

WAR PLANS ARE BEING FORMULATED ON BASIS OF A THREE-YEAR CONFLICT LA FOLLETTE BLOCKS SENATE ACTION

PACIFIST SAYS HE WON'T HELP

Peace Party's Bitterness Reaches Climax in Letter to President Wilson.

BLAMES HIM FOR THE WAR

Author Says He Will "Offer Himself to Country" By Refusing to Obey.

The climax of the bitterness felt toward the President by the pacifists of the Emergency Peace Federation and allied bodies, because of his war speech before Congress last night, was reached this morning when Frank Stephens, a single tax advocate from Arden, Del., arose at the pacifist meeting at Convention Hall and asked permission from Louis F. Lochner, presiding, to read a statement.

"I have here a letter," he said, "which I will send to the President of the United States, and which I will request Senator La Follette to read from the floor of the Senate."

Mr. Stephens, the center of all attention, reached into his pocket, and pulling forth a piece of paper, read the following communication addressed to Mr. Wilson:

"Mr. President, the blood guilt of this war is upon you, and neither you nor the law shall make me a sharer in it. I will neither kill nor help kill.

"When it seems expedient to you, as it soon must, to make an example by punishment of those who will not obey your war laws, and who appeal to others not to obey them, I offer myself for that service to my country."

"FRANK STEPHENS."

When Stephens had completed the reading of his letter he passed it to Mr. Lochner and took his seat. For a second all was quiet, and then suddenly handclapping and stamping of feet broke the silence.

Shortly after the reading of the letter Senator La Follette announced that he had received a copy of the communication, but that he had not decided whether to read it on the floor of the Senate.

Only a very small group of pacifists were left, approximately 200, when today's meeting was called, but what they lacked in numbers was made up in the ardor with which they drew up the plans for influencing Congress, if possible, at the last moment.

The first of these plans will be an attempt to keep the House from adopting a gag rule and thereby rushing through the vote on the President's war message.

A committee will visit the acting chairman of the House Rules Committee today.

The second course of action is to have a committee wait on the President, as soon as appointment can be arranged, and attempt to influence him in the name of peace.

When asked to take the leadership of this committee today, Dr. David Starr Jordan refused, saying:

"I have known the President for more than twenty-five years, but I can think of no common grounds upon which we could possibly meet this week."

Continued applause greeted Dr. Jordan's statement.

Extras and the Public

Last night The Times issued a legitimate extra, an extra that gave the news; the President's address in full, the sinking of the Aztec, the progress of the pacifist meeting, the release of Government employes from the National Guard service, and other up-to-the-moment news. The Evening Star issued a legitimate extra with the President's message complete and other news.

Before either of these extras could be issued, a morning paper gave away to newsboys thousands of copies of an issue which contained not a word of the text of the President's message, which as a matter of fact no newspaper had at that time, and no other news that was not in the regular issues of the afternoon papers.

Those who purchased it were faked and deceived. The fact that the papers were given to the newsboys was no protection to those who purchased them.

The issuing of extras by The Times is not a matter of profit. It is on the other hand a matter of heavy net expense. But it is a service to its readers which so far it has thought it well to continue.

It has not issued and will not issue an extra unless important news has developed, and it will not, for the sake of gaining a few minutes of time on a competitor, issue a "flash" extra.

It will wait until all the news available has been obtained and as far as possible verified. It will during the war period maintain "extra time" men at the White House, State, War and Navy Departments, and special telegraph connections with New York by which the New York Sun will supplement The Times' own news sources by its great force of special correspondents.

In other words, when you hear newsboys calling "Extra Times" you may be sure that something important has happened and that The Times has all the available news regarding it.

The foregoing statements are made because it seems fit in the present juncture, when world news may develop at any moment, and special issues of newspapers be published, that the public shall know these facts about extras.

WANTS U. S. COAL YARD

Congressman Foster Proposes Big Government Yard Here.

