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## PLANS CREATING TONNAGE FASTER THAN IT IS SUNK

### American Engineer Would Build New Type of Motor-Driven Vessels Quickly, in Great Numbers.

## MASTLESS AND SMOKELESS

### Craft Would Not Present Much of Mark to Submarines and Be Easily Maneuvered.

## EACH ONE THOUSAND TONS

New York, March 8.—A plan whereby cargo tonnage can be created in this country "faster than Germany can sink it," has been devised by F. Huntington Clark, an American engineer, according to an announcement here tonight before the joint session of the Automobile Club of America, the Aero Club of America, and the Motor Boat Club of America.

The new type of vessel, it was said, could be built in great numbers quickly, at small cost and by men of little skill. Each vessel would be mastless, smokeless and of diminutive size and would have such low visibility as compared with the great steel ships now afloat that it could be seen by a submarine at barely more than a third of the distance at which the 10,000 ton steamships now are detected.

### Offer Smaller Mark.

In addition to it was asserted, the new craft propelled entirely by motor, would offer a smaller mark, would be more easily maneuvered in event of an encounter, and because of its small draft of from eleven to thirteen feet, torpedoes that ordinarily would sink the larger vessel of steel construction would "pass idly beneath it."

It was estimated that 1,000,000 tons, or 1,000 vessels of 1,000 tons each with a speed of nine knots, could be built at a cost of \$100,000,000 in a year. These boats would be 185 feet over all with thirty-six foot beam. The same amount of tonnage, with a speed of fourteen knots, it was said, could be built for \$150,000,000.

### To Utilize All Yards.

Mr. Clark's plan, is to utilize all of the coastal wooden ship yards which now have a capacity of 250,000 tons a year. To enlarge these plants, it was asserted, would require nothing more than the clearing of additional beach or bank, the laying down of more cheap wooden ways and the setting up of additional lumber planing and sawing machinery. The labor, he contends, can be created from the "rawest material."

## President Wilson Ordered to Remain In Bed by Physician

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson, who is suffering from a cold taken a week ago and made worse during his inauguration Monday, remained in bed today by order of his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson. No engagements were made by the president and he will rest as much as possible during the next few days.

Dr. Grayson said at noon that the president's temperature was above normal and that absolute rest for several days was necessary. The president spent a quiet night. The prospects were that Mr. Wilson would have to remain in bed for several days, although his condition was not serious.

## Four Persons Burned To Death at Boone, Ia.

Boone, Ia., March 8.—Four persons are believed to have been burned to death in a fire at the Boone county poor farm last night. The missing are: Fina Oberg, John Allen, Peter Peterson and a Mr. Becker, all inmates. The loss is \$60,000.

## The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	27	27
6 a. m.	27	27
7 a. m.	27	27
8 a. m.	27	27
9 a. m.	27	27
10 a. m.	27	27
11 a. m.	27	27
12 a. m.	27	27
1 p. m.	27	27
2 p. m.	27	27
3 p. m.	27	27
4 p. m.	27	27
5 p. m.	27	27
6 p. m.	27	27
7 p. m.	27	27
8 p. m.	27	27
9 p. m.	27	27
10 p. m.	27	27
11 p. m.	27	27

### Comparative Local Record.

1917	1916	1915	1914
Highest yesterday	42	38	41
Lowest yesterday	21	23	22
Mean temperature	34	34	33
Precipitation	.00	.01	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years:			
Normal temperature	32	32	32
Excess for the day	10	6	3
Deficiency since March 1	15	15	15
Normal precipitation	.04	.04	.04
Deficiency for the day	.04	.04	.04
Total rainfall since March 1	.02	.02	.02
Deficiency since March 1	.29	.29	.29
Excess over period, 1916	.24	.24	.24
Excess over period, 1915	.25	.25	.25

### Reports From Stations at 7 p. m.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyanne, Wyo.	40	44	.00
Dayton, Ohio	34	38	.00
Denver, Colo.	46	52	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	34	40	.00
Grand Island, Neb.	34	40	.00
Omaha, Neb.	34	40	.00
Sioux Falls, S. D.	34	40	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	44	50	.00
St. Paul, Minn.	34	40	.00
Wichita, Kan.	34	40	.00
Yonkers, N. Y.	34	40	.00

## LEARN FEW FACTS AT BALCOMBE INQUEST

### Coroner's Jury Investigating Death of Omaha at Springs Returns Verdict.

## STATEMENT OF SLAYER

A coroner's jury yesterday, investigating the death of Urban Balcombe of Omaha at Excelsior Springs, Mo., Wednesday, returned the following verdict:

"Deceased came to his death from a bullet wound through the left lung aorta and out through the sixth rib on the right side, inflicted by Bee B. Smith with a .32 caliber automatic Colt's revolver."

