

## PEACE FOR BELGIUM IS IN SIGHT

### IOWA THORN WILL STICK IN THUMB OF BRANDEIS

Clifford Thorne has Gone to Washington Where He Will Tell Senate Sub-Committee About Lawyer.

### MANY CHARGES AGAINST APPOINTEE

Boston Attorney, Named as Supreme Court Judge by President Wilson, Will Have Many Things to Explain.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 5.—Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa railway commission, left today for Washington, in response to a summons from Senator Cummins to come there and tell the sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee just why Louis D. Brandeis should not be confirmed as associate justice of the supreme court.

Thorne said he considered it improper for him to say at this time what he will tell the committee, but he referred to his brief in the eastern case before the railroad commission in which he charges Brandeis with "throwing down" the case of the people in which \$5,000,000 is annually involved.

Many Charges Against Him.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A charge that Louis D. Brandeis, nominee for the supreme bench, "threw" the railway increase cases a year ago at the request of President Wilson will be made to the senate judiciary sub-committee Wednesday by Clifford Thorne, Iowa rate commissioner, according to friends of Thorne in the senate, who say they have been informed of his intentions.

While the bitterness of the early antagonism to the appointment has abated, the effect of the Thorne charges which have been mailed to all senators, have been that the progressive republican group generally has adopted an attitude that it "must be shown" in regard to the rate cases. This group quite approves of other phases of Brandeis' activities and opinions.

### SITUATION STILL GRAVE AND FAR FROM SETTLED

Lusitania Case Will be Discussed Again by President on Monday.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The Lusitania case, once more is up to President Wilson. Until he has discussed Germany's latest informal suggestions for a settlement with the secretary of state on Monday, no new developments are expected, according to positive assertions by state department and white house officials.

As to how much longer the United States will be willing to continue informal conferences Secretary Lansing today said he could not state. That point, he said, has not yet entered his thoughts.

### BALKANS

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]  
ROME, Feb. 5.—Bucharest dispatches tonight reporting that the Roumanian government has announced its intention of floating immediately a \$40,000,000 foreign loan, strengthened the belief here that Roumania may enter the war on the side of the allies.

### GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
LONDON, Feb. 5.—Unconfirmed dispatches from Basle, Switzerland, tonight reported a renewal of rioting in Leipzig by crowds of German women demanding an ending of the war.

### FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
PARIS, Feb. 5.—A German airship was shot down in flames this morning between Vliers and Herbecourt, in the region of Frise by Pilot Sergeant Guynemer of the French air corps, it was officially announced tonight.

### HIGH WATER, ICE AND DEEP SNOW

This Winter Will Long be Remembered as Record One by Many People.

### ANOTHER LEVEL BROKEN

Thirty-four Trains Were Unable to Make Any Impression on Big Snow Banks of the North.

### ENGLAND

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The British embassy tonight had a report from a source which it would not reveal, that the German raider which has been preying on allied shipping off the Canary Islands and which captured the *Apennin*, had been captured by British warships.

### RUSSIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—Russian scouts penetrated enemy entanglements in the Guatow district after artillery had wrecked strong positions and annihilated a body of enemy troops, it was officially announced tonight.

### ITALY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
ROME, Feb. 5.—Austrian troops, heavily reinforced, attacked the Italian positions on the upper Isongo in the Santa Maria region at dawn Friday, but were driven off, General Cadorna reported to the war office tonight.

### MRS. MOHR IS SET FREE; NEGROES FOUND GUILTY

End of the Sensational Murder Trial Which has Excited All of Rhode Island for Many Months.

### JURY DECIDES AFTER SEVEN HOURS

Widow of Murdered Doctor Will Now Enjoy One-third of His Estate, Estimated to be \$90,000.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr is free. Found not guilty late today on the charge of having hired three negroes to waylay and kill her husband, Dr. Charles F. Mohr, wealthy Newport physician, while in an automobile with his office assistant, Emily Burger, Mrs. Mohr collapsed, sobbing in court when the verdict was announced.

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PARIS, Feb. 5.—The French official statement does not specify that the German airship was a Zeppelin, thought the term airship is usually employed in referring to dirigibles. It is possible that a smaller German dirigible, not a Zeppelin, was shot down.

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Tonight the minister of militia ordered out a special guard in this district at the request of Mayor Edwards. One report had declared the shell works of the Jardine plant was destroyed, but dispatches from under control.

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