

Wilson Suggests Night's Reflection

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THE WEATHER
Fair; Warmer

PRESIDENT SEES CONGRESS CHIEFS; ADVISES CAUTION

Senators Stone and Lewis Feel First Overt Act of Germany Should Be Signal for Drastic Move.

URGE AGAINST BREAK NOW

Action of Any Kind by Word or Deed Unlikely Before Monday.

NO COMMUNICATION SENT

Washington, Feb. 2.—At a conference of President Wilson with senators, it was learned that Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee and Senator Lewis of Illinois, felt that no immediate breach with Germany would be justified, that the course to be taken was to stand on the assumption that Germany did not intend to imperil American citizens or property, but that the very first act against the United States should be the signal for the rupture.

When President Wilson left the capitol after two hours of conferences with members of the senate, one senator, who had talked with him, said a break in diplomatic relations with Germany practically was certain.

Comes to Swap Views. The president himself told the newspaper men only that he had come up to "swap views" and declined to say whether anything would be done tonight.

"There was general discussion of all these plans," said the senator. "But in my judgment the opinion of the majority was to break relations at once and give Bernstorff his passports tomorrow."

Three Propositions. Three propositions, it was said, were discussed in the conference. There were: To break off diplomatic relations with Germany and give Ambassador Bernstorff his passports tomorrow.

To wait until some overt act had been committed against the rights of the United States by Germany before taking any action.

To re-define this government's position in the light of Germany's ruthless submarine campaign.

The president was asked if he contemplated addressing congress "Oh, that was not discussed at all," he said.

President Non-Committal. "The president was very careful not to state specifically what he had in mind," said Senator Gorman.

Senator Fletcher said the president had as yet done nothing, but came to seek the advice of senators as to what he should do. He said it was not clear in the president's mind whether the American government should proceed on the assumption that Germany having given pledges for restricted use of its submarines, would stand by those pledges and not take any action until Germany violated them; or whether summary action should be taken in the face of a note which announced at 4 o'clock one day that Germany would begin unrestricted warfare at midnight.

Senator Fletcher said the sentiment of all present was that no more communications should be sent to Germany, whatever course is pursued. He said many senators favored breaking off relations, but he added that would not be correct to say that the majority favored it immediately.

President Wilson tonight cancelled his engagement to speak before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

An hour after the president's conference with senators at the capitol, a senator said the president had left them with the suggestion that there should be a night's reflection and

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; rising temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

6 a. m.	21
7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	23
9 a. m.	24
10 a. m.	25
11 a. m.	26
12 m.	27
1 p. m.	28
2 p. m.	29
3 p. m.	30
4 p. m.	31
5 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	33
7 p. m.	34
8 p. m.	35
9 p. m.	36
10 p. m.	37
11 p. m.	38
12 m.	39

