

## SHALLENBERGER TO DEFENSE OF BRYAN

Fifth Nebraska Congressman Compares Him to the Fiery Bay State Member.

### COUNTRY FAR FROM READY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Shallenberger, in a half-hour speech today, lambasted the ultra-preparedness people and incidentally gave his distinguished fellow Nebraskan, William Jennings Bryan, one of the cleanest bills of health heard in many a long day. Yesterday Representative Gardner of Massachusetts took occasion, in a speech bristling with invective and innuendo, to speak most disparagingly of the efforts being made by Mr. Bryan looking to a referendum on the question of whether we should go to war against Germany. In his speech today, which was made in connection with the consideration of the army bill, the biggest bill ever reported from the military affairs committee, Mr. Shallenberger declared it was futile for the United States to go to war at this time, in the light of its almost criminal unpreparedness.

### Two Men of Courage.

He said there was a sharp division of opinion between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Gardner as to what our national policy should be. Mr. Bryan is a man of great personal magnetism and great personal courage and I believe the gentleman from Massachusetts is the same. They both responded to the call to arms in the Spanish-American war and were willing to go forth and die for their country, and although they have passed that age now their patriotism and courage are such that they would, I have no doubt, respond if the country needed them again.

Mr. Bryan is engaged in keeping the country out of war, whereas the gentleman from Massachusetts seems to be doing the best he can to get the country into war, and I am willing to abide by the verdict of the country as to which of these two men is serving his country best in this time of trial.

### The Arbitration Treaties.

Further Mr. Shallenberger said that Mr. Bryan considered it the greatest honor ever permitted him in his life that he was enabled to prepare and negotiate forty arbitration treaties, "whereby we would be enabled to settle national disputes in accordance with the precepts of the Mann amendment attached to the naval bill which provides that international disputes may be settled by arbitration."

Mr. Shallenberger remarked that he himself had been maligned as to some matters growing out of the present tense situation, but a greater injustice was being done Mr. Bryan, "one of the greatest citizens of the United States and one of the great patriots of the nation."

### Consider the Cost.

He served notice on the preparedness advocates that if "you are going to be fully prepared you must pay the price."

He said we needed 4,000,000 rifles and yet we were not able to make at the United States gun factories more than 66,000 a year. In 1914 the United States factory turned out 26,000 rifles and in 1915 25,000 and in 1916 the number was relatively the same. He bitterly assailed the position of those who are urging hostilities with Germany, the total unpreparedness being pathetic, if not criminal.

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## MAKERS OF NEWS PRINT PAPER ASK U. S. TO FIX PRICE

(Continued from Page One.)

Americans to be determined in this country. The two governments have worked in concert in the situation, trying to find means to avert the threatened disaster to publishers.

The trade commission's report to congress on its investigation will be delayed until a decision is rendered on today's proposal.

The statement issued by the commission said:

"The offer with its promise of lower prices and more equitable distribution not only means the saving of millions to the great publishers of the country, but averts the absolute ruin that now threatens hundreds of the smaller publishers.

### Outcome of Probe.

"The proposition is the outcome of the news print paper investigation that the Federal Trade commission has been conducting for the last eight months. As a result of public hearings and the work of economists, accountants and field experts, the commission arrived at the conclusion that the paper shortage was largely artificial, that prices were extortionate and that free competition had ceased to exist.

"It was the evidence procured by the commission and turned over to the attorney general that led to the recent preparations for criminal prosecution by the Department of Justice.

"For the last two months the commission has been seeking speedy relief from an intolerable situation by means of conferences between publishers and manufacturers, but a deadlock was the only result.

### Employment of Heney.

"Determining upon decisive measures, the Federal Trade commission employed Frances J. Heney of California, to assist the commission in securing instant action and relief. It is through conferences between Mr. Heney on the one hand and the manufacturers and their attorneys on the other that the proposition has been made to put the whole matter up to the Federal Trade commission.

"This was the proposition suggested by the publishers January 27 at a Chicago conference and refused at that time by the manufacturers. Once convinced of the commission's determination as well as impressed by its presentation of the evils and perils of the situation, the manufacturers made the submission in a spirit of fairness and co-operation.

"The principal features of the offer are:

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"Whereas, among manufacturers and publishers there are differences of opinion regarding the increase since January, 1916, in the cost of production of news print paper in the United States and regarding the increased prices to which manufacturers are entitled for news print paper sold for use in the United States for the six months' period, beginning March 1, 1917, taking into consideration the increase in their cost of production and other conditions affecting such manufacturers. And

"Whereas, the undersigned manufacturers are desirous of co-operating in any plan that may be approved by the Federal Trade commission, providing for a more effective distribution of news print paper among the smaller publishers; and

"Whereas, the undersigned manufacturers are desirous of submitting these matters to the arbitration of the Federal Trade commission:

### Request Commission.

"Now, therefore, each of the undersigned does hereby request the Federal Trade commission to find, fix and determine forthwith:

"(a) The probable or estimated increased cost of production of standard news print paper in the United States during the period of time beginning March 1, 1917, and ending September 1, 1917, over the cost of production of news print paper in the United States during the year 1916.

