



CONGRESS MAY BAR TRAVEL ON ARMED VESSELS DESPITE WILSON

Threaten to Dely President on His U-Boat Policy Which Leaders Say Will Force U. S. Into War; Smouldering Sentiment Might Blaze Up to Embarrass Diplomatic Negotiations With Germany

IS DETERMINED TO OPPOSE WARNING

Report That Bolt Was Contemplated and That Democrats Had Given President Forty-Eight Hours to Change Policy, Flatly Denied; May Appeal to Patriotic Americans Not to Board Armed Ships

Washington, Feb. 24.—Congress assembled to-day with the agitation for action warning Americans off belligerent ships overshadowing all other questions. President Wilson's supporters, apprehensive of the smouldering sentiment which might suddenly blaze up to embarrass the diplomatic negotiations with Germany were working to hold the administration forces in line and keep the question from the floor of both House and Senate. The legislative situation in both houses favored the administration forces. The Senate was in the legislative day of yesterday which prevented the subject from coming up without unanimous consent. The situation in the House was similar but not so serious. If an outbreak came the leaders expected it would be there. Word went to the Capitol again early to-day that President Wilson's opposition to any action by Congress was unshaken and that Charles Fletcher, chairman of the committee dealing with foreign affairs, could explain his position fully. Administration officials outside of Congress professed to be undisturbed by the agitation and expressed confidence that the President's position would be supported.

Calm Down As members of both houses assembled for to-day's sessions the situation appeared to have cooled considerably, although there still were evidences of opposition to the President's determination to insist that Americans have a right to travel on merchant ships of a belligerent. The exact status of the situation was explained as follows: Many members of the House and some in the Senate, being much in the dark as to exact facts in the negotiations with Germany, fear that it would lead to war if Americans are not kept off armed merchantmen and if Germany should insist on the determination to sink armed merchant vessels whether armed for offense or only for defense. They feel that they should be informed.

Attempt to Introduce Warning Resolution Is Blocked by Republican

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The first attempt to introduce legislation warning Americans off armed belligerent ships, made in Congress to-day by Senator Gore, a Democrat, was summarily blocked by Senator Brandegee, a Republican, and under the rules of the Senate cannot be resumed until to-morrow. Senator Gore sought to introduce his bill to prohibit passage of Americans on such ships and also to introduce a concurrent resolution requiring passage by the House, but, unlike his bill, had not the approval of the President. Senator Gore issued a statement declaring "It seems to me the ship of

QUICK APPROVAL OF FLETCHER IS URGED IN SENATE

Leaders Believe Favorable Action at Secret Session Is Now Assured

WIDELY KNOWN HERE Native of Cumberland Valley Has Attained High Honors in Consular Service



H. P. FLETCHER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—With administration leaders urging speedy confirmation, the name of Henry Prather Fletcher was considered as ambassador to Mexico in secret session this afternoon. The nomination was favorably reported yesterday by the foreign relations committee. Administration senators believe favorable action by the Senate is assured.

Widely Known Here H. P. Fletcher was born in Greencastle, Pa., April 10, 1875. He attended private school in Chambersburg and later studied law in the office of D. Watson Rowe, in that town. He was admitted to the bar in 1897 as a member of the firm of Rowe & Fletcher. From 1891 to 1893 he was the official reporter of the thirtieth judicial district of Pennsylvania. After service in the Spanish-American War with Roosevelt's Rough Riders he enlisted in the regular army at the close of that conflict and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in the Philippines from 1899 to 1901 and when his military career came to an end he was battalion adjutant of the Fortieth Infantry.

Lykens Strike Situation Remains Unchanged Today

Lykens, Pa., Feb. 24.—There is no change in the strike situation at the Short Mountain colliery at Lykens, where about 1,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America quit work yesterday on the refusal of the mine officials to reinstate William Stuppy, a loader boss. Everything is quiet about the mines and in the town. There is no strike at the Williamson colliery.

\$10 Bank of Maryland Note Found Among Old Papers

Dillsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—On Tuesday William H. Lerew and J. A. Lerew, while going through some old papers that belonged to their father, Isaac Lerew, who died some time ago, found an old \$10 bill dated 1826. The bill was on "The Bank of Maryland," and was in a good state of preservation.

Alfred Douden, President Millersburg Bank, Dies

Millersburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Alfred Douden, a prominent citizen of Millersburg and for many years president of the First National Bank and founder of the A. Douden Planing Mills, died at his home in Union street at 8:45 o'clock this morning in his eighty-third year. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of Susquehanna Lodge, P. and A. M., of Millersburg. He is survived by his wife and a sister, Mrs. Thomas, also several other brothers. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

DID HE HAVE 'EM? Lewistown, Pa., Feb. 24.—While Frank Shreffler, employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, was out near Reedsville yesterday he saw a live snake along the road.

