

## WILSON WILL PUT SUBMARINE ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

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SECRETARY TUMULTY CONFERS WITH LEADERS OF CONGRESS

Joint Session Was Agreed On Yesterday Afternoon and Today At 1 O'clock President Will Read Communication On Submarine Question.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, April 18.—President Wilson will go before congress tomorrow at one o'clock and lay the entire German situation before both houses. A break in diplomatic relations is believed to be imminent. The president has already decided upon the communication he will deliver to congress. Up to the present time it had been thought that he would send the communication to Berlin. It was decided, however, that more drastic steps must be taken. It had been reiterated that before taking steps leading to a diplomatic rupture the president would lay the situation before congress. Secretary Tumulty went to the capitol after today's cabinet meeting and conferred with house and senate leaders. Both houses this afternoon promptly passed resolutions for a joint session in the house chamber on tomorrow to hear President Wilson.

### SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANOTHER NATION USUALLY MEANS WAR

At ten tomorrow the president will receive at the White House Chairman Stone and Flood of congressional foreign relations committees and Senator Lodge and Representative Cooper, ranking Republican members. Wilson's determination to address congress came suddenly after today's cabinet meeting. He has guarded with unusual precaution the words he will deliver. No copies of the address will be given out in advance and it was said only the cabinet members sworn to secrecy know his intentions. Von Bernstorff called on Lansing almost at the moment President Wilson was arranging for a joint session. The German ambassador was informed that Lansing would not discuss the situation at this time. It was evident that Von Bernstorff was seeking information on the United States plans. With the exceptions of the case of Germany and Italy in the present war there is no incident in history that the severance of diplomatic relations did not mean a declaration of war. While it was indicated that some sort of communication would go forward to Berlin about the same time as the president's address, terms of the note were not clearly indicated tonight.

### BY THE CENSOR

London, April 18.—The Russians have captured Trobizond, Turkey's most important Black Sea port. Trobizond fell after a joint attack of the Russian land and sea forces, a Petrograd official communication announced. Trobizond has been strongly fortified since the fall of Erzerum and the Turkish garrison is said to number fifty-four thousand. The Russians also are continuing to drive against Balburt to the southeast, the capture of which gives the Russians a solid line for an advance eastward into the Turkish province of Anatolia. This is part of the Russian plan to isolate Turkish forces at Mesopotamia. Inclement weather has impeded activities around Verdun. The British infantry entered the German trenches at several points in Flanders. The artillery duel between the Germans and Russians is still in progress around Izkull Bridgehead. That a grave British cabinet crisis exists over the question of universal military service was indicated tonight. While no resignation of military or ministerial has yet been tendered, political gossip centers around the possibility of Lloyd-George or Bonar Law as successors to Asquith.

## WITH HIS BALLOON ADRIFT DARING YOUNG LIEUTENANT ESCAPES IN A PARACHUTE

Paris, April 18.—One of the thrilling adventures of the Verdun fighting was the escape from capture or death of a young lieutenant whose captive balloon was set adrift when a shell severed the steel cable connecting him with the earth. Though already mentioned in the cable dispatches the complete story from the Paris Journal is interesting: "Yesterday afternoon a report ran through the French lines that a sausage balloon was 'off.' Thousands of anxious eyes were directed toward the little speck which grew fainter and fainter in the distance as the southerly wind wafted it toward the German positions. Four aeroplanes at once started in the vain hope of rendering assistance, but everyone felt that the observer was doomed. Minutes passed. The balloon kept rising. Soldiers forgot to fire, the suspense was terrible. "Then suddenly a tiny gray speck was seen to part from the balloon, which shot up a thousand feet, but instead of falling to earth the speck seemed to be pulled up sharp in mid-air. At last, with the aid of glasses, observers saw that the speck was a human body suspended from a parachute. A mighty cheer rose as the truth was realized, but a full ten minutes of suspense lasted as the parachute with its human freight slowly descended, and finally landed close to the French lines. "The young lieutenant thus described his experience: "The first indication that something had gone wrong was when I felt a slight shock. I thought the telephone cable had