"(b) What price per 100 pounds at the mill would be the fair and reasonable price for the sale of such paper for use in the United States during the aforesaid period of time, from March 1, 1917, to September 1, 1917, taking into consideration such increased cost of production and other conditions affecting respective manufacturers, which the commission may deem pertinent at this time.

### Will Fulfill Contracts.

"It is agreed by the manufacturers that they will carry out all existing contracts, even if at prices lower than those fixed by the commission, and that with respect to contracts which are for higher prices, reductions will be made. Further important clauses in the proposition are:

"And each of the undersigned does hereby agree that it will, so far as lies in its power, limit each contract pur-

## QUEEN ELEANORE OF BULGARIA—Dispatches from Amsterdam state she is seriously ill and her physicians hold little hope for her recovery.



QUEEN ELEANORE

chaser to his necessary requirements only and sell to its customers respectively who have no contracts sufficient paper to meet their necessary requirements only during said period of time at a price not in excess of the amount found, fixed and determined by the Federal Trade commission to be a fair and reasonable maximum price on such paper.

### As to Small Publisher.

"And the undersigned does also agree and bind itself to co-operate with the Federal Trade commission in carrying out any plan approved by the commission to bring about the distribution of newsprint paper for the purpose of securing prompt and effective relief to the small publishers of the United States and which will enable such small publishers through co-

operative buying to secure their newsprint paper at practically the same price as that which is herein-under to be enjoyed by the larger publishers, due provision being made for an additional cost of distribution. News publishers shall not be charged more than said maximum price so found, fixed and determined by the Federal Trade commission, during said period of time.

"And each of the undersigned, while not admitting, but, on the contrary, expressly denying, that any law has been violated by it, does nevertheless hereby agree that the Federal Trade commission may if it finds advisable proceed forthwith to make recommendations for the readjustment of its business in order that it may maintain its organization, management and conduct of business in accordance with law."

### Marks New Era.

The proposition which has been taken under advisement by the Federal Trade commission is said by government officials to mark a new era in American life. The commission was created to provide an expert body for scientific and economic adjustment rather than prosecution, in order that the public might not be compelled to wait and suffer for relief during the slower processes of the criminal law. The offer of the news print manufacturers is the first practical recognition of the new idea by American business men. Official Washington is amazed at the completeness of the commission's accomplishment and already there is a belief that the action of the paper manufacturers will be followed by other groups that have been charged with monopoly and extortion.

If the commission accepts the offer it is in a position by reason of facts gathered in the last eight months to make its decision before March 1. This done, a first step has been taken for the establishment of mutual relations between publishers and manufacturers even while competition is free from restraint and the public interest safeguarded at every point.

### Two Officers Before Grand Jury.

New York, Feb. 16.—Bainbridge Colby and Mark Hyman, special prosecutors in charge of the federal grand jury to determine whether the high cost of print paper is due to commercial violation of the Sherman anti-trust

law, tonight assumed that the investigation would continue. They said they had no information as to the Washington developments and had received no instructions to withdraw the inquiry. The jury has been asked to report again on Monday.

Two officers of the News Print Manufacturers' association were before the jury today. They were Robert M. Houk, assistant secretary, and L. R. Lockhead, general manager and cashier. Shortly after the latter's appearance the grand jury abruptly adjourned.

### To Call Every Official.

It was explained that the sudden halt in the proceedings had no special significance, being due to the raising of a point of law regarding the testimony. Judge Sessions, who swore the jurors in, will be asked to give them special instructions on the point involved prior to the resumption of sittings next week.

The government prosecutors have announced their intention to call every officer of the News Print Manufacturers' association, an organization of sixty-eight companies or individuals.

### Suffrage Petitions Inundate State Senate

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The state senate spent a rather listless morning hour, and did little but fix up a minor matter, send a bill or two back to the committees for further consideration, receive a large bunch of suffrage petitions, a message from Mayor Dahlgren to Minnie Boyer Davis, telling how glad he was that woman suffrage was coming, and then adjourned to meet Monday.

The flood of petitions finally called for a protest from several and Albert made a motion that in the future all petitions be referred to the proper committee without reading. Senator Sandall wanted new matters read and so the motion of Albert prevailed, with the suggestion of Sandall that memorials covering new matters be allowed to be read.

### C. C. Belden in New York.

C. C. Belden of Thompson, Belden & Co. is in New York attending the annual meeting of the National Retailers' association.

## SCHOONER LAW SUNK WITH BOMBS

Captain of American Lumber Ship Makes Further Report On Loss of Vessel.

### CARRIED NO CONTRABAND

(Via Paris, Feb. 16.)—According to an affidavit made by Captain McDonough of the American schooner Lyman M. Law, sunk off the coast of Sardinia by a submarine on February 12, the submarine ordered the schooner to halt, which it did immediately.

