



AMERICANS ROUT GERMANS

GERMAN INTRIGUE AND POWER DEALT HARD BLOW BY U. S.

Alien Property Amounting to Billions to Be Sold Under Hammer to Americans Only; Officials Believe Kaiser Himself Heavily Involved Financially in Great Teuton Possessions.

Washington, March 11.—Legislation authorizing the sale of all enemy property in this country, requested by the alien property custodian, permanently to uproot German commercial influence, was approved today by the senate, and added to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. An amendment empowering the president to acquire title to the German steamship companies' docks and wharves at Hoboken, N. J., also was accepted.

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS.

The vote on the provision for sale of enemy property was unanimous, 64 to 0, and came after several hours' scathing denunciation of German Kultur and intrigues for world domination. Enemy property within the meaning of the law is property owned in an enemy country and official assurance has been given that there is no intention to interfere with the property or money of Germans or Austrians living in this country. The purpose is to sever forever the hold of Germans in Germany upon vast commercial and industrial enterprises in the United States which have been closely connected with the kaiser's government, and prevent their serving as outposts of the Teutonic movement for world domination.

IN AMERICAN HANDS.

Under the trading with the enemy act the alien property custodian takes possession of and administers these properties, but is without authority to finally dispose of them. The new legislation will empower him to place them in American hands. Virtually the only questions raised in today's debate were the possibility of violating the treaty of 1799 between Prussia and the United States and of too hastily action by congress.

Expected opposition to the provision for purchase of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd docks at Hoboken failed to materialize.

House to Act Quickly.

Prompt approval of both provisions by the house is expected as soon as the senate finally disposes of the \$2,000,000 urgent deficiency appropriation bill, to which they are added.

Before the senate acted Democratic Leader Martin presented a memorandum from the state department's legal bureau, declaring that the 1799 treaty was not regarded as applicable.

What is to be done with the proceeds of the sale of German interests, which some senators today suggested are owned in part by Emperor William himself, is a policy to be determined later. Senator Martin said: "Speaking for myself, and I think, the American people, if the German people ever get any compensation, it will be after they have compensated the American people for the millions—1 would even say billions—of dollars' worth of property they have ruthlessly destroyed."

Owners in Germany.

Quoting from statements of A. Mitchell Palmer, the alien property custodian, when he appeared before the senate appropriations committee in urging the legislation, Mr. Martin said many of the German owners had

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Live Chicks May Now Go by Parcels Post

Washington, D. C., March 11.—Live chicks may be sent by parcels post after March 15, provided they are properly prepared for mailing. In announcing this decision today the Postoffice department ordered said chicks could not be insured or sent C. O. D., nor carried to destinations more than 72 hours mailing distance.

The Weather

| Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Hour. | Temp. |
| 5 a. m. | 25 |
| 6 a. m. | 26 |
| 7 a. m. | 27 |
| 8 a. m. | 28 |
| 9 a. m. | 29 |
| 10 a. m. | 30 |
| 11 a. m. | 31 |
| 12 m. | 32 |
| 1 p. m. | 33 |
| 2 p. m. | 34 |
| 3 p. m. | 35 |
| 4 p. m. | 36 |
| 5 p. m. | 37 |
| 6 p. m. | 38 |
| 7 p. m. | 39 |
| 8 p. m. | 40 |
| 9 p. m. | 41 |
| 10 p. m. | 42 |
| 11 p. m. | 43 |
| 12 m. | 44 |

Comparative Local Record.

| | 1918 | 1917 | 1916 | 1915 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Highest yesterday | 44 | 39 | 40 | 34 |
| Lowest yesterday | 25 | 32 | 34 | 25 |
| Mean temperature | 35 | 30 | 32 | 30 |
| Precipitation | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: | | | | |
| Normal temperature | 33 | | | |
| Excess for the day | 11 | | | |
| Total excess since March 1 | 60 | | | |
| Normal precipitation | .04 | | | |
| Deficiency for the day | .04 | | | |
| Total rainfall since March 1 | .04 | | | |
| Deficiency since March 1 | .04 | | | |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1917 | .04 | | | |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1916 | .04 | | | |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1915 | .04 | | | |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State | Temp. | High. | Rain. | Est. Fall. |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Omaha, Neb. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Davenport, Ia. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Des Moines, Ia. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sioux Falls, S. D. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yankton, S. D. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| St. Paul, Minn. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Portland, Me. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Boston, Mass. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| New York, N. Y. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Washington, D. C. | 44 | 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Swiss Soldiers may Battle Germany's Hordes



SWISS PIONEER.

