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THE WEATHER
Fair

DEMS CRITICISE WILSON IN MOVE TO SCORE NORRIS

Nebraska Senators Show Divided Sentiment and Albert of Platte Openly Balks at Armed Neutrality Plan.

TABLE MOTION TO CENSURE

Sandall Criticises Hitchcock for Varying Attitude on Issues.

HOUSE TAKING IT UP

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 7.—(Special)—The Nebraska senate is not behind Woodrow Wilson, if the vote taken today is indicative of the feeling of the members on armed neutrality as advocated and desired by the president of the United States.

The resolution of Senator Moriarty censuring Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska for his action in preventing the United States Senate from adopting the president's desired legislation was tabled and democrats were among the most denunciative of the resolution.

Would Include Bryan.

Senator Spirk of Saline proposed to amend the resolution that as W. J. Bryan had cancelled several speaking dates in order to go to Washington to help block any move of the president along the armed neutrality line, he was really the instigator of the filibuster and as such was just as much and more a subject of criticism than Senator Norris and his name should appear in the resolution with that of Mr. Norris.

Spirk called for his substitute to the Moriarty resolution before the amendment was sent up and the chair ruled the substitute had right of way.

McCullen of Gage, who also had a substitute, called up his resolution and the senate went to the mat in a discussion of the whole question.

McCullen Commends.

McCullen called the Moriarty resolution violent and intemperate. He believed that Norris should be condemned for the independent stand he had taken since his advent into congress.

Senator Seal denied that such men as La Follette, Cummins and Stone, who had served their country so long, could be classed as unpatriotic.

Right to Denounce.

"We have a right to denounce Senator Norris," said Moriarty, speaking for his own resolution. "If we believe a thing, say so. If we do not approve of his action, we have a right to say so."

When some senators opposed the referendum and initiative, Bryan and others did not hesitate to denounce them and accuse them of opposing it for monetary reasons.

Points to Inconsistencies.

Speaking in favor of tabling all the resolutions, Sandall of York, republican, asked how much longer "the Nebraska senate was going to continue making a fool of itself," sending promiscuous resolutions to Washington, and even reversing itself on some of these memorials. The senate could better use its time, he said, looking after its own affairs. These alleged offenders were not answerable to the state senate, but to the people.

He criticised Hitchcock for proposing the embargo on munition shipments two years ago, when he was at odds with Bryan and the administration, and coming now to sponsor the armed neutrality bill, which, as he put it, protected the shipment of arms.

Albert Tired of Random Work.

The tables were turned against the resolution when Albert of Platte, democrat, took the floor at the close of the debate and declared that he was tired of voting for what he knew nothing about.

"Why should we impugn the motives of these men of intelligence when most of us only know a submarine by reputation?" he asked. At one point in his talk he referred to the twelfth man that "hung" a jury.

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:

	High	Low	Wind	Rain
5 a. m.	34	24	SW	.00
6 a. m.	35	25	SW	.00
7 a. m.	36	26	SW	.00
8 a. m.	36	26	SW	.00
9 a. m.	36	26	SW	.00
10 a. m.	36	26	SW	.00
11 a. m.	36	26	SW	.00
12 m.	36	26	SW	.00
1 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
2 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
3 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
4 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
5 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
6 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
7 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
8 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
9 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
10 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
11 p. m.	36	26	SW	.00
Total	36	26	SW	.00

Comparative Local Record.

State and Station	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain.
Nebraska—Fair, warm.	34	24	24	.00
Lowest yesterday.....	33	23	23	.00
Highest yesterday.....	38	29	29	.00
Mean temperature.....	34	25	25	.00
Precipitation.....	.01	T	T	T

Temperature and precipitation departure from the normal:

Normal temp. -..... 21

Excess for the day..... 15

Total deficiency since March 1..... 20

Normal precipitation..... .04 inch

Deficiency for the day..... .03 inch

Total rainfall since March 1..... .92 inch

Deficiency for the period..... .98 inch

Excess for cor. period, 1915..... 1.39 inches

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High. Rain.

of Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall.

Cheyenne, clear..... 28 30 .00

Davenport, snow..... 34 42 .00

Des Moines, clear..... 40 42 .00

Dodge City, clear..... 25 36 .00

Lander, clear..... 24 36 .00

North Platte, cloudy..... 24 28 .00

Omaha, cloudy..... 25 36 .01

Pueblo, clear..... 24 36 .00

Rapid City, clear..... 24 36 .00

Salt Lake City, cloudy..... 42 42 .00

Sheridan, clear..... 30 36 .00

Snow City, clear..... 22 32 .00

Valentine, clear..... 29 36 .01

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

GOMEZ IS CAPTURED WITH WHOLE STAFF

Leader of Cuban Revolution
Reported to Have Been
Taken Prisoner.

REJOICING IN CAPITAL

Havana, March 7.—Announcement was made at the president's palace today that a message had been received there stating that Jose Miguel Gomez, former president of Cuba, had been captured with his entire staff, by Colonel Collazo, commander of the government troops.

OMAHA MAN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART AND INSTANTLY KILLED BY BEE SMITH AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

NO REASON FOR SHOOTING

Commences Firing as Balcombe Walks Toward His Place of Business.

