

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS FOR ARMED NEUTRALITY

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ers to risk their vessels at sea without insurance or adequate protection, and the very serious congestion of our commerce which has resulted, a congestion which is growing rapidly more and more serious every day.

"This in itself might presently accomplish, in effect that the new German submarine orders were meant to accomplish, so far as we are concerned. We can only say, therefore, that the overt act which I have ventured to hope the German commanders would in fact avoid has not occurred.

"But, while this is happily true, it must be admitted that there have been certain additional indications and expressions of purpose of the part of the German press and the German authorities which have increased rather than lessened the impression that, if our ships and our people are spared it will be because of fortunate circumstances or because the commanders of the German submarines which they may happen to encounter exercise an unexpected discretion and refrain rather than because of the instructions under which those commanders are acting.

Fraught With Danger

"It would be foolish to deny that the situation is fraught with the greatest possibilities and dangers. No thoughtful man can fail to see that the necessity for definite action may come at any time if we are not, in fact, and not in word merely, to defend our elementary rights as a neutral nation. It would be most imprudent to be unprepared.

"I cannot in such circumstances be unmindful of the fact that the expiration of the term of the present Congress is immediately at hand by constitutional provision; and that it would in all likelihood require an unusual length of time to assemble and organize the Congress which is to succeed it.

Our Duty

"I feel that I ought in view of that fact, to obtain from you full and immediate assurance of the authority which I may need at any moment to exercise. No doubt already possess that authority without special warrant of law, by the plain implication of my constitutional duties and powers; but I prefer in the present circumstances, not to act upon general implication. I wish to feel that the authority and the power of the Congress are behind me in whatever it may become necessary for me to do. We are jointly the servants of the people and must act together and in their spirit, so far as we can divine and interpret it.

"No one doubts that it is out duty to do. We must defend our commerce and the lives of our people in

the midst of the present trying circumstances with discretion but with clear and steadfast purpose. Only the method and the extent remain to be chosen, upon the occasion, if occasion should indeed arise.

"Since it has unhappily proved impossible to safeguard our neutral rights by diplomatic means against the unwarranted infringements they are suffering at the hands of Germany, there may be no recourse but to armed neutrality, which we shall know how to maintain.

"It is devoutly to be hoped that it will not be necessary to put armed force anywhere into action. The American people do not desire it, and our desire is not different from theirs. I am sure that they will understand the spirit in which I am now acting, the purpose I hold nearest my heart and would wish to exhibit in everything I do. I am anxious that the people of the nations at war also should understand and not distrust us. I hope that I need give no further proofs and assurances of the peace in our hearts throughout nearly three years of anxious patience that I am the friend of peace and mean to preserve it for America so long as I am able. I am not now proposing or contemplating war or any steps that need lead to it. I merely request that you will accord me by your own vote and definite bestowal the means and the authority to safeguard in practice the right of a great people who are at peace and who are desirous of exercising none but the rights of peace to follow the pursuit of peace in quietness and good will—rights recognized time out of mind by all the civilized nations of the world. No course of my choosing is in my mind, and I am sure to come only by the willful acts and aggressions of others.

Asks in General Terms

"You will understand why I can make no definite proposals or forecasts of action unless you first support your authority in the most general terms. The form in which action may become necessary cannot be foreseen, and I believe that the people will be willing to trust me to act with restraint, with prudence and in the true spirit of amity and good faith that they have themselves displayed throughout these trying months; and it is in that belief that I request that you will authorize me to supply our merchant ships with defensive arms so long as I am able. I am not now proposing or contemplating war or any steps that need lead to it. I merely request that you will accord me by your own vote and definite bestowal the means and the authority to safeguard in practice the right of a great people who are at peace and who are desirous of exercising none but the rights of peace to follow the pursuit of peace in quietness and good will—rights recognized time out of mind by all the civilized nations of the world. No course of my choosing is in my mind, and I am sure to come only by the willful acts and aggressions of others.

Neutrals Become Alarmed

When war broke out between France and Spain and France and Great Britain neutrals became alarmed at the dangers with which the maritime rights were threatened and the empress of Russia undertook to unite them in defense of their neutral rights.

This formed the basis of treaties between Russia, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Austria and Portugal. They formed a league which under the name of armed neutrality undertook to preserve inviolate the maritime rights of neutrals. These declarations were recognized by the treaty of peace between Great Britain and France and also of the United States with the United States in the latest move.

