

# CONGRESS APPROVES OF WILSON'S ACTION IN BREAK WITH GERMANY

## Senate By Overwhelming Vote Holds President Was Right and House Continues Work of Preparing To Meet the Approaching Emergency

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 8.—John D. Works, retiring senator from Southern California, headed an attack on President Wilson in the debate that preceded the passage, by a vote of 78 to 5, of a resolution, introduced by Senator Stone, of Missouri, approving of the action of President Wilson in severing relations with Germany, owing to her illegal use of submarines and the seizure of American sailors.

This was the big sensation of the day at the capital, where the work of making preparation for the war that is now regarded as growing more and more imminent daily, was rushed through with all possible speed yesterday.

### BACKED UP BY LA FOLLETTE

Works in his attack was backed by Senators Kirby, Vardaman, Gronna, and La Follette. These were the five that voted against the resolution, and while all of them did not attack it by bitter addresses on the floor of the senate as did the California member, they were strongly opposed to it.

The resolution formally endorsing the move of the President was presented to the senate yesterday morning, by Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the upper house, and immediately precipitated five hours of debate. Works was the first to take the floor in what will be one of the last of his addresses in the senate.

He declared that this country has not been neutral since the beginning of the war in Europe, and that had we been so we should never have been brought to the state in which the nation now finds itself.

### REPEATS HIS FORMER ACCUSATIONS

Works then recapitulated the arguments which he has made before in addresses before the people of his own and other districts, as well as in articles that have appeared in the press, declaring that the administration has been pro-British from the beginning of the war, and that the whole country has been pro-ally, because of "the munitions traffic."

This traffic he declared has been unneutral in the extreme, and has led to all of the trouble into which the United States has been brought in the last two and one-half years. He did not, he declared question the good faith of the President, but he did question the judgement and the wisdom of his course.

Leading Republican members of the senate sprang to the defense of the President, attacked thus by one of their party, and asserted their faith in his wisdom and justice and ability to meet the situation forced upon the nation by the wonton attacks of the Berlin government.

### UNDERWOOD SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT

Underwood in a stirring speech voted for the resolution before the senate, but he forced Senator Stone to admit that the resolution had been introduced without the knowledge of the President himself.

"I presented this resolution," said Senator Stone, "because I believe that this is the time when the entire world should know beyond all doubt that this country, made up as it is of so many different elements, drawn from all parts of the globe, is standing back of Mr. Wilson as one man, and that man a friend. I believe that now is the time when we should say by our vote that we are prepared to support the President when, in the exercise of his constitutional power, speaks for the nation under such conditions as exist at present."

In the lower house the work of the day was devoted to bills dealing with the possibility of war, and an effort to get rid of the grist of routine measures that might be overlooked should the war with Germany actually break out in the next few days. Also the session is growing short and there is much to be done.

### AUTHORIZES HUGE BOND ISSUE

The house naval committee took up and after some little debate decided to report favorably upon three amendments to the naval appropriations. One of these authorized the issuance of \$150,000,000 in bonds for the rush construction of warships, now authorized over a term of years. Another grants to the government the power to commandeer all ship yards and munition plants in the country, while the third appropriates one million dollars for the purchase of basic patents upon aircraft.

Backed up by the whole strength of the administration a bill was introduced in both houses yesterday giving the nation the right to commandeer all steamers or other vessels, as well as other shipping facilities in case of war. It was announced that the administration has asked for the immediate passage of this measure, and plans are under way to rush it through as speedily as possible.

One of the provisions attached to the bill specifically prohibits the owner of any American vessel from disposing of it in times of threatened war. It also forbids the transfer of the flag from this country to another in time of war.

The measure as a whole is designed to place the United States on a par with the nations of the old world in control of shipping facilities in times of stress, and was drawn last night after a conference between Secretary McAdoo, Shipping Commissioner Denman and a number of congressmen.

It permits seizure of any ship by the President without notice, though the government is compelled to reimburse the owner according to an award made by three appraisers.

# SPAIN SENDS WARNING TO BERLIN CALLS RUTHLESSNESS OUTSIDE THE LAW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

MADRID, February 8.—(via Paris)—Spain has sent to the Berlin authorities a solemn note of warning, that the ruthlessness which the German government has announced as the future submarine policy of Germany, is "outside the law of nations," and adds that Spain cannot accept the illegality of the methods of warfare which Germany has seen fit to adopt.

The note is firm in its language, but courteous, and points out that if

Germany hopes at any time for the aid of Spain in putting an end to bloodshed in Europe, it must understand that not even the abhorrence with which the Spanish government views the means which the German government has adopted in its fight will prevent this nation from doing what it can, to bring about the end of the strife, when the proper time comes for such a move. It can not and will not "lend itself to an acceptance of the exceptional methods of war" chosen by the Kaiser officials.

