



WILSON REPEATS OPPOSITION TO CONGRESS ACTING ON ARMED SHIPS

Leaders in Conference Tell Him If Warning Resolution Is Now Introduced It Would Be Passed Over His Head by a 2 to 1 Vote; President Determined That Rights of Americans on the Seas Must Be Upheld

GERMANY MAY POSTPONE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

New Admiralty Order May Not Become Effective Before Middle of March or April 1; Would Give U. S. Much More Valuable Time; Action in Congress on Measure Unlikely

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The fight in Congress over warning Americans of armed ships marked today with the parliamentary situation and other developments favoring President Wilson's position.

At an early morning conference with House leaders the President was told that if resolutions to warn Americans could be forced to a vote now they would be passed in the House by a majority of 2 to 1.

President Wilson, nevertheless, firmly and emphatically reiterated the unyielding position he outlined last night in his letter to Senator Stone.

The President's position, however, was not unopposed. In the House, preparations to hold a session in check for the present at least.

Ex-Secretary Bryan's influence came openly into the fight to-day when Representative Bailey, of Pennsylvania, gave out a telegram from Mr. Bryan opposing the President's position and supporting the agitation in Congress.

Lodge With President. In the Senate, Mr. Lodge, the ranking Republican of the foreign relations committee, openly declared his support of the President's position.

Secretary Lansing said he had no new information from Berlin, and while reports were discussed that Germany might postpone the operation of the new submarine campaign, no basis for them was disclosed.

The President was unshaken in his position that Congress should take no action embarrassing his contention that the rights of Americans on the seas must be upheld at any cost and repeated what he had written last night to Senator Stone.

The House followed away telling the President nothing would be done to-day but they ventured no prediction for the future. He admitted that the situation was serious and could not yet tell how far the sentiment in Congress would be swayed by the publication of the President's views in his letter to Senator Stone.

May Postpone Campaign. When the conference was over, Speaker Clark said there was a rumor that Germany would postpone the beginning of the new submarine campaign until April 1 or the middle of March. He would not say whether he got his information from the President.

The sum and substance of the conference, Speaker Clark said, "is that of an explanation made as to the tem- [Continued on Page 6.]

BURKETT FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25.—The name of Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, former United States Senator from Nebraska, yesterday was formally filed, to be placed on the primary ballot as candidate for the Republican nomination for vice-president.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Light rain or drizzle followed by clearing and somewhat colder weather to-night, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees Saturday partly cloudy. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or snow, followed by clearing and somewhat colder to-night; Saturday partly overcast; strong northwesterly winds.

The main river and the lower parts of its main branches will probably rise slightly. The upper portions and the principal branches will remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

EVANGELIST CAN NOT TAKE PLACE OF THE MINISTER

United Evangelical Conference Told of Need For Faithful Pastors

DISTRICT REPORTS READ Healthy Growth in All Arms of U. E. Church; Many Accessions

That the professional evangelist never can do the work of the regular preacher in bringing men and women into the church is the gist of a discussion of the question of evangelism in the annual report of the Rev. W. F. Heil, former bishop, presiding elder of the Harrisburg district, to the East Pennsylvania Conference, in session in the Harris Street United Evangelical Church, Harris and Susquehanna streets.

The Rev. Dr. Heil points out that the traveling evangelist is a supplementary aid of importance in this work, but declares that the real constructive work of building up the church must be done by faithful and untiring ministers—men who not only seek the straying, but men who do their utmost to keep the saved within the fold as well.

Urges Teaching of Sex Truths. Leroy Bowers Harnish, of Carlisle, former publicity agent of Lebanon Valley College, at Annapolis, and now State superintendent of the World's Purity Federation, addressed the conference on the question of teaching sex truths to children.

Mr. Harnish advocated that parents instruct their children in the truths of life before they are taught the vile and ugly aspects of these things by ill-taught companions. [Continued on Page 21.]