parted. All at once I became aware that the other balloons were growing smaller and I grasped the fact that I was adrift. A glance at my barometer told me I was already 5,000 feet up. I tried to pull the cord working the hydrogen automatic control, but it had become jammed and refused to work. I tried to climb to it, but failed. "Then I feared I was lost. My first thought was to destroy my papers, then I thought of blowing out my brain to avoid falling into the hands of the Germans. Then, however, came inspiration. Why not try the parachute? I had to be quick, for I was now 11,000 feet up. The cord was tied around my body, was 65 feet long, so I had to jump that distance into the void before the box containing the parachute could open and set it free. "For a few seconds I held on to the car by my hands. Then I let go. I must have dropped more than a hundred feet before the parachute unfurled, and it was not an agreeable sensation. But after that I did no mind. I was able to look about me, and felt the sensation of complete security. When I was about 2,500 feet from the ground I began to see that the wind was carrying me toward the German lines. Then I seemed to lose consciousness. When I finally landed I was only 300 yards from the German line. I had been twenty minutes falling. "The officer refused to allow his name to be published. "It would be too much of a shock to my mother," he explained, "for she fancies that I am in a safe place."

## GIRL BADLY HURT AS DYNAMITE GOES OFF IN HER HAND

Brushy Creek Child Was Told to Throw Explosive in Creek.

(Special to The Intelligencer.) Brushy Creek, S. C., April 18.—Mary, the little 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Roe, met with a very painful, if not serious, accident Saturday afternoon when a piece of dynamite she had found in the yard exploded in her hand, tearing away three fingers and badly lacerating her face. The child, playing with a younger sister, found the dynamite in the yard and carried it to her mother, who, not noticing the cap attached, told the children to throw it into a nearby creek. In some unexplainable manner the dynamite was discharged. Dr. J. C. Mock of Piedmont was hastily summoned and rendered every assistance possible. The physician was unable to say whether or not the child would recover.

## JOHN BARLEYCORN IN HEARSE TO BE PARADE FEATURE

Atlanta W. C. T. U. Planning a March of Triumph When Georgia Goes Dry.

Atlanta, April 18.—The corpse of Old John Barleycorn riding in a hearse at the head of the procession will be one of the striking features of a prohibition parade that is planned for Atlanta May 1st by the Woman's Christian Temperance union. The members of the union will march in the parade carrying banners of blue and white, which are the union colors, and an effort will be made to secure the permission of the municipal school authorities for public school children, who so desire, to be in the procession.

In announcing the big parade, which will celebrate the closing of Atlanta beer saloons and locker clubs on the day the new Georgia prohibition law goes in effect, Mrs. Mary L. Melendon, one of the famous prohibition leaders of the country, took occasion to pay a tribute to Governor Harris of Georgia. "We feel that the noble work of our governor," her statement says, "in making possible the enactment of the new prohibition laws, thereby closing near-beer saloons and other places where intoxicants are sold, justifies a great public demonstration on the day the laws become effective."

## FINAL EPISODE OF BIG AUTO TRAGEDY TO COME UP IN GREENVILLE SOON

Greenville, S. C., April 18.—As a final episode of the Knebel-Poe automobile accident on North Main street several years ago in which Frank Poe and Frank Knebel were dashed over the City Park culvert when the racing car which they were driving collided with Dr. W. M. Burnett's car, will probably be staged in civil court this week in the action brought by Dr. Burnett against the city of Greenville for damages.

The case is scheduled to come up Wednesday. Dr. Burnett has entered suit against the city on ground that it allowed the use of North Main street for practice racing and that he had no warning of such. He is represented by Townes & Earle, and James H. Price, while Oscar Hodges, city attorney, will appear for the city.

## PARKER'S WILL GAVE ALL PROPERTY TO WIFE AFTER PAYMENT OF HIS DEBTS

Greenville, S. C., April 18.—The will of the late Lewis W. Parker, who died last Tuesday, has been filed for record in the office of the judge of probate. The will is brief, and directs that the debts of the deceased be paid any residue remaining after the payment of said debts, whether same be real or personal Mr. Parker bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Margaret S. Parker. The will named William Henry Parker, of Charleston, a brother of the deceased, and Hamlin Yeattie, of this city, as executors and expresses the hope that both will serve. The document is dated March 30, 1916.

Trenches Bombaraded. Paris, April 18.—The French first line trenches in the Verdun region west of the Meuse from Dead Man's Hill to Cummeres were bombaraded yesterday by the Germans. East of the river was relatively calm.

