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HARMON PLEAS WINS GO.P.; HAYS NEW CHAIRMAN

Old Executive Committee Out and Party Starts With a Clean Slate.

AID PLEDGED TO WILSON Roosevelt and Lincoln Also Mentioned in Resolutions Adopted at St. Louis.

Special Despatch to The Sun. St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the Indiana Republican committee, was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee by acclamation late today when John T. Adams of Iowa withdrew from the race.

Adams Yields for Harmony. The meeting of the National Republican Committee, which had started with a bitter fight, put on a harmonious finale when Mr. Adams, following a conference of the committee members, decided to name himself as chairman.

Harold Iken of Chicago, formerly a member of the executive board of the Progressive party, asked permission to say a word.

So there can be no misunderstanding as to the impromptu nature of his address, Mr. Iken declared: "I just want to say that the Progressive understand the action taken is not a reflection on the committee."

Hays Accepts Chairmanship. The newly elected chairman sent to retiring Chairman William E. Wilson a telegram in which he said:

"Every one knows that there will be political activity. The Democratic party has been busy for months. This political activity should be attributed to the country's cause, shall stand every political party and every member of every political party entitled to an opinion on the subject."

"The loyalty of the Republican party always has been and always will be measured only by the possibilities. It is the duty of every citizen for a party organization, the right of the individuals within the party to participate in the management of the party's affairs shall be and remain equally sacred and inviolable."

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Results of 50 Weeks of Ruthless U-Boat Warfare

Table showing results of U-boat warfare: Losses to British Shipping, Average number of British merchant ships sunk weekly, etc.

U-BOATS TOLL OF BRITISH SHIPS IS 19

Thirteen on Week's List of More Than 1,600 Tons.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Nineteen British merchant ships were sunk by U-boats in the past week, according to the Admiralty statement tonight.

Four Italian merchant ships were sunk by U-boats during the week ended February 8, according to an official announcement today.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Norwegian steamer Lofoten is the latest of a series of Norwegian vessels to be sunk by U-boats.

HALF OF SUNKEN SHIPS REPLACED

U-Boats' 1917 Total of 6,000-000 Tonnage in Prey Was Double Production.

BUILDING IS INCREASING Great Britain and America Supplied 2,064,697 Tons of World's New Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Ship tonnage sunk by submarines in 1917 was nearly three times as great as the total production of the United States and Great Britain during that year.

This was disclosed today by the announcement of Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the British House of Commons.

Both American and British officials expect a very different story in 1918, however. The United States and Great Britain are speeding up their building programmes and naval officials in both countries have confidently predicted that the output will be doubled.

The output of ship tonnage in the United States in 1918 has been variously estimated at from 2,000,000 tons to 2,500,000 tons.

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U.S. MAY SEIZE SHIP YARDS AND DRAFT WORKERS

Steps Being Considered to Avert Further Delay in Construction.

SURVEY IS BEING MADE Wages Likely to Be Adjusted in Accordance With Local Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A constantly recurring and increasingly serious labor situation in practically all of the shipyards of the country, coupled with poor management in some and inefficient control in others, is driving the nation's shipbuilding program to a standstill.

Shipyard labor has been fortunate in increased wages and better working conditions since shipbuilding became the prime requisite of the nation and there was a shortage of builders.

Plan Under Consideration. There is little question that a minor percentage of the yards where building has been delayed because of inefficient management is being considered by the Government.

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Britain Has Plan for League of Nations

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Lord Robert Cecil announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government is giving great attention to a "League of Nations."

FRENCH ATTACK IN HEAVY FORCE

They Enter German Trenches in the Champagne to the Third Line.

TALLY IN WOEVRE ALSO British in Hand to Hand Encounter With foe Near Lens and Peronne.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—A big raid was carried out today by the French south-west of Butte Mesnil. The German positions were entered up to the third line and many defenses and shelters were destroyed.

War Office in its regular communication tonight, the text of which says: In the Champagne, after brief artillery preparation, we carried out a big raid in the region south of Butte Mesnil.

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RUMANIA HOLDS TROOPS TO ALLIES; IGNORES BERLIN

"Will Survive or Perish With Entente Cause," Says Message From Jassy.

NOW FIGHTS BOLSHEVIKI Troops Said to Occupy Almost the Entire Province of Bessarabia.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Rumania has defied the Central Powers to do their worst and has decided to stake her existence upon a victory by the Allies, according to a message from Jassy by way of Salonica.

The Rumanians apparently continue to battle bravely against almost overwhelming odds. Their troops are said to occupy practically the entire province of Bessarabia.

According to the Tachibata of Berlin the demand made upon Rumania by Germany was not in the form of an ultimatum but merely a strong request for the Rumanians to join the Central Powers.

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LLOYD GEORGE WINS AGAIN; COMMONS UPHELDS 59-28; FIRMINESS SAVES MINISTRY

Premier Challenges House to Put in New Government if Dissatisfied.

HEADS READY TO QUIT Lord Hugh Cecil Warned Adoption of Resolution Would Force It.

LIVELY DEBATE FOLLOWS Lloyd George Stoutly Refuses to Reveal Action Taken by Versailles Council.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Toward the close of a war debate which probably was the most exciting in the history of the House of Commons, the House of Commons today virtually voted confidence in the Government by rejecting a resolution proposed by Richard Holt, Radical, as follows:

"In accordance with the decisions of the Supreme War Council at Versailles, the Government is to be the only immediate task of the Government."

The motion was lost on a vote of 59 to 28, most of its supporters being Conservatives.

Many Rumors of Changes. The session was accompanied by circulation of sensational rumors, many of them suggesting that a Ministerial crisis was at hand, others to the effect that Lord Hugh Cecil had been dismissed or had resigned.

When the House resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, discussion of foreign and military affairs was dropped temporarily for consideration of the amendment to the Government's budget.

Added \$20,645 to Army. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Government leader in the House of Commons, reported to the House of Commons tonight that the Government had requested its home secretary to increase the 1917 total of the Army's equipment by \$20,645.

Is Able to Loan Shipping. The House of Commons today passed a resolution authorizing the Government to borrow \$20,645,000 for the purpose of increasing the 1917 total of the Army's equipment.

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LLOYD GEORGE UPHELDED FOR KEEPING BIG WAR SECRETS

Northcliffe Papers and Others Rally to His Defence for Refusing to Tell About Executive Powers Given to Versailles Council.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The fact that the Premier Lord George had kept the details of the Versailles conference secret, and that he had refused to tell about the details of the Versailles conference, was the subject of a debate in the House of Commons today.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting upon these rumors, says: "Why should Lord George be held responsible for everything done at Versailles? Clemenceau was there, as were Petain, Haig and Robertson. Are we to suppose that Lord George was the only one who was present, and that everything done there is at his caprice, against the protest of the others?"

The Premier's declaration that the House of Commons should be kept in the dark as to the details of the Versailles conference, was the subject of a debate in the House of Commons today.

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