

SCHEME TO INCITE WAR WITH MEXICO CHARGED IN SENATE

Senator Stone Denounces "Sinister Forces" That He Says Are at Work.

TREASON TO AID VILLA.

Measure Offered Regarding Selling of Arms—Border Reported Quiet.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Charges that "sinister forces" are seeking to inflame Americans and Mexicans into war were made by Senator Stone, Administration spokesman, in the Senate today, following the reading of telegrams into the record telling of serious conditions along the Texas and Arizona borders.

"Every man with sense enough to come in out of the wet," said Senator Stone, "knows the situation in Mexico is critical—that an effort is being made by numerous sinister influences, in and outside of Mexico, to excite and influence Mexicans, to tell them the United States contemplates an aggression against their whole Government and people."

"The President has sought to impress Mexicans of his friendliness and the Senate has endorsed this stand. But there are influences at work, and we know it, working to create a situation the end of which we could not know. Will Senators

Young Woman Who Christened U. S. Torpedo Boat Rowan



MISS LOUISE MELAN AYERS.

Make present critical conditions worse?" Senators Stone and Borah clashed when Borah and Senator Sheppard of Texas had telegrams read from Douglas, Ariz., citizens, asking for help in fear of a new Mexican massacre and invasion there.

A stormy debate followed the reading of the telegrams and the introduction by Senator Lewis of a resolution proposing that any person who furnishes Villa aid be declared a traitor.

Referring to the telegram presented by Senator Borah, Senator Stone said: "It would have been better if all such comment should have been delivered to the War Department. I confess myself unable to understand any Senator's desire at this crucial point to present such matters and thereby give them official dignity."

"I have no apologies to make," interjected Senator Borah.

Senator Stone retorted that Borah might have acted "with greater propriety."

"When a man becomes obsessed with the idea that he is running for President," continued Senator Stone, "he ought to act unflinchingly by the omission in exploiting another delusion."

Replying to Stone's criticism of his resolution to call for 20,000 volunteers, Senator Sherman asked for Mr. Stone's own opinion.

"I get my information from the President and other upon whom we must rely," Stone retorted. "If needed, they would not hesitate to inform the Congress."

STONE GIVES CHALLENGE TO REPUBLICANS.

Turning to the Republicans, Stone said: "If you wish to encourage the Administration to have war with Mexico, have the courage to say so like men. Do it openly and boldly, if that is what you want; do not do it surreptitiously."

"In helping protect the forces already in Mexico provocative of war," asked Senator Sherman.

Mr. Stone declared that Senator Sherman's resolution was introduced for the purpose of waging war on "others than Villa."

Mr. Sherman denied this and pointed to the terms of his resolution. Senator Clapp criticized Mr. Stone for being "too prone to assign political motives" to the Republicans. He declared all Senators were acting patriotically, including Mr. Sherman.

"I am sure there was not an attempt to embarrass the President," said Mr. Clapp. "The situation at the border warranted the Senator from Illinois in offering his resolution."

Senator Stone replied that certain Senators were constantly precipitating Mexican debate upon some pretext or other.

"Isn't the Senator precipitating the debate himself?" asked Senator Oliver. "I have my own opinion about that," he added.

"Keep it," Senator Stone replied, and demands for "regular order" closed the debate, at least temporarily.

FOREIGNERS CHARGED WITH AIDING VILLA.

Senator Lewis's resolution declared "it is known that funds and supplies are being furnished Villa from foreign countries and from sources in the United States."

"Those who are furnishing such supplies, either of money or provisions, are enemies of the United States," the resolution read.

Senator Lewis did not ask to have the resolution considered immediately, and it was read, laid on the table and reserved for future discussion.

Conflicting reports of the mauling of Carranza troops on the border continued to reach here today.

American Consuls in Northern

Mexico, under orders of the State Department to investigate the troop movements, reported that they found no masses of troops in the northern sections.

State Department dispatches from Durango, San Luis Potosi, Nogales and other points reported quiet. Americans were leaving the Durango region, but there was no anti-American outbreak.

