

ARMED TEUTON RAIDER SIGHTED IN MID-ATLANTIC

American freight steamer Mongolia sees German vessel believed to be converted cruiser.

CERTAIN SHIP A ROVER

Wireless operator spoke in language of Kaiser to some unidentified receiver.

CARRIES THREE BIG GUNS

March 30.—An armed vessel, believed to be the converted German raider St. Theodore, was sighted in mid-ocean three days ago by the American freight steamer Mongolia, which arrived at an American port today.

Man Held on Charge Of Making Threats Against President

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 30.—Charles Schmidt, taken into custody by federal officers at Brookings, S. D., charged with having threatened the life of President Wilson, was lodged in the county jail here today upon default of \$2,000 bond.

Ships Are Warned of German Submarines In Atlantic Ocean

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—German submarines are in the Atlantic ocean, according to reports brought here by foreign merchantmen.

Over 40 American Captives Taken to Germany by Moewe

Copenhagen, March 30.—(Via London.)—More than forty Americans were among the prisoners taken to Germany by the German commerce raider Moewe, according to Jack Benson, an American seaman, who has arrived here.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled; colder. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
5 a. m.	44	44
6 a. m.	44	44
7 a. m.	44	44
8 a. m.	44	44
9 a. m.	44	44
10 a. m.	44	44
11 a. m.	44	44
12 m.	44	44
1 p. m.	44	44
2 p. m.	44	44
3 p. m.	44	44
4 p. m.	44	44
5 p. m.	44	44
6 p. m.	44	44
7 p. m.	44	44
8 p. m.	44	44
9 p. m.	44	44
10 p. m.	44	44
11 p. m.	44	44
12 m.	44	44

Comparative Local Record

1917	1916	1915	1914	
Highest yesterday	84	82	84	84
Lowest yesterday	64	48	22	42
Record high	84	82	84	84
Record low	64	48	22	42
Precipitation	.00	T.	.00	T.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low	Rain
Omaha, Neb.	44	64	44	.00
Chicago, Ill.	42	64	44	.00
Denver, Colo.	44	72	48	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	44	64	44	.00
London, Eng.	48	64	44	.00
Paris, Fr.	48	64	44	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	44	64	44	.00
Wichita, Kan.	44	64	44	.00
Yonkers, N. Y.	44	64	44	.00

Leader in Reichstag With U. S. Won't Halt U-Boats

Count Westhapp Asserts Operations in Barred Zone Won't Be Affected.

CAMPAIGN CALLED SUCCESS

Berlin, March 30.—(Via London.)—Among the speeches of party leaders in commenting on the chancellor's address, those of Dr. Gustav Stresemann, national liberal, and Count von Westarp, conservative, were the most important.

Supporting the demand for electoral reform, Herr Stresemann said: "New times demand new laws, and a beginning should be made with a new system in Germany."

Count von Westarp alluded only briefly to America, saying: "We can await the decision of America with complete calm, and the execution of our operations in the barred zone will not be changed thereby."

MRS. STELLA SMITH ACQUITTED BY JURY

Wealthy Denver Woman Who Killed Her Chauffeur Husband is Freed.

TRIAL IS SENSATIONAL

Denver, March 30.—Mrs. Stella Newton Moore Smith, wealthy society woman, was found not guilty of murdering her husband, John Lawrence Smith, by a jury here this afternoon.

Circulate Petitions Next Week to Recall Commissioner Kugel

A. L. Sutton authorized the information that recall petitions will be circulated next week against City Commissioner Kugel.

Frank Sturms Arrested In Connection With Crime

Fairbury, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Chief of Police Smith Williams arrested Frank Sturms, a familiar character of this city, and turned him over to Sheriff John G. Rawles, who took him to Lincoln and delivered him to the sheriff of Lancaster county.

Omaha Boy Now Consul To Hamilton, Ontario

Edward A. Dow, who was formerly secretary of the O'Keefe Real Estate company in Omaha, has been appointed to be consul to Hamilton, Ont.

British "Slacker" Criticises U. S. Navy; Narrowly Escapes Beating

Into the navy recruiting annex in the First National bank building a squat, stodgy man walked with a confident mien. He approached Chief Quartermaster Brady with a swagger and announced: "His Majesty's ships have bigger and better guns than those pictured on your American ships on those cards in the window."