It was realized that there was ample historic precedent for such action and that the situation of other neutrals gave it added probability. Holland, Norway and Spain especially, with their merchant marine being rapidly destroyed, it was pointed out, should consider joining with the United States.

The last time the United States was in a state of armed neutrality was during the war between France and England, which ended in the downfall of Napoleon.

When word reached the Capitol that the President would address Congress the Senate Judiciary Committee was in session considering one of the armed neutrality bills proposed by the Department of Justice. It would make it lawful to employ land and naval forces to enforce "any or all obligations imposed by the United States by the law of nations by treaties or conventions to which the United States is a party or by the statutes of the United States."

Sensitively admit confusion as to just what power the measure would extend. It is probable the authority the President asks will be embodied in a separate joint resolution.

Not a Declaration of War

To ask for authority to use the force of the United States to protect American rights is not in any sense to ask for a declaration of war, nor is it an act of war. It is to prepare the United States for what may be warlike by any other nation.

At 9 o'clock he summoned Secretary Tumulty to the White House and soon afterwards called for Senator Stone. At 9:30 the deputy public printer was called to the Executive offices and given the manuscript of the President's address. Soon after Secretary Tumulty made the announcement.

The President concluded that it might not be wise to wait for an overt act before asking additional authority of Congress. The accumulation of violations of American rights and the conditions brought about by the failure of American merchantment to

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leave port brought him to the decision to act before Congress adjourned.

When President Wilson announced to Congress the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, he said he was unable to believe that Germany would sacrifice American rights in the campaign of ruthlessness which she had proclaimed; but added:

"If this inveterate confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacrificed by their (German) commanders in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understandings of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before Congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas. I can do nothing less."

Armed Neutrality

Armed neutrality is described by authorities on international law as military measures for the purpose of defending rights of neutrals against the threatening infringements on the part of a belligerent. I shall take cognizance more than one power and the most striking historical instances of armed neutrals were those of the Northern European powers in 1793 and 1800, made to defend the principle free ships and free goods adopted by treaty between the Baltic powers and opposed by England.

"If the commercial interests of several nations, says one authority, are threatened by unjust and unlawful measures on the part of a belligerent, which they deem unjust and dangerous, there can be no question of their right to secure their menaced interests by such combinations as seem best calculated to accomplish that purpose.

"An armed neutrality is in fact an alliance of several powers usually of a defensive character, though this is by no means essential."

During the present war Holland and Switzerland have maintained what amounts to armed neutrality, although it has been confined to sea.

Requires 610 Sandwiches

"To Take Edge" of Guardsmen's Appetites

It required 610 sandwiches "to take the edge" of the appetites of Harrisburg's returning guardsmen yesterday morning, according to the count made by the Home Folks' Reception Committee, which distributed food at the train. In all 87 pounds of ham were used along with twenty-five loaves of bread. Eighteen pints of cream were needed to go along with the brew of ten pounds of coffee.

The luncheon was prepared and distributed by a woman's committee which consisted of the following: Mrs. A. H. Gerdes, chairman; Mrs. E. Z. Gross, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Harder, of Enhart; Mrs. Green, Mrs. Joseph Wilber, Mrs. Ingram, of New Cumberland; Mrs. J. N. Hursh, Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. H. W. Long, Mrs. J. H. Graeff, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. J. Scheeler, Mrs. Packer, Mrs. Edward H. Schell, Mrs. DeHart, Mrs. J. S. Moyer, Mrs. C. M. Graeff, Mrs. E. Enney, Mrs. C. B. Bretz, Mrs. C. A. Burnett, Mrs. Deeter, Mrs. G. S. Fairall, Mrs. J. L. Sharder, Mrs. Ralph Crow, of Lemoyne; Mrs. Paul Furman, Mrs. J. T. Long, Mrs. Kuhlwind, Miss Elizabeth Kuhlwind, Mrs. J. H. Stoll, Miss Mina Ellinger, Mrs. H. C. Funston, Mrs. Robert Greenawalt and Mrs. Harry Greenawalt, of Lemoyne; Mrs. Frank McCord, of New Cumberland; Mrs. A. Hall, Mrs. L. C. Troup, Mrs. Schuchman, of Campbellstown; Mrs. Steppell, of Enhart; Miss Gendiette E. Long, Miss Lillian E. Long and Mrs. Fohl.

