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SENATE DEBATES DISARMING SHIPS

Question Asked How U-Boats
Are to Tell Armed Vessels

SUFFRAGE VOTE POSTPONED

Sentiment in Congress Seems Over-
whelmingly in Favor of a Dry Dis-
trict of Columbia and Resolution
Would Put Matters Up to Taxpay-
ers on Petition of 25 Per Cent—Suf-
frage Vote Postponed.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The United States in the near future may make some inquiries of Germany and Austria as to how they intend to determine whether merchantmen are armed before sinking them without warning, in accordance with new orders going to their submarine commanders on Feb. 29.

It has been made plain that the United States in its memorandum to the belligerents suggesting the disarmament of merchant ships had no intention of proposing to arbitrarily change the law of nations on the sea, and it was suggested that the practice of arming ships might be revised to permit them to carry guns of a sufficiently small caliber to be useful for defensive purposes and yet be ineffective against submarines at a distance from which the submarines could give warning.

The object of the American government's memorandum, it was stated, was wholly in the interest of humanity and the saving of lives.

Spirited debate is expected in the senate Friday on a resolution introduced by Senator Sterling of South Dakota, which would put the senate on record as viewing with "anxious concern" the recent order of the German admiralty that after Feb. 29 armed merchant ships of the allies, whether armed merely for defensive purposes or not, may be sunk without warning.

WETS MOVE TO PREVENT WASHINGTON GOING DRY

Senator Underwood Proposes Refer-
endum on Petition of Residents.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The first legislative move to check the dry wave which appears to be ready to sweep over the District of Columbia was made in the senate when Senator Underwood introduced a bill providing for a referendum vote by males over 21 per cent of the taxpayers shall petition for it.

The bill is offered as a substitute for the Sheppard bill which provides for a dry Washington absolutely. It is conceded that the last stand of the wets will be behind the referendum proposal. The sentiment is very strong in congress for prohibition in the district.

The Sheppard bill was reached without recommendation from the District of Columbia committee. The leaders of the Anti-Saloon league are concentrating in Washington in an effort to pass the prohibition bill.

SUFFRAGISTS LOSE IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Action Postponed Until December Session; Vote 9 to 7

Washington, Feb. 16.—Nation-wide woman suffrage was killed by the house judiciary committee, so far as action this session is concerned. By a vote of 9 to 7 the committee voted to defer consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment until Dec. 14.

An effort was made to postpone the proposed prohibition amendment until the same date, but the vote was 7 to 7 and there is a chance that it will be brought up this session.

Committee members blamed the suffragists who have been most active in the capital for the action taken. The rival suffrage organizations clashed over the advisability of having the postponement voted on in the judiciary committee, one urging an immediate vote and the other insisting that it be postponed temporarily.

MUNITION PLANT BILL CALLED UP IN SENATE

Senator Tillman Wants Government-Owned Plant Soon.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Tillman, chairman of the navy committee, called up his bill to authorize the purchase or building of a government armor plant and appropriating \$11,000,000 for the purpose.

Senator Tillman expressed confidence that the government can furnish both the necessary skilled mechanics and machinery to operate the plant.

McKinley Gold Dollars Authorized.

The senate passed the house bill for the coining of 100,000 souvenir gold dollars to be issued in connection with the opening of the McKinley birthplace memorial at Niles, O.

90 Applications in Fayette.

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 16.—Ninety applications for liquor licenses in Fayette county, four less than last year, will be heard in license court, which opens April 3. It is understood that restraints will be filed against many of the applicants.

Railway Mail Pay Committee Answers Charges of Legislator

New York City, Feb. 9, 1916.

Replying to the charges made yesterday by Chairman Moon, of the House of Representatives Post Office Committee, that the railroads were carrying on a lobby against the railway mail pay legislation urged by the Post Office Department, Ralph Peters, Chairman of the Committee on Railway Mail Pay, representing the Railroads, today said:

"We absolutely deny Chairman Moon's accusations. We have no lobby. But we are making a plea to the country in a fight for our very existence against the mistaken ideas of certain men in Congress, who feel that they have the right to do what they please with the property of others, regardless of what the consequence may be.

The House Post Office Committee proposes a law that will give the Post Office Department the right to name the rates and all conditions of service for handling the mails, and that will compel submission to its orders by confiscatory fines.

"The purpose of this bill—the Moon bill—is to enable the Post Office Department to carry on a commercial transportation business under the guise of parcel post. This will deplete the freight revenues of the railroads, burden their passenger trains with heavy freight, and will give them less for carrying the traffic than the Interstate Commerce Commission allows them for similar service on freight trains.

"When such things are being done it is absolutely necessary for the railroads to fight.

"The railroads of this country are facing unfair competition and confiscation, and are united in protest against it. We have argued and pleaded with the House Post Office Committee against such injustice, but in vain.

"The railroads are owned by people who are entitled to as much consideration as any class of citizens. There is no reason why their property should be taken from them under the mistaken idea of benefiting some other class.

"As we could obtain justice no other way, we have appealed to the people as a whole, stating our case to them and asking for a square deal.

"Why is the Post Office Department not willing that this question should be referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which now regulates the rates allowed the railroads for all other forms of traffic? We proposed this solution of the question to the House Post Office Committee, but it was rejected, together with all other suggestions that we made. In this because the Post Office Department has gone into the freight business in competition with the railroads?

"As American citizens, and on behalf of those who have invested their savings in the railroad properties, we appeal to the people for fair play, and we deny that such an appeal is lobbying."

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Pennsylvania War Veterans and Widows Get Pensions

Representative W. W. Bailey has been advised by the commissioner of pensions that pensions have been granted to the following:

Widow's pensions to
Mrs. Martha Berry of New Buca Vista, Pa., widow of John W. Barry, late private, Co. D, 41st regiment, United States colored infantry;

Mrs. Margaret Border of Water-side, Pa., widow of John S. Borden, late private, Co. C, 110th regiment, Pennsylvania infantry;

Mrs. Sarah Leonard of Mines, Pa., widow of William Leonard, late private, Co. I, 194th regiment, Pennsylvania infantry;

Increase of pension under the act of May 11, 1912, to
Harmon Blackburn of Claysburg, Pa., late private, Co. F, 77th regiment, Pennsylvania infantry;

David R. Edwards of 319 Morrell place, Johnstown, Pa., late private, Co. A, 54th regiment, Pennsylvania infantry;

Samuel Rice of 2315 Broad Ave., Altoona, Pa., late private, Co. I, 3rd regiment, Pennsylvania heavy artillery;

George F. Shoemaker of Imier, Pa., late corporal Co. D, 191st regiment, Pennsylvania infantry.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

A farmer carrying an express package from a big mail-order house was accosted by a local dealer.

"Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and builds up this locality."

The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said:

"Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here. Moral—Advertise."

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Suppose it is the name of a product.

Or the name of a merchant or store.

And the name has been made known to you through newspaper advertising.

And service and goods have run true to the name.

Does not that name mean something? Does it not inspire confidence and desire? Does not the name come instinctively to your mind when you have a desire to buy?

Making a "Name"—that is what newspaper advertising means to the individual customer.