# JAPANESE LAUDING WILSON'S ACTIONS

## Praise President For Severing Relations With Germany

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKYO, February 8.—(Delayed by censor in Honolulu)—Japanese are uniting in commendation of the attitude toward Germany adopted by President Wilson. Every Japanese newspaper published in Tokio and Osaka declared that severance of relations was the only way in which the United States could reply to the series of insults of Germany.

Trade in raw silk between the United States and Japan has been discontinued since the severance of diplomatic relations, according to dispatches from New York. No Japanese exporter of silk should worry, however, it is believed here, because the cutting off of importations of luxuries was a proper step for the Americans to take.

# AMERICAN LINER WILL SAIL WITHOUT CONVOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Announcement was made at the state department today that the American liner St. Louis will not be given any naval convoy if she sails for Europe. Secretary Lansing says that the liner will sail unattended.

# AMERICANS IN JAPAN RAISING VOLUNTEERS

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hoichi.)

TOKYO, February 8.—Many American residents in Yokohama and this city are planning to form a volunteer army and their representatives called the American consulate at Yokohama yesterday to explain their plan. The consul for the United States replied to them to wait until the further notice from Washington is received.

# DYNAMITE FACTORY IN HOLLAND IS DESTROYED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

AMSTERDAM, February 7.—According to news published in Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schiebusch, near Cologne, was blown up on January 27, killing two hundred people, mostly women.

# LANSING ASKS FUND FOR AMERICANS IN EUROPE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Secretary of State Lansing today asked for an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief, protection and transportation of Americans in Europe.

# DENIES CARRANZA SENT HIS FELICITATIONS TO KAISER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

MEXICO CITY, February 7.—The foreign office today formally denied that General Carranza has cabled felicitations to the German emperor.

# CHARLES R. FORBES ON LINER WILHELMINA

Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, is returning to Honolulu on the Wilhelmina, which left San Francisco yesterday, according to a cablegram received here and yesterday morning by Acting Superintendent Wilbur C. Woodward. It was stated at the meeting of the board of harbor commissioners yesterday that Mrs. Forbes had the day before received a cablegram from him stating that he would not return on the Wilhelmina. Woodward's cable was of a later date.

# GREAT BRITAIN DETERMINED TO WIN OUTRAGES STEEL NATION'S RESOLVE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 7.—Premier Lloyd George in the opening of the British parliament today said that the response of the Entente Powers to the invitation of President Wilson to outline their peace terms has summarized the grounds on which they are fighting, as far as can be done at present.

He said the Allies cannot now go more into detail, and expressed the opinion that the Entente group had placed its case fairly before the world, showing that it is carrying on a just warfare. He added:

"The threat of future outrages upon public order and the common rights of

# Submarine Warfare Continues Taking Its Toll of Shipping

## More Than Twenty-two Thousand Tons Sunk By the German Diver Campaign in Twenty-four Hours. Declare Reports From European Agencies To America

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 8.—Steadily growing totals of destruction by German submarine attacks yesterday held what part of the attention of the world that was not fixed on the international crisis brewing between this country and Germany.

War risk insurance by the federal bureau which has been climbing ever since the beginning of the conflict in Europe, made leaps upward yesterday. Increases of from 125 per cent to 900 per cent in rates were noted, and affected not only the immediate war zone proclaimed by Germany, but practically all the rest of the world.

Increases in rates between Honolulu and San Francisco, where among those noted, the rates going up from one twentieth to one-quarter of one per cent, according to the risk.

The number of ships reported last night as having been destroyed by submarines or mines in the war zone during the last twenty-four hours is said to have totaled more than 22,000 net tons, which excluded two trawlers, two British fishing boats, and one British ship known to have been sunk, but of unknown tonnage. She was probably the British steamer Azul, according to Lloyd's agency.

The sinking of the California was, of course, the event of the day because of its importance in the international situation, but the list of other vessels destroyed was long.

Lloyd's agency received news of several more vessels sunk in the submarine warfare, following the news of many destroyed yesterday. Today's victims say the British steamers Vestra and Crown Point, two British trawlers and two fishing boats, the Peruvian bark Lorton and the Italian steamer Ferruccio were the victims.

Later in the day the Central News Agency announced the sinking of the British steamers St. Ninian and Corsican Prince. The survivors have been landed with seventeen missing.

The list of ships in full, up to a late hour last night, with their tonnage, so far as could be learned, was: California—British steamer, Captain Henderson, 5335 net tons, on schedule between New York and Glasgow.

Vestra—British steamer; no record in marine reports. There is a tank steamer Vestra which sailed January 2 from New York for unreported destination.

