

## President Prefers War To Dishonorable Peace

### Mr. Wilson to Fight the Plan to Keep Citizens Off the Armed Steamers.

Wilson Has Faith In German Pledges and Expects An Explanation.

#### OPPOSED TO ABRIDGING OUR RIGHT

Washington, Feb. 24—President Wilson has uttered a clear call to the country to support him against the effort that is being made in Congress to abridge the rights of Americans to travel the high seas.

The President declares that such a yielding as is now proposed by the leaders of the revolt in Congress will amount to conceding "the impotency" of this nation, and of surrendering the independent position of the United States among the governments of the world.

President Wilson set forth these remarkably strong sentiments in a letter to Senator Stone, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which was made public tonight. This letter breathes a deep determination on the part of the President to stand unalterably for every right now possessed by an American citizen and in its firmness surpasses even the most exaggerated accounts of the President's attitude as outlined by him to leaders of Congress at the recent White House reception.

At the same time the letter shows that the President is still

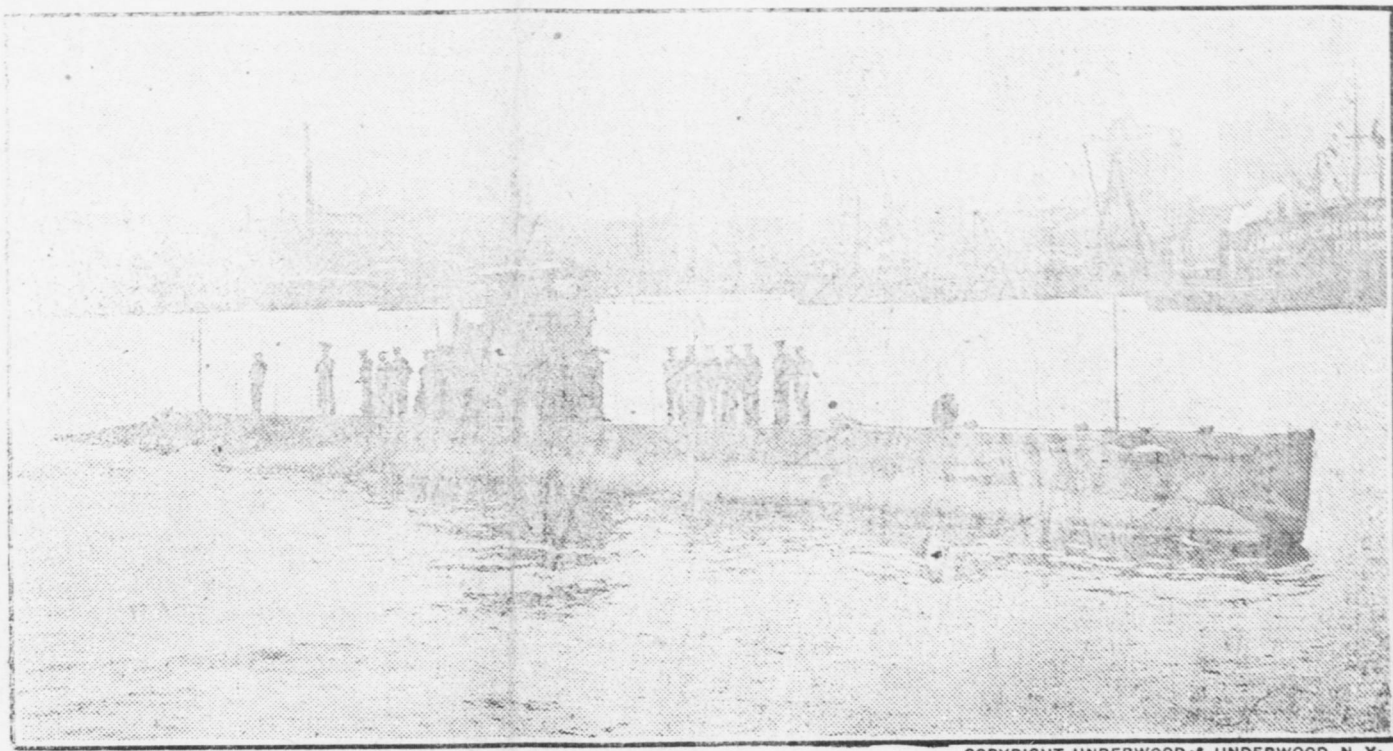
hopeful of obtaining an amicable settlement of the submarine controversy and that he is confident of his ability to keep the country out of war.

In the communication he serves notice to Congress that he will refuse to consent to the abridgement of a single right now possessed by American citizens.

"We covert peace and shall preserve it at any cost, but the loss of honor," was one of the impressive sentences in the letter.

The President declares that for the United States to yield to an abridgement of the right of its citizens as regards armed merchantmen would be a "humiliation" and would amount to an acquiescence in a violation of the rights of all mankind. He declares further that such action would make everything that this government has attempted and achieved meaningless.