Fake Sussex Destroyer. London, April 18.—The French have captured the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex and made the captain and crew prisoners says the London Daily Mail.

## Held in Big Bomb Plot to Blow Up Allies Ships



These three Germans have been arrested in New York. He is believed to have made some bombs on the connection with plots to blow up ships. Capt. Chas. von Kleist is carrying munitions of war to the allies. Ernst Becker is an electrician who managed the factory where other bombs of the Kaiser Friedrich der Grosse, were made. He has confessed. He

## 3 "GERMANS" HELD IN S. C.

Strangers Were Following U. S. Engineers Near Hardeeville With Photographic Outfit.

(By Associated Press.) Savannah, April 18.—Three strangers, names not learned, but said to be Germans, were arrested at Hardeeville, S. C., today at the instigation of Lieutenant A. F. Cronkrite, United States engineer, who suspected them of espionage. A search of the prisoners is said to have revealed maps giving details of fortifications along the coast. Cronkrite and a party of engineers have been making military maps in this section. The strangers have been following them with a photographic outfit. Cronkrite reported the affair to headquarters here. The strangers are held at Hardeeville.

## McCORMICK OFFICERS BE ELECTED IN NOV.

County won't Begin Functions in a Legal Sense Until January 1917.

Greenwood, S. C., April 18.—McCormick county will be a county in the legal sense of the term on January 1, 1917. The act creating the new county provided for a special election on April 11th for the election of county officers, but as the supreme court did not reach a decision before that time the citizens of the new county will have to wait until the general election in November to name their officers. Those nominated in the primaries this summer and elected in November will, therefore, assume office on the first of January.

## EUROPEAN WAR TO SEND THE PRICE OF BIBLES UP SAY THE PUBLISHERS

Atlanta, April 18.—Southern headquarters of a number of large publishing concerns, which are located here, have notified dealers that the price of Bibles will soon be raised in account of the European war. This action follows a recent announcement by the largest publishers of Bibles in the world that their stock of Bibles printed in European languages and imported from Germany before the war is practically exhausted. An increase of \$130,000 in the next year's supply of white paper is given by the Methodist book concern as the reason for their advance in Bible prices. Practically every material entering into the publication of a Bible has felt the effects of the war. Paper is higher, as all newspapers can testify, and so is ink; while the price of leather bindings and glue have also advanced, according to Bible Publishers.

Liner Forced Back. London, April 18.—British lines on the south bank of the Tigris in Mesopotamia were forced back by the Turks in some places to eight hundred yards says a statement given out by the official press bureau.

## STOCKHOLDERS AGREE ON SALE OF HAMPTON MILLS AT \$3,000,000

Eight Big Plants Involved in Huge Deal Planned by the Parker Company.

Greenville, S. C., April 18.—Stockholders of the Parker Cotton Mills company, in session this morning at the Monaghan Y. M. C. A., adopted by a large majority, a resolution to sell the Hampton Mills for a price not less than \$3,000,000.

The meeting was largely attended by both local and out-of-town stockholders in the company. The meeting had been called to consider the advisability of selling the Hampton mills group. The resolution authorizing the sale, it is stated, was adopted with but two dissenting votes. While no announcement of a definite proposition for the sale of these mills could be secured, it is announced that the stockholders will meet again on the 28th of April at 12 o'clock, to consider any other phases of the proposed sale that may come up.

The price fixed for the sale of the Hampton Mills group is around \$11,000,000. The group includes the Olympia, Granby, Richland and Capital City Mills at Columbia, the Beaver Dam Mill at Edgefield, the Pine Creek Mills at Camden, the Fairfield Mills at Winnsboro, and the Wylie Mills at Chester.

The stockholders feel that with the Hampton mills sold advantageously, the company will be in excellent financial condition. The company proposes to retain and operate the Monaghan and Victor groups, which, it is understood, have been the most profitable of the three groups embraced in the Parker merger.

Approved Directors Action. The stockholders of the Parker Cotton Mills company met in response to a call to consider the action taken by the board of directors of the Parker Cotton Mills company, and of the Hampton Cotton Mills company, to sell the Hampton mills group. This was practically the only thing of importance taken up at the meeting.

