

U. S. ON VERGE OF WAR, LANSING TELLS ALUMNI

Situation Ominous, Premier States, Addressing Graduates of Amherst.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

which mean so much to the American people. I can only say this, that with the same patience, the same forbearance, the same deliberation and care, with which he has met the previous difficulties in our foreign affairs, the President will meet the present crisis. The nation can trust him to act justly and honorably and fearlessly, whatever may lie before us. In his hands the destiny of the United States is sure; the national honor is safe. Then after speaking "as a son of Old Amherst" addressing his brothers about the Amherst spirit and how it finds its counterpart in other relations of life," he continued:

Urges Patriotic Stand. "We owe a service, a continuing service, to our country which we will faithfully perform, or I am deceived in the power of the spirit of Amherst and in the type of men which Amherst has sent forth into the world. Let us prove by the part we play in our community, in our State and in the nation that 'Amherst man' is a synonym for 'American patriot' and that devotion to the purple and white means first, last, and always, unflinching devotion to the Red, White, and Blue."

Speaker Champ Clark, who preceded Secretary Lansing, spoke upon advantages of the college-bred man, saying that he believed the two most important things gained from a college education were the formation of valuable friendships and the inspirational influence of the professors over their students.

SHIP LINES ABANDON PLAN TO ARM VESSELS

U-Boat Blockade Placed Squarely Up to the Washington Officials.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

to be mounted in the bow, and a small battery in the stern, and that forty expert gunners, some of them from the naval reserve, had been engaged to man the guns. The batteries, it was reported, were to be furnished by a munition company "very close to the government," which had supplied the Navy Department with a great deal of armament.

The government's stance on the furnishing of guns to liners in any way lays it open to the interpretation that official aid was being given, has been defined. It is generally understood that if the munitions factory in question really had the connection attributed to it, the reported deal with the American Line was stopped in the eleventh hour by Washington.

Meanwhile three plucky American "blockade runners" are at sea, bound for the barred zone, their every move and progress watched eagerly, anxiously by all America by means of radio and chart. Unarmed but admittedly carrying contraband, according to the German list, the steamers Orleans and Rochester steamed out of New York harbor late this afternoon, the first to leave this port since the German subsea decree of January 31.

WIELDS ROLLING PIN AS MASONIC SCEPTER

Mrs. Witten Presides at Lodge Banquet. Wives of Members Have Say.

With a rolling pin for a scepter, Mrs. James W. Witten assumed the position of grand master of the Grand Lodge F. A. M. of the District at a banquet of the officers of the lodge in the banquet hall of the New Ebbitt last night.

The affair was in no wise a conventional one. The officers unsuspectingly had tendered the banquet to their wives. The wives had meekly accepted the invitation, as they had many times before, and attended. But after the customary twelve genial Masons' wives turned into twelve militant, self-assertive suffragettes.

"No, sir," said Mrs. Witten to Mr. Witten and the remaining male eleven who stood apace behind him. "No, sir," she repeated. "We hear enough of your hot air and oratorical fireworks at home. We are tired of it. We demand that we be heard."

And as they were heard. All twelve of them. And as instructions to the press were only to print the names of the speakers, the real speakers, why, here they are: Mrs. James W. Witten, Mrs. Lem Towlers, Jr., Mrs. Joseph H. Milans, Mrs. J. Harry Cunningham, Mrs. Thomas H. Young, Mrs. Hugh T. Stevenson, Mrs. Charles J. O'Neill, Mrs. Charles F. R. Berta, Mrs. Roe Fulkerson, Mrs. Sydne R. Jacobs and Mrs. Ezekiel J. Ayers.

FRAMES BILL TO FORCE SERVICE IN U. S. ARMY

Senator Chamberlain Would Except Only Aged and Unfit.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

bill now before the House, as to the big emergency appropriations to be included in the measure. House leaders arranged to complete the big naval measure and put it through on Tuesday.

Would Disregard Rules. Secretary Daniels also appeared before the House Rules Committee urging that the House rules be disregarded to hasten the passage of the proposed measure authorizing the President to commandeer private shipbuilding plants in war time.

Among the new offers of industrial and commercial co-operation with the War and Navy Departments received yesterday was that of the General Electric Company. The corporation tendered its co-operation and assistance in every branch of its work, organization, technique and research facilities. In a letter to Secretary Daniels the directors of the corporation said:

"We wish through you to express to the President our desire to render sympathetic and helpful service in every practical way."

