

AMERICANS ARE IN DEADLY EARNEST

Manchester Guardian Warns Britons that They Will Insist on Rights at Sea.

ISSUE OLD AS THE NATION

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial, suggests that Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador to the United States, or Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, be sent to the United States with full powers to adjust the blockade controversy with the government in Washington.

The Guardian dwells upon the fact that the British people are puzzled that purely trade subjects should create as much excitement as the question of human life and says:

Two Advantages. "British opinion has persistently overlooked the fact that German diplomacy possessed two great advantages over ours. The first is that the critical and even hostile attitude of the American navy toward British sea power, as well as the theories on which it is based, is almost as old as the American nation itself.

Secondly, it will be remembered that at the conference of Paris fifty years ago which abolished privateering, the United States refused to agree, on the ground that, although the abolition might aid the cause of humanity, it favored the great naval powers of the world at the expense of the powers with a large mercantile marine but a small navy.

America's People in Earnest. "The Guardian declares that the controversy touches one of the strongest currents of American history with which Great Britain must deal, and that while there is little conservatism among the American people, in no other country in the world is the force of tradition in the conduct of foreign relations so strong.

"We take a very grave view of the difficulties into which the whole of this controversy may lead us," says the Guardian. "There is great work to be done, and it is work that cannot be done too soon."

Auto of Lusitania Victim to Be Sent to General Joffre

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 8.—General Joseph Joffre, commander of the French armies, soon will be presented with an American automobile for his personal use, according to plans of Mrs. E. Blah Thompson, widow of a Seymour, Ind., man, who was lost when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

Another high administration official said that the case could not be considered finally settled, but that it was hoped a settlement might be reached during the conference between Secretary Lansing and the German ambassador, although that was not absolutely certain. It was understood that the exact wording of the communication submitted by Count Von Bernstorff was not in entire accord with the views of the president and the cabinet.

Thousand Men Fight Oil Fire

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 8.—Nearly 1,000 men battled today with an oil fire on the Stevenson tract at Humble. The loss soon after the blaze started was estimated at \$200,000. A drifter named Hancock and a helper named Watt were severely burned.

BOARDMAN SUGGESTS ENLARGING RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Mabel T. Boardman of the American Red Cross, before the house military committee today urged provisions in the army bill for co-ordination of Red Cross work.

Authority should be given the secretary of war, she said, to detail additional officers to the Red Cross, to extend greater aid in organization of hospital and supply columns for mobilization in war time, and to permit the construction of Red Cross warehouses on government reservations.

Miss Boardman described the Red Cross plans for its part in preparation. Six thousand trained nurses are already enrolled and several hospital columns are being organized. Miss Boardman detailed also the plans for quick mobilization of hospital supplies.

PACIFICISTS SAY WORKERS OPPOSE FURTHER ARMING

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in their homes. Then I'll promise there will be no invasion." "Two Million Farmers. Mr. Donblaser said 2,000,000 farmers were behind a resolution he presented, demanding economy in the expenditure of funds, opposing an increase for an army or navy, approving a reasonable expenditure for coast guards and submarines and objecting to a large standing army or compulsory military service.

Miss Field attributed the opposition to preparedness to exist in the middle west to the advent of western women in politics. They realized the need of money for constructive things, she said, more than for war. She disputed an assertion of Senator Hitchcock that war came without warning as a result of great national catastrophes or wrongs.

"They are spontaneous only to those who do the fighting," she said. "The capitalists and militarists know when they are coming. The records of the present war will show that the controlling classes knew as long as two years before almost a day when the first move would be made."

Mrs. Farmers Opposed. John A. McPartin of Furnace, Pa., representing the Pennsylvania State Grange and a member of the legislative committee of the National Grange, declared the farmers of the country were against any unusual increase in appropriations for the army and navy.

"The rank and file in this country," he said, "are not afraid that they are going to be eaten up by some foreign nation. The fear of war seems to be taking hold of our people. Where have all our millions for defense gone? If the fabulous sums we have appropriated have not been spent for defense of the country, how in the name of common sense can we prove that the millions now proposed to be spent will be spent properly for defense? Either congress has been putting up a stupendous bluff in this country, or else there is a darn sight more in this subject than we know."

Other representatives of the National Grange and Farmers' union also voiced what they said was the opposition of farmers to great army and navy appropriations.

Eleven Men to Try Mrs. Ida Meyer on Charge of Murder

WINTERSET, Ia., Feb. 8.—Before a jury composed of only eleven men, the giving of testimony was begun here late today in the case of Mrs. Ida Meyer, the 50-year-old woman charged with complicity in the murder of her daughter-in-law last July.

After nearly exhausting a panel of seventy-six veniremen, the jury finally was completed about the middle of the afternoon. However, one of the jurors, J. L. Lathium, was excused at the last minute with the consent of counsel for both sides. The entire trial will be conducted before only eleven jurors.

This is believed to be the first time in the history of Iowa that a criminal trial has been conducted before any but a full jury. Some doubts have been expressed as to the constitutionality of the procedure.

That unfriendly relations existed between Mrs. Meyer and her daughter-in-law and Mrs. Meyer at one time said over the telephone she wished her daughter-in-law dead, will be brought out in the testimony offered by the state, according to the opening remarks of Phil R. Wilkerson, county attorney.

