highest stage of the river will be reached at the flood point in all streams of the system. A stage of about 8.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning. General Conditions The storm has continued to move slowly eastward during the last twenty-four hours with decreasing strength and is now central over the Ohio valley. It has caused precipitation over nearly all the country east of the Mississippi river. It is 2 to 24 degrees colder over nearly all the country, except Utah, Idaho and Montana, where it is somewhat warmer. Temperature: 8 a. m., 36, sun; Rise, 7:14 a. m.; sets, 5:23 p. m. Moon: Rises, 8:23 p. m. River Stage: 5.23 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 40. Lowest temperature, 20. Mean temperature, 35. Normal temperature, 28.

HOW ROYAL FIREHOUSE WILL LOOK WHEN BUILT



PLAN OF THE ROYAL FIREHOUSE Plan of the Royal Fire Company house drawn by C. Howard Lloyd, architect, which is to be erected on the north side of Derry street about 25 feet west of the western line of Twenty-first street. The building will be two story, red brick, with stone trimmings, outside dimensions, about 25 by 75.

ENGLAND OBJECTS TO U. S. SENDING FOOD SUPPLY TO GERMANY

Great Britain Gives Notice Ships Will Be Seized and That There Will Be No Compensation

Washington, Feb. 2.—Great Britain notified the United States to-day although not in official form, that foodstuffs and the ship allowed to go free, Germany, Austria and Turkey would be regarded as contraband of war. The action of the British Government is based upon the recent German decree whereby that government will take over all grain in Germany for common use. Because the steamer Wilhelmina sailed from New York for Bremen before the issuance of the decree it is understood that her cargo of food for German civilians will be paid for and appropriated by the British Government. But, hereafter, food-laden ships sailing from the United States directly for German ports or for neutral ports in Europe where it appears that the cargo may ultimately reach Germany, will be subject to seizure outright, ship and cargo, without compensation. The State Department now is considering this latest announcement of the British Government but so far has not committed itself to its approval.

Attorney General Breaks Records on Employes' Pay Opinion

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown established a record for quick legal advice to-day. He was asked about 11 o'clock by Auditor General A. W. Powell whether he could pay legislative employes from the first day of the session. It has been customary to pay those appointed for that period and also pay the holdovers until they are superseded. At noon Mr. Brown made a decision. Mr. Brown holds that they shall be paid from the first day of the session. The opinion was given by Mr. Hampton Todd when Attorney General on April 7, 1909, to T. A. Crichton, and says that he concurs in the findings of his predecessor. GERMAN OFFENSIVE RESUMED SAYS PETROGRAD DISPATCH Petrograd, Feb. 2.—Renewal of a fierce offensive by the Germans in the region of Sochaczew and Bolimovo on the road to Warsaw is admitted in an official statement here to-day. The violence of the German attack, the statement says, compelled some of the Russian units to retire to the second line of trenches.

TO APPOINT VIEWERS FOR 'HARDSCRABBLE'

Solicitor Seitz Suggests Plan to Settle Benefits and Damage Problem

Solution of the "Hardscrabble" problem without working hardship on the owners of properties on the west side of Front street between Herr and Calder—the stretch which will be taken over by the city—was suggested to council this afternoon by City Solicitor D. S. Seitz in a comprehensive letter on the subject. Solicitor Seitz suggested that he be authorized to ask the court to appoint viewers to assess the benefits and damages that may result from the taking over of the properties but that the affected propertyholders be not required to relinquish possession until the amount of damages has been determined and a judgment entered in the owners' favor against the city. By this method instead of waiting a

FLOUR INCREASES \$2 BBL. IN TWO MONTHS

Price Has Steadily Been Soaring; Wheat Is Touching Only the High Spots

At the local warehouse of the Paxton Flour and Feed Company wheat was quoted to-day at \$1.40 a bushel. This is the highest price in this section since 1898 when it was at \$1.50 a bushel. During May, 1909, wheat sold in Harrisburg for \$1.40, to-day's price. In Chicago to-day the price of wheat was quoted at \$1.60 1/2 a bushel. The price was for wheat in bulk, sold direct to millers and other heavy buyers. Local warehouses, it is understood, are well filled at present. Local dealers anticipate a further increase, but how much, they are unable to say. Local baking companies announced that bread would not go higher immediately. According to Harrisburg grocery-men, the high cost of living has been increased only in the retail price of flour, due to high wheat prices. At the Kreider Brothers store it was stated that consumers buy in bags containing twenty-four and a half pounds. The price is \$1.15. Three

LABOR MEN HELD FOR MURDER

By Associated Press Denver, Col., Feb. 2.—William T. Hickey and Ed M. Grose, secretary-treasurer and vice-president, respectively, of the Colorado Federation of Labor, were arrested last night, charged with murder, according to information from the sheriff's office to-day.

