

SEVEN DEMOS WITH G.O.P. TRIO HOLD UP SHIPBILL IN SENATE

Newly-Remodelled Measure on the Rocks as Insurgents and Three Progressive Republicans Shy at It.

CHANGE DON'T APPEAL TO THEM

Administration Leaders in Quandary and in Doubt as to Fate of Wilson's Pet Legislation.

ONLY HOPE NOW IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Administration democrats got another setback in their fight for President Wilson's ship bill when they suddenly learned today that the bill as it passed the house last night will not command the support of Senators Kenyon, Norris or La Follette, progressive republicans, on whom they counted, nor the support of any of the seven insurgents of their own party.

The plan to move to concure with the house amendments was wrecked by the discovery that the leaders could not muster enough votes. Administration leaders made no attempt to conceal their embarrassment and planned to send the bill to conference with the hope of putting on some amendments to command support.

After a series of motions to send the bill to a conference, motions to table, appeals and other maneuvers in which the seven democratic insurgents voted with the republican opposition, the bill finally got into a parliamentary position where it went to the senate calendar and can be called up again only on a motion for its consideration.

The situation put the administration leaders into a quandary and left the whole situation almost as indefinite as before.

Stock Shippers' Pass Bill Goes To the Governor

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The first bill to come to Governor Morehead for his signature, outside of the legislative appropriation bills, was S. F. 26, Senator Grace's bill for free transportation both ways for shippers of live stock.

Five Men Die in Fire in Hotel at Marshfield, Ore.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 17.—Five men are dead, two are missing and four are badly injured as a result of a fire early today, which destroyed the Bunker Hill hotel here. The hotel is near a lumber mill and its occupants were mostly mill employes.

NINE STATES JOIN IOWA IN FIGHTING RATE RAISE

DES MOINES, Feb. 17.—Nine other western states joined with the Iowa Railroad commission today in sending a petition to the Interstate Commerce commission, asking a suspension of tariffs proposing general advances in interstate passenger rates.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m., Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Partly cloudy; continued moderate temperature.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Temperature, and Wind. Includes 'MUDDY' and 'Comparative Local Record'.

Table with 3 columns: Station, Temp, High, Low, Rain. Includes reports from various locations like Ceyceene, Iawenport, etc.

KING GEORGE leaving Salisburt Plains, after reviewing the Canadian troops, in company with Lord Kitchener and others of the British General Staff.



U. S. CAN'T BLAME DEPRESSION TO LION

Second British Reply to First American Note Denies Trade Slump Here Due to English Action.

IS NO UNDUE INTERFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Great Britain's second and complete reply to the American note of protest, which on December 25 last asked for an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public tonight by mutual agreement between the State department and the British foreign office.

Announces Resolve.

After giving a lengthy and detailed answer to the charge that American ships and cargoes were being unduly detained, the communication contains in its concluding paragraph the announcement that Great Britain intends to take retaliatory measures against the German submarine campaign against enemy ships, but does not reveal their nature.

British Endeavor.

"It will still be our endeavor," says the final paragraph, "to avoid injury and loss to neutral, but the announcement by the German government of their intention to sink merchant vessels and their cargoes without verification of their nationality or character and without making any provision for the safety of noncombatant crews or giving them a chance of saving their lives has made it necessary for his majesty's government to consider what measures they should adopt to protect their interests. It is impossible for one belligerent to depose from rules and precedents and for the other to remain bound by them."

Not in Blame for Slump.

Foremost, however, is the denial of the British government that the depression in American industries referred to in the American note was due to the alleged interference of the British fleet with American commerce or "the result of any exercise of belligerent rights."

War News to Him; A Nice Day for It

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Feb. 17.—News travels more slowly in some cases than in others. Here is an illustration. A Champaign resident who entered a local store today.

KAISER WILL MAKE APOLOGY TO GERARD FOR DEMONSTRATION

German Emperor Will Personally Express Regrets to U. S. Envoy Because of Insult in Theater.

ON OCCASION OF VISIT EAST

Man in Audience Begins Violent Tirade in Presence of Minister Against American Policy.

DIPLOMAT TO KOENIGSBURG

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 17.—(Via Paris.)—Emperor William will apologize personally to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, for the hostile demonstration which occurred at a Berlin theater on the evening of February 9, according to a telegram received here today from the German capital.