United States Asks Extradition of Hipolito Villa

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The United States has asked for the extradition of Hipolito Villa, General Villa's brother, to answer an indictment in Texas, charging complicity in cutting the line of the Southern Pacific railway, near El Paso, in December, in an attempt to hamper the movement of Carranza forces through American territory to attack Villa forces in Mexico. Villa has been arrested in Havana.

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CHINOOK MELTING THE SNOW Warm Breezes Start in the Pacific Northwest Play Havoc in the Cascade Mountains.

SAID TO BE COMING THIS WAY

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—The much dreaded Chinook wind, a warm breeze which sweeps the snow from the hills like magic, began in the Cascade mountains early today and the railroad using the mountain passes were confronted with the danger of avalanches, while in the lowlands danger of floods became more serious.

Reports from the mountains today said a warm rain began falling late last night. The rapid melting of the snow, which is more than thirty feet deep in the passes, was felt almost immediately.

At 1 o'clock this morning, an avalanche blocked the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul near Keeselous on the east slope of the mountains. The east bound passenger train which left Seattle last night, had already passed, and west bound trains immediately were ordered held at Easton until the line was cleared.

The extent of the slide was not known. The Northern Pacific line was still open early today and operating officials were hopeful of preventing a blockade. Crews have been sent into the mountains ready for any emergency.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gurney were killed here last night when an avalanche of mud and rock overwhelmed them as they sought to escape from their home at the foot of a bluff.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. W. H. Graham. EDGAR, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. H. Graham died at her home in Edgar yesterday afternoon, aged 87 years.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The funeral services of the late B. Connell were held at the Catholic church in this city Monday, Rev. Father J. J. Carey officiating. Deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland, February 18, 1834. He moved to Nebraska in 1858, locating in this country, just east of Fairbury. He married Miss Anna Redmond in Illinois.

in 1860 and to this union one son, after J. was born. Mrs. Connell died eight years ago and since then the deceased had made his home with his son. Mr. Connell was a member of the building committee that erected the first Catholic church in Fairbury. He was active in all public affairs and had a large circle of acquaintances in this county.

Germans Report Loss and Capture Of Western Trench

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Active fighting on the French front, south of the river Somme, was announced today by German army headquarters. In the course of the engagement the Germans lost a small section of one of the trenches they had conquered, but afterward retook the position by counter attack.

The main attack by the French, which had been prepared by heavy artillery fire, was repulsed, the announcement states.

An attack by a German air squad on the railroad station at Poperinghe, Belgium, and on British camps between Poperinghe and Dixmude, is reported in the official bulletin. The German airmen had several combats with hostile aeroplanes, but returned without having suffered any losses.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—(In London.)—The following statement was given out this afternoon at the war office: "South of the Somme, between Loys and Chaulnes, our artillery canonaded a train."

"In the Argonne we exploded a small mine at S. Hubert and three mines at Vanquois."

"Over the rest of the front the night was calm."

EVENLY DIVIDED DELEGATION DEMANDED IN SOUTH DAKOTA. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The action of the election committees of the two houses, in asking leave to report primary bills tonight is an indication that the members generally expect to be back home for next Sunday and that they will get clear by Friday night. From this time on the houses will mark time generally except when they gather to vote on the few bills which will be presented to meet the situation. While the members are marking time

the political powers that be are busy. H. C. Shober is insistent that none be allowed to go upon the delegation to the national convention at Chicago except tried and true progressives who will stand for Cummins as long as there is a show and if Cummins falls then for some other progressive of the same stamp.

But there is a strong sentiment among other leading progressives that harmony is desired in the state, and they insist that the delegation be divided and that the stalwarts placed upon it shall be such that no question can be raised as to their stalwart sympathies, and their right to vote in the convention.

George Egan promises to invade the camp tomorrow night and tell the voters who come out to hear him "just how politics is run in the state" and the party leaders will continue their efforts toward harmony so far as it can be secured.

A. E. Johnson and Willie Menahal of Waterloo continued to lead in the doubles with 1,152 pins. The Fort Dodge 215 champions were in the lead for the five-man title.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed: Vernal, Parkville, Mo., Mrs. Addie G. Goodrich, vice Mrs. Miss Aylenworth, resigned; Golden Prairie, Laramie county, Wyo., Mrs. Lizzie M. DePrun, vice Mrs. May E. Hood, resigned.

Claude C. Beale of Omaha has been appointed a guard at the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

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Table with financial data: NEW INSURANCE PAID FOR IN 1915: \$158,466,612. OUTSTANDING INSURANCE, DEC. 31, 1915: \$1,529,886,053. ADMITTED ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1915: \$448,826,321. GENERAL INSURANCE RESERVE: \$448,826,321. OTHER LIABILITIES: 10,079,766. SURPLUS RESERVES: For distribution to Policyholders in 1916: \$13,573,499. Held awaiting apportionment upon deferred dividend policies: 65,910,551. For Contingencies: 10,571,765. RECEIPTS FROM PREMIUMS IN 1915: \$6,015,562. RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS: 24,899,405. TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES: \$8,390,810. PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS: 58,371,388.

During the year the Society invested \$27,888,067 at an average yield of 5.06%.

The Annual Report contains the Financial Statement, verified by Certified Public Accountants, schedules of investments, and full details regarding the substantial advances made during the year.

It also describes a variety of new policies including one under which the Equitable will pay an income for life to the person insured if he should become totally and permanently disabled, as well as an income for life to the beneficiary after his death.

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