Another offer came from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The whole intricate network of this service was placed at the disposal of the government. Secretary of War Baker, in commenting upon this offer, said:

Whole U. S. Service Linked. "It is one of the most important and valuable movements taken by any of our great commercial companies to aid the government in the present crisis. As a result arrangements have been made in various parts of the United States whereby it is possible for any of the important executive departments to get in almost instant telephonic communication with any point in the United States."

JUS' A SKIRT PINCHED FOR PEDDLING STRINGS

But Business Men and Society Women Stop to See a Tragedy of the Streets.

She stood on the corner, surrounded by a curious group of passers-by—a slim, emaciated little woman, tattered of skirt, with a worn green scarf pinned over her sagging hair. Her eyes roamed about helplessly. Then she looked up and the grimly towering bluecoat who held her.

Her lips moved. The crowd surged forward that they might hear her plea. A woman of regal bearing, about to enter her limousine, paused and watched her. Tears of pity swelled into her eyes. Several men puffed their cigars a trifle harder and spit nervously.

"Please don't send for the wagon," they heard her say piteously. "I don't mean nothing."

"Save your breath for the court," the bluecoat answered metallically. "But I've little children—and nothing to eat—and it's been all frozen—and—"

This was one of the busiest corners in the city. Now such a crowd had gathered that traffic was impeded. All were momentarily absorbed in the little tragedy being enacted before them.

The coldness, characteristic of a busy, Monday crowd, was thawed.

Then the police automobils skinned up the Avenue, sounding its gong of warning as it swung around to the curb. Interest was at its height. All craned their necks to watch the unhappy, shivering mite of a woman flung into the machine. Early were strained to hear the conferring of the policemen and the plating of the charge.

A sharp gong. Katie McCoy, alleged vagrant, is helped into the machine. The curtain falls. The crowd disperses. The spell is lost.

And if you should now ask one who witnessed this little episode he would tell you indifferently: "Tus locked up a woman for peddling shoestrings. 'Sight. But you know those kind of people are a nuisance."

GERMAN PEACE PARLEY REPORTS REPUDIATED

Tumulty Brands as Fabrication Stories of Coming Teuton Vote.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

retary of State Lansing called in his advisers and reviewed every communication in the hands of the department. State Department officials, after the conference, declined to discuss the situation, but Secretary of State Lansing himself proffered the statement that he had "never heard of such a communication. Dr. Ritter, the Swiss Minister, who visited the State Department late in the day, likewise denied any knowledge of the matter. The report was transmitted to the White House, and after a thorough investigation, Secretary Tumulty declared that nothing was known of the matter there. It was suggested that an investigation might be made to determine the source of the report.

Said to Be Teuton Note. The report as published here was to the effect that Germany had framed a note to the United States, suggesting that she be asked to prevent actual hostilities between the two nations. It declared that the note would probably be forwarded through the Swiss government. It asserted that Germany would not propose any modification of her submarine plans, but would ask that the United States suggest means to prevent a further breach in the relations between the two countries.

At the German Embassy, while Count von Bernstorff refused to see any callers, it was stated that there was no knowledge of a "peace note." Prince von Hatzfeldt, counselor of the Embassy, said:

"We know nothing about any such communication, and therefore we cannot either confirm or deny such a report." Executive and legislative preparations for the "next step" that will follow the dreaded "overt act" continued unabated yesterday. Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels were at their desks late, and their subordinates were hard at work throughout the day. Congress continued to grind out preparedness "emergency" legislation, and an agreement was reached in the House to vote finally on the big naval appropriation bill with its half billion dollars of preparedness funds on Tuesday. Offers of private resources for emergency purposes continued to pour into the War and Navy Departments, and on all sides there was apparent a spirit of war-time preparation.

Cyclist Knocks Down Girl.

Pauline Clarkson, 10 years old, 816 Sixth street northwest, while crossing Seventh street at H street northwest, was run into and knocked down by a bicycle ridden by James Miskell, 421 M street northwest. The child was not injured.

COLUMBIA FOUNTAIN CAFE. Next to Columbia Theater. DON'T THIS SOUND GOOD? Roast Chicken with Hot Waffles and Honey and Coffee. 60c. It's on our menu of DELICIOUS All-American Home-Cooked Food. A LA CARTE DINNER 12.30 to 8 P. M. Fountain Attached. Lunch Service.

