

ALLIES WILL FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY ENDS BLOODY WAR

Keynote of Optimism Struck By Addresses From Throne and Premier Asquith When Parliament Reassembles In London

HARMONY IS ABSOLUTE SAYS PRIME MINISTER

Slavs Report Capturing Nine of the Forts Which Guarded the Outskirts of Erzerum Where Ottoman Troops Are Isolated

L Allied powers are determined to fight to the very last for victory was the keynote of the sentiment among the members of parliament which reassembled yesterday.

King George said in part that Great Britain and her allies, are determined to wage the war to a successful conclusion, cost what it may.

The spirit of our allies and of my people remains steadfast in the resolve to secure reparation for the victims of unprovoked assault and unjustifiable outrage, and to secure also effective safeguards for all nations against aggressions of a power which is mistaking force for right and expediency for honor.

Harmony Among Allies — That there is absolute harmony among the Allies was the substance of the address from Premier Asquith to the house of commons.

From the fighting fronts comes the usual list of disputed reports, with here and there an outstanding undisputed one, as for instance the announcement that the Russians have captured nine of the forts which defended the transcaucasian city of Erzerum.

Another sensational statement from the battling lines also comes in despatches from Petrograd.

The German attacks in the vicinity of Riga have been so uniformly fruitless that there is grave dissatisfaction in the army organization pitted against the bluffs in the declaration made in the Russian official reports.

Paris Denies Report — Paris also takes her turn in sending out good news. The French official statement issued last night utterly discredits assertions that the recent activity on the western front by the Teutonic invaders, has constituted an important offensive movement.

Recapture Advanced Post — In the Champagne district the French report the recapture of an advanced position of the position which was taken a few days ago by a surprise attack of the Germans.

President's Petition Is Filed In Illinois — Springfield, Illinois, February 17. — Charles Bosenstein, Democratic national committeeman for this State, has filed President Wilson's primary petition putting the President's name forward as a candidate to succeed himself.

FIVE HUNDRED LEPERS AT LARGE ON MAINLAND

Senate is Thus Advised By Doctors and Nurses

WASHINGTON, February 16.—A delegation of doctors and nurses told the senate yesterday that there are five hundred lepers at large on the mainland of America, and that the situation demands the construction and equipment of a national leprosanarium.

The members of the delegation asserted that the malady is spreading rapidly, and is fast assuming the proportions of a dangerous epidemic, which segregation is the first and only sure means of combating.

Dr. J. W. McKean, superintendent of the Cynamal asylum in Siam, now in Chicago, was quoted as declaring that segregation has worked successfully in Hawaii and the Philippines and is the only known method of eradication, although the treatment with chaulmoogra oil has been more or less successful, and some of the patients so treated appear to have been cured.

SHIPS UNDER ALLIED CHARTERS ARE BURNED

Fresh Outbreak of Incendiary Fires On Atlantic Coast

NEW YORK, February 16.—There has been a fresh outbreak of incendiary fires in ships chartered by the Allies or loaded with munitions and supplies for the warring countries.

The worst of these fires was on board the steamer Dalton at Philadelphia yesterday afternoon, when 50,000 bags of sugar was destroyed by a blaze of unknown origin in the after hold.

Over at the Erie basin docks in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon an explosion ignited two steamers lying side by side and it is feared that several lives were lost, although nothing definite is known as yet, as the flames have not been subdued.

The vessels, the steamer Pacific, and the steamer Bolton Castle, both chartered by British shippers, will be destroyed.

AMBASSADOR MARYE MAY QUIT PETROGRAD

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Ambassador Marye, United States ambassador to the court of the Czar at Petrograd, may retire owing to ill-health.

The ambassador has been here under an extra heavy strain of work since the outbreak of the war, as the United States has been representing Turkey, Austria and Germany's interests in Petrograd.

GUN-FIRE OF ALLIES KILLS NONCOMBATANTS

BERLIN, February 16.—The Overseas News Agency yesterday announced that official reports by the German authorities in French and Belgian territory gave a large number of casualties among civilians from the gun fire of the French and British.

In all, ten men, thirteen women and twelve children were killed during January, and twenty-eight men, forty-three women and twenty-seven children were wounded.