U. S. CRITICISED FOR FINDING OUT PRUSSIAN PLOT

Zimmerman Says His Instructions Came Into American Hands in Way Which Was 'Not Unobjectionable.'

HE MAKES A COMPARISON

Asserts 'Our Behavior Contrasts Considerably With That of Washington Government.'

REPLIES TO A SOCIALIST

London, March 30.—Reuters Amsterdam correspondents sends the following concerning the address of Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, minister of foreign affairs with regard to Germany's attempt to embroil Mexico and Japan with the United States:

"Hugo Hasse, leader of the socialist minority in the Reichstag, remarked that the German offer of an alliance with Mexico had aggravated the situation with the United States and Dr. Zimmermann replying, said: 'I wrote no letter to General Carranza. I was not so naive. I merely addressed by a route that appeared to me to be a safe one instructions to our representatives in Mexico. It is being investigated how these instructions fell into the hands of the American authorities.'

"I instructed the minister to Mexico in the event of war with the United States to propose a German alliance to Mexico and simultaneously to suggest that Japanese join the alliance. I declared expressly that, despite the submarine war, we hoped America would maintain neutrality."

"My instructions were to be carried out only after the United States declared war and a state of war supervened. I believe the instructions were absolutely loyal as regards the United States. General Carranza would, up to the present, have heard nothing of it if the United States had not published the instructions, which came into its hands in a way which was not unobjectionable. Our behavior contrasts considerably with the behavior of the Washington government."

"No Chance to Explain." "President Wilson after our note of January 31, 1917, which avoided all aggressiveness in tone, deemed it wise to immediately break off relations with extraordinary roughness. Our ambassador no longer had the opportunity to explain or elucidate our attitude. The United States government thus declined to negotiate with us. On the other hand, it addressed itself immediately to all the neutral powers to induce them to join the United States and break with us."

"Every unprejudiced person must see in this the hostile attitude of the American government which seemed to consider it right before beginning war with us to set the entire world against us. It cannot deny us the right to seek allies when it has itself practically declared war on us."

Dr. Zimmermann contended that Mexico obviously was an ally and that the antagonism between America and Japan was stronger than between Germany and Japan, despite the fact that a state of war existed between them.

Elmer H. Wood Dies Following Illness of More Than Two Years

Word has been received in Omaha announcing the death of Elmer H. Wood at Lombard, Ill., at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, following an illness that extended over more than two years.

Body of Noted Sculptor to Be Buried in Arlington

Washington, March 30.—Permission for the burial in Arlington National cemetery of Moses Ezekiel, the Virginia sculptor, who died recently in Rome, Italy, was granted today by the secretary of war.

Daniel Thomas Gets Big Verdict from Otis Firm

A jury in Judge Wakeley's court, presided over temporarily by Judge Leslie, returned a verdict of \$25,000 in favor of Daniel M. Thomas, 25 years old, who sued the Otis Elevator company for \$50,000. It was one of the largest verdicts returned in district court for some time.

How Long?



—Drawn for The Bee by Hal Coffman.

REIGN OF TERROR IN MEXICAN OIL FIELD

Manager of British Corporation and His Cashier Murdered by Bandits.

FOMENTED BY GERMANS

Galveston, Tex., March 30.—W. H. T. Buckingham, general manager of the Agula Oil company on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and his cashier, named Bannerman, were killed by bandits at Nanchital on March 9, according to information brought here by passengers arriving from Mexico on a tank steamship.

"Buckingham had been killed his body was hacked to pieces. These passengers also report that a reign of terror has prevailed for several weeks in the oil fields near Minatitlan, in the state of Vera Cruz, and declared it to be the result of German influence. The oil fields lie between territory occupied by Carranza troops on one side and the forces of Zapata on the other."

Buckingham and Bannerman were killed following a demand by the bandits for \$1,500, and their discovery that the safe contained only \$1,500. Buckingham had been in Mexico for twenty-six years.

The next day, says the report, the bandits went up the river a few miles and killed a Mexican farmer, his wife and father and cut off the hands of the farmer's two little girls.

Operations in the oil camps have ceased since March 9, and it is believed there is little prospect for resumption. The men who brought the story to Galveston said their friends in Mexico would be killed if their names were revealed.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN FRANCE SUSPENDED

Berlin War Office Announces Further Withdrawal Along Peronne-Fins Road.

CANADIANS DRIVEN BACK

London, March 30.—British troops have captured the villages of Bayalcourt, Sorel-Le-Grand and Fins, between Bertincourt and Roisel, on the front in France, according to the official statement from British headquarters issued tonight.