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	32
Lowest yesterday	12
Mean temperature	24
Precipitation for day	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departure from normal	0.00
Normal temperature	21
Deficiency for the day	0.00
Total excess since March 1	176
Normal precipitation	0.02
Deficiency since March 1	0.02
Total rainfall since March 1	17.39 inches
Deficiency since March 1	15.48 inches
Deficiency for year, period, 1917	84 inches
Deficiency for year, period, 1916	1.81 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	Hum.	Wind	Cloud.
Omaha, Neb.	28	64	W	0-100
Lincoln, Neb.	27	63	W	0-100
Des Moines, Ia.	26	62	W	0-100
St. Paul, Minn.	25	61	W	0-100
Chicago, Ill.	24	60	W	0-100
St. Louis, Mo.	23	59	W	0-100
Indianapolis, Ind.	22	58	W	0-100
Cincinnati, Ohio	21	57	W	0-100
Cleveland, Ohio	20	56	W	0-100
Pittsburgh, Pa.	19	55	W	0-100
Philadelphia, Pa.	18	54	W	0-100
Baltimore, Md.	17	53	W	0-100
Washington, D. C.	16	52	W	0-100
New York, N. Y.	15	51	W	0-100
Boston, Mass.	14	50	W	0-100
San Francisco, Cal.	13	49	W	0-100
Los Angeles, Cal.	12	48	W	0-100
San Diego, Cal.	11	47	W	0-100
Portland, Ore.	10	46	W	0-100
Seattle, Wash.	9	45	W	0-100
Portland, Me.	8	44	W	0-100
Buffalo, N. Y.	7	43	W	0-100
Rochester, N. Y.	6	42	W	0-100
Syracuse, N. Y.	5	41	W	0-100
Albany, N. Y.	4	40	W	0-100
Schenectady, N. Y.	3	39	W	0-100
Binghamton, N. Y.	2	38	W	0-100
Watkinsville, Ga.	1	37	W	0-100
Savannah, Ga.	0	36	W	0-100
Augusta, Ga.	-1	35	W	0-100
Charleston, S. C.	-2	34	W	0-100
Columbia, S. C.	-3	33	W	0-100
Richmond, Va.	-4	32	W	0-100
Norfolk, Va.	-5	31	W	0-100
Roanoke, Va.	-6	30	W	0-100
Wilmington, N. C.	-7	29	W	0-100
Raleigh, N. C.	-8	28	W	0-100
Charlotte, N. C.	-9	27	W	0-100
Greensboro, N. C.	-10	26	W	0-100
Winston-Salem, N. C.	-11	25	W	0-100
Fayetteville, N. C.	-12	24	W	0-100
Asheboro, N. C.	-13	23	W	0-100
Wendell, N. C.	-14	22	W	0-100
High Point, N. C.	-15	21	W	0-100
Concord, N. C.	-16	20	W	0-100
Waxhatch, N. C.	-17	19	W	0-100
Salisbury, N. C.	-18	18	W	0-100
York, N. C.	-19	17	W	0-100
Rocky Mount, N. C.	-20	16	W	0-100
Weldon, N. C.	-21	15	W	0-100
Elizabeth City, N. C.	-22	14	W	0-100
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	-23	13	W	0-100
Waynesville, N. C.	-24	12	W	0-100
Asheboro, N. C.	-25	11	W	0-100
Wendell, N. C.	-26	10	W	0-100
High Point, N. C.	-27	9	W	0-100
Concord, N. C.	-28	8	W	0-100
Waxhatch, N. C.	-29	7	W	0-100
Salisbury, N. C.	-30	6	W	0-100
York, N. C.	-31	5	W	0-100
Rocky Mount, N. C.	-32	4	W	0-100
Weldon, N. C.	-33	3	W	0-100
Elizabeth City, N. C.	-34	2	W	0-100
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	-35	1	W	0-100
Waynesville, N. C.	-36	0	W	0-100
Asheboro, N. C.	-37	-1	W	0-100
Wendell, N. C.	-38	-2	W	0-100
High Point, N. C.	-39	-3	W	0-100
Concord, N. C.	-40	-4	W	0-100
Waxhatch, N. C.	-41	-5	W	0-100
Salisbury, N. C.	-42	-6	W	0-100
York, N. C.	-43	-7	W	0-100
Rocky Mount, N. C.	-44	-8	W	0-100
Weldon, N. C.	-45	-9	W	0-100
Elizabeth City, N. C.	-46	-10	W	0-100
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	-47	-11	W	0-100
Waynesville, N. C.	-48	-12	W	0-100
Asheboro, N. C.	-49	-13	W	0-100
Wendell, N. C.	-50	-14	W	0-100

POSTPONE GOINGS OF ALL U. S. CRAFT

Secretary Lansing Advises European Sailings Delayed Until Action Taken.

WISER TO AWAIT DECISION

Washington, Feb. 2.—European sailings of all American ships should postpone leaving port, according to the opinion of the State department. Secretary Lansing sent this message to the International Mercantile Marine in regard to the sailing of the American steamer St. Louis for England tomorrow. The secretary said no orders had been sent against its sailing, but that it was the department's belief it would be wiser to await the decision of the country on the submarine controversy.

No Announcement Made. New York, Feb. 3.—Pending official advices from Secretary Lansing of the State department, President P. A. S. Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine said tonight that no official announcement could be made as to the sailing of the American line steamship St. Louis, scheduled to leave here at noon tomorrow on its regular trip to Liverpool. Upon being informed that Mr. Lansing had stated in Washington that the line probably would be advised not to send the ship away, he added that naturally he would act in conformity with such a recommendation.

Preparations for the sailing of the ship proceeded today and when the passenger office closed for the night it was announced that passage had been booked by 280 persons, with only fifteen cancellations. Of the number now listed 180 are in the cabin and a large percentage of them are American citizens.