The evidence of all witnesses examined brought out few facts to explain the tragedy. Witnesses agreed that Smith ordered Balcombe to get away, saying, "We don't want you around here. I told you that before," and as Balcombe came in towards the stand he reached for the revolver and fired at Balcombe's feet. The first bullet split on the tile floor and was deflected into the woodwork a foot above the floor, the second bullet causing instant death. James Brill of Cleveland, O., was the principal witness.

### Statement of Smith.

An Excelsior Springs newspaper yesterday published the following statement made by Smith immediately after the shooting: "This is a terrible thing I have done. I hardly know what made me do it, but this man has been giving us trouble. He was in Excelsior Springs last year and we were compelled to order him from the place. He made trouble about the place. He would take things off the counter. I never had any trouble with anyone else. I am sorry I did it. I don't know why I had the gun. I would not intend to kill him. I would not kill anybody, but I did not know what he was going to do."

### Take Body to Milwaukee.

Smith is in the county jail at Liberty, Mo., where he refused yesterday to make any statement. Charles Battelle, a brother-in-law of Balcombe, arrived in Excelsior Springs yesterday morning and left for Milwaukee with the body in the afternoon.

Prosecuting Attorney Ernest Simrall filed a charge of first degree murder yesterday afternoon and the preliminary hearing will be held soon, according to advices from Excelsior Springs.

## Ask Permit to Hang Murderer on Top of Federal Building

Washington, March 8.—Treasury department officials today referred to the attorney general for decision a request from the custodian of public buildings at Spokane for authorization to use the roof of the federal building there as the location for the erection of a scaffold to put to death a federal prisoner sentenced to die March 20.

The custodian's letter stated that the prisoner, whose name was not given, had been sentenced in the federal court. The state laws of Washington prohibit capital punishment. Application was made to the commandant of a government military reservation in the state for permission to hang the prisoner there, but it was denied.

Treasury department officials are in doubt as to whether the roof of a public building could be used for that purpose and may withhold authorization even if the attorney general's opinion is favorable.

## Last Units of Guards to Leave Border by March 25

Washington, March 8.—The last of the National Guard organizations from the border will leave for their homes by March 25 under the schedule of movements just completed. General Pershing today reported to the War department. Some delay may be occasioned by the inability of the Eastern and Central departments to care promptly for the housing and mustering out of the returning troops, the message added, and for this reason the War department was requested to authorize use of National Guard armories and mobilization camps.

San Antonio, Tex., March 8.—The dates of departure of all National Guard troops remaining in all National Guard service were announced today at Southern department headquarters. Schedules have been arranged so that all organizations will be home by April 1. While March 25 has been set as the date for the last of the organizations to leave, it was said that efforts would be made to have units designated to start March 24 and 25 leave two or three days in advance of those dates.

## Father of Child Killed By Auto Awarded \$1,000

Rawlins, Wyo., March 8.—(Special.)—Because his automobile ran down and killed the 3-year-old daughter of James Ferrero at Rock Springs, Wyo., Chris Jewell, a wealthy Rock Springs banker, must pay Ferrero \$1,000. This is the judgment of a jury in the district court here, the damage suit for \$10,000 instituted by Ferrero having been brought to this county on a change of venue.

## Union Pacific Blocked By Snow at Lookout, Wyo.

Salt Lake City, March 8.—For the fourth time the winter railway traffic in the intermountain region was prostrated today when a blizzard centering at Lookout, Wyo., is reported to be holding up five west-bound trains. Reports from Salt Lake Wire reports from the vicinity of the storm indicate that all trains to the coast will be from fifteen to twenty hours late.

## SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION TO BAR FILIBUSTER

### Gronna, La Follette and Sherman Vote Against Amendment to Limit Time of Debate.

## CUMMINS LASHES WILSON

### Says Armed Neutrality Would Give President Right to Make War at Will.

## DENOUNCES FALSIFIERS

Washington, March 8.—An amendment to the senate rules giving two-thirds of its members the power to prevent filibusters and limit debate was passed late today by the senate.

The vote was 76 to 63. Senators Gronna, LaFollette and Sherman voting against the change.

During the debate, endorsement of the cloture rule was given by Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who, however, expressed doubts as to its efficacy.

Senator Cummins, one of the twelve men who failed to sign the senate manifesto favoring passage of the armed neutrality bill, declared in the senate today that "any man in the senate or out of it, or high or low degree, who intimates that I attempted or conspired to prevent a vote on this bill, deliberately falsifies. I wish I could use a stronger term and still be within the rules of the senate."

### Debated It Hour.

"I debated the amendment which I presented a little more than one hour," said Mr. Cummins, "and then my part in this drama—this tragedy as it would have been—ceased and any man, whether in the senate or out of it, whether of high or low degree, who intimates that I attempted or conspired to prevent a vote on this bill, deliberately falsifies. I wish I could use a stronger term and still be within the rules of the senate."

Senator Sherman said he failed to see any reason to be "precipitate" in the matter and pointed to the sinking of the Lusitania nearly two years ago and the sinking of other vessels since to show that the president had not been in a hurry to demand action.

### U. S. PATROL INCREASED

Fort Hancock, Tex., March 8.—American patrols along the international border south of here early today had not seen any of the Carranza troops from Juarez with which General Jose Carlos Murguia expected to engage the Villa command at the San Martin ranch today.

Late last night the machine gun company of the Thirty-third Michigan infantry, in command of Captain Crossman, was divided and the eight motor machine guns were sent to guard the river fords near here. All regular and National Guard troops stationed here were held under arms all night in readiness to repel a crossing by the Villa rebels from the Mexican side.

Signal rockets were seen on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande late last night by American army patrols, who also reported having seen a number of campfires across the border, believed to have been those of the Villa troops. At dawn today cavalry patrols left here to scout along the border for armed bands on the opposite side of the river.

A Villa band of thirty men, in command of Epifanio Holguin, was located on the Mexican side close to the border late yesterday. This band was believed to have been engaged in smuggling operations to get ammunition across the border for the Villa command of approximately 400, which was located at the San Martin ranch, seventeen miles south of the line.

Holguin's band visited the San Juan mine, owned by American mining men, seven miles south of the border, Sunday, but took only food. Each member of the band was leading an extra mount when seen at the mine.

British Cavalry Within Twelve Miles of Bagdad

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Farmers Warned Against Selling Their Seed Grain

Washington, March 8.—Inventory of the quantity of cereals of the 1916 crops remaining on farms March 1 made by the Department of Agriculture and announced in its March crop report today disclosed a material reduction of stocks as compared with other years. Heavy exports of wheat, corn and oats to supply the warring European nations have reduced farmers' stocks. The high prices offered for those cereals have been so tempting to farmers that the department has issued warnings to farmers not to part with their valuable seed and thereby endanger the coming season's crops.

## Offers Sons \$10 a Month To Serve in Army or Navy

Smith Center, Kan., March 8.—(Special.)—The fires of patriotism are burning brightly in this county, and able-bodied young men are being given every encouragement to enlist in either the army or navy. Yesterday two of them, Orel Spengler and Irving Elkins, left here for Kansas City to enlist in the navy. Numerous other young men are planning to follow suit. Will Ford, father of several sons, is encouraging them to see military service and offers to put into the bank \$10 a month each for every month they spend in either branch of the service. Each of the sons expects to accept his father's offer.

## Gold Imports Nearly One and a Third Billions

New York, March 8.—Gold imports since January, 1915, reached a total of \$1,301,500,000 with the arrival today from Canada of \$5,000,000 consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. Imports for this year amount to \$164,000,000.

