



WAVES OF PATRIOTISM SWEEP AWAY ALL PARTY LINES IN WASHINGTON

U. S. ANXIOUS TO GET WORD FROM JAPAN

Officials Confidently Look For Expressions of Friendship From Mikado and Mexico and Consequent Collapse of German Intrigue; First Shock of Diplomatic Disclosure Passes With All Agencies United For Defense

PREPARATIONS HURRIED TO PREPARE ARMED FORCES FOR ANY CONTINGENCY

Senate Expected to Take Final Action To-day on House Bill Authorizing President to Arm Ships and Providing Bond Issue of \$100,000,000 to Care For Extraordinary Expenses in Defending Country.

Washington, March 2.—The next move in the program of putting the United States in a state of armed neutrality to deal with Germany, was delayed in the Senate to-day, by objections of some members, based on the exigencies of a parliamentary situation until 4 o'clock.

At that hour an effort will be made to substitute for the armed neutrality bill, which last night passed the House, the Senate bill which confers on the President the authority to use "other instrumentalities" in addition to arming merchant ships.

This bill has the backing of the Administration and is expected to be later accepted by the House.

The official notice of the Berlin Admiralty that all consideration for shipping ended on March 1 and that the campaign of ruthlessness now is in full swing, has not changed the situation any, although its bold declaration that no special warning will be given to any boats by submarines was regarded in sharp contrast with the delayed portions of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's speech to the Reichstag, spoken before Germany's plot to ally Japan and Mexico with her in a war on the United States, was revealed to the world.

Passing of the first shock of yesterday's authenticated disclosure that Germany plotted to incite Mexico and Japan to war against the United States, found government agencies to-day more closely united in spirit against threatened danger, and awaiting with keen interest official statements from Mexico and Japan defining their attitudes. Officials confidently looked for expressions of friendship from both and consequent collapse of the German intrigue.

Nevertheless, preparations were hurried along for whatever may confront the nation. The bill authorizing President Wilson to arm ships and providing a bond issue of \$100,000,000, passed by the House late last night by a vote of 403 to 13 after ten hours of enthusiastic debate, was in the Senate's hands, and action was expected late to-day or to-night.

The Senate, in response to its formal inquiry, had President Wilson's official assurance that the version of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's note to the German minister at Mexico...

THE WEATHER

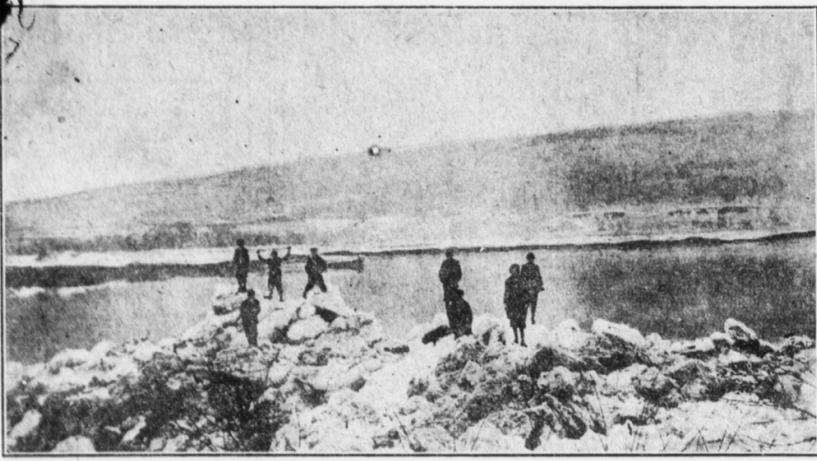
For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperatures, lowest to-night about 30 degrees.

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries above Harrisburg will probably fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 0.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions: The weather continues unsettled over most of the country and rain has fallen generally south and east of the Ohio river, except Florida. In the last twenty-four hours, the greatest amount reported, 1.24 inches, occurring at Memphis.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 32 degrees above zero. Sun rises, 6:37 a. m. Moon: Full moon, February 8, 3:02 p. m. River Stage: 10.1 feet above low-water mark.