British Lines Not Advised. None of the British lines has received any new instructions as to the sailing of their ships, local representatives announced tonight. During the day five freighters, one of them an American vessel, left for transatlantic ports. The American ship was the Doehra for Genoa. Several ships of Great Britain and allied nations, among them the White Star liner Adriatic, are announced to sail tomorrow.

A complete tie up, temporarily at least, of Dutch and Scandinavian shipping, was indicated this afternoon by cable instructions received by various lines. The Scandinavian-American line, whose passenger vessel, Hellig Olav, was held in port yesterday, received word that all sailings of passenger ships had been temporarily suspended.

The Royal Netherlands Steamship company, which has ten vessels in American ports loading cargo, consigned to the Dutch government, has been ordered to remain in port until further notice. Six vessels owned by the Swedish-American-Mexico line also have been stopped pending further orders.

Great Liner Delayed. The Holland-America line, with the steamer Noordam here loading to sail Monday for Rotterdam, with passengers and cargo, was advised that the liner Nieuw Amsterdam, their largest vessel, had been recalled, and it was reported officials said, that delayed cables would bring them similar instructions to those received by other neutral foreign lines.

Ships of Poland and Scandinavian countries have for nearly year been calling at Kirkwall in compliance with the order of the British government for examination and inspection to passengers and cargo there. Under provisions of the German note as it is interpreted by local representatives they are barred from going into the indicated war zone, around the British isles. These conflicting orders have added the uncertainty and seriousness of the situation.

Creighton Students Sit at Banquet With Archbishop

Creighton students residing in St. John's hall were tendered a banquet by Archbishop Harty, bishop.

Prof. Kenny of the faculty was visiting with the archbishop one day last week, when arrangements were made to surprise the hall boys.

The archbishop declared himself heartily in favor of athletics and advised the boys to specialize in some branch of athletics. An interesting program was given. The welcome was by Joseph Osdick, Charles Costello, in negro dialect, gave the humorous lines of "Jimmy Butler and the Owl." The orchestra and Glee club, made up of hall talent, furnished the music.

Each student was introduced to the new archbishop by Father Corboy.

Alleged Slayer of Clyde Armour Pleads Not Guilty

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 2.—Lying on a cot in the state penitentiary last night, E. W. Blancett pleaded not guilty to the charge of killing Clyde Armour near here last October, waived preliminary hearing and was held to the grand jury without bond. A ten-minute session of the district court was held in Blancett's room for the arraignment.

Japan's Population Is Seventy-Seven Millions

Tokyo, Nov. 29.—A total estimated population of 77,895,966 in Japan, Korea and Formosa; and the Japanese half of Saghalien island, is announced officially.

The population of Korea or Chosen leaped from 16,804,013 to 17,519,864, an increase of 715,851 or 4.26 per cent.

MERCURY RISES, DRIVING FRIGID WEATHER AWAY

Temperature Approaches Normal and Indications Are Normal Conditions Will Soon Prevail in West.

FOLLOWS COLDEST TIME

Thermometers on Friday Morning Registered Coldest of the Year.

WYOMING COAL SHORTAGE

That the worst of the cold wave is over as far as it concerns Omaha was the statement of the weather man following the coldest night and morning Omaha has experienced in five years. The temperature at 8 o'clock Friday morning was 23 degrees below zero. By 11 o'clock it had gone up somewhat, the thermometer then registering 15 below. By 8 o'clock last night the mercury had risen to zero in Omaha.

Reports from the western part of the country show that the temperatures in that section are moderating, and it is upon this that a forecast of a rising temperature is based here.

The cold wave has passed down through the southeastern section of the country. Freezing temperatures are reported from many of the gulf states.

In the Dakotas temperatures ranged from 30 to 36 degrees below zero. The coldest spots reported on the government map was at Bismarck, which had a temperature of 36 below.

Break Out West. A break in the cold spell is in sight, according to the railroad people. It is not visible in this immediate locality, but it has made its appearance in Wyoming.

Morning reports to the Burlington indicate that all through eastern Wyoming temperatures have moderated since Thursday and that the wind has veered around into the south. Around Sheridan, Crow Agency, Hardin and Billings, where Wednesday temperatures were down to 20 to 36 below zero, in the morning they were 5 to 20 above.

