



SUDDEN PLUNGE INTO WAR NOT WILSON'S PLAN

President Will Take No Step That Might Bring War With Germany While Congress Is Not in Session He Informs Legislative Leaders.

FAILURE TO PASS APPROPRIATION BILLS MEANS EXTRA SUMMER SESSION

Fairly Long Recess Believed Possible if Needed Bills Are Gotten Through Before To-morrow Noon; Wilson Seeks Republican Support For His Measures.

Washington, March 3. — President Wilson has no intention of taking action that would bring war with Germany unless Congress is summoned in extra session. This was communicated to Senate leaders to-day by representatives of the President, who takes the position that if no extraordinary crisis arises it will not be necessary to call an extra session before late in the spring and then only to pass any appropriation bills which may fail at the present session.

The President to-day continued efforts to persuade Republican Senators to assist in the passage of needed appropriation bills during the present session. These Senators were told by representatives of the President that their argument that Congress should remain in session because of the German situation was not logical because he naturally would take no action leading to a declaration of war without the co-operation of Congress.

GERMAN INTRIGUE IS PLAYED IN SENATE

Washington, March 3. — Congress expected to-day to take final steps toward giving President Wilson authority to arm American merchant ships for defense against submarines, and the Navy Department was ready with guns and gunners to carry out the President's orders.

The bill conveying the authority was before the Senate when it convened this morning after a session which continued long past midnight occupied by eight hours of debate on international relations. Despite the extended discussion little real opposition to the measure was expected.

CONGRESS SETTLES DOWN TO PASS AGREED BILLS

Washington, March 2. — The legislative situation in Congress to-day according to the most optimistic estimates, indicated that Senate Republicans had determined to limit activities for the remainder of the session to the following:

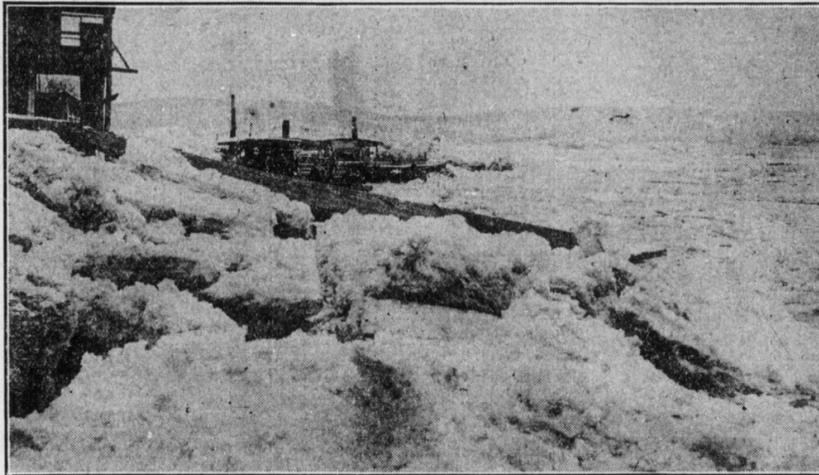
THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, with rain or snow this afternoon, to-night and probably Sunday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about freezing.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably continue to fall slowly or remain nearly stationary above Harrisburg. Places on the main river below Middletown are likely to have flood stages, due to the choking of the channel by ice, which is reported still gorged near Baltimore and probably at other places in the lower river.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OFF More than 100 members of the Central Democratic Club, headed by the Commonwealth Band of 40 pieces, boarded a train at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Washington.

RIVER TOWNS HERE TO CHESAPEAKE MENACED BY TOWERING GORGES



HOW THE WEST FAIRVIEW COAL FLEET IS TIED UP BY THE ICE JAM

Courtesy State Water Supply Commission.

Conditions More Fraught With Danger Than Preceding Destructive Break-up in 1904; Susquehanna South of Harrisburg Jammed Nearly Solid With Monstrous Ice Cakes; Heavy Rain That Would Sweep It Away at a Stroke Only Hope State Water Supply Commission Has That Trouble Will Be Averted

River conditions fraught with danger for towns and hamlets from Harrisburg to the Chesapeake Bay are keeping the experts of the State Water Supply Commission on the alert day and night.

River Jammed Solid In fact, say the experts of the State Water Supply Commission, the present status of the lower Susquehanna

is even more dangerous than in 1904. In that year the lower stream was open to the bay from York Haven. The river was running with solid cakes of ice which, in gorging, leave open spaces for the passage of flood waters. And as a result much of the ice from the upper stream passed on without creating havoc.