The emperor, it is said, will express his regrets to Mr. Gerard on the occasion of the ambassador's visit to the emperor at the East Prussian fortress of Koenigsburg. Mr. Gerard is reported in the dispatch to have accepted the emperor's invitation to go to Koenigsburg.

Ambassador Gerard and a party from the United States embassy were attending a theater in Berlin on February 9, when a man in the audience protested because they were speaking English. When informed that his remarks were directed against the ambassador, the man began a violent tirade against the United States for permitting the exportation of arms. The individual was finally suppressed by theater attendants.

Japan Making Hay While Sun Shines, Says English Paper

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Gloom in Europe is sunshine for Japan. Japan is making hay, is the comment of the Manchester Guardian on the demands made by Japan upon China which the Guardian declares "in some ways are scarcely compatible with the declared object of the Anglo-Japanese alliance to insure the independence and integrity of China."

CREWS TOLD TO LEAVE BOATS

PARIS, Feb. 17.—An official communication issued by the ministry of marine tells of the sinking yesterday by the German U-16 of the French steamer Ville Le Lille off the Far-fleur lighthouse, a short distance, a short distance east of Cherbourg, after the submarine had ordered the crew to leave the steamer. The statement follows:

Submarine Too Fast.

"The Ville De Lille endeavored to escape, but was outspeeded by the submarine, men from which boarded it and gave the crew ten minutes to leave in the ship's boats. They then sank the Ville De Lille by bombs placed in its interior. The U-16 headed for a Norwegian steamer, but sank out of sight when a division of French torpedo boats from Cherbourg appeared on the horizon."

British Collier Sunk.

HAVRE (Via Paris), Feb. 17.—The British steamer Collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed by a German submarine twenty miles northwest of Capa De La Heve at 6 o'clock last night. The torpedo struck the middle starboard side.

Fate of Two Unknown.

Twenty-two members of the crew of 31 men were picked up by the French destroyer Arquebuse and brought to Havre. Seven others rowed to Peccant. The fate of the other two is unknown.

Hot on the Trail of Gonzales, Say Police of Omaha

The police of Omaha assert that they are hot on the trail of G. Gonzales, supposed to be one of the murderers of Detective Ring. This man they have their man located in the vicinity of Emerson, up on the Omaha road, between here and Sioux City.

The National Capital

Wednesday, February 17, 1915. The Senate. The administrative bill in its new form came from the house and awaited action.

Davies Explains Purposes of the New Federal Trade Commission Act

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Joseph E. Davies, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, prominently mentioned for the chairmanship of the Federal trade commission, discussed recent trust legislation, outlined the aims and workings of the law creating the trade commission.

He said the spirit and purpose behind the law was that of "even handed justice; vigilant protection of the public interest from encroachments of dishonest business and as well, constructive help to business which is honestly and fairly desirous of accommodating itself to the law."

CHINA REJECTS JAPAN'S DEMANDS

Mikado's Proposals Held to Be Incompatible with Sovereignty of Celestial Empire. MUCH CONCERN FELT IN PEKING. PEKING, Feb. 17.—If information from presumably well informed sources, both foreign and Chinese, is correct, the memorandum recently given by the Japanese legation to the diplomatic representatives here of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia respecting the demands of the Tokio government on China omits certain of the requirements originally presented to Peking.

GERMANS CAPTURE 50,000 RUSSIANS

Berlin War Office Says Rout of the Muscovite Army in East Prussia is Complete. KAISER WATCHES THE BATTLE. BERLIN, Feb. 17.—(By Wireless to London.)—Fifty thousand prisoners, besides many cannon and machine guns, were captured by the Germans when the Russian tenth army was defeated in the Masurian lake district, East Prussia, according to a statement issued at general headquarters today. The text of the communication follows:

Chicago Grain Men Refuse to Testify in New York Hearing

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Henry Heinzer, chief statistician of the New York Produce exchange, testifying today at the resumption of the state investigation into the increased cost of wheat and bread, said it was estimated there were on hand now in the United States 267,000 bushels of wheat. At the present rate of consumption he said, 123,000,000 bushels of this might be exported without causing a shortage at home and a surplus of 23,000,000 bushels still would be left on hand July 1 next.

