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ANY-PRICE PEACE PERIL TO NATION LENROET AVERS

Wisconsin Solon Makes Sensational Pro-War Speech Before House.

TAKES A FLING AT MOORE

Policy of Weak-Kneed Lack of Resistance Means America's Days Are Numbered, He Says.

Declaring he was against the President a year ago, when the McLemore resolution flared up, but giving the strongest support to him now, Representative Lenroet, of Wisconsin, made a brilliant address in the House yesterday, warning the nation against "a greater peril to the republic than war with Germany would be—the propaganda to avoid war at any cost."

"The speech created a sensation in the House. Here are some salient paragraphs from it:

"In severing relations with Germany, the President did only his duty. To have done less would have forfeited any respect the world still has left for us.

"By her own admission Germany has made herself an outlaw. She does not pretend that her act, which was the cause of the breach, can be justified by international law. She asserts that she will sink without warning neutral ships and destroy neutral rights within specified zones. Any man who supports the news of destruction of American ships and American lives.

Republic at Stake.

"If I understand the views expressed by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore, and some others, if this shall come to pass, we must do nothing. No matter what the provocation may be, under no circumstances must we defend our rights with force. It is to be the attitude of Congress and the American people, then the days of this republic are numbered. We will no longer be a nation, for any people too cowardly to fight for their liberty on the sea, if they are to be left to fight for their liberty on the land.

"But, Mr. Speaker, this is not the spirit of the American people and when the time comes, this will not be the spirit of this Congress. Representing the great American people, we will vote to maintain by force if need be, our liberties upon the sea, but that does not mean we will vote a general declaration of war against Germany. It does not mean that we will send our men to the trenches in Europe. It means only that we are going to settle our difficulty with Germany by compelling her to respect our rights upon the sea.

"I am not so greatly alarmed over possible trouble with Germany as to announce that we are to divide our divisions now may not only prevent peaceful settlement of our quarrel with Germany but may result in disorder in our borders much more serious than war with any foreign power.

Referendum a Peril.

"The proposition for a war referendum like the propaganda to avoid war, is a great peril. Suppose at this time a referendum was held. Suppose 10,000,000 votes were cast, 5,000,000 for war and 4,000,000 against. If war is declared on this vote, it does not require a prophet to foresee possible civil war among ourselves.

EX-LUNATIC KILLS 1, WOUNDS 2 AND DIES

Asylum Inmate Runs Amuck in Atlanta—Shots Preacher Dead.

Atlanta, Feb. 17.—H. Claude Anderson, just released from the State Insane Asylum, ran amuck this evening at a restaurant, shot and killed Rev. D. G. R. Buford, shoe and badly wounded Mrs. W. J. Zahn and Mrs. M. Zahn, and was himself shot and killed by W. J. Zahn after a revolver fight, grappled with the assailant, and getting his pistol, shot him dead. The two Zahn women were rushed to a hospital, where it is reported that Mrs. M. Zahn is dying. Mrs. W. J. Zahn, shot through the jaw, it is believed, will recover.

SEVERAL LARGE SHIPS LEAVE FOR WAR ZONE

Two Vessels Are American Freighters Carrying U. S. Crews.

New York, Feb. 17.—Several large ships departed today from this port for Europe and the war zone. Two of them, the Algonquin and the City of Puebla, are American freighters carrying American crews and commanded by American officers.

FORTUNE IN PULP HERE

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—While consumers of printing paper have been compelled to pay all sorts of fancy prices for that product, on account of the shortage in this country, there is a fortune in wood pulp packed snugly away at one of the railroad piers in this city.

One consignment consists of 75,000 tons of pulp, already unloaded, while two vessels have docked and a third waiting to pull up at the pier, with a total cargo of 150,000 tons, this making in all 150,000 tons of wood pulp to be delivered at the port of Baltimore, ready for use.

It is understood that the product was imported from Norway and is waiting to be consigned, possibly to Western consumers.

14 May Be Victims Of Day's U-Boat Toll

New York, Feb. 17.—Four British steamships, one of them apparently a German vessel interned at the outbreak of the war and later pressed into service under the British flag, were reported by Lloyd's today as having fallen victims to the German barred zone.

One was destroyed by a mine, the three others by U-boats. The aggregate tonnage of the four ships lost was 7,485.

Five lives were lost on two of the ships. Nine are missing. Three men were killed when the steamer Queenwood was sunk and two lost their lives when the Lady Ann struck a mine.

Today's toll brings the total number of ships sunk since February 1, to 119 and the total tonnage destroyed, 231,821. These figures are based only on data given out by British sources. Details are as follows:

Reported today:

Queenwood, British, 2,701.