One battalion of the Twenty-first infantry was ordered today from the Vancouver barracks to El Centro, Cal., to reinforce the border patrol. The order was issued at the request of Major Gen. Bell, commanding the Western Department.

UNDERWORLD BILLS BURIED IN ASSEMBLY

Speaker Sweet Will Not Allow Measures Carrying Authority of Police to Get Out of Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Everet imperious bills curbing the authority of the police and District Attorney in New York have been postponed despite the attempt of its backers to push them through the Assembly today.

All bills in the Assembly will be taken in order Monday night for the rest of the session by the Rules Committee, headed by Speaker Sweet, and no bill can be put on the calendar without the unanimous consent of the members of the Assembly.

U-BOAT DEBATE CUT SHORT IN REICHSTAG

Conservatives Who Attempted to Violate Agreement Not Allowed to Proceed.

BERLIN (via London), March 24.—It is understood that the Reichstag will take a recess until some date near the end of April for the purpose of giving committees opportunity to discuss the budget and tax bills. It means, in all probability, the side-tracking altogether of the debate over the submarine question.

It was evident at yesterday's session that the Conservatives were resolved under the agreement to avoid discussion in open session. Count von Westphal said he was willing to adhere to the agreement on condition that the matter be discussed all at once thoroughly in committee. Another Conservative speaker desired to mention the submarine question, but was met with a shout from the House that it was against the agreement. Even then he persisted, whereupon the President remarked bluntly: "You may not proceed on this subject."

JOFFRE DECLARES GERMAN CANNOT CAPTURE VERDUN

Issues Address to Army Declaring French Have Plenty of Munitions and Reserves.

BERLIN CLAIMS GAINS.

Announces Taking of More Trenches, but Paris Reports Let-Up in Attacks.

PARIS, March 24.—Gen. Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces, has issued the following address:

"Soldiers of the Army of Verdun: For weeks you have endured the most formidable attack that the enemy has yet tried against us. Germany counted upon the success of this effort, which she thought would be irresistible, and for which she concentrated her best troops and her most powerful artillery. She hoped the taking of Verdun would raise the courage of her allies and convince neutral countries of German superiority."

"She reckoned without you. Night and day, despite a bombardment without precedent you resisted all attacks and maintained your positions."

"The battle has not yet terminated, because the Germans have need of a victory. You will be able to wrest it from them. We have munitions in abundance and numerous reserves, but you have above all your indomitable courage and your faith in the destinies of the republic."

"The country has its eyes upon you. You will be of those of whom it will be said: 'They barred the road to Verdun against the Germans.'"

Following is the report given out today by the French War Office:

"In the Argonne district our batteries last night cannonaded with energy the enemy positions in the wood of Malancourt. Near hill No. 255 we caused the explosion of a mine, and occupied the resulting crater."

"To the west of the river Meuse the night passed quietly. To the east of the river there was intermittent bombardment in the vicinity of Douaumont and Ambloup."

"In the Woëvre district there have been some outbursts of artillery fire in the sectors of Moulainville and Epargues, both sides taking part."

BERLIN, March 24.—Continuing their advance to force the evacuation of French positions northwest of Verdun, the Germans have captured two more trenches in the Hazeourt region, the War Office announced this afternoon.

The Germans pressed forward south of Malancourt, against the southwest side of the French salient. The advance further imperils French positions at Malancourt and Bethincourt.

In the fighting in this region French losses today total 831. Artillery duels occurred last night in the Champagne, the Argonne and west of the Meuse.

4TH GERMAN WAR LOAN REACHES \$2,000,000,000

Total Subscriptions to All Four Issues Is \$7,000,000,000, Says Dr. Helfferich.

BERLIN, March 24.—The fourth German war loan has been a brilliant success, Financial Secretary Helfferich reported to the Reichstag today. The subscriptions totaled more than \$2,000,000,000.

This figure, Dr. Helfferich said, does not include subscriptions abroad and at home.

The total of Germany's war loans now reach more than \$7,000,000,000, he said, while England has raised less than \$4,000,000,000 and France only a little more than \$2,000,000,000 by war loans.

A REPUBLIC AGAIN. The Governor of Sui-Kiang, China, discovering a political plot against him, invited ten of the plotters to dinner last week and cut off their heads.

