

SUBMARINES DESTROY TWO TRADE BOATS

ENGLAND TO ENFORCE ABSOLUTE CONTRABAND ON FOODSTUFFS BOUND FOR GERMANY.

AMERICAN CARGO IS HELD

British Accuse Germans of Violation of All International Law.

DISCUSS DANGERS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—President Wilson and cabinet discussed at length dangers to American vessels of commerce, growing out of reiterated determination of Germany to wage warfare by submarines and mines on the enemy vessels, disclaiming all responsibility for what might happen to neutral vessels venturing into new sea zones of war.

All officials regarded recent developments of grave importance. The course of the United States he declined to predict. He pointed out that much discretion was vested in the President and that his action necessarily will be guided by circumstances in each case if any attack on American vessels occurred. No decision will be announced until official text of Germany's reply is received from Ambassador Gerard which was delayed in transit.

London, Feb. 19.—The German submarine blockade in force two days so far resulted in torpedoing by German submarines of two vessels, the French steamer Dinorh, off Diephs, and the Norwegian tank steamer Beiridge, near Folkestone. Both vessels were damaged, but managed to reach port.

Another Norwegian steamer, the Nordkyn, had been sunk by a mine near Bernholm island, in the Baltic sea. All the crew were drowned.

Some Danish vessels were unable to sail yesterday, owing to the refusal of their crews to move them. This obstacle was overcome today, and most of the Dutch lines also resumed their schedules under a government insurance scheme.

Centers on British Replies. Interest centers on British replies to the American notes on the use of the American flag by the Lusitania and the decision to hold the cargo of the Wilhelmina to the prize court, which was delivered to American Ambassador Page.

The notes clearly indicate no intention to use neutral flags generally. England claims the privilege in view of Germany's threat to destroy British sea commerce, and further, that the latest German policy caused Great Britain to contemplate declaring all foodstuffs to Germany absolute contraband.

Fighting Continues. Fighting on both fronts seems void of violent battles. The lull probably presaging important operations.

Use Flag to Save Lives. The British foreign office issued a (Continued on Page Two.)

STUDY WEIGHING OF GRAIN IN ST. PAUL

Subcommittee Appointed to Investigate Track Scales at Terminal Elevator Points.

St. Paul, Feb. 19.—A subcommittee consisting of Representatives Oscar Swenson of Nicollet, Magnus Johnson of Litchfield and Gus Boehmke of Hollidale, was appointed yesterday afternoon by the house grain and warehouse committee to investigate the practicability of installing track scales at terminal elevator points throughout Minnesota.

The subcommittee probably will go to Duluth Friday night and spend Saturday inspecting the scales there. The hopper scales at the Minneapolis elevators also will be viewed while in operation.

A second hearing was held yesterday afternoon before the committee on Representative Johnson's bill providing that track scales be installed at all terminal elevator points. Benjamin Drake, Jr. of Minneapolis, spoke in favor of the bill and E. N. Bradley of Duluth opposed it.

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Buenos Aires, Feb. 19.—The Argentine government is considering the matter of warning the German steamer Holger, auxiliary to the cruiser Ardonna, to leave port within 24 hours or be disarmed and interned. The Holger arrived here yesterday, having aboard the crews of several merchantmen sunk during January and February by the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm.

MEMBERS OF KITCHENER'S BIG ARMY EFFICIENT IN WARFARE AND—NURSING



As this picture would seem to indicate, the kind-hearted nature of the typical John Bull Englishman cannot be restrained. The photo was taken in France, near Boulogne, where Kitchener's volunteer army of a half million men is now in camp. Two volunteers are seen playing with a couple of youngsters while the happy mother smiles.

Woman's Suffrage Forces Fail to Secure Enough Votes to Revive Bill

Anti-suffrage forces gained two votes from the suffrage ranks yesterday and lost one, making a net gain for indefinite postponement of the issue of one vote over yesterday's showing.

Under a motion to suspend the rules and reconsider the vote by which the Bronson resolution was passed last Saturday, the suffrage forces lost by a vote of 27 ayes; 21 nays, and one absent and not voting. Dr. Rowe of Cass county switched on the motion to suspend the rules while Senators Porter and Nelson of Rolette joined the anti-suffrage senators on this issue.