GERMANS CAPTURE RUSSIAN TRENCHES

Petrograd, However, Says Gains Were of Small Importance as Compared With Losses

6,000 GERMANS LOST IN WEEK Churchill Says Germany Is Now Like "a Man Throttled With Heavy Gag"

The new German attack on the Warsaw front has led to some of the heaviest fighting of the war in the East thus far. An official statement from Petrograd to-day admits that the Germans succeeded in carrying Russian trenches in the region of Solchzew and Bolimov, near the Vistula and about 30 miles west of Warsaw, but states that the German successes were of small importance compared with the losses they sustained in the course of their operations. On the front less than a mile long, more than 6,000 Germans are said to have been killed in a week. The Russians charged the captured trenches and Petrograd reports they succeeded in winning back a large part of them. The battle for possession of Carpathian passes continues without definite success for either the Russians or the Austrians.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, is quoted as having said that on account of England's control of the seas, Germany was a man throttled with a heavy gag, and that "the effort wears out the heart and Germany knows it."

GERMANS RESENT EXECUTIONS

VON KLUCK'S SON DEAD Berlin, via Amsterdam and London, Feb. 2, 10:10 a. m.—The eldest son of General Von Kluck, a lieutenant, is reported to have fallen near Middelkerke on January 26. All former non-commissioned officers under fifty years are called to drill recruits.

WIRES DAMAGED IN WEST

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—Weather conditions to-day continued to hamper telegraph and telephone companies and communication with many points was difficult and in some directions cut off.

Waits for Knight From Out of South

Lady Mawson Wireless Explorer That She Just Can't Give Him Up If you had become engaged to "the only man" just before he sailed away for a weary year's stay in the wastes of the South Polar Seas, and after a weary heartaching wait you had received a wireless from out the blackness of the Antarctic Circle to the effect that the one man in the world was a physical wreck because of the awful hardships he had undergone and that therefore he released you from your promise—what would YOU have done? Ten to one you'd have fashed back by return wave the very same message that so thoroughly convinced Sir Douglas Mawson that the South Pole, after all, isn't so cold. Here's the message: If you ever needed me you need me now. Refuse release. Love you.

FLOOD DANGER HALTED BY COLDER WEATHER

Storm Is Decreasing; Spring's Coming; Groundhog Didn't See His Shadow

The rain of the past thirty-six hours will not cause a flood, according to forecasts issued to-day. A stage of about eight and one-half feet is indicated for Harrisburg to-morrow morning. A cold wave in the northeastern part of the United States has lowered temperatures, preventing the rain which fell from draining into the streams and removing immediate danger of floods. The forecast for Harrisburg and Eastern Pennsylvania to-night and Wednesday is rain and sleet with the lowest temperature about freezing. The storm is now over the Ohio valley and is decreasing in strength. Almost two inches of rain fell in Harrisburg during the past twenty-four hours. Other Rivers Rising Flood stages were expected at Pittsburgh at noon. In the eastern part of the State rain has caused high stages on the Lehigh, Schuylkill and Delaware rivers. The mills at Manayunk closed this morning owing to the rise

CANADIANS IN READINESS

By Associated Press Victoria, B. C., Feb. 2.—The Canadian Department of War and defense has ordered the Thirtieth overseas battalion, which has been in training outside Victoria, to be held in readiness for departure for England.

SENATOR BEIDLEMAN PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

More Than Majority of Senators Pledge Themselves to His Support For That Honor



SENATOR E. E. BEIDLEMAN

Senator Edward E. Beidleman, of this city, will be the next President pro tem. of the State Senate. The senator has been endorsed for election by thirty of the Republican senators, who have signed a paper for him which is to be presented to the Republican senatorial caucus at the close of the session and more are expected to sign to-day. As the membership of the Senate is fifty, the selection of the Dauphin senator is assured. He was heartily congratulated to-day by his colleagues and by friends on this recognition of his work as a senator.

Grandson of Paul Kruger Held on Treason Charge

Pretoria, via London, Feb. 2, 10:19 A. M.—Pietre Grobler, a member of the parliament of the Union of South Africa and a grandson of Paul Kruger, has been committed for trial on a charge of treason.