YOUNGSTERS PLAY ON "ICEBERGS" ALONG RIVER BANK



The River Front was the mecca of hundreds of small boys to-day who were drawn from school by the irresistible desire to see the ice go out. Many of the more venturesome played "explorer" along the miniature "bergs and ice floes."

BRITISH EXPECT WAR TO CONTINUE ANOTHER WINTER

Military Director Sees No End to Teuton's Resources of Arms and Men

CAPABLE OF FIGHTING

Hope For Victory Through Blockade and Pounding on Recruits' Nerves

London, March 2. — The war may easily extend over another winter as far as purely military factors are concerned, according to a statement by General Frederick B. Maurice, director of military operations for the Imperial general staff in an interview given to the Associated Press.

The men over in the trenches, seeing only brief and intimate parts of the actual operations, are inclined to assert that the major principles of warfare have changed but this is true only of tactics, which, according to Napoleon, change every ten years, a period which, had he been alive to-day he would have probably have reduced to five years.

"This is due to the increase in inventive power over the time when Napoleon fought. In the tactics of this war are seen three tremendous innovations which can probably be placed in the following order: First, airplanes; second, improved heavy artillery with highly explosive shells; third, machine guns.

"I see no indication of what has been asserted, that the Germans are withdrawing at some places along our front because of a desire to force open fighting. This movement is a retirement forced upon them. They do not like it any more than we did when, after the second battle of Ypres, we had to retire a short distance to straighten our line. You may be sure no army likes to retire and therefore it is certain that the Germans will make a determined effort somewhere to restore their lost prestige. We are now merely gathering the fruits of our winter operations, the result of which is that, from Arras to the Aisne, a silent, decidedly dangerous to German position has been established. Our raids on the Somme front gave us commanding positions from which our artillery fire was much more effective.

Strategy in Retreat "The Germans, who are no longer occupying snug and well-constructed dugouts, are more than anxious to retire to a safer line. They also probably counted on making our preparations for an offensive on this ground abortive by giving up their front line and compelling us to alter our plans.

"I have no patience with the idea that the Germans are at the end of their fighting resources. They are still capable of and will put up a strong fight. From a purely military standpoint I see no reason why the war should not go through another winter, but conditions outside the military zone may operate to end it sooner. How far the shortage of food in Germany has affected the physique and morale of the latest recruits I cannot say, but some deterioration from this cause is almost certain and will become more and more effective with the passage of time."

ICE IS MOVING ALONG WITHOUT HEAVY DAMAGE

Several Flats Crushed Here; Bathhouse Battered; "Front Steps" Not Hurt

ICE THAT STARTED TO MOVE FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA YESTERDAY WILL DO NO HEAVY DAMAGE ALONG THE RIVER. AT SOME PLACES THE ICE IS PILED TO A HEIGHT OF 20 FEET, BUT IT HAD BEEN SOFTENED BY THE RAINS AND WARM WEATHER PRIOR TO THE BREAKUP. ICE HAS BROKEN ON THE NORTH BUT IS STILL HOLDING AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE WEST BRANCH.

The heaviest damage reported this morning was the loss of several valuable flats by the Harrisburg Coal and Sand Company. Some of their flats at Verbeke street were crushed by the force of the ice. The official flat that was used in Harrisburg's first Kipona was broken in half.

Banks Piled High

Small damage was noted on the nearby islands. The supports of the bathhouse on Ensminger's Island were broken and the house badly damaged. On several of the islands the ice covers the up-river points to a height of 20 or 25 feet.

The general breakup on the North branch came early yesterday morning. At most places the ice is piled along the shore to a great height for miles. A channel is believed to be open as far north as Blightman, N. Y.

The ice at Williamsport was still holding, according to the last reports received. Below Williamsport channels have been open for several weeks.