Passengers of Coastwise Steamer Run Down in Fog Transferred at Sea

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—All of the passengers aboard the Merchants and Miners' liner Cretan, which was damaged here by collision with a schooner early to-day fourteen miles from Cape Hatteras, were safely transferred to the steamer Dorothy several hours later, according to a radio message received at the office of the Merchants and Miners.

The Cretan was bound from Philadelphia to Norfolk, Va., when she struck the schooner in a heavy fog. She immediately sent out wireless calls for assistance and several vessels responded. The Dorothy, the destination of which was not given, being the first to reach her. It was believed that the Cretan would be able to make this port under her own power, her collision bulkhead evidently having saved her from foundering.

Twenty-eight on Board

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—The steamship Cretan was saved from her fate Wednesday night. There were twenty-eight passengers on board and a crew of between forty and fifty men. The passenger list is at the Baltimore office of the Merchants and Miners' Line. The Cretan carries a general cargo and is commanded by Captain J. B. Wood, of Baltimore. Officials of the steamship company here have no details of the collision.

Pastor Entertains Choir of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Mechanicstown, Pa., Feb. 25.—Last evening the Rev. H. N. Fogley, pastor of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, entertained the choir of the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ibach, South Market street. After a short talk by Dr. Fogley, who has served the congregation for the past seven years, the company enjoyed vocal and instrumental music and games, and refreshments were served.

NAVY FOUGHT DEAD MULE Shelled as Submarine Gas Proved Animal Not Hors du Combat

London, Feb. 25.—One of the funniest episodes of the war has come to light as a result of an official report of an incident in the Mediterranean, where a dead Texas mule, floating feet upward, was mistaken for a submarine.

An allied patrol vessel gave chase to what was suspected to be an enemy submarine, eventually sending a shell into the supposed U-boat. The official report of the incident gives the final results in these terms: "On being hit, the enemy retaliated with poisonous gases."

URGENT NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Danville, Pa., Feb. 25.—Grangers from Northumberland, Union and Montour counties met here yesterday and in-orsed the movement for the abolition of the liquor traffic. A resolution says: "We favor a nationwide prohibition and suggest that our granges request our members of Congress to use their influence and to cast their votes toward bringing about this result."

PROGRESS OF RUSSIANS THRUST TO SPLIT TURKEY IN TWAIN



"A" Point near Trebizond which the Russians have reached in their advance against that town from Erzerum. The fortress recently captured. "B" Lake Van District, now wholly occupied by the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas. The fall of the important town of Bitlis has been announced. "C" Diarbekr, about 100 miles from Bitlis, and now then take possession. This would make hazardous the position of the Turkish forces fighting the British on the Tigris and impell their army in Persia. Success of this campaign would also make much less difficult the Russian progress toward Adana, the coveted "window" on the Mediterranean.

'SAVE THE BABY, SAVE THE NATION' IS THE SLOGAN

Plans Laid For "Baby Week" in This City, March 15-18 Headquarters at Bowman's

GOOD SPEAKERS SECURED IN CAPITOL PARK ZONE

Educational Nature of the Exhibit a Boon to Every Mother in Harrisburg

Baby will come into his own for four days in March, from the 15th to the 18th, when the child welfare conference, that will be observed all over the country during the week preceding the local exhibit, will take place in this city under the auspices of the Associated Aid Society, the Visiting Nurses' Association and the City Health Bureau.

Don't Spoon! Is Order to Women Athletes

Madison, Wis., Feb. 25.—The honor system has been put into effect among the women of the State University's co-ed athletic teams. Here are some of the rules: Must not go to more than one dancing party a week.

Wheat Causes Surprise by Advance at Opening

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Instead of showing a fresh break in values the wheat market to-day surprised many traders by the opening at an advance. Opening quotations, \$1.18 to \$1.19 1/4 for May and \$1.14 1/2 to \$1.15 1/2 for July, were 1/2 to 1 1/4 cent higher than yesterday's finish.

