



IT SHINES FOR ALL

# GERMANY PROPOSES ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN AND MEXICO; PROMOTED TO FURNACE CARRANZA IN WAR AGAINST U. S.; FATE OF ARMED SHIP BILL IN CONGRESS IS IN DOUBT

## HOUSE VOTES "DRY" CAPITAL Measure, Already Passed by Senate, Goes Through 273 to 137.

## "BONE DRY" VICTORY TOO Conferees Agree on Amendment and Will Report It at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Prohibition was a double victory in Congress when the House passed by a vote of 273 to 137 the Senate bill to make the national capital "dry" and Senate and House conferees on the postal appropriation bill unexpectedly announced an agreement under which the Reed "bone dry" amendment is virtually assured of enactment.

## OVERT ACT CERTAIN, VIEW IN GERMANY Arming of Ships Will Hasten It, Cologne "Volks Zeitung" Asserts.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Referring to President Wilson's statement to Congress in asking for power to arm American ships that the overt act had not yet occurred, the Cologne Volks Zeitung, a copy of which has been received in Amsterdam, says:

## NAVY RUSH ORDER FOR CHASER GUNS Contracts Let for 2,400 3 Inch and Several Thousand One Pounders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The first step toward speedy procurement of additional much needed guns for use against German U-boats, when bids were opened for 2,400 3 inch weapons and several thousand one pounders. The manufacturers have agreed to complete the contract within six weeks.

## BRITISH REACH BAPAUME RIDGE Are Only a Mile From the Town Which Was Objective of Big Drive.

## GOMMECOURT IS TAKEN Haig's Men Continue to Push On, Great Trench Systems Being Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—British troops are only a mile from Bapaume. Infantry forces, pressing after the retreating Germans, have set foot on the Bapaume ridge. They can see now for the first time the town that has been their goal ever since the Somme offensive opened eight months ago to-morrow.

## RECALL OF SWISS MINISTER MAY BE REQUESTED BY U. S. Administration Aroused by Pro-German Activities of Dr. Paul Ritter—Immediate Release of Detained American Consuls Demanded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Wilson may ask the Government of Switzerland to recall Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister here, or to inform him that his present and past pro-German activities are making him persona non grata to the United States.

## HOUSE IS READY, SENATE IS NOT Renewed Threats of Filibuster Are Made in Latter Chamber.

## LA FOLLETTE STARTS IT Measure Reported to Lower Body Does Not RestRICT Wilson's Powers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—While the President waited the contending forces in Congress arrayed themselves to-day for the opening of the struggle over the armed neutrality bill in the House of Representatives to-morrow.

## Documentary Proof of Teuton Plan to Embroil America With Southern Republic, Offering Southwestern States as Bribe, in Hands of This Government

## WILSON FULLY AWARE OF PLOT WHEN HE BROKE WITH BERLIN

## Count von Bernstorff Received Instructions From Foreign Minister Zimmermann Dated Jan. 19, When Ruthless Submarine War Was Decided On

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States if this country should not remain neutral.

## Effective on November 1. The District bill, which would become effective November 1, was brought to a vote after a stubborn opposition had delayed for several hours the final roll call, which the leaders knew would mean passage.

## Long Delays Foreseen. Debate on the measure had been hurried by the fact that the bill had already been brought up so that the usual dramatic feature of filibustering strategy were replaced by long roll calls.

## Chairman Henry of the Rules Committee led the fight for the "wet" A member of the committee who was in charge of many floor battles, he went to the floor representing only a small minority of his committee.

## Henry Makes Protest. Mr. Henry protested that undue haste should not be exercised in perfecting such a measure, and Mr. Harrison replied:

## Losses of Shipping Since February 1 For the first time since Germany began her unrestricted submarine campaign no reports were received yesterday from London or from Paris of ships having been torpedoed by submarines or sunk by mines.

## Arrivals and sailings, merchant vessels of all nationalities over 100 tons net, and from British ports: Arrivals, 2,280; sailings, 2,267.

## British merchant vessels sunk by mine or submarine of 1,600 tons gross or over, 15; under 1,600 tons gross, 6; fishing vessels, 4.

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## Patrols Still Advancing. Trench systems adjoining Puisseux-Mont have fallen also to the British, and the British are still creeping ahead, as close behind the Germans as is safe.

## Big Retreat Likely. Viewed in combination with the continuing retreat, this statement increases the probability as to where it will stop.

## Activity at Other Points. The Somme-Ancre front continues to be the centre of interest on the western battle line.

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