"Front Steps" Intact

The Juniata is reported to be open from the source. Small damage has been reported along the entire river. Other small branches are still holding. Grant Ferry, assistant superintendent of parks, this morning made a survey of the city's property along the river front. The city's "front steps" are covered with ice, but no damage has been noticed.

Gorged Down River

Small gorges at down-river points backed water to a height of 12.8 feet, the highest stage recorded during the passing of the present flood. This was a trifle higher than had been anticipated. Without gorges the river stage would have been unusually low for a general breakup.

Reigns Homer, flood forecaster of the State Water Supply Commission, last evening sent out warnings to all towns below Harrisburg, enabling the inhabitants of the lowlands to be prepared. Although some of them experienced some little inconvenience no large property loss has yet occurred.

Lutheran Churches to Raise Money For Pension Fund

Lutheran churches in Harrisburg and vicinity are planning a simultaneous campaign from March 5 to March 25 to raise funds for a Lutheran pension fund.

W. M. Diederfer, general secretary of the Pastors' Fund Society of the Central Synod, Carlisle, Pa., announced that every member of the Lutheran churches will be expected to contribute to a permanent endowment fund. The Lutheran Church is in two sub-divisions—the Augustana and the General Synods. The two divisions of the followers of Martin Luther expect to secure \$1,000,000 during the March campaign.

500 FARMERS ARE HERE TO ORGANIZE COUNTY BUREAU

Plan General Study and Survey of Land Conditions in Dauphin

C. OF C. BACKS MOVE

Local Businessmen Join Hands With Tillers of Soil in Move

More than 500 farmers from all parts of Dauphin county were present this afternoon at the Board of Trade at the organization of a Dauphin County Farm Bureau.

Members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce also were present at the session. Proposed plans for work for the organization, by-laws, membership rules and other important business matters came up for discussion.

Special committees were in charge. Those representing various districts in the county include: Coneyago township, the Rev. John S. Baker, Elizabethtown, R. D. 4, Joseph S. Risser, Elizabethtown; Derry township, A. B. Shenk, Hershey, R. D. 2, and F. R. Snively, Hummelstown, R. D. 2; East Hanover township, not represented; Halifax township, Thomas F. Lebo and W. E. Reed, Halifax; Jackson township, James F. Garverick, Fisherville, and John C. Pittsburg, Ebers, Jefferson township, not represented; Londonderry township, C. P. Longenecker, Middletown, Lower Swatara township, A. L. Erb, Middletown; Lickens township, not represented; Lower Paxton township, E. Z. Ehrnschlag and B. Frank Ober, Penbrook; John W. Swartz, Harrisburg, R. D. 4; Frank Wolfensberger, Maclay Street station, R. D. 4; W. H. Drightbill, Penbrook; Middle Paxton township, George R. Denison, Dauphin, R. D. 1; Mifflin township, Charles W. Lantz, Millersburg, R. D. 1; Reed township, W. G. Hilland, Halifax, R. D. 2; Rush township, not represented; Susquehanna township, David Smith, Penbrook; Swatara township, J. Q. A. Rutherford, Paxtang; Washington township, ex. H. Hartman, Millersburg, R. D. 2, and William L. Gauger, Loyaltown; Wayne township, Bernard Hoffman and A. M. Hoffman, Entertown; West Hanover township, not represented; South Hanover township, S. T. Whitmer, Union Deposit, and Francis Alexander, Hummelstown, R. D. 1; Upper Paxton township, David J. Will, Millersburg, R. D. 1; Wiconisco township, Aaron Erdman, Wiconisco; Lower Merion township, H. H. H. Harrisburg, R. D. 1; Hershey, George C. Signor, H. P. Rhoads and J. W. Millard, W. A. Hershey, R. D. 5.

E. E. Shambaugh, county superintendent of public schools, will be present.

The Chamber of Commerce committee includes Donald McCormick, chairman; E. D. Hilberry, W. F. R. Murrie, Martin R. Nissly, William E. McCaleb, W. S. Shell, William Jennings and F. L. Wright.