SUICIDE NOT CRONES

New York, Feb. 25.—The police announced to-day that the man who committed suicide yesterday in Newark, N. J., was not Jean Cronen, the chief who attempted to poison Archbishop Mundelein and three hundred guests at a banquet in Chicago.

CONVENTION COMING HERE

Erie, Pa., Feb. 25.—The annual convention of the Carpenters' State Council ended yesterday. Harrisburg was selected for the convention next year.

HENRY H. SHEEP DEAD

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 25.—Henry H. Sheep, founder and president of the Henry H. Sheep Company, cigar box manufacturers, died here last night, aged 66.

CHURCH UNITES WITH STATE IN FIGHT ON HOTEL

Fred W. Ebel, Proprietor of National, Arouses Two Combined Foes

Commonwealth Takes Property—West Enders Resist Removal

Church and State united to-day in resisting the appeal of Fred W. Ebel, proprietor of the National Hotel, for the privilege of selling rum.

The State's fight was based on Ebel's effort to obtain a re-license of his present hotelery at Fourth and State streets on the ground that the property has been taken over by the Commonwealth for Capitol Park Extension purposes and that Ebel is no longer a tenant.

Penna. Steel Officers Meet to Adjust Legal End of Schwab Transfer

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—A special meeting of the officers, directors and superintendents of plants of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, Maryland Steel Company and its subsidiaries was held this morning and adjourned at 1:30 this afternoon. After the meeting President Felton stated that the board meeting was called to adjust legal details preliminary to the company being taken over by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Justice Hughes Reiterates Declaration That He Will Not Run For President

New York, Feb. 25.—In a letter to Henry A. Wise Wood, former member of Secretary Daniels' naval advisory board, published here to-day, United States Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hughes reiterates his declaration that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Next Two Army-Navy Games on Polo Grounds

West Point, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Lieut. James B. Crawford, secretary and treasurer of the Army Athletic Council, announced to-day that the army and navy football games this year and in 1917 will be played at the Polo Grounds in New York.

4,000 CHEER GOVERNOR

Detroit, Feb. 25.—At last night's meeting four thousand educators cheered Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, in his earnest plea for a square deal to childhood and particularly for the Pennsylvania Child Labor law hailed here as the greatest advance in education for half a century. He addressed the Board of Commerce at noon to-day.

CUNNINGHAM TO SPEAK

Robert J. Cunningham, State Highway Commissioner, has accepted an invitation to attend the William Penn Highway Conference to be held in Harrisburg March 27.

GIVE PEREMPTORY ORDERS TO TEST 19 ST. BRIDGE

County Commissioners Demand "Tryout" Monday by Ferro-Concrete Co.

CONTRACTORS REFUSED Trolley Car to Be Used to Determine Carrying Capacity of Structure

Peremptory orders to test out the carrying capacity of the new Nineteenth street bridge across the Philadelphia and Reading tracks on Monday, February 28, were issued this afternoon by the County Commissioners to the Ferro-Concrete Company, the contractor.

The notification was sent in response to the contractor's refusal to comply with the commissioners' request on Wednesday that the contractors make the required test. The latter declare that the specifications do not require them to do this until after the views appointed by the court have passed on the structure.

Brewers Say Their Records Are Destroyed, During Federal Probe

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 25.—All records of the United States and Pennsylvania Brewers' Association previous to January 1, 1916, have been destroyed, according to testimony offered at the hearing late to-day in United States District Court on the presentation of the Federal Grand Jury asking that three officials of those organizations be declared in contempt for failing to produce subpoenaed records. Denial was made that the records were destroyed after the subpoenas had been served on February 1.

Matter of Business

According to the men, each month when the bank books are balanced, the cancelled checks with the check stubs are destroyed, leaving as the only record of the amount of money either association has in the bank. It also was testified that the minutes of meetings of the association always are promptly destroyed.