Nebraska continues cold and, according to the railroads, not a station in the state recorded above zero weather. In the South Platte valley a number of stations reported 5 below and Bridgeport came in with a similar marking. However, taking the state as a whole, 20 to 28 below was the rule. The coldest spots found along the railroads were at Ericson and Randolph, where it was 28 degrees below, with 27 at Sargent.

Winner, S. D., on the Northwestern, continues to hold the record for cold so far as Omaha territory is concerned. Thermometers there, according to a report to railroad headquarters, recorded 36 below.

Thirty-seven Below. Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 2.—Extremely low temperatures were recorded throughout South Dakota this morning. At Aberdeen the thermometer registered 39 degrees below zero, while Mitchell reported 35 below. The temperature here was 37 below early this morning, the lowest record since 1896. Railroad service in the state is still virtually suspended, but officials declared that the lines will be cleared before nightfall.

Wyoming Coal Shortage. Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 2.—Continued blockades of the Union Pacific railroad, which became absolute once more yesterday morning and has continued so, has produced coal shortages that are becoming acute in towns from Laramie, Wyo., eastward along the line of the road.

Reserve supplies here are used up, the legislature is considering adjournment because fuel for the capitol furnaces is exhausted and the local central lighting and heating plant must close unless it gets fuel by Sunday.

Should the railroad be opened tonight, as officials hope, coal trains will precede passenger trains over it.

Avalanche Hits Engine. Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 2.—An east-bound transcontinental Union Pacific passenger train was reported today stalled in the snow east of Bacon. Railroad men are making efforts to reach the delayed train.

A heavy snowstorm is raging in this section, and at Meacham, a mountain point, the snow is six feet deep.

Just after the passenger train which is reported stalled in a drift had passed a shoulder of a hill on the line where the snow clearing crews were at work, a locomotive, caboose and a rotary snow plow were overturned by an avalanche of snow. A fireman on the locomotive was buried in the slide.

Cold For Jefferson. Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Not since February, 1904, has this section of Jefferson county experienced such frigid weather. Thursday night caused the thermometer to register nearly twenty-five below zero and last night it was twenty. The wind did considerable damage to plate glass in Fairbury. Farmers here had lost poultry and young stock, wing to the severe cold. Business has been practically at a standstill. Owing to the spring thaw the forepart of the week and the severe freeze Thursday and today, it is thought some damage has resulted to wheat crop due to surging.

CITIZENSHIP OF HOWELL IN DOUBT

of Douglas Senator Not to Have Completed His Naturalization.

WHAT MOORHEAD SAYS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Senator Ed Howell of Omaha has served several terms in the Nebraska state senate with much credit, honor, glory and other things, and now it appears that there is an attempt to take it all away from him, the charge having been made that he is not a naturalized citizen of the state and, therefore, not entitled to serve in the legislature.

The matter became so persistent that the democrats of the senate have held a secret caucus, so secret that very little is known about the matter, and Howell insists that even he is prohibited from discussing the matter.

It is asserted that Mr. Howell's father never completed his naturalization, and as the son was not born in this country, but in Canada, it will result in the delegation from Douglas being short one man if the charge is substantiated. Nobody appears to know where the thing originated, except that it came from the senator's home city.

The records in the office of Election Commissioner Moorhead, based on Mr. Howell's representations when he registered, show that his father took out his second naturalization papers in Otoe county when the present state senator was 14 years old. Mr. Moorhead said last evening that this was the information furnished from his office when the question of Mr. Howell's citizenship came up.

Neutral Traffic To Great Britain Nearly Suspended

London, Feb. 2.—The whole of Europe, neutral and belligerent, is anxiously awaiting the action of the United States on Germany's note announcing its new submarine policy. Meanwhile a large proportion of neutral shipping is being held in port or recalled.

Traffic between England and Holland and England and the Scandinavian countries, so far as it is carried on by neutral vessels, is held up. This is as serious for the neutrals as for England, as the smaller countries depend upon Great Britain for many things, particularly for coal.

Liverpool ship owners today expressed the view that the new declaration of the submarine warfare will not affect transatlantic traffic, but the number of Americans who contemplated returning home during the next few weeks have hastened their bookings.

The Holland-America and the Norwegian Atlantic liners are the only ones whose voyages have been cancelled or postponed.

Thus far the results of the new policy have not been reflected in the losses of ships recorded by Lloyds' shipping agency, today's list being about the same average size as for some weeks past.