Marcon Lawson, British, 2,300.

Marie Leonhardt (registered as German), 1,420.

Lady Ann, British, 1,016.

Total, four ships; 7,485.

Previously reported, 115 ships; 224,346 tons.

Grand total: 119 ships; 231,821 tons.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Woman Takes Poison as Police Arrest Her.

While a policeman was waiting to arrest her on a charge of assault preferred by a neighbor as a result of an alleged quarrel, Mrs. Selma Snook, 32 years old, of 429 Kenyon street northwest, wife of Ernest Snook, a bartender, yesterday swallowed bichloride of mercury tablets.

The warrant already had been served on Mrs. Snook, and Policeman C. H. Tucker, of the Tenth precinct, was upstairs talking to Mr. Snook and waiting for the woman to dress when she appeared at the door and holding up a partly filled bottle of bichloride of mercury tablets, exclaimed:

"I have taken these!"

With his knowledge of first aid methods, Policeman Tucker gave the woman large quantities of salt and water, and she was rushed in the patrol wagon to Garfield Hospital, where her condition is not regarded as serious.

The warrant for the arrest of the woman was issued by Mrs. Rosa Ferry, of 4131 Ninth street northwest, wife of H. E. Ferry, who conducts a grocery store at 4015 Ninth street northwest. According to Mr. Ferry, Mrs. Snook, armed with an umbrella, on Thursday night chased his wife from Ninth and Uppish streets northwest where they had casually met, to Ferry's store.

The two families lived in the same apartment house in the northwest section of the city until about six months ago.

\$6,000 PENDANT LOST BY SOCIETY MATRON

Mrs. Edward B. McLean Said to Be Owner of Diamond Horse-Head.

Washington has another "jewel mystery" that will require the combined talents of fathom. Mrs. McLean attended a dinner party at the White House, but the names of those who were members of the McLean party attending could not be learned last night.

This is Washington's second diamond necklace in the past six weeks. Two emerald and diamond rings valued at \$3,000 were lost by a wealthy New York woman in this city last December.

BROTHER SEEKS TRACE OF FAMOUS MUSICIAN

Selden Miller, Who Mysteriously Dropped From Sight, Left Fortne.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Selden Miller, noted Philadelphia musician, director of grand opera and formerly a teacher of music in Philadelphia's ultra-fashionable, working on a farm near Milwaukee, or is his body lying in a pauper's grave in Kenosha, Wis.

His brother, Dr. Emilen Hare Miller, of Philadelphia, is in Chicago tonight, preparing to solve the mystery. If Selden Miller is alive it is important that he be found. It is just as important that his death be established, if he is dead. His mother who died recently from grief and worry over his disappearance, left a large estate that cannot be settled until the musician's status is established before the probate courts of Philadelphia.

Miller's disappearance created a furore among the fashionables of the Quaker City. On November 25, 1915, he walked from his home, telling his butler that he might not return for luncheon. He never returned.

FORCED SON TO DRINK, CHARGE

Shenandoah, Pa., Feb. 17.—Stephen Davelsky, an alleged inhuman father, was arrested yesterday, charged with forcing his 12-year-old son, John, to drink a quantity of whisky until he became unconscious, then threw him in the street, where he was found by pedestrians.

Dr. John R. Stein pronounced the boy in a critical condition. Davelsky was committed without bail.

GUARDS ORDERED HOME BY BAKER

Plans Being Made for Parade of District Militiamen Before Muster Out.

Orders to march home were issued to 55,000 soldiers on the Mexican border by Secretary of War Baker yesterday afternoon.

Gen. Funston will have charge of the movement to entrain the various units of the National Guard for their home mobilization camps to be mustered out.

The order is interpreted as meaning that the acuteness of the Mexican situation is a matter of history, and that the regular army will act ably to preserve order and protect American interests across the Rio Grande.

Within the next week District guardsmen have been stationed at Blaboe, Ariz., El Paso and other points along the border, and it is probable that they will lead to home and regular occupations.

The District guardsmen were among the last to leave for border service, but they hailed with delight the going home order, according to dispatches received last night.

Service on the border has been irksome and dreary, and discontent among the guardsmen has been rife for some weeks. The feeling was general that the men should be engaged in active service or be mustered out, and the order of the Secretary of War yesterday did not come as a surprise.

It is eight months since the Government mobilized the guardsmen to demonstrate the deplorable state of Mexico that the deprivations of a war would not be countenanced. District guardsmen were among the last of the units to depart for the border due to the delay in recruiting the companies to the required strength.

