

DECIDE TO CARRY BRAND WHITLOCK OFF TO GERMANY

Frontier Correspondents of British Press Hear American Legation in Brussels Under Police Guard.

IS VIRTUALLY ISOLATED Rumored Teutons Contemplate Taking Minister and His Staff Across Border.

U. S. CAPITAL IS SKEPTICAL

London, March 29.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says:

"Frontier correspondents hear from Brussels that the American legation is completely isolated and under a guard of German police. It is rumored that the Germans contemplate taking the minister (Brand Whitlock) and his staff to Germany.

Must Stay Three Months.

"The Americans in Brussels have been notified that they cannot leave Belgium before three months at the earliest."

A Hague dispatch March 28 declared authoritatively that the German government intended to ask American officials and relief workers of the American commission for relief in Belgium to submit to a period of "news quarantine," the time not to exceed four weeks, in order to prevent military information from leaking out.

A Proper Course.

Washington, March 29.—Subjection of Americans of the Belgium Relief Commission to a "news quarantine" prior to their departure from behind the German lines was explained at the state department today as a proper course agreed upon when the relief workers were invited to remain in Belgium.

Reports that Brand Whitlock, minister to Belgium, and other diplomatic officers also would be detained were not credited.

One Station Trains Sailors at the Rate of Thousand a Month

Lake Bluff, Ill., March 29.—Sailors at the rate of almost 1,000 a month are being turned out at the Great Lakes naval training station here, according to reports just made public.

In the last few weeks recruits have been received at an average rate of sixty a day. As a result, accommodations have been pressed to the limit and more than 800 are sleeping in tents. The course of training, usually four months, has been reduced and the men are being sent to sea as rapidly as they can be made fit. A class of 450 will leave tomorrow for "somewhere in the east."

In addition to the recruits received from throughout the west and middle west, preparations are being made for the training of short course units composed of students from a number of midwest universities. A unit from the Armour institute, Chicago, today began to attend classes in radio signaling.

Two Women to Every Man

Would Enlist As Marines

New York, March 29.—"Are women more patriotic than men?" During the last week two women to every man have applied for enlistment in the United States marine corps, according to Captain Frank E. Evans, officer in charge of recruiting here.

"One woman insisted upon being assigned to duty on a battleship," said Captain Evans. "It was difficult to convince her that women are not permitted to serve in any capacity on warships."

A recent ruling of Secretary Daniels provides for the enlistment of women to fill clerical positions, only, in case of war. This has encouraged many patriotic daughters of America, who prefer machine guns to typewriters, to offer their services as actual combatants.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various dates and locations.

MANCHESTER ROW SPLITS WOODMEN

Efforts to Oust Supreme Guardian of Circle Divides Order Into Factions.

APPARENT AT CONVENTION

Efforts to oust Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, from this position at the convention to be held at Memphis, Tenn., beginning April 2, have split the Woodmen people into two factions, particularly in Nebraska.

Mrs. Manchester blames the movement entirely upon Sovereign Commander Fraser of the Woodmen of the World, and says he has made a scurrilous and untruthful attack upon her.

The Fraser faction charges that Mrs. Manchester has been in a conspiracy against the Woodmen of the World or Mrs. Fraser personally.

The eleventh biennial convention of the Woodmen Circle of Nebraska is now on in Lincoln and the fight is cropping out there. Whether it will come openly and personally upon the floor or not, the shadow of the strife will be evident in the fight of the respective factions for representation at the supreme lodge meeting in Memphis April 2.

After Mrs. Manchester's Job.

Mrs. Tola McGowan of Grand Island is the candidate for the factious favoring Mrs. Manchester.

Mrs. Manchester has been supreme guardian of the Circle for eighteen years. She holds that she has built it up from a state of virtual bankruptcy to the position of one of the strongest fraternal orders in the world.