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As the attraction at the Orpheum to-night and to-morrow, matinee and night, "The People," a play written by Marion Craigdon, will be given by a company, including Madame Sarah Bernhard, under whose direction the entire play has been produced. Leonard Chipendale, formerly leading lady with E. H. Sothern, and Edmund Goulding, of His Majesty's Theater, London, are among others of especial prominence in the large company of fifty people. Although the action of the play passes in an unnamed country, the message and purpose of the play have a patriotic spirit which runs through the entire work is certain to find a ready response.

AMERICAN SHIPS TO RESUME SAILINGS AS SOON AS GUNS ARE MOUNTED

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 26.—If the President is authorized by Congress to arm ships to protect American merchantmen on the high seas, the American line steamships tied up here will resume sailings as soon as guns can be provided it was stated by the line's officials here to-day.

The St. Louis, St. Paul, Philadelphia, New York and Kroonland are at their New York docks, the line having declined to send them out until the government furnished armament as defense against attack in the shipping zone. The Finland, of the same line, is on her way from Europe to this port.

All the ships are passenger vessels.

DESTROYERS SAVE SHIP

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 26.—The American bark Galena, which arrived here to-day from Rouen, France, was fired upon by a German submarine November 27 while on the outward voyage, and was saved from possible destruction by the sudden appearance of two British destroyers, according to officers of the vessels.

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and one other comedy turn completes the vaudeville list.

"Chicken Casey," which will be seen at the Colonial Theater to-day only, is the latest play from the great series "Is Marriage Sacred" starring Dorothy Dalton at the Colonial Studios, starting Miss Dalton appears as an actress. Mavis Marberry, who reads a best seller by a popular author and decides that she wants to play the leading role in a dramatization of the book. The part is that of a girl of the slums. The author, having seen Miss Marberry only in very different roles, deems her unfit to play the character. The actress makes an unusual success of the part that he is wrong. "Dancing With Folly," a complete story in two parts from the great series "Is Marriage Sacred" will be the added attraction of the program. Tuesday and Wednesday the Metro Film Company will present Ethel Barrymore in "The Awakening of Helena Ritchie," adapted from the screen from the book of the same name.

The picturization of Augustus Thomas' strongly dramatic story, "The Witching Hour," with C. Aubrey Smith in the leading role, is one of the biggest photoplays of the year and will be presented exclusively at the Regent Theater to-day, to-morrow and Wednesday. Those who saw the play on the legitimate stage will remember that the central figure of the story is James Birsefield, a Louisville gambler who is endowed with a mind capable of swaying weaker intellects around him. The secondary character, Clay Whipple, is a boy who has inherited an unreasoning and uncontrollable fear of a cat's eyes. The big scene of the drama comes when Brookfield, to save Clay from paying the penalty of a murder he committed while playing cards, arranges to become one of the jurors to hold out for a verdict of "not guilty." C. Aubrey Smith takes the part of Jack Brookfield, the man whose singular telepathic power furnishes the basis of the story. The dramatic scenes are tense and his presence and pose the kind that centers all interest upon himself. The situations in "The Witching Hour" are tense and one can never tell what is to follow. It is replete with startling innovations and developments that belie description, holding a virile, red-blooded drama, holds the attention of an audience from the first of the introductory title to the finish.

NEW QUEEN OF SHORTHORN MILKERS

Towanda, Pa., Feb. 26.—Doris Clay, a cow owned by L. D. May, at Grandville has established a new world's milk and butter fat production record for milking shorthorns, in the year just closed. She produced 17,241 pounds of milk with 653.55 pounds of butter fat.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably light rain this afternoon or to-night; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees; Tuesday fair and colder. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain to-night, followed by clearing Tuesday; colder in west and extreme north portions to-night; much colder Tuesday; fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds.

General Conditions

A disturbance central over the Lake Region extends southwestward to the Southern Rocky Mountains. Mean temperature, 37 degrees below normal temperature, 27 degrees.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 40 degrees above zero. 6:40 a. m. Moon: First quarter, February 28, 11:48 p. m. River Stages: 8.4 feet above low-water mark.

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WHIPPLE GETS \$15,000

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 26.—Sherman L. Whipple, of Boston, will receive \$15,000 for the work of himself and assistants, as counsel to the House Rules Committee in the peace not leak inquiry. The fee was unanimously approved to-day by the committee. The total cost of the inquiry, Chairman Henry said to-day, would not exceed \$50,000.

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