FOUR U. S. WARSHIPS TO APPEAR OFF CUBA

Arrival of Vessels Hourly Expected at Havana—Conditions More Quiet.

Havana, Feb. 17.—Four United States warships are expected to arrive off Cuban ports within the next twenty-four hours to lend their moral assistance to President Menocal in stamping out the Gomez revolution. The United States gunboat Petrel, Commander Knox, now lies off Santiago Harbor.

Dispatches reaching here from Santa Clara and Camaguey today indicated that the government is rapidly gaining control of the situation. Eight hundred government troops have been landed on the south coast of Camaguey and reached Central Stewart, while 2,000 others are marching on Ciego.

With Havana and practically all of Western Cuba quiet, and communication with the rebellious eastern section off almost complete, the American Minister at the Cuban capital yesterday advised the State Department that although great inconveniences had been occasioned, particularly to American tourists now in the island, no danger to Americans was apprehended.

The department was without news as to the success of the government in quelling the revolution.

BRITISH DRIVE AHEAD ALONG WESTERN FRONT

Penetrate German Trenches for 1,000 Yards After Bombardment.

The British "big push" on the Ancre is again in full swing.

Sir Douglas Haig's men yesterday smashed forward after extensive artillery preparation and broke through German positions on a front of about a mile and a half, to a depth of 1,000 yards. They came within close range of Pettit Mont.

The German war office night bulletin merely states that engagements were under way in this area. In addition to their gain northeast of Grand Court, the British carried another German position on the night of about 1,000 yards, the night headquarters statement says.

Two More Fall Victims Of "Five-for-One" Game

Charles Chin, a Chinaman, of Fourth and R streets northwest, and Mrs. Ida M. Sanbury, of Broad Creek, Md., are among the latest additions to the long list of those who have been handing out change for \$5 for those both new \$1 bills.

Mr. Chin joined the "Barnum throng" Friday night when a negro called at his establishment for his laundry and tendered him a supposed \$5 bill in payment. Mrs. Sanbury fell for the game yesterday morning about 10:30, when a white man approached her at the Eastern Market and asked her to break up a "V" for him. She counted out two-bit pieces, and a like number of two-bit pieces. The man gave up his crisp new bill and left.

EARTH MAY GULP VILLAGE

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 17.—Malsville, a mining village of nearly 1,000 and comprising the middle ward of Gilberton, is to be wiped off the map, if the orders issued by the officials of the Schaeffer estate are obeyed.

The entire village is undermined and threatened with destruction, as the coal company continues to mine the coal that supports the surface.

BIG CUNARD ORDER

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—The Cunard Line placed an order with the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company today for \$2,000,000 worth of four steamships.

The contract stipulates the construction of six 7,500-ton modern steamships with delivery between April and September, 1918. The vessels are to be of the same general dimensions, each 386 feet long, 53 feet beam and 23.3 depth of hold.

HIS WIFE WON'T LET HIM

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 17.—A promising recruit was lost to the Coast Artillery when Harry Lent, 17 years old, a young bride of a few weeks, encountered her 19-year-old husband on the way to the station for Columbus, Ohio.

She took her husband home and locked him up.

No Harvard Athletics If U. S. Goes to War

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 17.—If war interferes with sports give up sports. That is what Harvard students were told today. As a result, if there is war with Germany, it was announced there would be no rowing season at the college and other sports would be abandoned.

Robert Wolf, assistant in economics, advocated that the student council pass a resolution suspending all athletics until the danger of war passed. The enrollment for the Harvard unit of the reserve military training corps is within 100 of the 1,000 desired.

HARVARD 'READY' Old "Grads" Pledge Patriotism of Alma Mater.

Memories of Harvard University, rich in its traditions, scholarship, and patriotism, were stimulated last night at the thirty-fourth annual dinner of the Washington Harvard Club at Raucher's.

A fervent spirit of patriotism marked the dinner, and the venerable seat of learning which has been so prominently associated with the progress of this country was declared to stand again hand-in-hand with this government in the present international crisis.

"A national Harvard" was said to be in the making, not only in the university's far-reaching educational influences, but in its patriotism and public service.

Inspiring remarks linked the birth of Harvard with the very surroundings of the "cradle of liberty" when it received its baptism of national devotion with the present wave of nationalism which is spreading over this country.

Honored by being educated in such a distinctly American university, which has so recently and so patriotically declared its loyalty to the United States at this trying period, this nation immediately to demand the rights to which international law entitled it. That America would emerge victorious from any conflict she might enter, was hopefully expressed by the remark of several speakers, who told of the spirit of '76 when they declared "we enforced our rights with 5,000,000 men who should we not be able to do the same with 100,000,000 today."