The comment of the evening newspapers on the situation follows largely that of the morning journals. Most of them are concerned with what President Wilson will do.

Public Reception for The Omaha Soldier Boys

A public reception will be tendered members of the Omaha battalion, Nebraska National Guard, February 22 at the Auditorium. The committee selected by Mayor Dahlman to have charge of the affair are: Everett Buckingham, T. C. Byrne, Randall Brown, W. A. Frazer, C. C. George, Ellis U. Graff, General Harries, Walter Jardine, Val Peter, Gordon Watkins, John Webster, Mrs. C. W. Wilhelm, Berta Getzchman and Mrs. C. T. Kountze, sponsor.

A large silk flag, a gift of business men, is to be presented to the battalion. An invitation has been extended to Governor Neville to address the soldiers. Officers of the Fourth regiment have been invited to be present. One of the features of the program will be camp scenes depicting army life as it was on the border.

Monday evening the battalion will meet in the armory, Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets to elect a committee to work with the committee selected by Mayor Dahlman.

Hutton Operators Deny Handling "Leak" Message

New York, Feb. 2.—When the congressional "leak" inquiry committee adjourned today to meet in Washington, the testimony of F. A. Connolly, the Washington broker, regarding his sending a resume of President Wilson's peace note to E. F. Hutton & Co., New York brokers, had been disputed by every telegraph operator in Hutton's employ, who, Sherman L. Whipple said, might have handled Connolly's message.

Spanell Is Released On Five Thousand Bond

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 2.—Bond for \$5,000 was obtained today for Harry J. Spanell, who yesterday was acquitted after his trial on charges of killing his wife and he was given his release to await hearing on a charge of having killed Lieutenant-Colonel M. C. Butler of the Sixth cavalry, United States army.

COMRADES IN ARMS—These "two soldiers of France," one a woman munition worker, the other a French Senegalese private, are carrying boxes of ammunition from the machines to the point of transportation to the army bases.



SOLDIERS OF FRANCE. INTERNATIONAL.

BELGIAN AID SHIP THE FIRST VICTIM

Euphrates, Carrying Supplies to Europe, Torpedoed on Trip to United States.

SEVERAL OF CREW SAVED

London, Feb. 2.—Official information received concerning the sinking of the steamer Euphrates shows that the probable first victim of the new submarine policy of the central powers was a Belgian relief ship.

The Euphrates had carried a cargo of relief supplies from the United States and was homeward bound in ballast when it was torpedoed. Several members of the crew have been rescued and have reached an outlying port.

In connection with the sinking of the Euphrates it is pointed out that all relief ships, even when homeward bound, conspicuously display the flags of the commission for relief in Belgium and carry balls at the mastheads, the latter to prevent aerial attacks.

They also carry the safe conduct of the German consul general at Rotterdam, just as loaded vessels carry a safe conduct from the German consul general at New York.

New York, Feb. 2.—The steamer Euphrates was under charter to the Belgian Relief commission and would have taken another cargo from New York for Rotterdam had it returned safely to America, it was said by representatives of the commission here today. It carried a crew of between twenty-five and thirty men, none of whom was an American, so far as is known.

The sinking of the Belgian steamer Euphrates, of 2,809 tons gross, was announced by Lloyds' shipping agency on February 1.

London, Feb. 2.—The Norwegian steamer Portia, of 1,127 tons gross, has been sunk, Lloyds' shipping agency announces. The crew was landed.

The steamer Ravensbourne has been sunk, Lloyds also announces. Three members of the crew of this steamer were lost, the announcement states.

The Norwegian steamer Hecla, of 524 tons, is reported sunk, says another Lloyds' announcement. The steamer Ravensbourne is not listed in available shipping records.

The sinking of the following steamers also was announced by Lloyds: Essonite, British, 589 tons gross; Algorta, Spanish, 2,116 tons gross; Violet, British trawler.

Marcelle, Belgian trawler, sunk by gunfire; crew landed.

Senate Will Vote On Immigration Bill Next Monday

Washington, Feb. 2.—Immediate reconsideration of the immigration bill, passed over the president's veto by the house last night, was blocked in the senate today by Senator Reed of Missouri, but agreement was reached to proceed to a vote on re passage of the measure at 4 p. m. on Monday.