

WILSON'S SPEECH ON GENERAL LINES

Instead of Discussing Incidents He Will Deal With Questions of Policy.

THINKS U. S. BELLIGERENT

Washington, March 30.—While it is assumed from the defensive measures already taken by the military arm of the government President Wilson, in addressing congress next week, will ask for war against Germany or a declaration that a state of war exists it is known he will speak along broad lines, dealing lightly with incidents leading up to the present crisis.

Officials feel now that the time is past when incidents should be discussed and, henceforth, that only fundamental questions of both present and future American safety should be considered.

Doesn't Change Situation. The situation has not been changed by the speech of the German chancellor, Von Bethmann Hollweg, today, according to the view tonight of officials.

Germany, it was said, has consistently attempted to lay the blame for its acts on other nations. On previous occasions President Wilson has taken the position that Germany is in no way justified in carrying on submarine warfare because of the British blockade.

Only complete abandonment of unrestricted submarine warfare could change the attitude of the United States, it has been said semi-officially recently, and press reports indicate that the German chancellor did not even discuss that possibility.

View of Public Opinion. Public opinion, it was said here, as indicated by clippings from newspapers in all parts of the country, unmistakably favors decisive action. Belligerency is not confined to the Atlantic and Pacific sections if opinions gathered by the administration are a true index.

The greatest point under consideration by the administration is whether Germany has not unmistakably shown through a long succession of violations of international law, that the United States must definitely unite with the liberal democracies of the world against the most complete autocracies, both for its present and its future safety.

Danger to World's Peace. All hope has been lost, as shown in the note to Germany as to the treaty of 1828, in the good faith of the present German rulers. The Belgian invasion and deportations, the ruthless submarine warfare, the attempts to embroil neutral countries in plots, and the general conduct of the war, have convinced many officials that the German military system as at present directed is a permanent danger to the world's peace.

German plots in this country, running back almost to the beginning of the war and finally culminating in the Zimmermann note to ally Japan and Mexico in war against this country, are regarded as evidence of the evil of the general system. The administration has much material not yet made public and it is understood, moreover, that the complete text of the Zimmermann note has not been published.

Further disclosures of intrigues may be expected at any time. Germany, through the coolness with which she treated the president's proposal to name peace terms, is felt to be the greatest source of danger to world peace. Some officials here who felt its original offer was insincere and merely a play for domestic consumption, believe its refusal to state terms is proof of that contention.

Full co-operation with the allies, therefore, is generally favored as a necessity to America's future safety. German victory now it is said might lead to a direct attack on this country later and would at least necessitate extensive armament. A deadlock would be tantamount to a German victory on the basis that while, after peace the German union would become stronger, the entente might easily fall apart and Germany would be left relatively world supreme.

Most Expected Is Draw. Military authorities here believe that the most Germany expects now is a draw. What seems indifference to this country's entrance into the war causes much interest. Some officials have predicted for more than a year that Germany would attempt to force this nation into the conflict at the last moment, in order that its autocracy might save its face before the people by surrendering to the whole world, and, secondly, because this country would probably be a generous enemy.

The last objection to America's participation was removed with the severance of relations when it ceased to be possible for America to get funds to Germany and thus sustain the price of the mark. Before that Finance Minister Helfferich had been most instrumental in curbing the Von Tirpitz party of ruthless submarine warfare.

Manner of Participation. With the United States drawn into the war through no desire of its own and convinced that the war is a war of self-protection and self-preservation, the exact manner of American participation is undecided. The sending of an army to Europe or the provision of a huge credit of from one billion to five billion dollars are both being discussed. As for military participation nothing probable is determined, and decisions must await actual entrance into the war. Some feel that a large army, owing to need of equipment and diversion of shipping would be more of a hindrance than a help. Munitions manufacture, where the United States could be of most value, would be expedited by the greatest possible degree. At the same time alliances with the entente nations are not contemplated. The United States plans to maintain its freedom of action just as far as possible. In a naval and military sense, there will, of course, be full co-operation, but beyond that the country will not assume unlimited liability for the allies' aims. The United States will seek as far as possible to ameliorate the bitterness of the present war and prevent its ending from generating future wars.

East Nebraska High School Students Hold Contest. Fremont, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Leigh, Clarkson and Ashland high school students carried off first honors at the annual declamation of the East Nebraska district here this evening. Second places went to Omaha, Mead, Geneva and North Bend in the oratorical class. George E. Clark of Leigh won first and Max E. Konecky of Omaha second in the dramatic class. Libbie Houfek of Clarkson was awarded first and second places went to Ernest Nelson of Mead and Marion Young of Geneva.

Edith Wortman took first in the humorous and Catherine Farrell of North Bend was second.

Stanton Company Disbands; May Form Another One. Norfolk, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Orders cancelling the movement of Company G, Nebraska National Guard, of Stanton, to some Missouri river point were followed suddenly Thursday afternoon by the announcement of Captain Anderson that the company had disbanded. Most of the soldiers may request transfer to the reserves. It is likely that the vacancy made by the Stanton company will result in another unit being added to the Fourth regiment from some other Nebraska town.

German Born Citizens Lead in Patriotic Display. Norfolk, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Norfolk Germans took a leading part in the patriotic wave here today. Farm houses, buildings and city residences occupied by German-speaking Americans blossomed out with the Stars and Stripes.

This display of patriotism was quickly followed by the native born Americans.

Adams County Plans To Grow Sugar Beets. Hastings, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting for Saturday to consider planting sugar beets in the fields where wheat has been killed. Sugar beets were grown successfully here some years ago, but inadequate methods of marketing made the venture unprofitable.

Funeral of Albert Armstrong. Nebraska City, March 30.—(Special.)—The funeral of Albert Armstrong, who died of heart disease, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. N. A. Duff.

For Women White Kid Boots, Ivory Kid Boots, Gray Kid Boots.

For Men Ko Ko Brown Calf, Tan Brown Calf, Black Russia Calf.

Stamp Genuine Peck's Bad Boy, dull calf, both button and lace. \$2.45

A rugged school shoe for the boy who is a goer. Button and lace. \$1.95

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