The hope was expressed that a Harvard fund of research, when it is the classical schools in Rome and Athens, through which scholars could enjoy the many advantages offered by this city.

The singing of old school songs, the most favorite among them being "Fair

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WOMEN PROTEST Claim Discrimination in Pay Favoring Men.

Protest against discrimination against women munition employees was lodged with the War Department yesterday by the Federal Employees Union.

The order of the Secretary of War requesting munition workers for the Philadelphia and Pictinnny arsenals specifies that women machine operators will be paid from \$1.36 to \$2.34 per day, while men will be paid from \$2.24 to \$2.64 a day for the same class of work.

The protest conforms with the terms of the bill recently introduced in the House by Representative Keating asking that women officers and workers in the munition industry be paid on a basis of equality with men.

The letter of H. M. McLarin, president of the union, says:

"Apparently women are to be excluded from all positions except that of machine operator, from which they are to receive a maximum wage equal to the minimum wage which men doing the same work are to receive, and the wage to be paid women in this capacity is lower than that offered to men in any capacity.

"In the name of the Federal Employees Union, I wish to protest most emphatically against this proposed discrimination against women munition workers, and to open all positions to both women and men with equal pay for equal work."

Other labor unions are expected to make similar protest against this action of the War Department, which is now in the process of being organized labor.

John Nicholas Brown, 17, Slaps Cupid on the Wrist

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 17.—John Nicholas Brown, of this place, and Providence, R. I., known as "the richest boy in the world," was surprised today to read dispatches from Kansas City saying he was to be married to Elva Deletchhorst, a 15-year-old girl of that place.

A young Brown and his mother issued a statement that he had no fiancée, and that the Brown family never heard of the Deletchhorsts. John Nicholas is now 17 and has been closely guarded since a baby.

The Kansas City girl's mother was authorized for the statement the "richest boy" had picked a bride.

SODA WATER GOING UP

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—With the clouds of prohibition looming in the distance, soda water is about to join the High Cost of Living League.

At a meeting of representatives of St. Louis bottling companies, it was announced that an early increase of from 10 to 15 cents a case will be made by wholesalers of all soda and mineral waters.

WHO STOLE POLICE LAMP?

"Who stole the semaphore lamp from Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest" is a question which is puzzling members of the police department.

The lamp was stolen the night of February 13, according to police headquarters.

MEXICANS SLAY 2 U. S. CITIZENS

Salazar Threatens Slaughter of Americans—Border Patrols Out.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—Two Americans were killed early today on the Gibson Ranch, fourteen miles west of Columbus, N. Mex., by Mexican raiders, according to unofficial messages received here tonight by American cattlemen.

No details were received, but it is reported that the raiders crossed the boundary between midnight and dawn today. They are said to have been members of Gen. Salazar's command.

With ten bands of Villistas camped within striking distance of the border, military officials are on the qui vive tonight along the Rio Grande. Grim rumors have come to their ears that Gen. Salazar, Villa lieutenant, has vowed to massacre every American who falls into his hands, and has taken an oath to kill more Americans than did Villa in the Columbus massacre.

Government agents heard tonight that the Villistas are camped between Hachita, N. Mex., and El Paso. Three companies of New Mexico infantry have been ordered to re-enforce the border patrol in the Hachita district.

More than 10,000 National Guardsmen will entrain at El Paso within the next few days for home, orders having been received here tonight that all National Guardsmen along the border be demobilized and returned to their home States.

Prudencia Miranda, alleged leader of the raiding party on the Gibson Ranch, several days ago, was sought in El Paso today by government officers on information that he was hiding here.

The \$3,000 ransom demanded by the raiders for the release of Buck Spencer and his wife has been received by agents of E. K. Warren, owner of the Ouitos Ranch.

GERMANY ASKS U. S. TO RATIFY TREATY

Demand for Signing of Document of 1799 Presented Through Swiss.

Germany's demand for the ratification of the treaty of 1799 between the United States and the Kingdom of Prussia, an amending protocol bringing the treaty into conformity with the present situation, was presented to the State Department yesterday through the Swiss Minister.

It had been communicated to the Swiss government by the German Legation at Bern. It was the same protocol and ratification which had been presented to Ambassador James W. Gerard in Berlin and to which he refused to attach his signature, with the comment that he would "wait until hell freezes over before doing so."

Almost at the coincident moment that the document was being presented to the State Department, word was received there of the admission by Capt. Polack, of the war-bound German liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, that her engines had been seriously disabled at the direct order of the imperial government.

A distinct sensation was caused by Capt. Polack's statement.