GERMAN OFFICER CHARGED WITH DYNAMITING BRIDGE OVER ST. CROIX RIVER

Police Make Arrest in Hotel at Vanceboro, Maine; Structure Joined United States and New Brunswick; Span Blown Out by Heavy Charge; Authorities Say They Have Secured Confession

Vanceboro, Maine, Feb. 2.—An attempt to destroy the railroad bridge spanning the St. Croix river, which forms the international boundary line between Eastern Maine and New Brunswick, was made early to-day. One of the three spans of the structure was blown up by dynamite. The attack on the bridge caused great excitement on the New Brunswick side, where rumors of a German plot spread rapidly, and resulted in an immediate investigation by the provincial authorities. Inquiry was begun on this side and led to the arrest at a local hotel of a man who gave his name as Werner Van Horn. According to the police, the prisoner said he was an officer in the service of Germany, but refused to divulge his rank. The police assert that he admitted he exploded the dynamite under a section of the bridge and that a dynamite cap and a plan of the bridge were found in his pockets. Van Horn, according to the police, described himself as 37 years old. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs about 200 pounds. He is smooth shaven.

The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Ross, who was accompanied by a Maine Central Railroad detective and two Canadian officers from McAdam Junction, N. B. He was removed to the United States immigration rooms, where he was closely guarded. Made No Resistance When taken into custody at his room in the hotel Van Horn made no resistance, but is alleged to have told the officers the circumstances of the dynamiting. He seemed unable to speak very good English. No papers were found to identify him. In a coat pocket he carried a German flag. Asked why he had dynamited the bridge the prisoner, the police say, made the simple explanation that his country was at war with Great Britain and that Canada was a part of the enemy's country. He said, according to the officers, that he came from New York, having left that city on Friday night and arrived here Saturday. Immediately after discharging the explo-

Zepplin Raid on Cities of England Proves Myth

London, Feb. 2, 3:0 A. M.—Nothing further has been heard up to this hour of a Zepplin raid nor is there any confirmation or reports that German submarines were seen yesterday in the Irish Sea between Holyhead and Dublin. Cross-channel service is still running and it is considered there is no great danger for swift vessels. There seemingly was no occasion for alarm in London over a Zepplin raid.

ONE MAN KILLED BY EARTHSHOCK

London, Feb. 2, 2:20 P. M.—Earth shocks occurred last night in a number of districts in Yorkshire. One miner was killed and many had narrow escapes owing to the shaking down of coal in the pits. In some cases the pits were rendered unworkable by the fall of coal.

JOHN M. WARD, OF WILKES-BARRE, DIES

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 2.—John M. Ward, pioneer merchant and prominent in business and banking circles, died to-day of general debility. He was 80 years old.

APPOINTS POSTMASTER FOR SCRANTON

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson to-day selected John J. Durkin, as postmaster of Scranton, Pa. The nomination was prepared for the Senate.

WHEAT AT \$1.65 IN LAST HOUR

Chicago, Feb. 2.—On a second, strong swell, the wheat market swept upward in the last hour to \$1.65 for May, a gain of 9/4c a bushel compared with last night. Transactions in the May option became so hazardous that the bulk of trading shifted to the July delivery.

BISHOP DUBS GROWS WEAKER

Harrisburg.—Reports from the bedside of Bishop Dubs, who is ill at his home from organic heart trouble, this afternoon were simply—"He is gradually growing weaker."

Would Require Everybody Spending Money For Political Purposes to Report to Courts

A bill to compel reports from every party who may expend money for political candidates was presented in the Senate to-day by Senator Sensenich, of Westmoreland, of whom the measure provides an amendment to the corrupt practices act interpreting the term "political committee" to include "every person, copartnership, association, federation, league, society or corporation who or which raises or collects or uses or disburses or permits or controls or assists in the raising or collecting, using or disbursing of money to elect or defeat any candidate or candidates." Under the present law only political committees are required to report the expenditure of money in campaigns. Under the Sensenich bill all money expended, no matter by whom, would have to be certified to the clerk of the courts. Senator Sensenich says the bill is aimed to reach individuals or associations who expend money for candidates outside of the regular political committees. Senator Sensenich also introduced in the Senate to-day a bill making it mandatory for all courts of record to render decisions within the month of the trial of a case unless all parties agree to an extension of time. A similar bill was defeated in the last Legislature. Other bills introduced included Mr. Sproul, Delaware—Exempting

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Coplinsky and Pauline Brenner, etc.