WELL-KNOWN JAPANESE NAMED CONSUL-GENERAL

SAN FRANCISCO, February 16.—It was announced here last night that Mr. Hanikara has been appointed consul general for Japan at this city.

Hanikara is well known in the United States, as he was for many years secretary of the Japanese legation in Washington. Y. Numano, acting consul general here, who is on furlough in Japan, will not return to this city.

AMERICAN COAST REQUIRES STRONG SUBMARINE FLEET

Naval Expert Points Out To House Committee Necessity For Subsea Craft

MOST IMPROVED TYPE OF RAIDERS IS URGED

Thirty Active Divisions of Modern Under-Water Ships Should Be Authorized

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Rear Admiral Grant believes that at least 150 submarines of the most improved type are needed for the proper defense of the American coast from possible naval attack, he told the members of the house naval committee at the hearing yesterday.

The admiral outlined what he considered a possible system of submarine defense for the coast. Of the number of submarines needed, said Admiral Grant, there are at present but twenty-seven ready for active service if the United States should find itself engaged in war with a foreign power.

Admiral Grant's plan includes the construction of thirty active divisions of submarines, each division to consist of six submarines of similar type. Three of these divisions, or eighteen submarines, he would assign to cruising duty in the Atlantic ocean, and two divisions, or twelve submarines, to the same duty in the Pacific.

Among other lines he proposes in his plan, Admiral Grant would have a submarine fleet stationed at New London, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Norfolk, San Diego, San Francisco and some other big river ports.

There are but three submarines now defending the Pacific coast, and I firmly believe that we should have at least forty-eight there," said the naval officer.

SPECIAL WAR TAXES URGED UPON CANADA

Minister of Finance Will Ask Parliament For \$250,000,000

OTTAWA, February 16.—W. T. White, minister of finance, announced yesterday that he intends to ask parliament to appropriate \$250,000,000 this session.

Other measures will be necessary to raise money to meet the demands made upon the Dominion for the military expenditures caused by the war, added Mr. White.

Among the taxes he proposes will be one against apples, oils, the profits made by the munition factories and all other incorporated companies.

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER NATIONAL PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, February 16.—The Sixty-fourth Congress at this session will consider the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for national prohibition, but not the woman suffrage amendment. This was made certain today by votes in the house.

The house judiciary committee has postponed considering the Anthony amendment, providing for woman suffrage, until next December, but proposals to postpone consideration of the prohibition amendment failed of passage, a tie vote being registered, and this issue will therefore come up.

SUGAR MAY BE RESTORED TO PROTECTIVE STATUS

WASHINGTON, February 16.—The Democrats of the house will hold a party caucus this week to decide upon measures for passing the bill repealing the free sugar section of the Underwood Tariff Law, which was introduced by House Leader Claude Kitchin yesterday.

The bill repeals the clause in approximately placing sugar upon the same basis as before the adoption of the Underwood tariff.

DIPLOMATS ARE READY TO CLOSE LUSITANIA CASE

Germany Accepts Modification of 'Assumes Liability' Offered by Washington Government

'RECOGNIZES LIABILITY' IS PHRASE AGREED UPON

Thus Will Drowning of Defenseless Americans Be Hurdled Into History

WASHINGTON, February 16.—The last step in the long dragged out exchanges of notes and replies on the sinking of the big liner Lusitania and the drowning of more than one hundred Americans by a German submarine, may be taken today, when the Ambassador Count von Bernstorff and Secretary of State Lansing meet to discuss the last reply from Berlin to the American demands.

It is understood that his reply, which was received at the state department late yesterday afternoon, accepts the suggestion made by the United States that the words "recognizes liability" for the death of American citizens in the sinking of the Lusitania be substituted for the words "assumes liability" contained in the former answer.

Officials of the state department made it known last night that the two governments are in substantial accord, and that few if any details remain to be settled at the conference which is to be held today between the secretary and the German ambassador.

Germans here also are of the opinion that Count von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing will reach a thorough agreement on the most points in the lengthy negotiations between the two countries, and that the entire matter will pass out of the realm of diplomacy.

BRANDEIS SUBJECTED TO MORE CRITICISM

WASHINGTON, February 15.—That Louis D. Brandeis, nominated by the President for justice of the supreme court, was guilty of improper conduct toward the United Shoe Machinery Company was charged yesterday by S. W. Winslow, president of the company.