FIND NEW SWINDLING GAME. Two Are Held on Charge of Multiple Storekeepers.

Charged with having obtained \$570 from the Yorkville Bank at Eighty-fifth Street and Third Avenue by an unusual scheme of forcing checks, Frank McLaughery and Alexander Mahoney were arrested today by Detectives Dalton and Baffis at Washington and Perry Streets.

The detectives say the men are members of a band which has cleaned up more than \$12,000 from banks in New York, Hoboken and Boston within the last ten months.

The method employed was partly a confidence game. A member of the band would patronize a store for several days and finally would induce the proprietor to take out a check for a small amount, under the representation that he wanted to send it to a relative in another city. This check, furnishing the clue to the merchant's bank and also containing his signature, would serve as a model for others.

WOMAN ARRESTED AT 5TH AVE. CATHEDRAL FOR PICKING POCKETS.



MRS. RANDOLPH FITZHUGH.

WOMAN ARRESTED AT CATHEDRAL IS "MRS. FITZHUGH"

Charged With Robbing Worshiper, Says She Did It for "Baby Boy's Sake."

As a young woman wearing a black veil stepped out on Fifth Avenue from St. Patrick's Cathedral late yesterday afternoon Detectives Hauser and Griffith of the Second Branch arrested her on a charge of grand larceny. They acted upon the fact that she seemed to answer the description of a woman who sat next to Mrs. Hugh King of No. 325 West One Hundred and Seventh Street when Mrs. King lost her pocketbook containing \$5 in St. Leo's Church, Twenty-eighth Street, near Fifth Avenue, on Feb. 24 last.

"Why did you do it?" the detectives asked the woman, who would give no information about herself except that her name was Mrs. Northrup.

"I had to do it to support myself and my baby boy," she answered. "My husband deserted me."

Detective Griffith said he positively identified the prisoner with a woman who said she was Mrs. Randolph Fitzhugh when he arrested her in 1914 and charged her with stealing a mesh bag and \$50 from Miss Dorothy W. Fisk, daughter of Piny Fisk, the banker, in St. Bartholomew's Church. The charge was dismissed when Miss Fisk would not appear against her.

The woman was arraigned the next month on a charge of vagrancy. Then Miss Fisk testified against her and Miss Edna Irene Munsey, an actress, identified "Mrs. Fitzhugh" as the woman who sat next to her on Nov. 25, 1915, in the Church of the Transfiguration when her silver mesh bag containing a diamond bracelet worth \$200 was stolen.

At that time "Mrs. Fitzhugh" lived at the Hotel Flinders, kept a dress shop and was well dressed. She mystified lawyers and the court with belittling names. She said that she belonged to the celebrated Virginia family of Fitzhugh, but she also said she was Mrs. Northrup, wife of a prominent attorney.

In the same year "Mrs. Fitzhugh" pleaded guilty to another charge of grand larceny based on a robbery in a church. But Creed M. Fulton, a Washington attorney, obtained trial for her. Mr. Fulton told Judge Swann in General Sessions that she belonged neither to the Randolphs nor to the Fitzhughs, but nevertheless to one of the best Virginia families. He said there was a strain of insanity in her lineage.

"Mrs. Fitzhugh" stated then that all her life she had been the victim of men's oppressions. She was taken to Bellevue suffering with nervousness bordering on prostration. The next October she was released on suspended sentence. It was said she would go to relatives in Virginia.

HEAVY FIRING AT SEA. Amsterdam Newspapers Hint at Battle Near Ostend.

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Fishing correspondents of Amsterdam newspapers today reported sounds of heavy firing in the channel, from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

Incoming skippers reported that the flutes of gunfire were visible on the horizon during the night. They said they believed an important naval fight was going on.

Horse Hurled Off Through Window. Patrolman William Hixes of Traffic Squad C was hurled through the large plate glass window of a butcher shop at No. 465 Fourth Avenue today when he attempted to stop a runaway horse attached to a delivery wagon of the New York Pie Baking Company of No. 82 Sullivan Street. The horse continued up the avenue, colliding with an automobile standing in front of No. 470 Fourth Avenue, owned by Oliver Cacht of that address. Hixes was cut about the arms by flying glass, but remained on duty.

