

U. S. NAVY AWAITS CALL TO DEFY GERMAN RAIDS

WILSON HAS FORCES MASSED TO DEFEND SHIPS AND COMBAT U-BOAT'S THREATENED ATTACKS

President Had Anticipated Grant of Authority and Is Now Ready for Move That Will Put Issue Up to Berlin

By a vote of 50 to 24 the Senate also agreed to the committee amendment to the naval bill providing for a \$150,000,000 bond issue to provide funds for the \$115,000,000 naval emergency fund and the \$35,000,000 appropriation for construction of fifty additional submarines.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Administration was shown to be in control of the legislative situation in the Senate today when, by a vote of 64 to 15, it was decided to take up the armed neutrality bill, over Senator La Follette's protest.

The navy bill was called up promptly and the first committee amendment, providing an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a naval base on San Francisco Bay, was adopted, 46 to 26.

President Wilson, anticipating the grant by Congress of full authority to act in the present German crisis—just as he virtually demanded it at the outset—has put the United States navy into shape to arm American merchantmen and protect this country's interests "with any other instrumentalities."

Arming of ships and the expected resultant clash with German submarines will then place the burden of further action upon Berlin—just as the President has designed it.

Further evidence of German intrigue, in the hands of the American Government, is expected so to solidify Congress in its stand behind the President that full authority to deal with the situation as he sees fit will be granted at once.

Millions of dollars have been poured into Mexico to foment hatred against the United States and win the Carranza Government over to the German cause.

Berlin, while at peace with the United States, ordered all German ships in American harbors dismantled in case of a break.

Germany backed up the rebel de facto Government of Costa Rica against President Gonzales, temporarily in exile and befriended by the United States.

It is significantly intimated that the American Government has further evidence, which will be submitted to the public, if necessary.

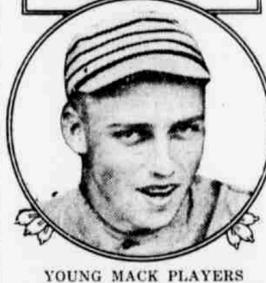
The international situation developed these facts today: Japan and Mexico are framing formal repudiation of any connection with Germany's plans and assurances of friendship with the United States.

The United States Senate prepares to reject the Flood armed neutrality bill, passed by the House, and give the President unlimited authority in dealing with Germany.

A national war council, with the country's great industrial chiefs included as directors, is in process of forming.

Meanwhile, opinion abroad is united in the view that revelations

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YOUNG MACK PLAYERS Connie Mack is putting in ten days' early training at Fort Pierce, Fla., with half a score young baseballers, including Bill Meyer, catcher (top); Pete Haley, catcher (middle), and Jim Johnson, pitcher (bottom).

COUPLE OF CUBANS JOIN PHILS GRATIS

Ramon and Joaquin Will Go South, With Serious Designs on National Game

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

A brace of volunteers will join the Phils at their training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., and try to make the grade.

The newcomers, according to Jim Wolf, the well-known scout, are labeled Joaquin Rodas and Ramon Gonzales. Mr. Wolf knows nothing of their history, would not commit himself when asked what position they played, and merely stated that they were "all-round guys."

Another startling announcement was that Claude Cooper, the speedy outfielder, has forwarded his 1917 contract, properly signed, and would be among those present in Florida when the training begins.

A working agreement has been made with the Salt Lake Club of the Pacific Coast League, whereby the Phils have first choice on one player after the season ends, and the Westerners can make the first selection of players under the optional agreement.

The team leaves New York next Tuesday at 11 p. m. for Jacksonville if no submarines interfere. The boat will dock Friday morning, and the players then will proceed by rail to St. Petersburg, hoping to arrive some time in the afternoon.

YOUNG ATHLETIC HURLERS HOLD SECOND DAY'S DRILL

Eight Pitchers Loosen Up Under Watchful Eye of Mack at Fort Pierce, Fla.

FORT PIERCE, Fla., March 2.—Connie Mack and Pat Flaherty, an Athletic scout, watched ten busy young athletes go through a series of training stunts here this afternoon, the second day's work-out of the Mackians' advance guard.

The weather has been warm the last two days and Mack expects his present squad to be in fairly good shape at the finish of ten days, when the bunch will leave for Jacksonville to join other members of the team the latter part of next week.