One of the recent criticisms on Brandeis, made even before his nomination, was that he drew the original losses for the so-called Shoe Machinery "trust," which has been attacked by the government in efforts to compel its dissolution as a monopoly.

Testifying today before the house subcommittee on judiciary, which is holding public hearings on the Brandeis nomination, President Winslow charged that Brandeis has attacked as illegal the acts and methods of the company which he helped to create.

COUNTRYWIDE SEARCH FOR POISON SUSPECT

CHICAGO, February 15.—A country-wide search has begun for Jenn Cronje, or Cronje, the assistant chef charged with poisoning the soup at a recent University Club banquet and making more than 100 persons ill. He has disappeared completely and efforts of police and secret service men to trace him have been fruitless.

A friend of Cronje, John Allegrini, has been arrested and was arraigned today charged with conspiracy and attempt to murder. He was put under bonds of \$25,000.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR TAUGHT LESSON

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Never again will the United States be caught by the guff of war unprepared as she was when the Spanish-American war broke out, declared Champ Clark, in the address of the day at Arlington cemetery, across the river from the national capital, on occasion of the celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana, Cuba.

Large crowds of soldiers and government employes, as well as Spanish-American war veterans, were present for the ceremonies.

GREAT LEEVEE BREAKS UNDER FLOOD PRESSURE

Two Thousand Persons Flee From Path of Water

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, February 15.—Airming long-distance telephone calls from Natchez, Mississippi, today bring the news that the main levee along the Mississippi river, thirty-five miles below Natchez, has given way under the weight and tear of the flood waters and that the situation is very serious. There are two breaks six miles from Newtont.

A vast stretch of territory in Louisiana is liable to inundation. Many farms are flooded.

Two thousand persons of Newtont and St. Joseph are in the path of the floods. They are fleeing on special trains which were rushed to the towns when news came that the levee was giving way.

INFANT SWEEP UNDER CANE KNIVES UNHARMED

Child Being Carried To Giant Crusher Is Rescued

Traveling down the cane flume with the sugar stalks, a Japanese baby actually passed unscathed through the first set of big knives at Wainaku mill, on the island of Hawaii, last Monday, and was discovered and rescued by a mill employe. Discovery came just at the right time for the small bundle of humanity was moving rapidly with the cane into the maws of the giant crusher which further mangles the stalks before they pass into the first mill rollers.

The baby, child of one of the Japanese families employed on the plantation, had strayed from home and climbed up to the flume which carries the stripped cane stalks on their final trip into the mill. Unnoticed, it had tumbled into the swiftly running stream and was swept quickly into the flashing, flaying knives and in a manner which no one could explain except by declaring it the working of a miracle, had run that gauntlet unharmed.

The mill hand stationed at that point to watch for debris saw the baby and quickly drew it from the water. The mother, meantime, missed her offspring and divining its possible fate, soon appeared, frantic with fear. She found several mill employes gathered round the infant trying to quiet his cries.

FALL WITH HORSE KILLS A SOLDIER

Thrown from a horse he was riding, the animal rearing and falling on him with fatal effects, at Schofield Barracks last Monday, First Sgt. Rufus Edward Chappelle of Troop C, Fourth Cavalry, died early yesterday morning in the Fort Shafter department hospital where he was taken immediately after the accident, from which he never regained consciousness.

The horse Sergeant Chappelle was riding at the time of the accident was one of the animals recently purchased in the island of Hawaii by officers for the government. It was fractious, but Sergeant Chappelle, who was a good horseman, undertook to train the animal.

The deceased was a native of the east, single and thirty-one years old. He was the worshipful master of Schofield Lodge No. 443, F. & A. M., and was generally liked for his many good qualities. The body will be shipped in the next transport to the mainland, where a mother and sister live. Marine services for the dead will be held here in Honolulu at a date to be announced later.

HAWAIIAN MUSICIANS END THEATRICAL RUN

"Stop! Look! Listen!" the musical extravaganza at the Globe theater in New York, in which eight Hawaiian youths have been appearing, is leaving Broadway for a tour of other cities and the Hawaiian boys have quit the show and are starting today for Honolulu. This is the latest information received by relatives of Dede Miller, leader of the group.