The President predicts that if a surrender is made of the right to travel on armed merchantment it will be but the beginning of humiliations for the United States and will threaten the fabric of international law throughout the world.



United States Submarine K-5, recently reported lost enroute from N. Y. Yard to Pensacola

#### RING, LOST TWO YEARS AGO BY JUDGE, KICKED UP BY SHOE OF HORSE

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 19—While riding a horse over his farm at Sandy Hollow, two years ago, Judge J. C. Work, of Fayette county, lost a valuable gold signet ring, supposedly when he pulled off his glove. Yesterday Russell Woodward, son of the caretaker, John Woodward, rode horseback over the same field. When he returned to the stable he noticed a glittering article on the shoe of his horse. It was the judge's missing ring, slipped over a calk of the shoe. The horse had stepped on the ring and the rain-soaked earth prevented the ring from being damaged.

#### PENNSYLVANIA INVENTORS

The following patents were just issued to Pennsylvania clients reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers:

Chas. E. Wilson, Wilkensburg, starting mechanism for automobiles (sold); Wm. Waldemarson, Erie, supporting rack; Frank F. Vandvort, Germantown, interlocking sheet piling; H. O. Swboda, Edgewood borough, electric heating element (sold); Ed F. Sipher, Wilkensburg, rectifier anode (sold); Thos. W. Smith, Scranton, lubricator; D. G. Shucker, Selinsgrove, attachment for bed springs; Thos. O. Schrader, Allentown, safety lock latch for refrigerator doors (sold); R. V. Sage, Westmont borough, car door rigging; M. K. Purdy, Gaston, lifting jack (sold); W. J. Page, Chester, uniting copper to ferrous metals.

#### DRY COUNTY HOTELS IN HANDS OF SHERIFF

Shrewsbury, Pa., Feb. 25—The effect of Judge Prother's decision making Crawford county "dry" was felt first in Cambridge Springs, when Deputy Sheriff W. J. McMullan today took charge of two hotels, the Antler and the American House. Hotel-Renner, in Sagertown, also has a sheriff's notice tacked on it, and it is expected several other hotels will go under the hammer.

#### GASOLINE FAMINE POSSIBLE

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 24—Robert Stewart, director of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, appearing at a hearing before the city Council, declared today that the price will continue to rise and said there is a possibility of a world-wide gasoline famine.

### HENRY FORD PAYS BIG SUM IN CRUSADE

New York, Feb. 24—Eight more delegates who went to Europe as members of Henry Ford's peace expedition last December arrived here today on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam. Mr. Ford went down the bay on a cutter and met the ships at quarantine. Gaston Plantiff, his business representative after Mr. Ford left the party to return to America, stated today that the expedition had thus far cost him employer \$400,000, and that his peace efforts are to be continued through delegates who remained in Europe.

A statement issued by Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, one of the returning delegates, said that while members of the party "admitted the crudities and incoherences" of the experiment, because the "company was hastily gathered and therefore poorly organized," yet "a very definite impression" was made in at least four of the neutral countries, a wide discussion of the principles of peace being promoted, pacifist workers everywhere stimulated, and "cheer and hopefulness" carried to the men in the trenches.

### Two State Licenses Are Received

The Punxsutawney and Elk Run breweries, both at Punxsutawney, were granted a state license last Thursday. These two institutions withdrew their applications before the late license court at Brookville, believing they would not get them from the court, and applied at once for a state license. This permits the breweries to manufacture beer and dispose of it through agencies outside of the county, but they cannot sell in Jefferson county.

#### MEETING TO ARRANGE FOR INDIANA JUBILEE

A mass meeting of citizens was held here Wednesday evening when plans were made for the centennial celebration to be held here next summer. The event will be in charge of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

#### LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office February 19, 1916:

Miss Ruth Buterbaugh, Mrs. Bert Cerwell, Mr. E. D. Hill, Miss Mary Houston, Mr. A. A. Jobe, Dr. J. Johnson, Leino Kelly, Mrs. Pearl Mountain, Mr. Bill Reissing, J. F. G. Smith, Dominico Trouters.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

### A German Agent Held

New York, Feb. 24—Federico Stallforth, a Mexican-German banker, was order today committed to the custody of the United States marshal by Federal Judge Dayton for refusing to answer questions before the federal grand jury, which is investigating the alleged efforts of German agents to foment trouble between this country and Mexico and to instigate strikes in munition factories.

Stalloth was closely associated it is said, with Franz von Rintelen, the reputed head of the German propaganda in the United States, who fled from the country under a false passport when the federal authorities began to investigate his activities. Von Rintelen was taken off the liner on which he sailed by the British and is now a prisoner in England.