According to recent reports from Zurich, Switzerland, it looks as if this little nation is to be a second Belgium. The Germans have been massing troops on the Swiss border for some time past, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that Hindenburg will attempt to cross Switzerland in an effort to turn the French right flank. The Germans would no doubt meet

with the same stubborn resistance offered them by the Belgians, as the Swiss army is said to be the most efficient in the world. The photo shows a Swiss pioneer sergeant fully equipped for service. These men have been in constant training since the beginning of the world war, and an army of probably 500,000 could be mobilized within a week's time.

TWO ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATIONS NEAR LEIGH, NEB.

Murderous Band Invades Farms of John Vavra and Louis Asche; F. C. Oltman Shot in Abdomen.

Leigh, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Two mysterious attempts to assassinate Nebraska farmers were made at farm homes in the central part of Colfax county early this morning.

An urgent call came to Leigh for help. The first shooting took place at the John Vavra farm just after midnight. F. C. Oltman and family had passed the evening with the Vavras and when he and one of the Vavra boys went to start Oltman's car, Oltman was fired at from ambush and one load of shot struck him in the abdomen.

Numerous shots were fired, but it could not be ascertained how many men did the shooting.

About 2 o'clock the farm place of Louis Asche was invaded and when the hired man went out to see what the trouble was, he was greeted by volleys of shots. Asche attempted to call help by phone, he was shot at through the window, but the load struck the window casing and he was uninjured.

A squad of the Home Guard were rushed to both places early this morning and Sheriff Bartunek went with several deputies.

Members of the Home Guard, who have just returned, stated that the buildings at both farms were riddled with bullets. Shotguns were used at the Vavra place and revolvers at the Asche place.

Oltman would have been killed, had not a binder which was stading between him and his assailants, absorbed most of the shot. The injured man was taken to the hospital at Columbus. No cause has yet been learned for the shooting.

Nine Members of Towboat Crew Down in Mississippi

New Orleans, March 11.—Nine members of the crew of a large tug owned by the Bisco Towboat company, were drowned shortly after midnight when the vessel sunk in the Mississippi river near Pointe-A-La-Hache, La., after colliding with a steamer.

Russ Red Guard Invades Russia; Starts Drive in City of Teheran

Washington, March 11.—Invasion of Persia by small detachments of the Russian Red Guard was indicated to the State department today in a telegram from Teheran. According to the report there, the force, which is not more than 400, is said to be planning an advance on Teheran.

WOULD EXEMPT ALIENS WORKING FOR SHIP YARDS

America Believes Work Is Vital War Service; Will Affect Many Thousand Trained Employees.

Washington, March 11.—Negotiations are in progress between the United States and the allies, for the exemption from draft of the allies' nationals, who are working in shipyards of this country, but who are subject to draft under treaties now being negotiated. The United States desires to have the allies recognize shipbuilding as a vital war service, as the United States has recognized it in exempting Americans in doing such work.

Officials said the negotiations affect a good many thousand workers, trained in ship building, whose loss would prove a serious handicap to the building program and might possibly entail delays in special lines of work, that would be disastrous to the effort to provide tonnage for supplying a great American army in France. Eastern shipyards especially employ large numbers of aliens, including Scotch, Irish, Italians and Slavs, many of whom are highly skilled carpenters and iron workers.

Approximately 250,000 Englishmen and 60,000 Canadians would become liable for service under treaties negotiated with those countries, but not yet ratified by the senate. The treaties permit the drafting of men between the ages of 20 and 40 years.

Miss Helen Stubendorf Floats Buoyantly About in Carter Lake While Spectators Shiver on Shore.

Miss Helen Stubendorf tested one of the new government life-saving protectors at Municipal beach Monday morning. Donning the suit, she jumped from the end of the pier into about eight feet of water. The suit proved buoyant enough to lift her far out of the water and permit her to swim about.

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U.S. TROOPS CUT INTO TEUTON LINES TO 600-YARD DEPTH, SCATTERING ENEMY LEGIONS

Sammies in Bold Midnight Raid Sweep Past German First Line and Advance to Second Defenses While Germans Flee

By Associated Press.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, March 10.—American troops, co-operating with the French, successfully carried out two raids opposite the American sector in Lorraine last night. The raids were executed simultaneously.

The Americans swept past the German first line and penetrated to the enemy's second line, 600 yards back.

The simultaneous raids, one northwest and one northeast of — (deleted), were made after intense artillery preparation lasting four hours, in which the German positions were leveled.

U. S. ENGINEERS TAKEN IN CHINA BY BANDIT TRIBE

American Railway Men Attacked, Robbed and Now Held Prisoners While on Railway Mission.