Establishment of a Government coal yard in the District to supply all Government departments and the District of Columbia with fuel is proposed by Chairman Foster of the House Committee on Mines and Mining, who today introduced a resolution directing a report by the Secretary of the Interior on feasibility of the plan.

The Foster resolution went to the Mines and Mining Committee and its chairman expects an early report.

"The Government and the District of Columbia," said Mr. Foster, "use approximately 225,000 tons of coal each year. This coal is purchased at varying prices by the various departments and sometimes there is a shortage and higher prices. I believe \$50,000 to \$75,000 can be saved by establishing a Government fuel yard which would honor requisitions for fuel by the several departments. This fuel could be purchased in great quantities and at lower market figures."

YOUNG GERMAN ARRESTED

Reservist Taken on Charge of Defaming the President.

Charged with defaming the President, Walter Goldmacher, a young German reservist, was arrested by Capt. C. E. E. Plathoff of the First precinct, at Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, today.

Goldmacher admitted using profane language against the President, but protested he did so only when a man in the crowd watching the war map at Eleventh street hurled the same epithet at the Kaiser first.

Goldmacher, who is a cook, said he was on his way to work at a lunch room in G street when he became involved in the war colloquy.

Captain Plathoff's attention was called to the man by David E. Hoke, chief petty officer on one of the ships at the Washington navy yard, who was registered as complainant against Goldmacher.

SENATE ACTS TO AID WAR PLANS

Martin Forces Adjournment Until Tomorrow to Expedite Consideration of Resolution.

IN TILT WITH LA FOLLETTE

Stormy Scene Between Solons as "Willful" Man Again Attempts to Interfere.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Senator Martin of Virginia, Democratic leader, forced an adjournment of the Senate unexpectedly until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. He did this for the purpose of expediting consideration of the resolution to declare a state of war against Germany.

Senator Martin simply made the motion for an adjournment after Senator La Follette had objected to consideration of the war resolution today.

An angry and stormy exchange between Senator Martin and Senator La Follette occurred. Senator Martin pleaded with Senator La Follette to forego his objection to the consideration of the resolution in view of its momentous character. Senator La Follette was obdurate and called Senator Martin to task for trying to lecture him.

Chairman Flood of the House Committee of Foreign Affairs announced today that his committee would meet tomorrow morning to consider the war resolution.

Announcement was made in the House today of Republican committee assignments to a number of committees who may have work to do in the present emergency. Minority Leader Mann announced that the holdover Republican members of the Foreign Affairs Committee had been selected for reappointment to this session and that the House ratified the selection.

Republican members of other committees who were reappointed include those assigned to Appropriations, Naval Affairs, Military Affairs, Ways and Means, Judiciary, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Rules, Mileage, Accounts, Printing, and Enrolled Bills.

Holdover Republicans on these committees were reassigned and vacancies will be filled later, as soon as the House is able to get down to routing business and the completion of all of its committees.

More Pointed Than Politic.

The session of the Senate at the time La Follette objected to immediate consideration of the war measure was more pointed than politic.

Martin said he thought it unnecessary to allude to "the tremendous consequences" of the bill. He asked La Follette to withdraw his objection.

La Follette said Martin was trying to lecture him, and said he had the right under the rules to ask for one day's time.

"I ask for the regular order, Mr. President," he said, and sat down, grim determination on his face.

Martin jumped from his seat in a rage.

"I had no idea of delivering a lecture," he said. "I have right to call at will."

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READY TO SEIZE SHIPS

Customs Inspectors, Supported by Destroyers, in New York.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Six hundred customs inspectors, supported by torpedo boat destroyers cleared for action today, guarded the twenty-seven German self-detained vessels in this port and prepared to cope with any trouble growing out of a state war with Germany.

At the first hint of any action of hostility by any of the vessels' crews or word from Washington, Collector of the Port Malone is prepared to seize the ships. Seizure of the vessels is expected to result in similar action simultaneously in all other American ports where German vessels are tied up.