TO SPEND MANY MILLIONS ON PA. STEEL COMPANY

At Least \$5,000,000 at Steelton; 20 Millions at Sparrows Point

5 NEW FURNACES HERE Schwab to Centralize Offices of Two Concerns at Bethlehem

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—Fifteen to twenty million dollars will be expended by the Bethlehem Steel Company in developing the Maryland Steel Company's plant at Sparrow's Point, Md., according to an announcement made to-day by E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Corporation after an inspection of the Sparrow's Point plant.

Announcement by Charles M. Schwab that he will erect an addition to the general office building at South Bethlehem, presumably to be used for centralizing a number of offices of the Pennsylvania Steel Company; inspection of the Sparrows Point plant of the Maryland Steel Company by President E. C. Grace and party of Bethlehem officials; and the resignation of William H. Donner, chairman of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's board of directors, as president of the Cambria Steel Company—these are today's biggest developments in the recent deals involving many of the State's largest steel companies.

The addition to the Bethlehem Steel offices, according to dispatches this morning, will contain 45 rooms and will be three stories high. It will be so built that three more stories and 45 more rooms may be added at any time. Work will be started at once. This move of Mr. Schwab's, it is said, indicates his desire to centralize in South Bethlehem many of the Pennsylvania Steel Company offices.

Following the inspection of the local plant yesterday, President Grace, as reported exclusively in the Telegraph last evening, announced that Mr. Schwab's company would immediately enlarge the blast furnace department and modernize the entire plant.

Five New Furnaces Shortly before leaving for Baltimore

Shortly before leaving for Baltimore Professor Shenk to Run Against Urich on Local Option Platform

Annapolis, Pa., Feb. 24.—With the announcement of Dr. I. K. Urich's candidacy to succeed himself as Assemblyman from Lebanon county, plans are being perfected for the launching of an active campaign in behalf of Prof. H. H. Shenk, dean of the faculty of Lebanon Valley College, as an aspirant for the republican nomination from the district of Lebanon. To be made on a local option platform as opposed to the Personal Liberty ticket of Dr. Urich.

Will You Give Piece of Your Skin to Help Save Woman's Life?

Are you willing to give a piece of your skin to save a woman's life? Next Tuesday the physicians of the Harrisburg Hospital will use more skin to the scalp of Mrs. Barbara Rowe, of Liverport, who was seriously injured January 29 when she was caught in a quarry shredding machine. Mrs. Rowe's scalp was torn from the forehead to the back of her neck. Several days ago the doctors at the hospital grafted a large quantity of skin from the body of Mrs. Rowe's father, husband and brother, but need more. One man has already offered skin for a second operation, but the physicians said to-day that they need more volunteers.

Three Drown in Well of Sour Whisky Mash

Dahlonega, Ga., Feb. 24.—"Jack" and Homer Wehant and Charles Gaddis were drowned yesterday in an old well into which Federal revenue officers, after destroying an illicit still, had dumped a quantity of sour mash from which whisky is made. The three men fell into the well, it was said while they were trying to dip up some of the liquid. Children passing the well, which is in the mountains ten miles from here, heard cries for help. The men were heard when a rescue party arrived.

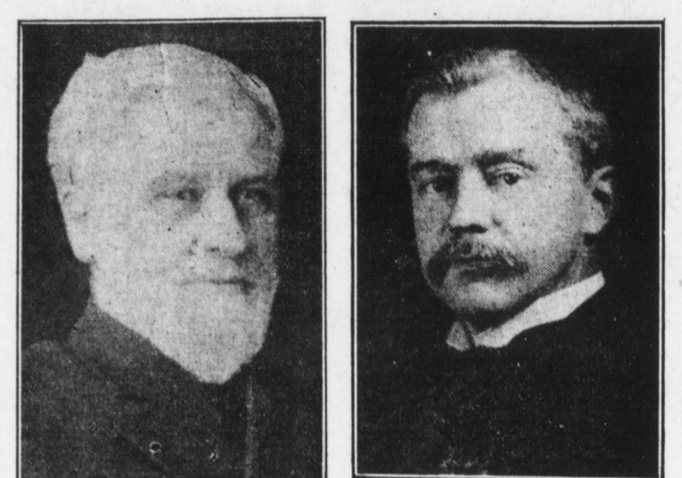
Jailed Brewer Official Is Released on Bail

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 24.—H. F. Fox, of New York, secretary of the United States Brewers' Association, who was sent to jail last night because he refused to answer questions put to him by the Federal grand jury investigating the alleged political activities of brewery interests, was released this morning on \$1,000 bail. Earlier in the day Fox's attorneys went before the court and applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Pending the arguments Fox was given his freedom.