Mr. Fraser holds that the Woodmen of the World has financed the Woodmen Circle. Mrs. Manchester denies this and declares the Woodmen of the World have never contributed one dollar to the promotion of this order since she has been supreme guardian.

Charges Duties Hampered.

Mr. Fraser and his friends hold that Mrs. Manchester has tried to hamper Mr. Fraser in the discharge of his duties as sovereign commander.

Mrs. Manchester declares there are seven members who are in open revolt against her as supreme guardian. She declares it is a conspiracy to unhorse her from this position and give it to another.

"Their grievances are largely mental apparitions," says Mrs. Manchester. "This fight continues. Mrs. Manchester has gone so far as to issue a little pamphlet to the members, setting forth her position as preliminary to her regular official report, which she is to make at Memphis."

Part of Convention Bolts.

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Woodmen of the World in their state meeting here today got into a controversy which resulted in a part of the convention "insurgency" and leaving the convention hall.

State Manager Ed Walsh made a motion to make the re-election of Carl R. Stiles of Omaha unanimous. C. W. Haskell of Lincoln demanded a roll call and did not get it. O. Beezley of Lincoln launched into a speech declaring that steam roller methods were being used and demanded a square deal.

Refuse to Seat Unit.

The trouble was renewed when the convention refused to seat Charles Unit of Omaha, clerk of Alpha Camp of that city, who came as an alternate. He left the hall and a number followed him.

The Woodmen Circle also had a little scrap over the election of a delegate to the supreme lodge, the anti-Manchester crowd winning with the election of Mrs. Remington of Omaha. The Manchester faction declared that the majority faction had taken undue advantage by holding the election in the morning, when it had already been the custom to hold the elections in the afternoon.

HOLLWEG SAYS IF WAR DOES COME BLAME UPON U. S.

Chancellor of Germany Never Had Slightest Intention of Attacking America and Has Not Now.

HE REVIEWS SITUATION

Asserts Kaiser's Government Has No Wish for Hostilities With Washington.

NO HINT OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, March 29.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America and does not have such intention now. It never desired war against the United States of America and does not desire it today," was the declaration made by the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in a speech in the Reichstag today.

The chancellor made important declarations concerning Germany's policy toward the United States and Russia.

Reviews the Causes.

"How did these things develop?" asked the chancellor, in speaking of the relations with the United States. He then proceeded to answer the question by reviewing the causes which led up to the German use of submarines in unrestricted warfare.

Declaring that Germany had undertaken unrestricted submarine warfare for its defense, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation, with which it has lived in peace for more than 100 years, if this warrants an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the burden of responsibility for it."

Says Germans Don't Want War.

Concerning German relations with the United States, the chancellor, whose speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency (the German official news bureau), said:

"Within the next few days the directors of the American nation will be convened by President Wilson for an extraordinary session of congress in order to decide the question of war or peace between the American and German nations."

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Expectations Disappointed.

"How did these things develop? More than once we told the United States that we made unrestricted use of the submarine weapon expecting that England could be made to observe, in her policy of blockade, the laws of humanity and international agreements. This blockade policy—I express myself—has been called 'illegal and indefensible' (the imperial chancellor here used the English words) by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing."

"Our expectations, which we maintained during eight months, have been disappointed completely; England not only did not give up her illegal and indefensible policy of blockade, but uninterruptedly intensified it. England, together with her allies, arrogantly rejected the peace offers made by us and our allies and proclaimed their warfare which aims at our annihilation and that of our allies."

Question of Responsibility.

"Then we took unrestricted submarine warfare into our hands; we had to for our defense."