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BERLIN DEFENDS PLOT TO INVOLVE AMERICA IN WAR

Treachery on German Soil Said to Have Given U. S. Notice of Intrigue

London, March 3. — Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister to Mexico, as published in the United States, are admitted in Berlin to have been correctly quoted, according to a dispatch to Reuter's from the German capital by way of Amsterdam.

Zimmermann Virtually Admits He Plotted to Have U. S. Invaded

Berlin, March 3. — By wireless to Sayville. — The following was given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency: Foreign Sec'y, Zimmermann was asked by a staff member of the Overseas News Agency about the English report that "German plot had been revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States." Secretary Zimmermann answered: "You understand that it is impossible for me to discuss the facts of this 'revealed' plot. Just at this moment, and under these circumstances, I therefore may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports, which certainly are not inspired by sympathy with Germany. The English report expressly states that Germany expected and wished to remain on terms of friendship with the United States but that we had prepared measures of defense in case the United States declared war against Germany. I fall to see how such a 'plot' is inspired by unfitness on our part. It would mean nothing but that we would mean universally admitted in war, in case the United States declares war.

BETTER SCHOOLS, CROPS AND ROADS HOPE OF FARMERS

New Dauphin County Bureau to Work Aggressively For Improved Conditions

Crop production, road improvement, rural school development and the betterment of conditions generally in the agricultural sections of Dauphin county will be pushed forward with vim and vigor as the result of the organization of a Dauphin County Farm Bureau here yesterday.

Allan Carter Wins Two Prizes in Lambertton Oratorical Contest

Allan Carter, colored, won the prize for oratory yesterday afternoon in the Lambertton contest, this being additional to the prize for one of the four best essays submitted by the boys of the senior class on "John Marshall." Carter is an athlete of exceptional ability, also.

REACH PRISONER'S BUMP OF HONESTY "THROUGH STOMACH"

Police department officials this morning discovered that not only can you reach a man's heart "through his stomach" but that the bump of honesty is approachable through the same medium.

DEFINITE STEPS TAKEN TO FOUND CHURCH ON HILL

Methodists Hold Meeting and Name Committees to Select Site For New Structure

Backers Feel Need of Conveniently Located Structure in Northern Section

Plans for organizing a new Methodist Episcopal Church, to be located in the section north of Walnut street and east of the railroad, were discussed last night at a meeting held at the home of Warren K. Van Dyke, 820 North Sixteenth street.

Fifteen members of various Methodist churches, who live in that section of the city, attended the meeting. A committee was named to select a site, prepare plans for a church building and to acquaint methodists living in the northern Hill section with the movement.

The committee consists of the following: J. Frank Sussman, chairman; the Rev. R. H. Colburn, a retired Methodist minister; John T. Olmsted, Al. K. Thomas and William Haseltine. Another meeting will be held before the end of the month when the committee will make a report.

Say Need Is Long Felt In discussing the matter this morning, Mr. Van Dyke said: "There is no doubt in the minds of Methodists residing in that section of the city as to the need of a new church. There are over 250 adult church members in the northern section of the Hill and the need of a conveniently located church has been felt for a long time."

C. I. & S. Representative Dies In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, March 3. — Charles K. Barnes, widely known in the steel industry, died of a fractured skull in a hospital here to-day. He was injured in a fall down a flight of stairs at his residence. Mr. Barnes was president of Charles K. Barnes & Co. Company, formerly representative here of the Central Iron and Steel Company of Harrisburg. He was 64 years old.

Charles K. Barnes, for years the Philadelphia representative of the Central Iron and Steel Company, was well known in Harrisburg as he visited here frequently. Among his many business associates and friends is William H. Yeager and Mark J. Adams, Robert H. Irons, superintendent of the Central company. Mr. Barnes was also an expert shot and is known to many sportsmen here.

RUTHLESS SEA WARFARE FAILS TEUTON PURPOSE

U-Boats Sink Less Than Half of Tonnage Berlin Believed Possible at Start

LITTLE FIGHTING DONE

Military Operations of Minor Importance; Skirmishes on All Fronts

Figures obtained in London and vouched for there as authentic, show that Germany succeeded during February in destroying 490,000 tons of merchant shipping, or less than half of the 1,000,000 tons she threatened to destroy during the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The tonnage destroyed exceeded the total for January, before the period of unrestricted action, by less than 170,000 tons, the January figures being 322,167 tons, while 346,656 tons were destroyed in December.