### Lawrence County Gets License After Five Years

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 25—Judge Emery issued liquor licenses to 25 Lawrence county applicants yesterday morning. Of this number 14 were retail and 11 wholesale licenses. In 1911, following Billy Sunday's revival, Judge Porter refused all applicants and the county has been dry since that time. There were 100 applications filed.

### Invitations, Reception and Visiting Cards

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### MASSIMINO MAY BE TRIED FOR MURDER

Claims He Received a Letter Demanding Money of Him.

Andrea Massimo, confessed slayer of Carmine Tedesco, was committed to the county jail Tuesday afternoon.

The verdict of the jury at the inquest conducted by Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh, found that Tedesco had come to his death as the result of being shot by Massimino.

According to Massimino's tale, he received an anonymous letter on February 4, which was mailed in Pittsburg on January 24. It demanded that \$300 be placed on the Cokeville bridge on a certain date. The letter was turned over to District Attorney too late to carry out a plan of procedure for the date mentioned and there were no further developments in the case until Monday, when Massimino received word from Tedesco that the latter wanted to meet him at House No. 72, near the glassworks in Blairsville, on Monday night. Massimino could not get into communication with District Attorney Liggett, so he bought himself a revolver, and filling it full of shells, started to appointed place of meeting. Tedesco was there. They had a few drinks and later took a walk. They strolled about the town for some time when suddenly Tedesco made a demand for \$50 from Massimino and backed it up by shooting at him.

Massimino drew his weapon and opened fire.

Following the shooting Massimino went to the residence of Constable Joseph Arty, aroused him at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and told him that he had shot a man and wanted to give himself up.

He was placed in the lockup and later brought to the county jail.

The general opinion is that Massimino will soon be exonerated. Whether or not Tedesco was the author of the letter Massimino received from Pittsburg demanding money is not known, but it is known that he was greatly feared by the foreigners of Blairsville and vicinity and that very few had the courage to refuse any of his demands.

It is the general opinion that Massimino's plea of self defense could be substantiated easily if the frightened foreigners would talk, but they are afraid to tell anything.

#### SUES WIFE HE SAYS HAS THREE HUSBANDS

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 25—Alleging that his wife has two other husbands, Alvin Gardner, has filed suit for divorce. His complaint alleges that his wife, whom he married a year ago, was never legally divorced from Clarence Dutcher, whom she married in Nebraska, nor from R. A. Butler, who went to sea, but never returned.

Mrs. Gardner is now residing at Bremertown with her father and refused to return to the alleged husband number three.

### Ernest-Lucerne Get Mine Lamps

Mine Inspector Thomas Lowther stated recently that active work would be started in Mine No. 2, where the explosion occurred. There is a reluctance on the part of some of the miners to return to the place, but it is not expected that there will be any trouble in getting sufficient workmen.

Electric miners' lamps will be placed all through the Ernest workings at once to relieve the fatality of another fatal explosion. A number of lamps will also be placed in the Lucerne mine.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earl Long, of Blairsville, and Miss Anna Barnhart, of Indiana.

S. W. Allshouse, of Creekside, and Miss Anna May Schreckengost, of Gastown, Armstrong county.

William O. Fry, of Arcadia, and Miss Elsie Waltemaire, of Cherryhill township.

Roy West and Miss Fray Cousin, of West Wheatfield township.

David Matthews and Miss Nellie May Alsop, both of Clymer.

William R. Weaver and Miss Gertrude Armstrong, both of Georgeville.

Marcello Zamboni, of Creekside, and Miss Ella Hazel Ralston, of Indiana.

#### In Windber Hospital

R. M. Shaffer, formerly of this place, is recovering from an appendicitis operation at the Windber hospital. Mr. Shaffer is the chauffeur for J. D. Simpson, superintendent of the Berwind-White Co.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

### New Name For County Works

The Marshall Foundry Company is the new name of the Ingot mill at Josephine, this county, formerly known as the Bollinger-Andrews Construction Company. The change in name was made when Mr. Bollinger retired from the official list. Mr. Andrews is still connected with the manufactory, which is Josephine's largest industry. Business is progressing most favorably at the plant and there are many big orders awaiting shipment in the near future.

#### MAURETANIA RELEASED.

London, Feb. 24—The government has decided that the steamship Mauretania can be released from hospital duty and returned to her owners. This statement was made in the House of Commons today by Thomas J. MacNamar, financial under secretary of the Admiralty.

#### BELGIUM HAS RECEIVED \$1,000,000 FROM THE U. S.

New York, Feb. 25—America has contributed \$7,500,000 to the relief of Belgium, according to E. Van De Vyvere, Belgian minister of finance, who called today for London after spending several weeks in this country.

#### POWDER PLANT SOLD

Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 25—The Fort Pitt Powder Company, with general offices here and plants at Putneyville and Scottdale, was today sold to the Atlas Powder company, of Wilmington, Del., for \$300,000. The Fort Pitt plants have a capacity of 1,000 kegs of powder daily, and cover 128 acres.