Forty Hours' Devotion

The order of the Forty Hours' Devotion in the archdiocese names the House of Good Shepherd, West Philadelphia; Magdalen Convent, Germantown; St. Joseph's Protectors, Norristown; St. George's, Shiloh, and the places in which it will be held during the coming week.

\$250,000 Fire in Milwaukee Storehouse

MILWAUKEE, March 2.—Fire today destroyed the Franzen storehouse with an estimated loss of \$250,000. Two firemen, John Diering and William E. Hedrick, were injured by falling walls.

Universal Training Bill in Senate

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Wilson of Indiana this afternoon introduced the General Staff's universal military training bill in the Senate.

TRANSIT PLANS NOW WITHHELD BY THE MAYOR

Smith Changes Mind About Full and Quick Hearing

MAY EFFECT PACT, MUFFLING REPORT

Experts' Views Not to Be Published Before March 15, He Says

TWINGING IN CONFERENCE

Director Closeted With P. R. T. Engineer, Giving Color to Rumors of "Peace"

The analysis of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's proposed lease of the city's high-speed lines made by Ford, Bacon & Davis, New York experts, and the report on the same subject by Transit Director Twining will be withheld from the public until March 15 at least, when Council will hold their regular session.

That announcement was made today by Mayor Smith. It came as direct contradiction of the Mayor's assertion two days ago that he wished to have the director's report containing the experts' analysis before the public as soon as possible.

The sudden reversal of position by the Mayor was taken in many quarters as lending color to the rumor current for several days that "powerful influences" were at work to suppress the report, and that negotiations would be resumed with the Transit Company upon the basis of the report, but that the main objections to the present form of the proposed lease as shown in the analysis would never be known.

The Director's report was completed today and will be ready to submit to Mayor Smith any time tomorrow, according to announcement at the Transit Department. It covers about ninety typewritten pages and will take up every phase and angle of the proposed lease.

Although the Mayor declined positively to discuss what course he would follow after receiving the report, Chairman Gaffney, of Council's Finance Committee, said that one of three things probably would happen:

Submission to Councils of the report in its present form without comment.

Submission of the report with comment from the Mayor.

City officials and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company "get together" and amend the lease along the line suggested in the report.

In case the last course should be followed it would be possible to withhold entirely the report from the public and give out only the final results of the new negotiations.

It is certain, however, that such a procedure would meet with little opposition from business organization leaders who have taken part in the transit fight and who will demand that they be told the laws which Director Twining says have been found in the present draft of the proposed lease.

Twining Sees P. R. T. Men

Director Twining today was closeted with A. L. Drum, of Chicago, consulting engineer for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The purpose of Mr. Drum's visit to the Director's office could not be learned, but it was assumed that he came to make an attempt to adjust the differences over the lease.

Assurances that everything possible will be done to aid in a rapid solution of the city's transit problem were given by Mayor Smith, Governor Brumbaugh and Public Service Commissioner Ryan individually last night at a festal banquet in the Bellevue-Stratford to E. J. Lafferty, president of the Logan Improvement Association.

The Mayor earlier in the day held a conference with Public Service Commissioner Alcorn, but neither would say what had been discussed, although it was understood that the commission's delay in acting upon the city's request for authority to proceed with the construction work was the main subject under discussion.

Michael J. Ryan, a member of the commission, speaking at the banquet, declared the construction of the lines would mean

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MAN TWICE DIVORCED WILL WED THIRD TIME

Dr. Charles A. Walter, of Glenside, to Make Miss Harker His Bride

Dr. Charles A. Walter, of 129 Willow Grove place, Glenside, will embark on his third matrimonial venture next Tuesday afternoon, when he will marry Miss Lillian M. Barker, a pretty brunette of twenty-two, who resides at 3848 Aspen street.

Doctor Walker, who is thirty-four years of age, has twice been divorced, the allegation each time being desertion. The first divorce was October 29, 1911, and the second June 6, 1916.

His marriage with Miss Barker is the result of an acquaintance formed last summer, when the future bride was visiting friends at the Ritz-Carlton, and the couple will then depart immediately for a tour through the South. Miss Barker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barker.

EXTRA

GIGANTIC \$535,000,000 NAVY BILL

PASSES SENATE UNANIMOUSLY

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Administration's gigantic \$535,000,000 naval bill—the greatest national defense measure ever passed by an American Congress—passed the Senate late today by unanimous consent without a rollcall.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Narberth H., girls (first half)... 16 Conshohocken High, girls... 10 Temple Prep, 2d (first half)... 6 School of Pedagogy, 2d... 8

BRITISH EMBASSY KNOWS NOTHING OF PLOT NOTE

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It was stated at the British Embassy today that no officials connected there knew anything of the Zimmerman Mexico-Japan plot letter until it was made public yesterday.