Paris, March 30.—The French troops in Champagne, in a counter attack, have expelled the Germans from positions they captured there March 28, according to the French official communication tonight.

Paris, March 30.—The heavy fighting on the French front since the beginning of the German withdrawal has come to an end for the time being.

From the Somme to the Aisne the night was calm along our outposts, says today's official report. "There were no important events elsewhere on the front, with the exception of patrol encounters and rather lively grenade fighting in the sector of Maisons de Champagne."

German Retreating. Berlin, March 30.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—A further withdrawal of German troops on the Peronne-Fins road is announced.

Canadian troops made four attacks last night on German positions east of Neuville St. Vaast, the war office announces. They were repulsed with heavy losses.

The statement reads: "East of Neuville St. Vaast a Canadian regiment four times attacked our positions during the night. They were each time repulsed with heavy losses. Some prisoners remained in our hands."

"In Parroy forest, on the Lorraine front, our raiding detachments brought back thirteen prisoners from hostile trenches."

Strengthen Canal Garrison

Strengthening of the military forces in the Panama canal zone was ordered today by the War department and a board of officers named to report upon organizing civilian employees in the canal zone for military defense purposes.

EXPECT ACTIVE WAR WITH THE GERMANS SOON

Public Opinion Seems to Favor a Declaration that a State of War With Germany Now Exists.

MANY PEACE TELEGRAMS

Messages in Identical Language Protest Against Action that Will Bring War.

MORE GUARDS ARE CALLED

Washington, March 30.—After today's cabinet meeting, which lasted an hour and a half, there were renewed indications that the administration expects congress next week to adopt a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Cabinet members took to the meeting reports on preparations to put the country in a state of preparedness. Taking for granted from the speech of the German chancellor that Germany will not abandon its submarine campaign of ruthlessness, officials generally have given up hope that an actual clash with Germany can be averted.

Secretary Baker said that the early graduation of the upper class at West Point was under consideration, but had not been determined upon.

Secretary Redfield said everything was in readiness for turning the ships and crews of the coast and geodetic survey over to the Navy department for war purposes. Preliminary plans have also been made for having the navy take over direction of wireless plants.

Secretary Wilson said that satisfactory progress was being made in plans for mobilization of labor resources. Members of the cabinet who are also members of the council of national defense reported that everything possible is being done to coordinate all the resources of the nation for the government in war.

Secretaries Daniels and Baker, heads of the Navy and War departments, remained in conference with the president for half an hour after the other cabinet members had departed.

Washington, March 30.—Steps in anticipation of President Wilson's appearance before congress next week and for action on whatever recommendations he may make to take final form today.

The president held a final conference with his cabinet preparatory to starting the actual writing of the address he will deliver before a joint assemblage of the house and senate.

President Wilson now has before him recommendations of his principal cabinet advisers and in a general way has heard the sentiment of the country.

The preponderance of opinion forwarded to the White House is for a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

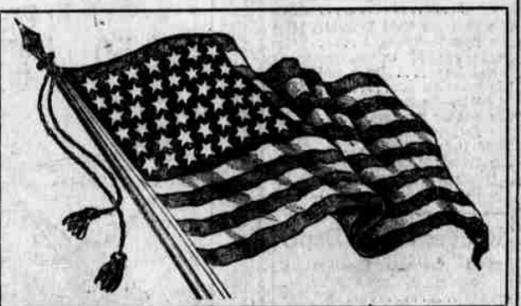
Telegrams advising the president are being received in large numbers. Many of them, couched in identical language, favor the maintenance of peace.

More Guards are Called. Orders were being prepared today calling out additional guard forces in several eastern states. They contemplate an increase of at least two regiments of infantry to the 50,000 guardsmen already added to the federal service for police protection work.

Secretary Redfield conferred with Secretary Daniels today on legislation to provide that the Navy department, in event of war, take over the vessels, equipments and personnel of the coast and geodetic survey. It has 104 trained officers, all technical graduates and skilled navigators.

Submarine Nets Ordered. Orders were placed by the Navy department today with the American Steel and Wire company of Philadelphia for the immediate construction of 100 steel rope submarine nets. The nets will cost \$1,881 each, will be 1,050 feet long, 30 feet wide, with a 12-foot mesh. Deliveries will begin within three weeks and continue at the rate of ten a week thereafter.

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