Crown Point—British steamer, Captain Snowden, 3301 net tons. Recently out of Philadelphia to London. Probably out of British port when sunk.

Lorton—Peruvian bark, Captain Santagata, 1297 net tons. Left Caleta Buena for Paganos, November 23.

Ferruccio—Italian steamer. No record in marine reports.

St. Ninian—British steamer, Captain Muekart, 1938 tons. Movements not recorded in marine reports. Probably on government service.

# NEW NAVAL BASE IS URGED FOR COAST

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The establishment of a new navy base on San Francisco bay and the development of the navy yard, Puget Sound, as a large base were recommended today by a board of navy officers who have made a special study of coast conditions. The board urges the immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000 to purchase a needed site on San Francisco bay, \$2,500,000 for the development at Bremerton, Puget Sound, and 2,250,000 for further development at Mare Island.

# BRITISH MOVE TOWARD BAPAUME Take Village of Grandcourt From Her Foes

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, February 8.—The Germans, after a bombardment yesterday, forced their way into the French positions in a bloody battle along the salient near Grandcourt, according to official announcement, but the French rallied and drove out the enemy.

The British report that, after a severe series of attacks they succeeded in capturing the village of Grandcourt, on the Somme front, and one of the most strategic positions in their fighting for the possession of the city of Bapaume, as it gives them fire control over a wide section of the surrounding country.

There has been sharp fighting in Gallia and Lorraine, but save for these operations have been of small importance.

# INCREASE BAIL OF CONSUL AND AIDES

## Bopp and His Fellow Convicts Are Ordered to Give Additional Bonds To Court

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, February 7.—Franz Bopp former German consul general and his aides, who were convicted of violation of United States neutrality laws in conspiring to blow up trains and ships carrying munitions to the Allies, have been ordered to furnish increased bail of \$25,000 each, while awaiting the outcome of their moved for a new trial. Judge Frost issued the order today. The increase was asked by the district attorney's office because of the present strained relations between this country and Germany.

Attorney Theodore Roche says that this undoubtedly means that Bopp will be jailed. The convicted men have been given until five this afternoon to raise the bail.

Indications are here that Bopp and his aides have made an effort, through the department of justice and the department of state, to go out of the country with Ambassador von Bernstorff, thus ending the case against them.

# BOPP MUST STAY

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Consul Bopp and his aides will not be permitted to accompany Ambassador von Bernstorff. Being under sentences for violation of neutrality laws, the executive Allies will not give them safe conduct.

# CHINESE URGED TO FOLLOW AMERICANS

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKYO, February 8.—The United States minister to Peking has urged the Chinese government to follow the example of the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, according to dispatches received here from the Chinese capital. Von Mitzke, minister of Germany to China, is endeavoring to delay or prevent such action. The Chinese foreign minister asked the advice of the Japanese government, through the Japanese minister to Peking, as to what action it should take.

# AMBASSADOR GERARD TO SAIL FROM SPAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Ambassador Gerard of Spain reports from Madrid to the secretary of state that he has received a message from Ambassador Gerard from Bern, indicating that he has reached the Swiss capital, homeward-bound.

A Havana News Agency dispatch from Barcelona says that Ambassador Gerard will sail from that port for the United States. Plans have been made for his return to the United States immediately.

# SECRETARY BAKER LAUDS WORK DONE BY TROOPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—High commendation of the work of the United States on the border and in Mexico was expressed today as letters to General Funston and Pershing by Secretary of War Baker. "There have been objections to the army's presence, but I take pride in its record," said he in his letter to General Pershing.

# GERMANS DETAINED

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hoichi.)

TOKYO, February 7.—When the liner Venezuela, of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, arrived here yesterday morning, Japanese authorities found many German and Austrian passengers on the vessel. All are through passengers to Chinese ports. They were detained by Japanese authorities for close investigation.

# BIG WIRELESS PLANT WILL BE OPENED SOON

The big naval wireless plant at Pearl Harbor will be opened for official business within a couple of weeks, if the expected plans go through. The plant is practically complete and an official of the Poulson Company, which has the contract, will arrive in Honolulu within a week to put the plant through its final tests and turn it over to the government.

This wireless duplicates that recently opened for the navy at San Diego, which communicated direct with the Poulson plant operated by the navy department at Arlington. It is expected that the Pearl Harbor station will be able to communicate direct with Washington.

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# BRITISH LINER SUNK BY TORPEDO FIRED WITHOUT WARNING FROM "DIVER"

## One American, Believed To Be Member of Crew, Known To Have Escaped; Women and Children Prisoners Missing and Death Feared

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The steady stream of reports of the sinking of steamers and merchant ships which has been pouring over the cable into the capital for the last few days came to a climax yesterday, with the despatch from American Consul Frost, at Queenstown, the same official who sent the message of the sinking of the Lusitania to the state department of the destruction of the British liner California, torpedoed by a German submarine without warning yesterday afternoon.