MOTHER HOPES GUNNER IS SAFE

Mrs. Eopolucci Anxiously Awaits News of Steamer Aztec's Sinking.

WASHINGTON BOY AT GUN

Official Report Is Vague as to the Tragedy on Bay of Biscay.

In a trim little red brick house at 649 I street southeast, a widowed mother is today awaiting news of her son, an American bluejacket, on the American steamer Aztec, which was torpedoed off the French coast on Sunday night.

She is Mrs. Annie M. Eopolucci, mother of John I. Eopolucci, first class boatswain's mate, who was one of twelve enlisted men under Lieut. William F. Gresham aboard the Aztec.

No word has come from him since he mailed her a post card from New York a few hours before the ship set out, and his mother's one ray of hope is the dispatch of the French admiralty, received at the French embassy here last night, saying that apparently the armed guard of the vessel had been saved. John is the oldest of three sons. He is now in his twenty-third year, and he has been in the navy twelve years.

"John left home here on the 13th of April," said Mrs. Eopolucci today as she bravely recalled the last hour she spent with her son. "I went to the railroad station with him. I knew he and his companions were going to New York, but their purpose was kept secret."

Father Was Marine Bandman.

"A few days later a post card came from him. It was written at the Y. M. C. A. and read: 'We sail tonight. Hope for the best and hope to make good. Do not write until you hear from me.' Since that I have heard nothing, and I did not know where he was until I read in the paper that his ship had been sunk."

Although the Eopolucci name is Italian, the family is all American born. The father of the family was for many years a member of the United States Marine Band. He died several years ago, after having been retired.

John Eopolucci enlisted in the navy shortly before the American fleet was sent on its memorable cruise around the world, and has served continually ever since.

Up to noon today the Navy Department had received no official word as to the fate of Lieutenant Gresham and the twelve enlisted men from the Dolphin who manned the guns on the Aztec.

Navy Department officials had only unofficial reports that Lieutenant Gresham and members of the crew were still missing. There was no official report from the officer in command.

All the gun crew served on the Dolphin, Secretary Daniels' yacht, which is stationed at the Washington Navy Yard, and were sent from Washington to man the two guns on the Aztec after President Wilson's armed neutrality policy was decided upon.

The Ambassador's Report.

Twenty-eight were missing from the Aztec, according to the last report received by the State Department from Ambassador Sharp at Paris. This report, dated 5 p. m., yesterday, said:

"The foreign office has just informed me that the American steamer Aztec was torpedoed at 9 p. m. last night far out at sea off the Island of Ushan; that one boat from the steamer had been found with nineteen survivors, who were landed at Brest this afternoon. Twenty-eight still are missing and although two patrol vessels are searching for them, the stormy condition of sea and weather renders their rescue doubtful. The foreign office is not informed of the names of survivors. Will cable further details as soon as obtainable."

TWENTY-EIGHT STILL MISSING OF CREW OF STEAMER AZTEC

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One boat has been picked up with nineteen survivors, who were landed at Brest yesterday afternoon.

The Aztec was torpedoed far out at sea off the Island of Ushan. The cable reads:

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TO USE \$18,000,000 ON U. S. SHIPYARDS

Navy Department Will Spend Emergency Appropriation At Once.

The Navy Department immediately will spend the \$18,000,000 emergency appropriation for increased navy yard facilities as follows:

At Portsmouth, N. H., facilities for the immediate construction of ten submarines.

New York, one slip for the construction of a capital battleship, and additional machine shops, \$3,000,000.

Philadelphia, two slips and shops, about \$6,000,000.

Norfolk, one slip and shops, about \$3,000,000.

Buget Sound and Mare Island, ship yard.

Nothing was given out as to a station on the Great Lakes.

GERMANS FIGHT GUARD

Sailors Try to Wrest Rifle From Baltimore Soldier.