Peking, Friday, March 8.—Two American engineers, Nyl and Pursell, have been robbed and captured by bandits near Yehsien, in the province of Honan. A Chinese assistant also was taken prisoner.

The party was on its way to inspect a survey, the site of a proposed railway between Chowkaikow and Siang Yangli. They were carrying a large sum of money with which to pay survey parties. An escort of 20 soldiers resisted the bandits until their ammunition was exhausted, when the party surrendered. Two of the Chinese escaped and reported the outrage.

Former St. Paul Man.

New York, March 11.—Pursell, one of the two American engineers reported to have been robbed and captured by bandits in China, was identified as E. J. Pursell, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., at the offices of the Siemens-Carey Railway and Canal company here today. He has been engaged in some surveying work for which the company has contracts with the Chinese government. It was said there was no one in their employ named Nyl; they expressed the belief that this name has been confused with that of Gayle, formerly of Portland, Ore., who has been in China for several months.

Oppose Move to Seize German Steamship Piers

Washington, March 11.—Germany's commercial intrigues were criticised in the senate during debate on administration amendments to the deficiency appropriation bill, empowering the president to sell enemy property and acquire the Hoboken piers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American steamship lines. Approval of the amendments was looked for, but opposition was in evidence to the proposal to take over the Hoboken piers on the ground that they are already being used by the government.

SAMMIES ADVANCE AT MIDNIGHT.

At midnight two forces, each one of — (deleted), with small French forces on their flanks, moved upon the German objectives behind a creeping barrage, each on a front of 600 yards.

When the Americans reached the enemy first lines the barrage was lifted so as to box in the German positions at both points.

The men dropped into the enemy's trenches, expecting a hand-to-hand fight, but found the Germans had fled. Continuing the advance, they went forward 600 yards to the second German line. All the time American machine guns were firing on each flank of the two parties to prevent the enemy from undertaking flanking operations.

TAKE WOUNDED GERMANS.

One French flanking party found two wounded Germans in a dugout and took them prisoner. The Americans found none.

The Americans remained for 45 minutes in the enemy lines. They found excellent concrete dugouts, which they blew up, and also brought back large quantities of material and valuable papers. While they were in the enemy lines German artillery began a vigorous counter barrage. It was quickly silenced by American heavy and light artillery, which hurled large quantities of gas shells on the batteries.

An American trench mortar battery, the homes of most of whose men are — (deleted), participated in the artillery preparation preceding the raid, helping to level the enemy positions. The artillery, both light and heavy, was manned by soldiers mostly from — (deleted).

Soon after these two raids had been carried out the Americans staged another at a point further along the line to the right. They went over the top after artillery preparation of 45 minutes, in which the enemy's positions attacked were obliterated. At this place the dugouts were found to have been constructed principally of logs. Engineers accompanying the raiding party completed the artillery's work of destruction. The American infantrymen who took part in this raid are from — (deleted), and the engineers from — (deleted).

The raids were carried out skillfully, and but for the fact that the Germans fled, more prisoners doubtless would have been taken. American gas shells are believed to have caused many casualties among the enemy. No Americans are unaccounted for.

GERMAN FLIERS ATTACK NAPLES; WRECK HOSPITAL

Rome, March 11.—Naples was attacked by enemy aviators early this morning. Twenty bombs were dropped in a residential quarter. The victims include seven occupants of a hospital of the Little Sisters, near Arcorelli.

Naples is more than 300 miles south of the battle line. The nearest enemy territory is the Albanian coast, about 250 miles to the east.

Austrian troops, which apparently were making an attempt to cross the Fiave river, were prevented from doing so yesterday by the Italian batteries, which sunk rafts and boats in the river opposite Fagare, the war office announced today.

Italian aircraft on raiding operations dropped seven tons of bombs upon areas occupied by the enemy.

New York Public Library Now "War Time" University

New York, March 11.—New York's public library has become a "war time university," where hundreds of officers and men from all branches of the service daily are acquiring technical knowledge of military and naval affairs, according to the annual report made public today.

Sioux Falls Adopts City Manager Form of Rule

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 11.—Sioux Falls adopted the city manager plan of municipal government to supersede the present commission system at a special election today.

The majority for the city manager advocates exceeded 700. A light vote was polled.

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of the suit will carry drink and provisions ample to sustain life for five days. A whistle is attached to the suit to attract attention of passing boats. The suit was obtained for the House of Menagh style revue at the Empress theater the first three days of this week. Miss Stubendorf is

one of the models, and in addition to her other costumes, will wear this suit each day. Men subject to the draft are wearing great interest in the suit. It is absolutely fool-proof and the wearer cannot drown. The weights in the feet hold the head upright and the body is well above the water.