At least one American is known to have been on board the California when, without warning the German submarine fired the two torpedoes that sent the ship to her fate. He is believed to have escaped all harm. Others, including a number of women and children passengers on the liner, are missing and it is feared that they met the fate of the hundreds who were murdered by the German submarine commander that sank the Cunard liner in almost the same waters nearly two years ago.

The rescued American, is believed to be John A. Lee, of Montgomery, Alabama, and is supposedly a member of the steamer's crew.

# TORPEDO STRIKES VESSEL AMIDSHIPS

The captain of the liner, who is quoted by Consul Frost, said that the submarine gave no warning of attack, but fired two torpedoes at a distance of about 300 yards. The steamer was struck amidships and sank in a short time, dragging many down with her. Nothing is said as to whether the submarine shelled the life boats as they left the doomed ship.

Whether this act of wonton murder of non-combatants, which is regarded here as exactly parallel with the attack on the Channel liner Sussex and the Cunard liner Lusitania, will be regarded by President Wilson as sufficient to cause war with Germany remains uncertain. The President was asleep after a tremendously hard day's work when the formal despatch from Consul Frost was received at the state department and was not awakened to hear the news, which will be given to him early this morning. It is he who must make the decision regarding the matter.

# ESCAPE JUST A "FORTUNATE ACCIDENT"

That the officials of the state department realize the seriousness of the sinking of the California at this time was only too plain by the manner in which they received the intelligence last night. They admitted that if the German submarine commander did not kill Americans it was not because he took any precautions against such a thing, but merely a fortunate accident.

It is merely an affair of hours before the wholesale destruction which the German submarines are perpetrating catches some American at sea on his or her lawful business, and slays him. Then it is believed nothing can stay the hand of the people of the nation, and that the President will instantly call upon congress for a declaration of war against Germany.

One of the most important steps taken yesterday by the United States government was the announcement by Secretary of State Lansing that American ship owners are now at liberty to arm their ships as they please and send them to sea prepared to resist to the last the aggressions of the Germans. The United States government will not seize German refugee ships on which German crews have wreaked injury.

The policy of doing nothing to force further the strained relations with Germany was officially reiterated. The administration is taking the greatest care to see that the rights of the foreign government and of foreign property are not violated. Furthermore, it was officially stated that nowhere have German ships been seized nor has the United States claimed title to them. It is authoritatively declared that the only action taken was to put the vessels and their crews under guard and protection, to prevent obstruction of navigation or the violation of the laws to which they are subject. Necessary precautions were taken to carry out this policy, it is declared.

# JAPANESE KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH Engine and Steam Roller Crash At Robinson

One Japanese was killed, another was injured, a freight train of the Oahu railroad was derailed, several hundred yards of track was torn up and a steam-roller of the Hawaiian Fiber company was damaged badly in a collision yesterday afternoon at Robinson. The roller attempted to cross the railroad tracks in front of the train.

A peculiar feature was that James A. Boyd, the engineer of the train, caught J. Shaiuaka, helper on the roller, who was injured, when Shaiuaka was cast between the engine and tender by the force of the collision. This may have saved him from more serious injury.

A. Alanda, driver of the roller, was killed. Shaiuaka's legs were hurt. He was taken to the Caster hospital. Traffic was blocked for several hours, until late last night, passengers being transferred around the wreck. The engine of the train and several cars were derailed.

The train of thirty-five cars, made up of cars loaded with pine and of empties, was bound from Wahiawa to Waipahu. The time of the accident was two-fifty-three o'clock in the afternoon. William Weirich, manager of the plantation, had been with the roller yesterday. Upon leaving the scene of work he had directed that one man watch the crossing while the other took the roller over, should there be occasion to cross the track, according to railway officials. His instructions were disregarded. John Fernandez, deputy sheriff, said that Engineer Boyd had sounded his whistle. The crossing was a private one of the plantation.

The roller, four tons in weight, was struck twice, twisting about from the engine's pilot and being hit again by the locomotive. The locomotive was damaged slightly, but except for that and repairs to the track the railroad's loss was small, the freight cars not being damaged much. About 500 feet of track was torn up. A hundred men were put to work immediately to clear the line. Mr. Fernandez's inquest was continued for the testimony of the injured helper of the roller.

# BERNSTORFF GOING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—That German Ambassador von Bernstorff is certain today when Switzerland indicated its minister resident, Dr. Paul Ritter, to take over German interests in the United States.

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