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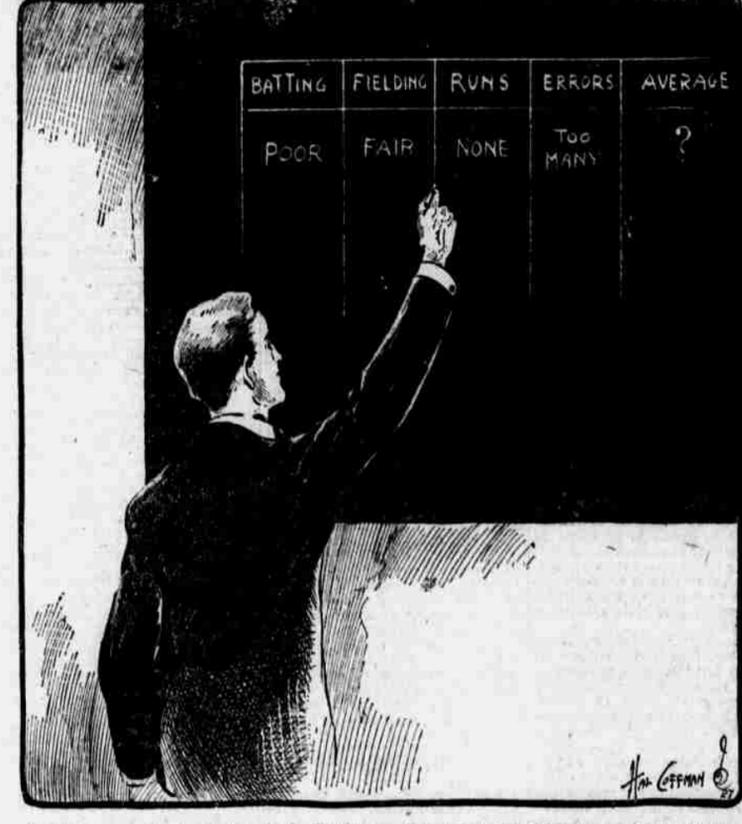
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Wilson Endorses Fund for Relief of Jews in Russia

Washington, March 29.—President Wilson sent a telegram today endorsing the raising of a \$10,000,000 fund for the relief of Jewish war sufferers, in which he said "the Russian revolution has opened the door of freedom to an oppressed people."

The president's telegram, sent to Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, follows: "Your contribution of \$1,000,000 to the \$10,000,000 fund for the relief of Jewish war sufferers serves democracy as well as humanity. The Russian revolution has opened the door of freedom to an oppressed people, but unless they are given life and strength and courage, the opportunity of centuries will avail them little. It is to America that these starving millions look for aid and out of our prosperity, fruit of free institutions, should spring a vast and ennobling generosity. Your gift lays an obligation, even while it furnishes inspiration."

Ever Keep a Box Score of Yourself?



What are you betting in the league of life? What's your fielding average? How many errors for the year? Ever knock a home run? Or do you strike out every time at bat? What do you do if you wallop out a single? Talk to someone in the grandstand and tell 'em how good you are

instead of keeping your eyes on the ball? The pitcher slips it to the first baseman and you go sit down on the bench. Or, are you watching the base you are on, also the pitcher, second, third and home? Life is a ball game—any game—if you think of it that way. H. G.

SPAIN SUSPENDS ALL GUARANTEES

Alfonso Takes Extreme Measures to Suppress Appeal Made to People.

DETAILS ARE WITHHELD

London, March 29.—The Official Gazette at Madrid published today a decree suspending constitutional guarantees in all provinces of the kingdom, Reuter's Madrid correspondent cables.

The Spanish government will adopt measures made necessary for the preservation of order in view of an appeal to the people which is characterized as seditious, says a Reuter dispatch from Madrid.

No information had been received here early this afternoon in explanation of the suspension of the constitutional guarantees in Spain.

Leaders Are Arrested.

Paris, March 29.—An "appeal to the people" which has been issued in Spain has been declared by the government to be seditious, a Havas dispatch from Madrid reports. The signers of the appeal, whose names have not been disclosed, have been arrested. The cabinet has taken the affair into its own hands and will deal with it summarily.