Military operations yesterday were of comparatively minor importance. Berlin reports violent infantry engagements on both sides of the Ancre, where the great German retirement has been taking place. No mention is made of ground gained or lost, however, the statement of results being confined to announcement that the Germans took 60 prisoners and eight machine guns, besides inflicting casualties of a sanguinary nature.

Only raiding operations have occurred in the other Franco-Belgian front sectors, and the same is true of the Russian front, according to the Berlin report. West of Lutsk, in Volhynia, however, a German raid was on an extensive scale. Russian positions were penetrated to a depth of nearly a mile on a front of more than 1 1/2 miles. The results were the destruction of the Russian dugouts and the capture of 123 prisoners and four machine guns.

CITY PUPILS TO BURY AX AND GET TOGETHER

For First Time in Memory of Man, There Will Be No Rivalry

ALL WORKING HARD

Complimentary Musicals of State College Glee Club at Chestnut Street Monday

Students of the Central, Steelton and Technical high schools, as well as those of the Harrisburg Academy, are all agog over the complimentary concert that will be rendered in their honor by the State College Glee Club. The college boys will sing in the Chestnut Street Auditorium Monday evening, with the opening number at 8.30.

It will be a "get together night" for the students of this city, who will be

Chief of Austrian Staff Is Dismissed by Emperor Charles

London, March 3. — Emperor Charles of Austria has dismissed Field Marshal Conrad Von Hotzendorf, Austrian chief of staff, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. Baron Strauzenberg succeeds Von Hotzendorf.

"Bone Dry" Amendment Is Now in President's Hands

Washington, D. C., March 3. — Approval of the conference report on the \$350,000,000 post office appropriation bill, with its "bone dry" amendment forbidding the shipment of liquor into prohibition States, was voted late yesterday by the Senate without a roll call.

TO FORM RETAIL MERCHANTS' BUREAU HARRISBURG. — PROPRIETORS AND MANAGERS OF RETAIL STORES, MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET AT DINNER AT THE ENGINEERS' CLUB MONDAY EVENING TO ORGANIZE A RETAIL MERCHANTS' BUREAU OF THE CHAMBER. FOLLOWING THE ORGANIZATION, WORK, DETAILS OF THE SPRING OPENING AND OTHER TRADE MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MAY BLOCK ARMED SHIP BILL WASHINGTON, MARCH 3. — THE ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL WAS RUNNING A NECK AND NECK RACE WITH TIME IN CONGRESS THIS AFTERNOON. DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WERE AIMING TO GET IT THROUGH SOME HOW BEFORE THE SESSION DIES TO-MORROW, BUT WERE NOT ENTIRELY SURE OF THE POSITIONS OF ITS OPPOSITION.

DIES WHILE GETTING DINNER Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 3. — While preparing dinner for her family to-day Mrs. George Coover, aged 68, was seized with an attack of heart failure, which resulted in her death. She was found a short time later by her husband. She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

AUTO RAMMED BY CAR A seven-passenger Packard automobile belonging to Mrs. Charles A. Kunkel was rammed by a Second street trolley car in front of the Court House this afternoon while the Democratic Club with the Commonwealth Band was marching to the Pennsylvania Station. The left rear mudguard and hub were knocked off.

WOULD RENAME ISLANDS St. Thomas, D. W. I., March 3. — At a mass meeting held here it was decided to suggest to the Washington government that the Danish West Indies, now American territory through purchase, should be named the "American Virgin Islands."

Samuel C. Delmer, Fenbrook, and Margie Shoop, Williamstown. Francis John Keck and Ada Marie Fuller, York. Raymond Robert Bressler, Tower City, and Maud Elizabeth Jurey, Wiconisco. Charles H. Brubaker and Pearl Elizabeth Weekes, Middletown. Amos Levi Griffee and Anna Magdalene Shepler, Harrisburg. William H. Yeager and Mary J. Adams, Williamstown. Irvin Dinger and Marie Elizabeth Yust, Hummelstown. Robert Edward Broncus, Steelton, and Alice May Robinson, Frederick. Benjamin Wimbirt Waltz, Harrisburg, and Mary Wallace Triff, Newville.