Prison Term for Politician. Samuel W. Smith, former Chairman of the Hudson County Republican Committee, was sentenced by Judge Tennant to a three-year term today for fraud in three years imprisonment and fined \$1,000 in the Cretford Hotel case.

ESTIMATE BOARD HEARS PLEAS FOR NEW COURT HOUSE

Old Building Is Declared by Justice Newburger Unfit for Human Habitation.

PREDICT CATASTROPHE.

Property City Paid \$12,000,000 for Is Worth Only \$3,000,000 Now, Says Expert.

The Board of Estimate today listened for an hour and a half to arguments for and against the appropriation of \$7,500,000 for the erection of a new court house, after which, instead of taking action in favor of the project, as was expected, it referred it to a committee of the whole of its members for a future report.

Morgan J. O'Brien, Chairman of the Court House Board, read a very lengthy list of civic, commercial and art organizations in all parts of the city favoring the court house plan, among which were the Fine Arts Federation of New York, American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, New York Board of Trade and Transportation, Chamber of Commerce, New York Clearing House, New York Cotton Exchange and numerous real estate associations.

"We have been coming before Boards of Estimate asking for a new court house for thirteen years," said Mr. O'Brien. "You must either make up your mind to build the court house or abandon the plan altogether and sell the property you have purchased for the site. This delay means a tremendous decrease in property valuations near the court house site, out to speak of the vast sums of money lost to the city in the matter of interest and the maintenance of a Court House Board."

Supreme Court Justice Newburger, speaking in favor of the immediate building of a court house, said:

"For the last fifty years, New York City has been without proper accommodations for urines, witnesses and litigants in its upper courts. Our jury rooms are unfit places for human beings. Where it is a decided menace to health to permit juries to remain in these rooms an hour, at times they are compelled to submit to eight and nine hours' confinement. The Board of Justices of our courts has approved the amended court house plan."

"The Board of Estimate is probably aware of the building in which the Supreme Court of this county sits has twice been condemned by the Health Board as unfit for human occupancy—once in 1903 and again in 1913."

"There will be a catastrophe some day in that building that will shock the city, unless it is renovated or torn down," was one prediction.

"Every one knows conditions in the two court buildings are bad," said Mayor Mitchell. "The question is whether or not the city can afford the sum of money necessary and whether or not the necessity for a court house is great enough at this time to spend that sum."

Mayor Mitchell said the \$7,500,000 appropriation must include fixtures, light and heating and electric wiring. "Does that include the trim?" asked an anxious taxpayer.

"We've been trimmed already," replied Aldermanic President Dowling. P. J. Brady, representing the Central Federation of Labor, said labor was in favor of a suitable court house, but believed more public schools were a much greater necessity.

William H. Cheeseborough, representing the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, told the members of the Estimate Board that the City of New York was bound as a matter of self-protection to build the court house. He declared that if the property comprised in the site, which cost at least \$12,000,000, were to be sold now, it would not bring more than \$3,000,000. The members of the Board gasped in surprise. Comptroller Prendergast said he seriously doubted the accuracy of this statement.

THREE HURT IN CAR CRASH. Trolley and Truck Collide at Twenty-third Street.

Three persons were slightly injured today, when a Lexington Avenue street car collided with a three-horse truck at Lexington Avenue and Twenty-third Street. The injured were passengers on the car. They are Arthur Maedon, fifty-three, a merchant, of No. 246 West Fifty-ninth Street, and two boys, Arthur and Sarah Domanick, fifteen, of No. 58 East Ninety-eighth Street, cuts about the face; James Butler, a baker, of No. 429 East Sixty-fifth Street, bruises on the head. The truck is owned by Robert Gordon & Son, thirty-seventh Street and the East River.

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Successes Claimed at Jacobstadt, North of Dvinsk, and Postavy, to the South.

BERLIN (via London), March 24.—Latest despatches show that hard fighting is in progress in the northern sector of the Russian line.