The eight mills embraced in the Hampton mills group contain approximately 275,000 spindles. The eight remaining mills in the Monaghan and Victor groups have approximately 240,000 spindles.

## 5 MILLION TO STOP FLOODS

Bill Would Provide Huge Sum for Prevention Work on Mississippi.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 18.—Forty-five millions for flood prevention work on the Mississippi rivers distributed over a period of five years, will be provided by a bill agreed on by the house committee on flood control today. Humphries of Mississippi, chairman of the committee, and members visited the inundated sections of the lower Mississippi river recently. The bill also carries an appropriation of five million, six hundred thousand dollars for the Sacramento river in California, providing California contributes a like amount.

## THE SALOON MEN ONCE KICKED HIM AROUND AND HE'S GLAD THEIR PLIGHT

Atlanta, April 18.—That a prohibitionist is sometimes a man who has had experience with liquor is proven by the following very remarkable letter which Police Recorder Johnson of Atlanta has received from a "friend of his" who has served many sentences in the city stockade: "Dear Judge: I see in the papers where they are going to make a kick to get beer back here. I trust they will fall. Let the saloon men go to work. They are not better than I am. I work for a living now; but when I was broke they kicked me out. Now they are getting tired from their jobs by law. And I am glad of it. I am sober. Trusting you are the same, I remain, your friend, etc."

## A BABY'S CRIES FOR WATER LED TO DISCOVERY OF FIRE AND FAMILY BARELY ESCAPED

Augusta, Ga., April 18.—Mr. W. S. Mathis was hard hit by the fire Sunday night which destroyed the residence in which he lived. He had insurance on his household effects but none on a new piano, for which he had just paid \$400; on his wife's jewelry, including a \$500 diamond ring and other valuable personal property there was no insurance. Mr. Mathis also lost \$40 in currency which he had under a pillow on the bed on which he was sleeping. The house belonged to Mr. A. J. Martin. It was situated at 1522 Central avenue, and was worth about \$3,500. It was pretty well covered by insurance. Mr. Mathis and his family had a narrow escape. His little 2-year-old boy made it known to his father that he wanted a drink of water, this was between 1 and 2 o'clock and while the

## A FRESH FORCE TO SWELL BAND ACROSS BORDER

FUNSTON ORDERS 2,300 ADDITIONAL TROOPS JOIN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION

## NATIONAL GUARD

Large Force in Texas Ready for Duty if it Becomes Necessary.

(By Associated Press)

San Antonio, April 18.—Funston tonight ordered twenty-three hundred additional troops to join the punitive expedition in Mexico and there is reason to believe here that even a greater force will be placed at Pershing's disposal if the Villa hunt is continued. Troops ordered to Columbus to reinforce Pershing were the sixth cavalry from the Brownsville district; seventh infantry from Eagle Pass; Texas troop L of tenth cavalry from Fort Apache, Arizona; battalion of twenty-fourth infantry from Marfa and Fabens Texas. In addition to these Pershing has eight hundred men as his base guard at Columbus, but at least that many will remain there. What troops will replace these commands in border patrol was not stated. It may be that the war department will order the few remaining regulars in United States to the southern department. The availability of the Texas National Guard for border duty was discussed, but it is not known here what course will be followed.

## INDICATIONS AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT ARE THAT THE CHASE IS AT STANDSTILL

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 18.—The administration is awaiting further reports from American officers in Mexico before deciding whether the expedition will be withdrawn. Indications at the war department, however, confirmed press dispatches that the Villa hunt seemed to be at a standstill at present. President Wilson and the cabinet discussed the Mexican situation briefly today. Later it was announced that the situation is unchanged and the administration's policy is unaltered.

Reports that General Funston had ordered forces from the border points today to reinforce General Pershing's line of communications are said to be entirely within the discretionary power given him when the chase was begun.

## GUBERNATORIAL RACE LOUISIANA UNCERTAIN

Ruffing Pleasant is Leading in New Orleans and Claims Victory.

New Orleans, April 18.—Incomplete returns from one hundred and thirty five out of fifty-two precincts in New Orleans and from thirty-four out of sixty-four parishes, exclusive of New Orleans, gave Ruffing Pleasant thirty five thousand, five hundred and three and John M. Parker, eighteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine in the gubernatorial election today.