Miller writes that Dillingham, manager of the show, gave the boys their option; they might go on the road with the company or return to the islands. And the boys, despite the big money they have been making in their theatrical engagement and cabaret entertainments, are homesick for the intense cold. Honolulu's Carnival posters which reached them in New York recently, carried a breath of Waikiki and the salty smell of the surf, and it has been a little more than the boys could withstand.

Miller says they expected to leave for Honolulu February 16. Gotham is a festive town, he reports, but the boys are mourning because they will miss the Carnival.

BOURBONS FLAILED BY ELIHU ROOT IN CONVENTIONS SPEECH

Former Senator Denounces Mexican And Belgian Policies As Disgraceful And Accuses Administration of Condoning Murder of Americans and Defilement of Stars And Stripes—World's Respect Forfeited

FLAG BESMIRCHED

NEW YORK, February 16.—That the United States has lost the respect of the world by its failure to protest against the invasion and destruction of Belgium and by making threats which were not fulfilled, as well as by her supine policy in Mexico, was the gist of the address made by former Senator Elihu Root, temporary chairman of the Republic state convention, here last night.

The address, which was received with thunders of applause by the delegates and the crowds present, was regarded as the keynote of the coming Republican campaign, and is hailed as such by the newspapers in their editorials this morning.

With cold, cutting logic Senator Root took up the doings and failings of the present Democratic administration from the beginning, and flailed the Bourbon leaders for their lack of foresight, for their failure to keep faith and for their utter disregard of what he said was the "opinion of the rest of the world."

MURDER OF AMERICANS IS IGNORED

Mr. Root declared that the President and congress under the Democratic control, have ignored the murder of American men and women in Mexico and on the high seas, and the destruction of American property, while they have submitted tamely to the defilement of the American flag in Mexico, and after making vain threats quietly allied themselves with the foes of Huerta.

Continually throughout the course of his address, Senator Root was interrupted by the applause from the packed benches of the hall, and more than once the cheering and stamping of feet held the speaker silent for two or three minutes. The petty party strife that had threatened for some time over the selection of delegates at large, or the "Big Four," as they are called, appears to have disappeared under the influence of the address.

MEXICAN PROBLEM WEAKLY HANDLED

Taking up the history of the present administration, Mr. Root first attacked Mr. Wilson's failure to foresee the necessity of backing up American diplomats in Mexico, and later in Europe. The absolute need of military force to make good the demands of the envoys and representatives of the country abroad was so self-evident after the arise of the troubles in Mexico, declared the speaker, that it is almost impossible to understand how a public official, in loose touch with the situation, could have failed to perceive the necessity. Nevertheless, the administration paltered with the situation in the southern republic, added Mr. Root, until driven by public sentiment to send down to Vera Cruz a force wholly inadequate for the task that it might have been called upon to perform, and then after losing a number of American lives had submitted tamely to the demand for withdrawal and backed out of Mexico without gaining the object for which American sailors had died and American treasure had been expended.

But worse was to come, added the speaker. The killing of American citizens and the destruction of American property in Mexico had become almost a habit with certain classes of Mexicans, and he administration had quietly ignored the outrages where possible, and when not possible to do that had almost openly condoned them, making friends with one of the warring factions of the revolution and, when it found that that faction was likely to gain the upper hand without outside assistance.

It had submitted to the defilement of the American flag, while at the same time uttering vain boasts and threats of what would happen if the Mexicans were not good. The whole world, Mr. Root asserted, was covertly laughing at the United States because of the sorry figure America had cut in foreign affairs.

"We have threatened and then failed to carry out our threats," said Mr. Root, "and as a result the word and faith of the United States abroad is a thing for mockery. "In Europe," said the speaker, "America has gained an even worse name. Party though the United States was to the treaty which was intended to insure the security of little Belgium from the horrors of a German invasion, not a voice was raised against the callous reeking of that treaty by another signer of the compact, nor has here been a word said, even to the present time, nor a step taken officially to assist the victim of the war. There is no blacker mark against the United States than this supine indifference to the sanctity of treaty obligations!"

WASHINGTON RECORDS EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS — WASHINGTON, February 17.—Severe earthquake shocks were recorded here today, lasting more than an hour in all. It is believed the source was 1000 miles away.

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