The submarine, Captain McDonough's affidavit continues, approached the Lyman M. Law and an officer of the undersea boat examined the ship's papers and its cargo and ordered the captain and crew to leave. Afterward the schooner was set on fire and sunk with bombs.

Captain McDonough makes oath that the only cargo on board the schooner comprised thin wood lath used for making lemon boxes and intended for use in the American trade.

### Senate Would Use Auto License Fees on Roads

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Bills recommended by the senate committee of the whole today were as follows:

S. F. 28, Beal, Custer—Correcting bonds of state and county officers, leaving \$25,000 bonds for deputy attorney general.

S. F. 29, Beal, Custer—Allowing automobile license fees going to county roads fund to be used for "claying" or "stable lithering" roads.

Bills postponed:

S. F. 30, Beal, Custer—To free county treasurer from giving bond to cover funds placed in legal depositories and to require treasurer to make daily itemized statement to county clerk. Postponed on Beal's own motion.

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### Washable Leather Gloves for Spring

New Washables, in white, ivory and gray leathers, \$2.25. Washable leathers of white, Newport, Champagne and Smyrna, \$1.75.

### Hosiery Needs Best Supplied Here

INDESTRUCTIBLE BLACK COTTON HOSE, satisfactory service guaranteed, 3 pairs in a box for \$1.35. THE FAMILY HOSE, a black hosiery hose with heels, toes and tops in colors, to avoid the necessity of marking; 50c a pair. PURE THREAD JAP SILK HOSE, with lisle tops and soles, in black, white and colors; \$1.25.

### NEW: La Jerz Silks, Silk Poplins, Satin Rep, Shantung, Crepe Tussahs, Suiting Taffetas and Satins.

### THEN FOR SILK DRESSES you'll find the kind you want in our assortment of beautiful new Foulards, Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chines, Pussy Willows, Chiffon Taffetas and Satins.

### The Store for --BLOUSES--

Saturday an Extensive Showing of \$25 Blouses. This is an exceptional display of Quality Blouses, showing in a comprehensive manner fashion's fancies for spring. It is with pleasure that we submit these lovely blouses for the approval of women who desire individuality in dress.

### Odd Lots of Lace Curtains 98c a Pair

ONE AND TWO-PAIR LOTS, fine filets and cable nets, 2 1/2 and 3-yard lengths, SOLD FORMERLY UP TO \$4 A PAIR. Saturday, for a quick clearance, 98c a pair.

### Toilet Requisites At Lower Prices

Tooth Brushes, 8 1/2c. Powder Puffs, 8c. Hand Lotion, 15c. Toilet Soap, 3 1/2c a cake. Toilet Goods Section.

### MEN'S Spring Cravats

The Smartest in Town. They were selected with fine discrimination for men who appreciate distinctiveness. Compared to values, prices are microscopically small.

### New Ideas in Ribbon Novelties

Everything in the way of new, fancy articles made of ribbon. Leave your orders for Girdles, Bags, Slippers, Flowers and many ribbon covered articles for the dressing table.

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Spring 1917. THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS FOR MARCH ARE NOW ON SALE.

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## Fashions for Spring Throughout the Store

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### The Dress Section

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### The Coat Section

Has about it an air of spring newness that is very pleasing. FROM THE MANY we choose to describe a belted, unlined coat of gold shade gabardine, with tailored collar and large military pockets, and large buttons to complete the desired effect; \$16.50.

### The Suit Section

Commands attention owing to the unquestionable popularity of the separate skirt and blouse for spring and summer. ONE ATTRACTIVE MODEL is of figured silk poplin and has no bottom hem; priced, \$16.50.

### Private Display Rooms at Your Disposal

Apparel Sections—Second Floor.

### New Spring Collars

Collars of Pongee and Georgette hand-embroidered in the gayest of colors, \$1.75 to \$2.50. Also new Organdy Collars and those of Broadcloth for Coats and Dresses.

### Here for Beads

Gold and Steel Beads, together with a good selection of colored beads. Art Needlework, Third Floor.

### Wash Bloomers

Women's Wash Satin Bloomers, in flesh color and white; \$4.75, \$5, \$6.25. Third Floor.

### Little Notion Needs At Small Prices

Belted, black and white, plain or stayed, 1 1/2 to 4 inches. Machine oil, 10c a bottle. Machine needles, 10c a tube. Skirt hangers, 10c. 500-yard spool basting cotton, 7c a spool. Darning silk, 5c a spool. Press snaps, 10c a card. Wax paper, 5c a package. Needles, 5c a package. Center Aisle, Main Floor.

### New Spring Wash Fabrics

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### Spring Footwear of Sosis Design

Fashioned to meet the demands of well-dressed women. A COMPLETE SHOWING OF NEW SPRING BOOTS—not just a few styles, but an entire selection of the styles for the coming season. LEATHERS of champagne kid, ivory and white kid, field mouse brown with white kid tops, and light gray. Both lace and button styles, with covered wood heels to match.

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