Subject of Italy Sues

Rock Island for Big Sum

Louis Farrara, a citizen of Italy and a subject of Victor Emmanuel III, is suing the Rock Island for \$10,200 in district court, alleging permanent injuries suffered in a railroad wreck near Atlantic, Ia., on February 5. His attorney said that the case was brought as it was, with Farrara named as a citizen of Italy, so that it could not be changed to federal court.

Public Aid to Be Given

Garden Workers in Fremont

Fremont, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of citizens at the high school Wednesday evening plans for a community garden club were laid and a committee appointed to have charge of the work. Arrangements have been made for aiding in a financial way those who are unable to buy their seed potatoes.

Pretty Plaintiff Walks

Into Court in Bare Feet

Jurors in Judge Redick's court sat up and took notice when pretty Miss Hazel Johnson, plaintiff in a \$5,000 suit against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, patty-patted into the witness box in here bare feet.

Counsel for the street railway company had requested that Miss Johnson's ankle, which she alleged was permanently injured in accidents on May 25 and May 30, be examined by the jury. The fair plaintiff was reluctant at first, but finally consented to go into an ante room and remove her shoes and stockings.

Telephone Girl at Rulo Drives Away Would-Be Bank Robbers

Operator Fires Six Shots at Man Who Climbed Pole and Attempted to Cut the Cable.

PRESENCE OF MIND SHOWN

Falls City, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—An attempt was made to rob the bank at Rulo last night by several men, who, when detected, fled south toward Kansas in a high-powered auto. The telephone wires were cut at the Burlington depot, and the agent, being unable to find a live wire in either direction, called the telephone exchange and told the girl his suspicion that an attempt would be made to dynamite the big railroad bridge. In a few minutes the girl heard a noise outside the office, and, peeping out, saw a man on the telephone pole cutting the cable. She fired six shots with a .22 revolver at the man and to arouse the town, and ran to the nearest house and aroused Dr. Shepherd. She shot at the man after he was on the ground and he called, "Girlie, don't shoot; we won't hurt you!" Tools were taken from the section house.

JAPANESE WARSHIP IS SUNK BY RAIDER

Report from Tokio Says Unnamed Vessel Destroyed in the Southern Pacific.

BRITISH BARK NEATH SUNK

Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—A dispatch to the Canadian News from Tokio says that a German raider has sunk a Japanese warship in the southern Pacific. The names of the vessels were not disclosed.

It was officially announced in Tokio about two weeks ago that a converted German cruiser had been sighted in the Indian ocean and was being traced by Japanese and British warships after the raider had sunk a Japanese freight ship. Prior to that two British steamships were reported to have been destroyed by an armed merchantman off Colombo, Ceylon.

Bill to Supply Funds

For Guard Reported Out

Lincoln, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The finance committee today reported out for favorable consideration the special bill sent in by the governor, appropriating \$100,000 for the mobilization of the National Guard and to cover other expenses in connection with raising troops if it should be necessary.

BRYAN WANTS HIS PEACE PLAN TRIED

Nebraskan Appeals to Congress for Inquiry by Impartial Tribunal Before War Starts.

ALSO ASKS REFERENDUM

Miami, Fla., March 28.—William J. Bryan today addressed an appeal to the senate and house of representatives, urging that an attempt be made to secure the suspension of Germany's ruthless submarine campaign through the application of the so-called Bryan peace plan, which provides for an investigation of all disputes by an international tribunal before resort to war.

Mr. Bryan asked that congress also consult the wishes of the people through a referendum, if it concludes that nothing but war will satisfy the nation's honor. Mr. Bryan's appeal to congress follows: "Exercising the citizen's right of petition, I appeal to you. The dispute with Germany has passed beyond the domain of diplomacy and some advise settlement by the sword. The metropolitan press, which tried to prevent the re-election of the president and failed, undismayed by a popular verdict of more than 500,000, now seeks to lash the country into a fury and urges the government to take part in the European conflict."