BALTIMORE, April 3.—German sailors from the steamer Symra, moored at Canton, were in a clash with men of the Fourth Regiment early today when two of their number, speaking German, were challenged by a guardsman.

They attacked him and attempted to wrest his rifle from him. The guardsman shouted for help and the sailors also called to their comrades on the ship. Twelve sailors answered and other soldiers hastened to the pier. Shots were fired, the guardsmen subduing the sailors.

Two sailors were arrested. They gave the names of Bernard Lawson and H. Von Berriek, and will be given a hearing this afternoon.

GERMANS FORM KU KLUX

N. Y. Hyphenate Threatens Senator Ashurst With Destruction.

Ten thousand men are already sworn into a Ku Klux Klan to destroy those "who make blood profit from war," according to a telegram sent to Senator Ashurst by E. H. Liebel, a German-American constituent. The telegram, which was sent from New York, says:

"Prevention of war seems hopeless. People overwhelmingly oppose war, but capitalist, press, and ally bondholders control Government. Over 10,000 men already into Ku Klux Klan to destroy those who make blood profit from war."

"If you must vote declaring war, for God's sake include Pinchot plan of profit prescription or face revolution beside which Russian was picnic. Government must take over all railroads, telegraphs, mines, munition plants, and food at physical value."

"If plan not adopted I have pledged myself to help hang or otherwise destroy as traitors all who make profit out of war, including Congressmen who vote against wealth conscription. We are ready to die for our country."

DEFENSE BODY TAKES UP THREE MAIN PROBLEMS

Secretary Baker Goes Into Conference With Advisory Commission of Council.

FOOD CONTROL SUGGESTED

Universal Service, of Both Industrial and Military Nature, Also Considered.

AMSTERDAM, April 3.—The central powers are planning a new peace offer, the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger stated this afternoon.

Secretary of War Baker and the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense, are today discussing:

War plans on a basis of three years of conflict.

Suggestions for food control for the nation.

Universal service—not merely universal military service—in the nation's interest, in some form.

These three vital projects were carried into the Defense Council's session with Secretary Baker today by Samuel Gompers, head of the committee on labor. They were decided on as the most immediate projects to be discussed at a meeting of the labor committee attended by Secretary of Labor Wilson, Director Gifford, of the council; Howard Coffin, in charge of the munitions committee, and other members of the council's advisory commission.

Three-Year Basis.

It was admitted officially today that every detail of this Government's part in the war must be considered on the three-year basis; that "a serious struggle is ahead"; that the health and individual effort of the nation must be therefore conserved and directed with this fact in view; that labor's part will be vast in a few months the same amount of labor production that former wars have required in a year.

Three million to five million men will probably be raised for America's armies.

At least one Cabinet member wants 3,000,000 anyway; army men recommend up to 5,000,000.

The process will be to get them in groups of 500,000 as rapidly as they can be officered.

Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Committee, says the increased costs can be obtained at an annual expense of \$155,000,000 each; the general staff, however, estimates a far higher amount.

War Measures Up.

Here are the war measures that will be shoved through within a few hours after the war resolution is passed. Most of them are bills that failed in the last session of Congress. The House will suspend the rules to pass these bills quickly and make the millions of dollars available at once.

The bills and the amounts they carry are:

The army appropriation bill, carrying \$247,001,000 in round numbers.

The general deficiency bill, carrying \$62,598,000.

The bill to supply merchant ships with coal, carrying \$100,000,000.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying \$138,300,000.

The military academy bill, carrying \$1,340,000.

The espionage bill.

"YEOWMEN" GIVEN DUTY

Washington Women Who Enlisted Are Phone Operators.

Eight Washington women who enlisted in the naval reserve to "do their bit" in the war with Germany took up their duties as "yeowomen" at the Navy Department today.