## The Question of Universal Training



IN THE OLD DAYS, ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY WAS TO HAVE A MUSKET AND BE ABLE TO SHOOT STRAIGHT

IT'D ENLIST IN THERE WAS A CHANCE OF HAVING A SCRAP

THE MAN OF TODAY IS READY ENOUGH TO ENLIST IF WAR IS DECLARED

BUT—HOW COULD HE LEARN TO RUN SUBMARINES AND AEROPLANES AND ABSORB THE TECHNICAL TRAINING THAT IS NECESSARY TO BE A SOLDIER IN THESE TIMES—OVER NIGHT?

## WATCH FOR BATTLE NEAR FT. HANCOCK

### Villa Force is Reported at Martin's Ranch, Seventeen Miles South of the Border.

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## Count Zeppelin, Airship Inventor, Dies Near Berlin

London, March 8.—Count Zeppelin is dead, according to a dispatch from Berlin received by Reuter's Telegram company. According to a Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, Count Zeppelin died this forenoon at Charlottenburg, near Berlin, from inflammation of the lungs.

## DEMOCRATS ANGRY OVER NASBY ORDER

### Small-Sized Revolution in Congress at Ruling to Apply Civil Service.

## LOBECK IS OUTSPOKEN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Democrats are genuinely angry today over the determination of Postmaster General Burleson to place all postmasters under the civil service April 1. Of course the president will issue the executive order, but Burleson is the man behind the gun.

Representatives who have been the "over lord" of the Postoffice department in the last twenty-four hours on the proposition have come away from the Pennsylvania avenue building in anything but a friendly frame of mind.

Some congressmen have gone so far as to say that the effect would be to place in office many republicans, while others insisted that the merit system was invoked for the purpose of drawing republican support for administrative measures in the next house, whose political complexion is so uncertain.

In Effect April 1.  
Postmasters now in office will serve out the four-year term for which they were appointed, but after April 1 the president will fill each vacancy by appointment of the man making the highest grade in examinations yet to be arranged.

Congressman Lobeck, who had a number of appointments fail for lack of confirmation is one of those opposing the new departure.

"I am convinced that the merit system as it applies to postmasters should not be accomplished by executive order. It is a matter that congress should decide, and I am one of those who believe that the postmaster general is exceeding his prerogatives when he attempts to take from the congress inherent rights."

"A good postmaster, eminently satisfactory to the patrons of an office, may not be able to pass a prescribed examination of the civil service commission or whoever is delegated to make the examination. For myself, I think I am better able to judge of the qualifications of a candidate for a postoffice in my district than any civil service commissioner and I demand that right."

Seventh Day Adventists Incorporate; Debt Limited

With \$10,000 set forth as the amount of indebtedness it shall be competent to contract, the Twenty-seventh Street Memorial Seventh Day Adventist church of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The incorporators are John S. Rouse, president of the Nebraska Conference, Association of Seventh Day Adventists; Anna Peterson, secretary; Otto O. Eernstein, pastor of the church, and Lucian B. Johnson and Gilbert W. Stahl, laymen.

## MANY APPLICATIONS ALREADY ON FILE

### Total to Date Reported by Federal Land Bank Over Two Million.

## NEBRASKA HEADS THE LIST

Applications for loans aggregating \$2,424,740 are already on file with the officers of the Federal Land bank of Omaha. These are from the forty-nine national farm loan associations already organized in this, the Eighth district. Their articles of association have been filed with the Federal Land bank of Omaha.

Iowa has two associations, located at Norwalk, Warren county, and Belmont, Wright county. These two Iowa associations applied for \$115,500 in loans.

Nebraska leads the list, with twenty-six associations already formed, applying for a grand total of \$1,369,160.

South Dakota, with fifteen associations, asks for \$604,180, and Wyoming, with six associations, wants \$335,900.

The farm loan act requires these associations to subscribe for stock in the Omaha Land bank to the amount of 5 per cent of the loans granted. Upon this basis the amount of loans asked for will bring an accumulation of \$121,235 to the capital stock of the Federal Land bank as soon as the loans are made.

Praise Omaha Board.

Washington, March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Commissioner W. A. Smith of the Farm Loan board, who has charge of appointments, is enthusiastic over the manner in which the chairman and directors of the Omaha district have taken hold of matters, and he expects District No. 8, comprising Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, to do big things.