"To you, and to you only, is given constitutional authority to declare war—war which in this case may mean the signing of the death warrant of thousands, even millions, of your countrymen, and the laying of grievous burdens upon future generations. Before you take this broad upon your hands consider, I pray you, first, that the wrongs which you would punish, cruel and unjustifiable as they are, are not intended primarily against this country, but are acts of desperation directed against other nations with which the offenders are at war. Second, that our land is not threatened with invasion, but that we are asked to go 3,000 miles for a chance to fight. Third, that we have not the excuse for going to war that the European nations had. They had no machinery for peace. We have a peace plan offered by this nation to the world and now embodied in thirty treaties with three-quarters of the population of the globe. The plan has the endorsement of the president, the commendation of the senate and the approval of the people at the polls. It provides for investigation of all disputes by an international tribunal before resort to war."

Treaties With Four Nations. "Fortunately these treaties compel us to employ the plan with Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia before going to war with them. Ger-

WILSON HOPES TO DELIVER SPEECH EARLY IN WEEK

President Wishes House to Organize Promptly, So as Not to Delay Action in Crisis.

LEADERS DRAFT MEASURE

Action Must Originate in House Largely Because of Stone and Hitchcock Attitude.

CABINET TO MEET FRIDAY

Washington, March 29.—President Wilson was said today to be hopeful that the house of representatives will rush its organization plans so that there will be no delay in affording him opportunity to make his address on the war situation to a joint session with the senate. Administration leaders are anxious that if a prolonged fight is in prospect some sort of an arrangement be made for temporary organization to permit the president's appearance Tuesday or Wednesday.

The resolution for congressional action to comply with the president's recommendations probably will be considered first in the house, leaving the senate to take it up later. The house foreign affairs committee now is drafting various forms of a resolution to meet the executive recommendations.

Another reason for original house action is the probability that the resolution will carry an emergency appropriation. Appropriation measures must originate there.

Stone and Hitchcock.

The peculiar situation in the senate foreign relations committee with Chairman Stone opposed to action which would lead to war and the opposition of Senator Hitchcock, the next ranking democratic member, to steps further than an armed neutrality manifesto, was another factor in the tentative plan to have the resolution originate in the house.

The president has received recommendations from several cabinet members on points to be included in his address and is now preparing it in a preliminary way.

The final cabinet meeting before the assembling of congress will be held tomorrow and members will be ready to report fully on preliminary preparatory measures.

Universal Military Training.

Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, with a White House engagement for late today, said he would ask President Wilson in his address to congress next week to endorse universal military training as a preparedness measure of first importance.

Impetus was given the movement for universal training legislation today when a call went out to republican house members for a conference on the subject tomorrow. Representatives Green of Vermont; Gray, New Jersey; Platt, New York; Gardner, Massachusetts; McArthur, Oregon, and McCormick, Illinois, issued notice asking "republican members-elect who favor the principle of universal compulsory military training" to the meeting. Many members have indicated their acceptance. Representative Caldwell of New York, a democrat, has announced he will introduce the Chamberlain bill for universal service as soon as congress convenes.

Faculty of Regents Of Nebraska Uni Opposed to Pacifists

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—A petition circulated in the faculty and among the regents of the University of Nebraska, in which President Wilson is strongly endorsed and pacifists are declared untimely, was signed today by nearly thirty persons, influential in university affairs. Copies of the petition will be sent to Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Reavis at Washington.

Nellie Wakeley's Funeral to Be Held This Afternoon

Funeral services for Miss Nellie Wakeley, eldest daughter of the late Judge E. Wakeley, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, 607 North Nineteenth street. Dean Tancock of Trinity cathedral, will conduct the services, which will be private. Pallbearers will be:

Charles B. Keller Robert W. Patrick
Stockton Heath W. A. Rodick
Henry W. Yates Alfred Millard

Morton Wakeley and Thompson Wakeley, nephews, will arrive in Omaha this morning from Ithaca, N. Y., where they are students at Cornell university.

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