GARAGE IN Your Cellar. 726 to 730 15th Street S. E. (Just North of Pa. Ave. S. E.) INSPECT TODAY ONLY 2 LEFT.

They also have 6 very large rooms hot-water heat, electric lights, hardwood finish and lots of 120 feet deep to paved alley. Steel beams and steel front porch columns. \$300 Cash—Balance Like Rent Open and Lighted Until 9 o'clock Tonight.

H. R. Howenstein Co. 1314 F. N. W. or 7th & H. N. E.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Autos Crash on Avenue. David Mansell and Robert Rosenbergs, operating automobiles in Pennsylvania avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets northwest about 3:40 o'clock last night, collided. Both machines were slightly damaged. No one was injured.

ST. ALOYSIUS WORKERS COLLECT \$32,050.85

Spurred on by the results of the first two days of their campaign to raise \$100,000 in eight days, the campaigners of St. Aloysius Church, in their reports last night, showed that they had nearly reached one-third of the trip, when the sizzling speedometer on the front of the church showed \$22,050.85 collected to date. The speed hand on the instrument shows today \$32,050.85, the amount collected yesterday.

The twenty teams of women last night reported for their day's work \$2,338.85; the ten teams of men, \$1,702; and the executive committee, \$950. Mrs. Maurice Sheehan's team E, reporting \$1,400, last night captured the championship banner from team A, while team 4, in the men's division, J. J. Fuller, Jr., captain, reported \$1,000, keeping the banner which it also captured Friday night.

Lovely voile frocks are of pastel-colored voile.

MANY NOTABLES TALK TO MISSISSIPPI MEN

With the Mississippi delegation in Congress as guest of honor, the Mississippi Society here gave its second annual banquet in the crystal room of the New Ebbitt last night.

Representative Benjamin G. Humphreys, toastmaster, introduced the following, who spoke extemporaneously: Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory, Senator George E. Chamberlain, former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, Gen. H. P. McCain and Representative Oscar Gray and W. M. Taylor.

Gen. J. H. Brinkley was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

FIVE DIE IN FIRE

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 10.—Five persons are dead and three others are missing as a result of a fire in an apartment house here today. They are all Greeks.

COLLEGE MEN MEET TO AID GOVERNMENT

Scientists from all parts of the country, representing the nation's greatest institutions of learning, gathered yesterday at the Willard Hotel to consider plans for the formation of an Inter-Collegiate Intelligence Bureau, to have available at the call of the government, men trained in the scientific and engineering professions, who will respond instantly in case of war.

Officers will be established in Washington, and communication established with college men all over the country.

Dean William McClellan, of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, called the meeting to order and explained the object for which the bureau will be established.

An invitation is extended to every college man in the country to join in the movement.

The new pockets are applied flat.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL FOR U. S. LEPROSARIUM

Putting an end to the perplexing questions involving clashes of authority over the disposition of lepers in the United States, President Wilson yesterday signed the bill providing for a national leprosarium for the care and treatment of persons afflicted with the dread disease.

From the dawn of civilization leprosy has been the most dreaded maldy man is heir to, and States, cities and other political divisions in this country have had several notable controversies over the handling of afflicted persons, resulting in the shipping from State to State of the undesired lepers, because of the refusal of any jurisdiction to harbor them.

In 1811 there were 106 lepers in the United States, chiefly native born.

Mardi Gras. New Orleans-Pennacola-Mobile. Excursion Fare, February 19 to 18 Southern Railway. Consult agents—Adv.

Seventh and Eye Streets House & Herrmann Seventh and Eye Streets Cash or Credit.

Second Week of the February Sale

Two points we want to emphasize—there are twice as many items included in this big event as are listed here—and every one of them is contributed to the sale from our regular stock, which pronounces the quality definitely. The quantities are small, of course—lots that are broken—lines which are to be discontinued—but in every instance the price has been extraordinarily reduced. If you want us to make delivery of your selection later we will do so—but make your choice now so that you will not be disappointed.

Rockers. Golden Oak or Mahogany—size 2; strong and substantial; seat of wood, and a heavy, comfortable arm. February Sale Price \$3.25. \$6.50 Fumed Oak..... \$5.00 \$10.00 Fumed Oak..... \$8.25 \$18.00 Fumed Oak..... \$14.75 \$22.00 Jacobean Oak..... \$17.75 \$13.50 Mahogany-finish..... \$10.75 \$14.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$11.50 \$18.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$14.75 \$20.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$16.50 \$24.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$19.75 \$26.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$21.25 \$27.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$22.25 \$30.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$23.85 \$32.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$26.50 \$4.00 Golden Oak..... \$3.25

Adam Bedroom Suite. Excellent Mahogany-finish. February Sale Price \$98. Very superior throughout. The panels of the Bed and drawer-front of cases in colored floral decorations—an Adam feature. Dresser and Chiffonier have plate mirror; the Dressing Table triplicate mirrors and the Bed is full double size.