UPPER END BARN BURNED

Elizabethville, Pa., Feb. 24.—A large barn on the farm of William P. Lenker, one mile north of town, was burned to the ground about 7 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Lenker and her son Forrest were the only people home and they saved all the livestock, except a few small pigs and all the chickens. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

UNITED EVANGELICAL 22ND CONFERENCE IN SESSION HERE TODAY



BISHOP U. F. SWENDEL, Presiding Officer of Conference. DR. HOWARD A. KELLY, Noted Baltimore Physician Who Will Lecture To-morrow.

Delegates From Harrisburg, Allentown, and Reading Districts Hear of Growth of Church During Year; Bishop Urges All Interests to Plan Bigger Things For Coming Year

With Bishop U. F. Swengel, of this city, presiding, the twenty-second session of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church was opened this morning shortly before 9 o'clock in the Harris Street United Evangelical Church, Harris and Susquehanna streets. Close to 300 ministers and laymen from the Harrisburg, Allentown and Reading districts of the conference are attending the session, which will continue throughout the week and the coming Sunday.

A profound impression was created at the session's opening exercises by the presence of all the living bishops of the Evangelical Church—Bishops U. F. Swengel and W. H. Fouke, of Napierville, Ill., the present incumbents, and the former bishops, Dr. H. B. Hartzler, Dr. W. M. Stanford and the Rev. W. F. Hell. The first named administers the sacrament of holy communion to the first table of communicants.

WHO WILL BE NEXT BISHOP OF HARRISBURG?

Choice of Successor to Late Head of Diocese Interests Catholics of State

The choice of a successor to the late Bishop Shanahan is at present an absorbing topic of interest among Catholics and many other citizens of this city and the whole diocese of Harrisburg and in the course of a few days, or at least within a month, the preliminary steps will be taken to nominate the clergyman who will rule over the Catholic See of Harrisburg. In the United States, the law of the Catholic Church provides that at the death of a bishop, the diocesan consultors and the removable rectors of the diocese assemble under the presidency of the archbishop or senior bishop of the province, and choose three candidates whose names are sent to the consistorial congregation at Rome and to the archbishops of the province; the archbishop and

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GOVERNOR WON'T TALK CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT

Says That Presidency Matter Is "Up in the Air" at This Juncture

Governor Brumbaugh declined to talk about his reported candidacy for the republican nomination for President at Pittsburgh last night, saying that it was "up in the air." The Governor and Mrs. Brumbaugh were met at Pittsburgh by a number of newspapermen and the Executive was subjected to a rapid-fire of questions which resulted in his denying that he had brought out Speaker Ambler as a candidate for Auditor Gen-

TWO DIE IN EXPLOSION AT MUTTONS PLANT

Kane, Pa., Feb. 24.—Two men were killed and several had a narrow escape from death in a mysterious explosion which destroyed the nitroglycerin plant of the Aetna Explosive Company at Emporium yesterday afternoon.

DIES ON 60TH BIRTHDAY

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—W. A. Martin, of Houlton, Me., president of the Houlton Tru company, died in a hospital last night of injuries received in the wreck of a Seaboard Air Line train at Kingsland Creek, near here last Thursday.

WITNESS TELLS HOW GIRL TRIED TO "LOVE" HIM TO "WHOLE" HIM

Courtroom Edified at Guyer's Story of Escape From Her Clutches

JUDGE CRITICISES DODGE Failure of Investigator to Tell "Whole Story" Is Commented Upon

Sharp criticism by the court of E. H. Dodge's failure to tell "the whole story" of his findings in the wine-rooms of the city; extraordinary tales of the efforts of young women of the underworld to "make dates" with John P. Guyer, field secretary of the Dauphin Law and Order League, for nightly "parties" in their rooms; the attempts of other girls to embrace Guyer in a more or less unorthodox fashion in one of the wine-rooms; the description by the Rev. Harvey Klauer, president of the No-Licence League, of the actions of a drunken man, and the appearance for the first time on the witness stand of two pretty youthful girls of the "tenderloin."

These were the high lights of today's testimony of Dauphin county license court when President Judge Kunkel and Additional Law Judge McCarrall heard the remonstrance filed against the Hotel Lynch, Capital and

Quarreling Men Start Fire Which Makes 240 Homeless; Loss \$200,000

Passaic, N. J., Feb. 24.—Two hundred and forty persons are homeless and almost destitute here to-day as a result of a fire which swept through the tenement district last night and early to-day. According to the police the fire started through a quarrel between two men chopping wood in a cellar under a point store by candle light. In the quarrel the candle was upset, a mass of rubbish caught fire and in a few minutes the flames had seized upon the highly inflammable material in the store and were beyond control. Most of those who lost their homes were cared for by neighbors and a public subscription was started to provide them with clothes. The loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$200,000.