The Polack statement was accepted as confirmatory of the belief entertained in official quarters that every war-bound German ship in American waters has been wrecked between decks.

CREW OF LIEBENFELS HELD AT CHARLESTON

Department of Justice Orders Arrest for Obstructing Harbor Channel.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 17.—Officers and crew of the German steamer Liebenfels, sunk in Charleston Harbor February 1, who have been detained pending an investigation by Federal authorities, were today placed under arrest on telegraphic orders from the Department of Justice, charging them with obstructing navigation.

Bond was furnished in each case of \$5,000.

The men under arrest are John Lubken, J. E. Jensen, George Suckel, August Neuse, William Schwarting, and Henry Wattenberg. Capt. John Klattentoff is ill at a local hospital and was not arrested.

Seeks Detective with Paving Block in Muff

New York, Feb. 17.—With a paving block safely hidden in her muff, Annie Nicholson walked into the office of the Eighth branch detective bureau, Long Island City, and when told that Detective Isaac Mundheim, who arrested her last spring for smashing the front of Magistrate Cowan's home with bricks, was out "on business," she threw the missile through a glass partition almost striking Captain Herbert Graham. Detectives Hurton and Capute arrested her.

WHITLOCK TO REMAIN?

London, Feb. 17.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Berlin says that Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium, will continue there in his diplomatic capacity.

It had previously been unofficially reported that the Spanish minister in Brussels had taken over the American interests.

TROOPS GOING HOME

Wytheville, Kan., Feb. 17.—Seventy troops trains with the Second Battalion, Third Regiment, consisting of twenty-four cars, passed through here today over the Rock Island, bound for home.

The cars are gayly decorated with suggestive banners. "Sherman was right," said one.

TWO DIE IN BLAST

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Two men were reported killed and seven injured in an explosion in the Otis Steel Company yards today.

The boiler of a locomotive let go, according to persons at the plant. The injured persons were rushed to a hospital.

\$165,000,000 INCREASE IN OUTLAY FOR NAVY IS TILLMAN'S DEMAND

Subcommittee Recommends Advance to Naval Affairs Body, After Conference with President at Capitol.

TOTAL SUM IS \$533,000,000

Additional Amount Asked for Merchant Auxiliaries Foreshadows Administration's Plan to Arm American Ships on High Seas.

President Wilson spent a half hour at the Capitol yesterday. When he left a significant announcement came.

It was a proposed increase of the naval appropriation bill from \$368,000,000 to \$533,000,000 recommended to the full Senate Naval Affairs Committee by Senator Tillman's subcommittee. The President was in conference with Tillman just before the sensational "jump" was announced.

USES OF APPROPRIATION.

The extra money is to be used in the following way, if Congress agrees to the program:

A blanket appropriation of \$150,000,000 to be immediately available for use by the President in his discretion, in speeding up the construction of naval vessels now building. This appropriation, defeated in the House, will doubtless pass with the President's support.

An increase of \$600,000 in the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for "batteries for merchant auxiliaries."

SHELLS FOR AUXILIARIES.

An increase of \$450,000 in the appropriation of more than \$7,000,000 for "ammunition for merchant auxiliaries."

The latter two items clearly foreshadow the announcement of the administration plan to arm American merchant ships, which has been hanging fire ever since the break with Germany. They mean that the President has at last reached a definite policy on this point.

GRIDIRON DINES Patriotism and Satire Mark Banquet of Club.

From the beginning to the close of the Gridiron dinner last night, patriotism was the dominant feature. With the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" filling the immense room, the President of the United States and the entire assemblage standing, the second Gridiron dinner of the season was closed.

To add to the picture, a platoon of United States sailors commanded by a commissioned officer was drawn up in line at the back of the well.

The ballroom of the New Willard Hotel was decorated to fit the occasion and Small, in addition to the beautiful floral decorations, had placed here and there, American flags.

The occasion showed that the club stands with the President for "America First."

This being the first dinner since the election of Ira E. Bennett as president of the club, he was duly inaugurated. Mr. Bennett being a native of California, a number of members of the club impersonating Western characters, entered the room and proceeded to put the new president into office.

All enter behind band, led by sheriff; band plays "Hello, Frisco."

Member—We're all here, right from California. This is Tuba Bill, Chief of the Vigilantes. This is Alkali Ike, head barkeep of the Bucket of Blood at Crimson Gulch, a gentleman and a scholar. This is Truthful James, of Poverty Flat. Here's Faro Nell, the gamest little sport that ever sat in the look-out chair. This is Tuba Bill, the boss of the "Oregon," and terror of the waterfront. This is Mexican Pete, the

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