SHIPPERS PROTEST AGAINST STORAGE TIME LIMIT

Philadelphia shippers today decided to enter a formal protest before the Interstate Commerce Commission against the proposed action of the railroads to reduce the free storage time limit on carload lots of export freight from fifteen to five days at all eastern seaboard cities.

HOGS HIT ANOTHER HIGH RECORD PRICE

CHICAGO, March 2.—The price for hogs advanced again today to the new high record of \$12.85 per hundred pounds.

LEGAL POINT RAISED IN EFFORT TO QUASH INDICTMENT

In a motion to quash a bill of indictment charging theatre ticket scalping, Judge Staake, in Quarter Sessions Court, today heard argument as to the form of the oath that should be administered one who is swearing out a warrant. It was contended by the defendant, Charles Kippas, that the warrant on which he was arrested was not sworn to as prescribed by the act of 1895, which sets forth that the oath must be "assented to" by the one taking it. Judge Staake reserved decision.

FEDERAL WAR RISK INSURANCE BUREAU CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The House today adopted a Senate measure extending the life of the Federal War Risk Insurance Bureau until September, 1918, and appropriating an additional \$15,000,000 for its use. Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina, when refused permission to introduce an amendment to prevent issuance of insurance to ammunition ships, made a point of no quorum. However, the bill was passed without a record vote.

GERMANY ENDS "GRACE" FOR SAILING CRAFT

AMSTERDAM, March 2.—Hereafter all sailing ships encountered in the "barred zone" by German submarines will be sunk without warning. The German Government announced today that the period of grace allowed sailing ships had expired, according to a dispatch from Berlin.

DOPE PEDDLER HELD IN BAIL BY U. S. COURT

A twenty-one-year-old negro, who was arrested when he tried, according to the police, to sell a quantity of dope, is believed by Government officials to be one of the agents of a dope-dispensing syndicate now operating in the southern section of the city. He is Sylvester Young, of 1432 Bainbridge street. Vice squad policemen say that when they placed him under arrest he admitted to them that he was trying to sell the stuff. A large quantity of cocaine was discovered in one of his pockets. United States Commissioner Long today held him in \$500 bail for court.

U. S. AGAIN SEEKS DISSOLUTION OF SHOE COMPANY

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Government again attacks the United Shoe Machinery Company of New Jersey in a brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States this afternoon. The brief is in the appeal of the Government from the decision of the United States District Court of Massachusetts, which dismissed the original anti-trust suit brought by the Department of Justice. The Government now asks that the dismissal of its suit be reconsidered and the dissolution asked granted.

KAISER CONFINED TO ROOM BY SEVERE CHILL

AMSTERDAM, March 2.—Kaiser Wilhelm is confined to his room with a severe chill, Berlin dispatches reported today. His physicians are not apprehensive over his condition, but are insisting on all precautions. The Kaiser is receiving Ministers in his apartments and communicating daily with headquarters despite his illness.

JOHN J. BURLEIGH WILL GIVES ALL TO CHILDREN

The will of John J. Burleigh, of Merchantville, N. J., vice president of the New Jersey Public Service Commission, who died February 18, was admitted to probate today. The estate, which was valued at \$100,000 and upward, was left to his six daughters and one son, who are instructed to divide the income therefrom and share alike until the youngest daughter becomes of age, when the principal will go to all of the children. The will makes no mention of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of Merchantville, which institution Mr. Burleigh founded.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CLERKS SEEK PENSION SYSTEM

Two young women representing the clerks in the public school will go to Harrisburg to appear before the Educational Committee of the Legislature and plead for a pension system which would benefit all public school clerks in the State. They are Miss Laura Hender, clerical assistant to Dr. Wilton C. Cooper, District Superintendent of Schools, and Miss Lillian Gregg, clerk at the Widener School, Thirteenth and Thompson streets.

CHANDLER & CO. NAMED BOLIVIAN FISCAL AGENTS

Chandler & Co., Inc., of this city and New York, have been appointed fiscal agents of the Republic of Bolivia in the United States. The announcement of the appointment was made by Consul General A. Ballivian, of Bolivia.