BABE NO HEIRESS OR BORN PRINCESS BUT A FOUNDLING

Russian Prince Learns of Wife's Attempt to Deceive; Suit Dropped

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MINERS WILL BE GRANTED SOME DEMANDS

New York Feb. 24.—The organized mine workers of the soft coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, who are here negotiating a new wage agreement with the coal mine owners to become effective April 1, have been given informal assurances by influential operators it was learned to-day that some of the important demands made by the union will be granted with certain restrictions.

MEASLES CLOSE ALLENTOWN SCHOOLS

Allestown, Pa., Feb. 24.—Because of an epidemic of measles sixteen of the city schools were to-day ordered closed by the health authorities.

WHEAT BREAKS UNDER TENSION

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Disturbing rumors that drastic consequences would result from tension between Washington and Berlin regarding Germany's submarine policy caused a break of more than seven cents a bushel to-day in the price of wheat, as compared with values current earlier in the session.

RAID BREWERS' SECRETARY OFFICES

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Three agents of the Department of Justice, which is investigating alleged contributions to political campaigns in Pennsylvania, to-day visited the offices of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association in this city in an endeavor to serve a subpoena on Charles F. Ettla, the secretary. They could not find Ettla and he was said to be "somewhere in the country." Miss Katherine Gallagher, stenographer in the office was subpoenaed.

BIG ASSAULT ON VERDUN PROCEEDS WITH GREAT FURY BY HEAVY GUNS

Drive Is Developing Into One of the Most Desperate Battles of Entire War; Both Sides Throwing Masses of Infantry Into Fray; Teutonic Lines Are Steadily Drawing Nearer Fortress

300,000 TROOPS UNDER KAISER NOW AT FRONT

Encouraging Men With Speeches Behind Lines; Germans Plan to Bring Up 42 Centimeter Guns; Portugal Creates New Development by Seizure of 36 Ships Belonging to Central Powers

The great German drive for Verdun, the biggest military operation on the western front since the allied offensive of last September, and productive of one of the most desperate battles of the war, is being pushed with tremendous force by the army of the German crown prince. The Teutonic lines are being steadily drawn nearer and nearer the fortress, according to the Berlin war office, which to-day announced the driving of another wedge into the French line. It claims a German advance through the village of Haumont and the capture of Samogneux, about six miles distant from Verdun proper. Elsewhere also the Germans have scored advances, occupying the wooded district north of Beaumont and the woods of Herbe, to the northeast, while to the northwest the village of Brabant has been occupied. French Deny Defeat The French war office, on the other hand, announces that the French lines

ADmirAL VON POHL DIES

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Admiral von Pohl whose retirement on account of ill health from the position of commander of the German battle fleet was announced two days ago, has died in Berlin.

WOMEN'S FLAG LIST AT LYNCH

Harrisburg—On the witness stand this afternoon Thomas J. Lynch applicant for a relicense for the Lynch Hotel declared that he had a "flag list" of fifteen women of questionable character. He denied that his hotel was familiarly known as "The Blazing Rag." Two young girls declared that they had been furnished liquor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 24.—Fire swept through the plant of the Union Storage Company here to-day, completely destroying one warehouse and wrecking another with a loss of \$500,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Martin Kennedy Tate, Cressons, and Hilda Myrene Wanger, Lykens. Harry George Karvounas, Hazleton, and Mary Ferris, city. Robert Lindsay Killian and Ida Florence Eulenbinder, Carlisle.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably rain; slight this afternoon and to-night; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 25 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain or snow to-night, followed by clearing; frosts; westerly gales shifting to west Friday.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly stationary with probably little change in ice conditions. A stage of about 4.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The disturbance that was central over the Ohio Valley Wednesday morning has moved southeastward on a dis now central over South Carolina. It has caused rain in the last twenty-four hours generally south and east of the Ohio river and snow in New England. It is colder in the Ohio and Lower Mississippi valleys, the Gulf States, Middle and North Atlantic States and along the southeastern border of the Great Lakes; also in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In the South Atlantic and Plains States there has been a general rise of 4 to 20 degrees in temperature.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28. Sun: Rises, 6:48 a. m.; sets, 5:51 p. m.

Moons: Rises, 12:11 a. m.; next quarter, February 26, 4:24 a. m.

River Stage: 4.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 31. Mean temperature, 41. Normal temperature, 51.