"While during the day," says the War Office report, "the Russians collected their forces only for a strong advance against the bridgehead at Jacobstadt, east of Iuzhof, they undertook during the night repeated attacks north of the Mitau-Jacobstadt Railway and an attempt to take us by surprise south of Dvinsk. They exhausted themselves in unintermitted, fierce storm attacks against our front north of Widay. All their attacks broke down, with heavy losses in men."

The Russian drum fire became intense on the evening of March 19. More than 50,000 shells, chiefly of heavy calibre, fell over a small section of the front near Postavy. German wire entanglements and the front line trenches were damaged by this fire.

At night the Russians attacked in thick waves. The first two waves were mowed down before they reached the entanglements. The third attack pierced the German position on a front of less than one hundred yards, and the assailants were ejected by a counter attack led in person by a regimental commander. At dawn the Russians made a fourth attack, but it was smothered in the initial stages by German artillery.

Four Russian divisions, probably 50,000 men, are said to have participated in these movements.

PETROGRAD, March 24.—Terrific fighting is going on at Jacobstadt, eighty miles northwest of Riga, where the Russians, using liquid fire and gas bombs, are battering in the German salient with some of the 10,000 guns with which the army has been equipped.

At the same time the Slavs are attacking vigorously at Fridrichstadt, west of Jacobstadt, and at Il-lux, to the south. Gen. Kuropatkin's aim, apparently is to squeeze von Hindenburg out of this important salient by threats of envelopment, forcing the retirement of the whole German line from Riga to Dvinsk, on a front of 140 miles.

In the extreme southeast, Gen. Ivanoff is meeting with no serious resistance in his campaign to clear Austrian troops from the north bank of the Dniester.

Minister Van Dyke Back in Holland. THE HAGUE (via London), March 24.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American Minister to the Netherlands, arrived here last evening, after spending a brief vacation in the United States. He was a passenger on the steamer Rotterdam from New York.

'VOTES FOR WOMEN' AGAIN HALTED BY BROWN IN SENATE

Backers of Referendum Bill Fear Trick to Kill It Is Planned.

SEND CALL TO FORCES.

New York City Republicans Likely to Go to Aid of the Suffragists.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) ALBANY, March 24.—Women's suffrage in the Legislature is blocked by Senator Elton R. Brown. Again today he halted progress of the bill providing for a popular vote on a constitutional amendment in 1917 by two words: "I object!"

"The bill is at the bottom of the Senate calendar and every attempt to advance it toward final passage is stopped by Brown. His vote today in refusing unanimous consent for the advancing of the measure is his second action of the kind this week."

It is planned by the anti-suffrage legislators to bring into play some of the strategic tricks of legislative procedure in the closing days of the session to kill off the bill completely this year. The Assembly already has passed the Constitutional amendment measure, but the pocketing will be done in the Senate.

Senators of the Suffrage army who watch the Legislature become suspicious today that danger is ahead and hurried calls for a council of war have been sent out. Another attempt will be made to advance the bill next Tuesday in the Senate.

Mrs. James Lee Laidlaw was warned last night of the danger and hurrying to Albany arrived in the Senate just as Brown blocked progress.

New York City Republicans are planning to go to the rescue. County Chairman Koenig was in Albany today and learning the danger of the suffrage re-submission bill, said that he would confer with Senator Mills and other city members to rally reinforcements for the feminine cause.

KAISER WRITES PRAISE OF AVIATOR BOELKE

Enthusiastic Over the Lieutenant's Twelfth Victory in Battles in the Air

BERLIN, March 24 (By wireless to Bayville).—Emperor William has sent the following letter, in his own handwriting, to Lieut. Boelke of the Aviation Corps:

"I have been informed that you have again returned successfully from combat with the enemy's aeroplanes. I recently bestowed on you the highest war order, Pour le Merite, in order to demonstrate the importance I attach to the results of your courageous action. But I shall not let pass this moment, when you have disabled your twelfth aeroplane, which means that you disabled two air squadrons of the enemy, without expressing to you, again my fullest acknowledgment of your excellent achievement in aerial fighting."

The official German report of March 22 said Lieut. Boelke, in an aerial engagement near Verdun, had brought down his thirteenth aeroplane.

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