Chifforobes. Drawers for the linens, etc.; and the Hat compartment fitted on one side; other side is fitted with coat hangers. Oak or Mahogany finish. February Sale Price \$19.50. \$22.00 Golden Oak..... \$19.50 \$38.00 Golden Oak..... \$31.50 \$46.00 Golden Oak..... \$37.25 \$22.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$19.50 \$50.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$40.00 \$62.00 Mahogany-finish..... \$49.50 \$52.00 Walnut..... \$42.75

Sewing Tables. \$14.50 Mah.-finish..... \$12.35 \$16.50 Mah.-finish..... \$14.85

Wardrobes. \$9.50 Golden Oak..... \$8.45 \$50.00 Golden Oak..... \$40.00

Chiffoniers. \$18.50 Golden Oak..... \$14.85 \$44.00 Golden Oak..... \$35.75 \$28.50 Golden Oak..... \$23.50 \$28.00 Ivory..... \$22.75 \$30.00 Mah.-finish..... \$24.25 \$38.00 Mah.-finish..... \$31.25 \$48.00 Mah.-finish..... \$39.25 \$50.00 Mah.-finish..... \$42.00 \$56.00 Mah.-finish..... \$45.50 \$75.00 Mah.-finish..... \$60.00 \$46.00 Walnut..... \$36.75

Dressing Tables. \$20.00 Mah.-finish..... \$16.00 \$30.00 Mah.-finish..... \$24.25 \$32.00 Mah.-finish..... \$26.00 \$42.00 Mah.-finish..... \$34.25 \$22.00 Ivory..... \$17.75 \$20.00 Tuna Mah..... \$16.00 \$28.00 Tuna Mah..... \$22.75 \$32.00 Tuna Mah..... \$26.00 \$60.00 Sheraton Mahogany..... \$50.00 \$28.00 Walnut..... \$22.75 \$32.00 Walnut..... \$26.00 \$44.00 Walnut..... \$35.50 \$30.00 Golden Oak..... \$24.25 \$27.00 Golden Oak..... \$22.50

Dining Tables. \$11.50 Golden Oak, 6 ft. 42 in. top..... \$9.85 \$45.00 Golden Oak, 8 ft. 48 in. top..... \$35.50

Matched Rockers and Arm Chairs. \$13.50 Jacobean Oak Rocker; Spanish Leather..... \$10.85 \$13.50 Jacobean Oak Arm Chair; Spanish Leather..... \$10.85 \$18.50 Jacobean Oak Rocker; Spanish Leather..... \$15.00 \$18.50 Jacobean Oak Arm Chair; Spanish Leather..... \$15.00

Music Cabinets. \$8.00 Mah.-finish..... \$6.25 \$25.00 Mah.-finish..... \$20.75 \$32.00 Mah.-finish..... \$26.00 \$20.00 Golden Oak..... \$16.25

Big Reductions in Rugs

Every Rug in our stock comes from one or another of the best-known makes—so your choice is certain to be a satisfactory one.

\$6.50 Pure Mohair Rugs—Blue, Green, Light and Dark Brown and Wine; 24x48..... \$5.00 \$8.50 Pure Mohair Rugs—Wine color only; 30x60..... \$7.00 \$2 "Classic" Art Rugs; assorted colors; just the thing for the bathroom..... \$1.69 Rag Rugs, assorted colors and patterns— \$1.50—27x54 inches..... \$1.15 \$1.60—30x60 inches..... \$1.25 \$13.50—9x10 1/2 feet..... \$10.95 \$15.00—9x12 feet..... \$12.25 Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company's Seamless Velvet Rugs— \$32—8.3x10.6..... \$26.50 Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company's Heavy Axminster Rugs, in plain colors—Brown and Green, with Grecian Key border effect— \$38.00—8.3x10.6..... \$31.75 S. Sanford & Sons' Heavy Axminster Hall Runners— \$9.50—2.3x9 feet..... \$7.75 \$12.00—2.3x12 feet..... \$9.85 \$14.50—2.3x15 feet..... \$11.85 \$12.50—3x9 feet..... \$10.25 \$16.50—3x12 feet..... \$13.25 \$19.00—3x15 feet..... \$15.75 A. Smith & Sons' Carpet Company's Axminster Hall Runners— \$15.00—3x12 feet..... \$11.50 S. Sanford & Sons' Wilton Rugs— \$7.50—36x72..... \$6.00 \$12.00—4.6x6.4..... \$9.85 S. Sanford & Sons' Heavy Axminster Rugs— \$24.00—6x9..... \$19.85 \$34.00—8.3x10.6..... \$28.50 \$38.00—9x12..... \$31.75 Scofield-Mason & Company's Body Brussels Rugs— \$38.00—8.3x10.6..... \$31.75 \$40.00—9x12..... \$33.50 Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company's Body Brussels Rugs. Excellent quality— \$42.00—8.3x10.6..... \$35.25 \$46.00—9x12..... \$38.75