Name and Port of Ships Painted on In Big Letters

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—When the Holland-American line steamships Nieuw Amsterdam and Veenk sail from this port February 20 for Rotterdam, their names and port of registry will be painted on their sides in letters four feet high. The work is being done today by painters at Hoboken.

Wheat Drops Five Cents in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Increasing apprehension as to vessel risks in the war zone was largely responsible for a fall in wheat today. As much as 5 cents was cut from the price of the July delivery, in which trading chiefly centered. That month dropped to 81 1/2c, as against 87 1/2c last night.

Seven Killed in A Mine Explosion

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.—Seven men are known to have been killed and nine others seriously injured today in an explosion of gas at the prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company.

Packing Firms Ask Missouri Court to Rehear Ouster Suit

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—A motion for a rehearing was filed today by the five packing companies which were conditionally ousted from the state and fined \$25,000 each by the supreme court last week on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law. The companies concerned in the suit are Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Armour & Co., the St. Louis Dressed Beef & Provisions Co. and the Hammond Packing company.

Austrians Envelope Russ in Bukovina

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—(Via London.)—The Russian army in Bukovina has been enveloped by the Austro-Hungarians between the Pruth and Sereth rivers, a correspondent of the Tagblatt says in a dispatch from Bistriz. One Austrian army, pushing the Russians from the north, now has reached Stozhinetz, while another Austrian force, having advanced eastward from Marmaros against Wlenicz, now stands in the vicinity of Czernowitza. The Russian army has halted twelve miles from that point, the Tagblatt is informed, having met reinforcements.

BRITISH WATERS BECOME PART OF THEATER OF WAR

Kaiser's Order Creating War Zone Around the British Islands Becomes Effective on the Stroke of Midnight.

BRITONS WILL RETALIATE

Decree to Cut Off Food Supplies from Germany is Expected Within Few Hours.

BERLIN IS AGAIN CELEBRATING

The Day's War News

GERMAN WAR OFFICE announced that in the recent defeat of the Russians in the Masurian lakes region of East Prussia more than 50,000 prisoners were taken. The Russian army at the other end of the eastern front also is in danger, according to the correspondent of a Berlin newspaper.

GERMAN'S REPLY to the American note concerning the rights of American vessels in the war zone which the Berlin government announced will be established around the British Isles today was delivered to Ambassador Gerard, who forwarded it to Washington.

COLLIER DULWICH, which went down Tuesday in the English channel, was torpedoed.

ATHENS dispatch states that a formidable army has been assembled for a new campaign against Serbia. This army is described as amounting to 450,000 men, made up in part of Germans.

HEAVIER FIGHTING is now under way in France and Belgium. The German war office asserts that attacks undertaken by the British and French at many places were repulsed. French war office says that the German onslaught in the Argonne region was driven back.

BULLETIN. BERLIN, Feb. 17.—(Via London.)—Germany's reply to the United States' note of protest against the regulations proposed for a war zone in the waters around the British Isles has been handed to Ambassador James W. Gerard, and probably will be forwarded to Washington today.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—At the stroke of midnight the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom will become, so far as lies within the power of Germany to make them, a war zone which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their peril.

Some of the services across the channel probably will be curtailed, but a majority of the neutral shipping lines will accept the risk and continue their sailings. The names and nationality of the vessels and the flags of their nations will be painted on their sides in the hope that German submarines will not sink them by mistake.

England's announcement of the details of its proposed retaliatory policy, by which it plans to cut off the German food supply from the outside is expected momentarily and apparently there is not the slightest prospect that this country will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if England will relax naval pressure on shipping.

It is not expected that there will be any immediate and widespread activity by German submarines, but the developments regarding neutral ships should bring to a head one of the most interesting and threatening situations of the war.

England was noticeably cheered by the second big air raid on the German basis on the Belgium coast, but as was the case at the previous raid, the official report does not indicate the extent of the damage.

Berlin Again Celebrating. Berlin is again celebrating the success of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as further details of the East Prussian operation.

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Socialist Members Of French Cabinet Severely Criticised

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The action of two socialist members of the French cabinet, Jules Guerin, minister without portfolio, and Marcel Sembat, minister of public works in attending the recent international socialist conference in London has evoked protest from a large section of the French press which makes the declaration that this conference was inspired by the German social democratic party.

Negro Insults White Woman; Lynched

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 17.—John Richards, a negro, was lynched by a mob near Spert, Fla., last night. He is said to have insulted a white woman.

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