BULLET PIERCES HEART

At Excelsior Springs, Mo., yesterday afternoon, where he had gone for his health the day before, Urban B. Balcombe, 3222 Webster street, Omaha, was shot and instantly killed by Bee Smith, who conducted a candy stand in the Auditorium building, where Mr. Balcombe was at the time.

Smith was arrested and taken to the office of some attorneys and later in the day removed to Liberty, Mo., where he is now in jail, charged with murder. The inquest will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

Word from Excelsior Springs last night was that by his attorneys Smith had been instructed not to make any statement and moreover no one aside from the officers was permitted to see him.

Balcombe left Omaha Tuesday morning and went direct to Excelsior Springs, reaching there that night, intending to remain several weeks. He had been going there for years and always looked upon this trip as his vacation, at the same time drinking the waters and taking treatment for some minor ailment.

INDICTED BY CUBA JUDGE.

President Menocal was recently quoted as attributing the Cuban revolt to the "unbridled ambition" of General Gomez to overthrow him, but this was denied by General Gomez' friends.

A few days ago it was stated that a Cuban judge had found a true bill against Gomez on a charge of conspiracy and revolution and had fined bail at \$200,000.

Lloyd George Says Irish Controversy Should Be Postponed

London, March 7.—On behalf of the Irish nationalists, T. P. O'Connor moved in the House of Commons today a resolution that the free institutions long promised to Ireland should be conferred on it without further delay.

Premier Lloyd George said the government was prepared to confer self-government on parts of Ireland clearly demanding it.

Premier Lloyd George said it was the government view that there must be no attempt at a settlement of the Irish question which would provoke civil war in one part of the kingdom and send the whole kingdom into warring camps during the great world struggle.

The premier, however, urged the necessity of postponing the Irish controversy during the war in the interests of national safety.

Mrs. Lloyd George asserted that the government's view was that it would be impossible to force the Ulster to submit to be governed against their will. He suggested that the question might be postponed until the war ended.

OLD RESIDENT OF OMAHA.

Omaha had been Mr. Balcombe's home since July 5, 1865, and he was a member of the Douglas County Pioneers' association. He was born February 24, 1852, at Elgin, Ill., the son of St. A. D. Balcombe, who was at one time editor of the Old Omaha Republican. During 1872-77, U. B. Balcombe was reporter, foreman of the news room and business manager of that paper. Casper E. Yost succeeded him.

Traveling and city salesmanship was his work for nine years after he left the Republican. From 1887 to 1908 he was in city or county positions, being secretary of the board of public works, 1887-91; deputy city clerk, 1892-93; sidewalk inspector, 1894-95; city treasury clerk, 1896-1900; street worker and sidewalk inspector, 1901-03, and chief deputy assessor, 1904-07. Since April, 1908, he had been engaged in real estate work, part of that time as retail manager with Reed Bros. in the Bee building.

OLD RESIDENT OF OMAHA.

In politics he was a straight republican. He is said to have had no religious affiliations. He was a member of Triangle Lodge, No. 54 Knights of Pythias, and of the Society of Veterans of that order. He also belonged to B. and M. Camp, No. 945, Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Balcombe, Al Sorenson and L. W. Miner were known as the oldest resident ex-newspaper reporters. Mr. Balcombe and Harry Haskell were known as the oldest resident printers.

Mr. Balcombe was graduated from Iowa College, Grinnell, with a bachelor of master of arts there in 1875. His wife's maiden name was Cora Turner, whom he married at Missouri Valley in 1890. They had no children.

Large Russian Cruiser Reported Damaged by Mine

Berlin, March 6.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, March 7.)—The Russian armored cruiser Ryurik struck a mine in the gulf of Finland and was badly damaged, according to reports from Stockholm, says an Overseas Agency.

News of the disaster to the Ryurik was received in Sweden despite the Russian naval censorship, and the agency's Stockholm advises state.

The warship was shortly afterward docked at Cronstadt, on the gulf of Finland, it is added.

THE RYURIK.

The Ryurik (also spelled Rurik) is an armored cruiser of 15,190 tons, 329 feet long, 75 feet beam and 26 feet depth. Its armament comprises four ten-inch guns in pairs in turrets and eight eight-inch guns similarly mounted, together with twenty 4.7-inch guns and four three-pounders. It has two torpedo tubes, submerged.

The Ryurik, which was built at Barrow in 1906, developed a speed of 21.5 knots on its trial. Its complement is 998 men.

French Attack Upon German Post Near Verdun Repulsed

Berlin, March 7.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., March 7.)—The official Overseas News agency denies the report published in British newspapers that Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, after thoroughly inspecting the Austro-Italian front in the Trentino, had declared they were not in favor of an offensive in this region because of the lack of railway lines.

The statement reads:

"On the Scarpe (Arras region), on both sides of the Ancre, on the Somme, in the Champagne, and on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), there was lively artillery activity yesterday. Repeated engagements occurred between reconnoitering detachments and trench garrisons."

In the evening the French attacked on the northeast front of Verdun our new position in Caurières Wood. They were repulsed by our defense.

"Clear weather favored the airmen in the execution of their tasks. In numerous air engagements fifteen hostile airplanes were shot down. We lost one airplane through the enemy's action."

Many National Guard Units in Small Towns

Washington, March 7.—To encourage small towns and villages to maintain National Guard units, the War department, in a circular issued today, has authorized the establishment of detached platoons. Two or more of these platoons coming from nearby towns or settlements would form a company in a regiment organized in that part of