The eight patriotic members of the fair sex, ranging from young girls in their teens to matrons, who thus set an example to the sterner sex, were assigned as telephone operators in the office of naval communications. They were:

Miss Mary R. Smith, the Highlands; Miss Agnes B. Caton, the Avondale; Miss Irlie, the Farragut; Mrs. Harrington, 1002 Sixth street southwest; Mrs. C. Allen, 1501 E street southeast; Mrs. E. Vickery, Miss Simons, 121 Thirteenth street northeast, and Mrs. E. Ruis.

Navy Department officials said the enlistment of these women supplies all the enlisted personnel the Navy needs at present. As telephone operators the eight yeowomen, aided by three civilian clerks already on duty, will work at a new \$25,000 switchboard installed in the office of naval communications which gives the Navy Department direct communication with every navy yard and shore station in the country.

D. A. R. UNANIMOUS BEHIND PRESIDENT

District Members Pledge Their Loyalty Amid Patriotic Setting.

Amid a patriotic setting in the auditorium of Memorial Continental Hall, the District members of the Daughters of the American Revolution today unanimously pledged their "loyalty and support" to President Wilson in the stand he has taken, and offered him their services in any capacity he may be able to use them.

The meeting was called to order this morning to transact the annual business of the organization, but before routine matters were taken up the resolution in support of the President was offered by Mrs. Frank Foster Green, former State regent, and seconded by Mrs. Isaac Pearson.

It carried amid enthusiastic applause.

Profusely Decorated.

Never had the hall been more profusely decorated with the national colors, and, though the convention soon settled down to the work of hearing reports, there was a strong undercurrent of patriotic feeling everywhere manifest.

The meeting, which was called to order by Mrs. Galus M. Brumbaugh, State regent, at 10 o'clock, was resumed this afternoon, and the concluding session will be held tomorrow.

Late this afternoon the election of State regent and State vice regent will be held and there will be a nomination for vice president general for the District. So far, no opposition has developed to the candidacy of Mrs. Brumbaugh to succeed herself as State regent.

The candidates for State vice regent are expected to include Mrs. Vida Clementson and Miss Mary R. Wilcox. The names of Mrs. Wallace W. Langer and Miss Dorinda Rogers probably will be offered for the nomination of vice president general. The national convention elects this officer.

DOUBLE VICTORY FOR LODGE

Senator Jaunty After Winning Physically and Mentally.

As he stepped jauntily into the room of the Committee on Foreign Relations today Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was tendered congratulations by nearly every Senator. For yesterday was a big day for the Senator.

Despite his burden of sixty-seven years he met and vanquished a pacifist in a hand-to-hand encounter.

Then last night the President did as Lodge has been advocating for some months.

Therefore the congratulations and jauntiness.

RESTS WITH CARRANZA

U. S. Attitude Toward Mexico Depends on Developments.

President Wilson will let well enough alone in Mexico, unless Carranza becomes actively anti-American. This was the belief here today, although officials refused comment.

Although Carranza, as far as the Administration has revealed, has not yet answered the Government's queries as to his attitude regarding the Zimmermann-Japan-Mexico plot suggestion, surface indications point to him remaining friendly toward the United States.

If, however, Carranza should develop unfriendliness in any form, it is clearly understood the United States would deal promptly and forcefully with him, to end any danger to the nation from that source.

MEASLES ON INCREASE.

Twenty-six additional cases of measles were reported to the Health Department today. The total number under treatment is 382. Report was made of ten recoveries.

\$25,000 HOME BURNS.

CLAYTON, N. J., April 3.—Five buildings, including the quarter-million-dollar residence of Wilson Moore, and thirty automobiles, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin here early today.

WILSON RELAXES AT GOLF

President Goes Round Links Before Meeting Cabinet.

"The morning after" found President Wilson out on the golf links at an early hour today.

Following his usual course to relieve his mind of momentous problems, the President trudged twice around the links—and registered an unusually good score. Mrs. Wilson played with him.

Returning to the White House shortly before noon, the President dictated a mass of correspondence until 1 o'clock, when he had luncheon. He went into session with the Cabinet at 2:30.