"They have not hampered the office in any way with foolish questions," said Mr. Smith, referring to the Omaha board. "They have made no requests, except very legitimate ones, and they have not started out by loading themselves up with an office force that later will have to be discontinued. I like the spirit and initiative of the Omaha board. They meet my hearty approval."

Sociological Club Is Formed at Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The Sociological club of Sioux City was formed last evening at the Martin hotel by a group of thirty-eight charter members, including Bishop P. J. Carrigan and Dr. A. E. Craig, president of Morningglade college. First officers elected are: president, Rabbi Emanuel Sternheim; vice president, Superintendent M. G. Clark; secretary, Mrs. Ida Galinsky Courshon; executive committee, Dr. A. E. Craig, Rev. J. R. Perkins, Miss Ruth A. Hitch, Miss Jeanette Drake and Miss Mary Ball. The object of the club is to provide a common meeting place, where, free from official or sectarian bias, workers of all sects and creeds in the field of sociological endeavor, both professional and volunteer, may gather informally and exchange views and obtain accurate information on subjects of common and kindred interest.

## Junior Infantry Unit For State University

Washington, March 8.—A senior infantry unit of the reserve officers' training corps has been established, it was announced by the War department at the state university of Iowa. A junior infantry unit has been authorized for the University of Nebraska.

## WILSON EXPECTS TO ACT ON SUBSEA CRISIS THIS WEEK

### Intimation Government May Take Over Ships and Arm Them as Auxiliary Naval Craft.

## EXTRA SESSION PROBABLE

### Congress May Be Called in a Few Days if Senate Revises Cloture Rule.

## HOUSE MEMBERS WAITING

Washington, March 8.—Indications accumulated today that President Wilson is likely to act at any time in the situation caused by Germany's announcement of ruthless submarine warfare. Although the president was kept in bed by a cold, it was said he was still considering the subject.

It was not made clear, however, whether he will decide to arm vessels, convoy them, have them taken over by the government so they might be armed as auxiliary craft or to call a special session of congress to take up anew the armed neutrality bill.

In some administration quarters it was believed the president is certain to act this week, but other officials took the position that he would wait until the senate has had an opportunity to revise its rules.

Mr. Wilson has been advised that he has sufficient power to arm American merchantmen without waiting for action by congress and some officials believe he will act on this advice forthwith.

### Will Call Congress Soon.

On the other hand, a strong sentiment undoubtedly exists in the administration for the president to take action along the line of calling an extra session of congress to meet in the very near future.

Reports given to the president agree that the senate rules will be revised quickly so that if an extra session of congress is called it would be possible to get prompt action on an armed neutrality resolution.

Inasmuch as there is a general agreement that an extra session is necessary some time before July 1, because of the failure of important appropriation bills during the last session, a disposition was apparent today among officials to advise Mr. Wilson to call an extra session on at once and get it over with.

### Congressmen Are Waiting.

More than a hundred members of the house of representatives from the middle and far west are in Washington awaiting announcement by the president as to whether he expects to call an extra session of congress soon. They fear that if they start for home they may be intercepted on the way by an extra session call and have to return immediately.

## Favors Levy to Raise \$700,000 for New East Wing of State House

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A levy of sixty-seven hundredths of a mill, which will raise about \$700,000 in the next two years, was the recommendation of the house finance committee tonight for the building of a new east wing for the state house. The vote stood seven to three on the motion to report the bill out in this form.

This will leave the next legislature the responsibility of raising a fund to complete the building. However, there may be an attempt to amend the bill when it comes before the house for consideration.

## Decision in Lead Land Case Makes Precedent

Lead, S. D., March 8.—(Special.)—Robert P. Stewart, United States district attorney, has just received word from the court of appeals of the Eighth circuit at St. Louis that the case of the United States against Carl Putin and others has been confirmed by the court of appeals. This was the case which attracted much attention throughout the country, by virtue of the fact that under it the government will now be able to sue for damages where fraudulent entries have been made and where the government is otherwise prevented from proceeding in equity to cancel the patents. No announcement has been made as to when the government expects to institute the actions, which undoubtedly will be in wholesale numbers, but wherever fraud has been practiced in the obtaining of lands from the government these suits are expected to follow for the damages sustained by the government.

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Competent