Says One Battleship Can Worst U. S. Pacific Fleet

Washington, Feb. 25.—"One good battleship, under certain conditions, ought to overcome all we've got in the Pacific," Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, who is in supreme command on the Pacific, told the House Naval committee. Pressed for further information, the admiral declared the force under his command is entirely inadequate, even with all its reserves called out to meet any probable emergency.

JILTED MAN TAKES POISON

Chester Pa., Feb. 25.—John S. Deperin, foreman at the Dupont works at Carney's Point, entered a barroom here last evening and took poison. He said his sweetheart had "gone back on him."

FIREBUG MAY BE FORMER CONVICT POLICE THEORY

Hold Man on Entering Charge While Seeking Arson Evidence

SEEK HIS ACCOMPLICES Gang of Youths and Boys on Hill May Be Back of Incendiarism

That Lewis Blouch, 1427 Vernon street, who was arrested on Wednesday on an attempted robbery charge, is connected with the series of incendiary fires on Allison Hill, is the belief of a number of residents of that section of the city, who with private detectives and watchmen have been working on the case.

Although Blouch was arrested on a charge of attempting to force an entrance to the Boll Brothers Manufacturing Company plant early Monday morning, he is being held on this charge until the police can gather enough evidence against him and a number of accomplices, to charge them with arson.

More Arrests to Follow. Although nothing could be learned definitely from the authorities about the arrest, or the plans in rounding up the firebugs, it is rumored that more arrests will be made within a few days.

Early Monday morning J. H. Lowery, 1705 Derry street, watchman at the Boll plant, saw a man trying to gain entrance to the place. The intruder, according to the watchman, was trying to enter the room in which highly inflammable supplies are stored. The person trying to gain an entrance was recognized by Lowery, who then reported to the police department. On this information, it is said, Blouch was arrested and committed to jail after he was taken before Alderman Hilton.

In case the police cannot produce enough evidence at the hearing to have Blouch held for court, a charge of furnishing liquor to minors will be brought against the prisoner to-day. Great secrecy was maintained in making the arrest. Instead of placing Blouch's name on the docket at police headquarters, the information [Continued on Page 6.]

COULDN'T IDENTIFY BLOUCH

Harrisburg.—Lewis Blouch, charged with attempted robbery of the Boll Brothers Manufacturing Company, was not identified by the watchman and was released from this charge, but held for a hearing charged with furnishing liquor to minors, according to the police.

PINK BREWERY HEARING NEXT

Harrisburg.—Hearing of the remonstrance against the relicensing of the Fink Brewing Company of this city will begin late this afternoon or early to-morrow morning.

LABORER DROPS DEAD AT WORK

Harrisburg.—Victoria Braco, a laborer residing at Swatara, dropped over dead from acute indigestion this morning, while at work.

PORTUGUESE SEIZE EIGHT MORE SHIPS

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, Feb. 25.—Eight German steamships lying in the harbor here were taken in charge yesterday by officials of the Portuguese government.

U. S. TO PROBE SEIZURE OF SAILORS

Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States to-day instructed Ambassador Page at London to make inquiries at the British Foreign Office regarding the removal of thirty-eight Germans, Austrians and Turks from the American steamship China in Asiatic water and to demand the release of the prisoners if they were arrested on the high seas, as has been indicated.

CONFIRM FLETCHER NOMINATION

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the government of Mexico. The vote was 49 to 16.

CERTAIN THEY HAVE SWINDLER

Washington, Feb. 25.—Postal authorities announced to-day that they were satisfied that the man arrested last night at St. Petersburg, Fla., was John Grant Lyman, wanted in New York for using the mails to defraud, and estimated at from \$400,000 to \$700,000 the amount he is alleged to have obtained through his New York office and branches at Hartford and Springfield.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Henry Gorman and Virgie Felker Lehman, city. Jesse Lefevre Zook Keller, Camp Hill, and Mary Elizabeth Elroyer, Highspire.