TWO SUFFRAGE ORGANIZATIONS AMALGAMATED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the National Woman's party were today united when the suffrage hosts here in conventions officially ratified the proposal that had been pending for a year. The vote was unanimous, and the name of the now amalgamated societies will be known as the National Woman's party.

WILSON TO SIGN CAPITAL "DRY" BILL

WASHINGTON, March 2.—All hope that Washington will remain wet fled today, when word was passed around that President Wilson would sign the Sheppard bill tomorrow or Sunday morning. Washington will be the first important capital of the world to go dry in peace times.

MORE PAY FOR P. R. T. MEN

All motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company have received an increase in pay. It was learned this afternoon that the men, irrespective of length of service, will receive an increase of one cent an hour. This is their second increase in the last year. The minimum wage now is twenty-eight cents an hour and the maximum thirty-three cents. The increase comes from the twenty-two per cent fund established under the co-operative plan of July 1, 1911. This plan sets aside twenty-two per cent of the gross passenger earnings of the system for wages of motormen and conductors.

WOMAN FINED AS PICKETER IN FOOD BOYCOTT

Housewives' City-Wide Union Revealed by Arrest of Mrs. Esther Altshuler

FEELS LIKE MARTYR

Secretary of West Philadelphia Protective League Says Fight Is but Begun



MRS. ESTHER ALTSHULER She was arrested today for acting as a picket in the food boycott.

The formation of a powerful citywide organization of women, 2000 strong and growing, banded together to bring down the highest cost of food, was revealed today in the arrest of a slim young housewife, who was fined \$10 and costs this morning for acting as a picket in the housewives' food boycott.

She is Mrs. Esther Altshuler, of 3832 Wyalusing avenue, secretary of the newly organized Women's Protective League of West Philadelphia, which is allied with similar bands of housewives throughout the city.

PLAN BIG LEAGUE

The formation of a Woman's Protective League of Philadelphia, uniting at least 5000 housewives in a determined, organized assault on high prices, is planned by the 2000 women of the sectional leagues, which will send representatives to a meeting at 500 Reed street tonight.

An appeal to President Wilson for aid, the organization of voluntary workers for regular picket work and the establishment of a fund to make legal contest of future arrests will be the work of another city-wide meeting, at Royal Hall, Seventh and Morris streets, Monday. This will be followed by a parade through the heart of the city on that day.

All this—the program of the housewives united under intelligent leaders—was hatched today when Magistrate Stevenson fined Mrs. Altshuler at the Thirty-second and Woodland avenue station for "breach of peace." Storekeepers in the neighborhood of Fortieth and Poplar streets caused her arrest, complaining that she tried to dissuade women from buying foodstuffs at high prices.

MARTYR EXPLAINS PLAN

"This practice will not bring down the cost of food," said Magistrate Stevenson, in fining her. "Furthermore, I warn you that if you do not stop interfering with these merchants' business, I will hold you under heavy bail on a charge of inciting to riot."

Mrs. Altshuler, who is pretty and twenty, paid her fine. Representatives of the West Philadelphia League, which has headquarters in South Philadelphia, Kensington, Frankford, North-Central Philadelphia and other sections, were in the courtroom, eager to pay the fine. Mrs. Altshuler declined to accept their aid.

"I want to feel like a martyr to the cause," she said.

Later, at her home, she explained the plan.

ASKS WISCONSIN SENATE TO BRIDLE LA FOLLETTE

Resolution Offered Calling on Senator to Change Attitude on National Crisis

MADISON, Wis., March 2.—A joint resolution asking United States Senator La Follette to change his course in the Senate regarding the European situation was introduced in the upper house of the Wisconsin Legislature today by Senator J. H. Bennett. The resolution will come up for action next Wednesday.

La Follette's friends say the move is purely political and the fact that the resolution will not be considered until after the death of the present Congress indicates its introduction was more the result of political conditions in Wisconsin than of any desire to influence the action of the Wisconsin Senator during the present crisis.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy and unsettled tonight and Saturday; lowest temperature tonight about thirty-two degrees; gentle easterly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 6:53 a.m. Moon rises... 11:52 a.m. Sun sets... 7:52 p.m. Moon sets... 11:52 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVERS TO BE OPENED TO CHRISTIANITY

Low water... 8:15 a.m. High water... 2:15 p.m. Low water... 8:15 a.m. High water... 2:15 p.m.

TEMPERATURE BY STATION

City... 45° Fair... 45°