IMITATION LINOLEUM. An imitation of genuine Linoleum, with splendid wearing qualities—in a variety of attractive patterns—not remnants, but from full rolls. Special, per sq. yd., 39c. INLAY LINOLEUM. Good quality Inlay Linoleum; pattern going through to back. Special, per sq. yd., 85c. (These prices do not include laying.)

Handsome Library Suite

Three-piece Fumed Oak—Rocker and Arm Chair, with Imitation Spanish Leather Covering; and Library Table. Regular price \$20.00..... \$16.50 Three-piece Jacobean Oak—Rocker, Arm Chair and Settee, covered with Tapestry. Regular price \$106.00..... \$86.75

Matched Bedroom Pieces

\$30.00 Ivory Dresser..... \$24.25 \$25.00 Ivory Dressing Table..... \$20.25 \$20.00 Ivory Bed..... \$16.25 \$34.00 Mahogany-finish Chiffonier..... \$27.50 \$30.00 Mahogany-finish Dressing Table..... \$24.25 \$32.00 Mahogany-finish Bed..... \$25.50 \$36.00 Walnut Dresser..... \$29.00 \$30.00 Walnut Dressing Table..... \$24.25 \$34.00 Walnut Bed..... \$27.00 \$48.00 Mahogany-finish Dresser..... \$39.50 \$44.00 Mahogany-finish Chiffonier..... \$35.75 \$68.00 Mahogany-finish Dresser..... \$55.75 \$58.00 Mahogany-finish Chiffonier..... \$46.75 \$120.00 Mahogany-finish Dresser..... \$100.00 \$88.00 Mahogany-finish Chiffonier..... \$74.00

Matched Dining Pieces

\$32 Jacobean Oak Buffet..... \$26.00 \$32 Jacobean Oak China Closet..... \$26.00 \$18 Jacobean Oak Serving Table..... \$14.75 \$44 Jacobean Oak Buffet..... \$35.75 \$44 Jacobean Oak China Closet..... \$35.75 \$28 Jacobean Oak Serving Table..... \$22.75 \$64 Mahogany-finish Buffet..... \$54.50 \$42 Mahogany-finish China Closet..... \$35.75

Separate Dining Pieces

\$30 Jacobean Oak Buffet..... \$24.25 \$34 Fumed Oak Buffet..... \$27.50 \$48 Fumed Oak Buffet..... \$39.50 \$35 Mahogany-finish Buffet..... \$28.00 \$65 Mahogany-finish Buffet..... \$52.00 \$44 Jacobean Oak China Closet..... \$35.00 \$48 Jacobean Oak China Closet..... \$39.50 \$55 Mahogany-finish China Closet..... \$43.75 \$18 Jacobean Oak Serving Table..... \$14.75 \$18 Mahogany-finish Serving Table..... \$14.75 \$34 Mahogany-finish Serving Table..... \$27.00 \$16 Golden Oak Serving Table..... \$13.25

We Serve You at Your Door—with the finest line of twisted wire brushes, mops and dusters you ever set eyes on. Perfectly sanitary and exceptionally durable in their structure—may be cleansed and sterilized in boiling water without injury. Indispensable articles for the kitchen, wardrobe, bath, toilet—anywhere in the house. You will fall in love with them on sight. May we show them to you now? MAXIMILLIAN WINKLER 1102 14th Street N.W. North 5140.

Eyes Examined FREE Quality Optical Co., 438 9th St. N. W. Opposite Crandall's. TIME TO SAVE 3% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.