C. of C. Organized Move

The Chamber of Commerce, originating the Farm Bureau movement, sent out general invitations to all parts of the county. Similar organizations are being started in other parts of the state, including Cumberland county. The work of the bureau will include a general study and survey of farm conditions in Dauphin county, and to act as an advisory association for all its members.

7,000 MUST PAY INCOME TAX IN NINTH DISTRICT

Rush to File Accounts in Harrisburg and Lancaster Offices on the Last Day

TWO PER CENT IS RATE

Makes Trifling Little Sum of \$80 if You Pay on \$4,000

Seven thousand individuals and corporations in the Ninth United States Revenue District including Harrisburg, Lancaster and including territory, must pay federal income tax this year, it was announced to-day from the office of Revenue Collector B. F. Davis at Lancaster.

Just how many filed their accounts in the Harrisburg office, could not be learned as the totals have not yet been tabulated for the separate offices. That there are a large number in this city, however, is certain as 1916-17 has boosted more than one salary and corporation income.

Yesterday was the last day for filing the accounts and there was a rush in both the Harrisburg and Lancaster offices. Those who failed to file their accounts are subject to prosecution.

Under the federal income tax law of September 8, 1916, married men have an exemption of \$4,000 and single men \$3,000. That is if you are married and your income is \$8,000 a year it is up to you to pay tax on the difference between eight and four thousand or \$4,000. The tax of 2 per cent, is just twice what it was under the old income law. If you have to pay an income tax on a total of \$4,000, then your tax is \$80. Have you paid yours?

TEN PER CENT. OF THE WORLD'S SHIPPING LOST

Nearly Five Million Tons Sunk in War Exclusive of War Vessels

BRITAIN HEAVIEST LOSER

Ruthless Sea Campaign Makes February's Total Greatest in Single Month

By Associated Press

New York, March 2. — Shipping destroyed since the war began, exclusive of war vessels, represents ten per cent. of the world's merchant marine as it existed on August 1, 1914, according to figures published by the Journal of Commerce to-day. Construction of warships has offset most of the losses, it was stated.

The statistics record the destruction of 2,573 vessels of 4,811,100 gross tons, of which more than half was owned by Great Britain. The next heaviest sufferer has been Norway, with France third, Italy fourth and Germany fifth. Entente losses have been about 75 per cent. of the total and Teutonic twenty per cent.

The figures list 202 vessels of approximately 420,460 gross tonnage as definitely reported "destroyed" during February, or since Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare began. This compares with 164 vessels of 318,851 gross tonnage in January. Norwegian and Dutch shipping during February suffered losses heavier than any of the entente allies except that of Great Britain which lost more than half of the month's total. The February figures were the highest for a single month.

NAVY RECRUITING HEAVY

Washington, Mar. 2.—Reports show that the recruiting campaign being conducted by the Navy Department is having greater results than at any time since the Spanish War.

In 26 recruiting days up to February 28 the roster of the navy was increased by 2,986 men. The number of men in the service on February 28—59,037 exceeds the prophecy of naval officers that on March 1 they would have 57,000 men.

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EXTEND U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Berlin, March 2, via London, 1:46 P. M.—The Admiralty made the following announcement to-day: "On March 1 expired the final period of grace allotted for sailing ships in the Atlantic. From this date on special warning will be given to any boats by submarines."

GOVERNOR STOPS LES DARCY FIGHT

Albany, N. Y., March 2.—Governor Whitman to-day directed the State Athletic Commission to prohibit the boxing bout scheduled for Madison Square Garden, New York, on Monday night, between Les Darcey and Jack Dillon, on the ground that Les Darcey is a "slacker."

COUNTY TO PAY BUREAU EXPENSES

Harrisburg. — The County Commissioners to-day announced that they would appropriate \$1,200 for the expenses of the Dauphin County Farm Bureau organized here to-day. This will relieve the membership from paying any dues. The farm expert to be secured for the work will be paid \$1,500 annually by State College.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard A. Peters and Emma M. Hoffman, Middletown. Harry D. Myers and Emma Moore, Harrisburg.