Takes Two-thirds Vote. Now that the bill is back from the house it will take a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules and reconsider the original vote. This practically buries the issue for this session as it hardly seems possible that the suffrage forces can summon enough votes to get the two-thirds support.

The suffrage forces were out in large numbers again packing the galleries and the floor of the senate. Bronson on Job. Senator Bronson called the measure up by moving that if no action were taken today on the issue that the bill be returned to the house. A call of

the senate was ordered. Senator Hamilton was excused but it was impossible to locate Senator Sandstrom who is in favor of suffrage.

One motion to dispense with the call lost by 23 ayes, 24 nays and two absent and not voting. After nearly an hour's delay, the warring factions declared an armistice until Senator Sandstrom arrived so the call was suspended and all motions pending on the issue withdrawn.

The Line-up. On motion of Senator Wartner to suspend the rules and reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 95, the battle was on again when the losing vote was taken. Yesterday's line-up was: Against suspension of rules: Albrecht, Bond, Bonzer, Clark, Davis, Englund, Gardiner, Gronvold, Heckle, Hughes, Jacobsen, Kretschmar, Deutz, Loftsgaard, Mallouh, Martin, McBride, McPadden, McGray, McLean, Murphy, Nelson of Grand Forks, Nelson of Rolette, Overson, Porter, Thorson and Young.

For suspension: Allen, Barnes, Bronson, Ellington, Hoversen, Hyland, Kirkeide, Lindstrom, Mudgett, Nelson of Richland, Paulson, Porterfield, Putnam, Rowe, Sandstrom, Sikes, Steele, Trageton, Vail, Wartner.

Absent: Hamilton.

JAMES R. MANN TO CONTINUE AS LEADER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Republicans of the house determined to defer their minority reorganization until Tuesday night, preceding first session of next congress. In conference with Mann of Illinois, and generally referred to as his own successor as minority leader, the caucus was discussed, Cooper of Wisconsin protesting against the use of the word caucus, asserting the day of secret caucuses had passed.

PROTECT MAIL SERVICE IN SEA WAR ZONES

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Although the United States mail is going directly or indirectly to every country of the world, so far not one bag has been lost through the activities of war fleets of European belligerents. The post office department says no American mail has gone down with merchantmen destroyed by warships within the last hundred years. Burleson said he expected no interference with mail service as the result from Germany's sea war zone proclamation.

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GIRL WIFE WILL NOW APPEAR AGAINST HUSBY

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Doris Vaughn, divorced wife of James Darnell, former Kenosha, Wis., minister, was subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury in Milwaukee to testify in investigation of charges that Darnell violated the Mann Act. Darnell already is under arrest here, charged with having transported Ruth Soper from Minnesota to Illinois in violation of law.

Federal officials announced they expected to take Miss Soper in custody as a witness.

Miss Vaughn, who was directed to produce certificate of marriage and decree of divorce, appeared as pleased that she is going to testify against Darnell.

COMMITTEE FAVORS TAX MEASURE

STATE AFFAIRS BODY IS TO RECOMMEND A ONE MAN TAX COMMISSION.

CLEARLY INDICATES ITS STAND

At Hearing Yesterday Sentiment Was in Favor Abolishing Present Board.

Unless all signs fail, the one man tax commission bill will be reported out for passage today. Mr. Packard was given a hearing before the state affairs committee of the senate yesterday and admitted that he was not a "tax ferret" and that other states had given up this idea of searching for taxable property through a tax commission.

He talked for half an hour, but did not attempt to defend the commission upon the showing made in placing taxable property on the rolls. The committee meets this morning to take final action on the Heckle bill.

ORGANIZED TO INVADE MEXICO

Federal Jury Indicts Chandler, Millionaire of California on Charge.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 19.—Harry Chandler, assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Times, millionaire land owner, was indicted today by the federal grand jury here in connection with alleged conspiracy which had for its object military occupation of Mexican territory of Lower California.

Chandler and five others were indicted and accused of having received soldiers in the United States to serve in an invasion of Mexican territory of Lower California. Other defendants are Baltazar Aviles, Ex-Governor of Lower California; B. J. Viljoen, Ex-Boer commander; Walter Bowker, manager of California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company's ranch; Charles Guzman, real estate agent; Geromino Sandoval and Francisco Ayon.

The real company is owned largely by Chandler and General Otis has large holdings in Lower California. The department of justice's agents said in return for work of alleged armed expedition, certain cattle companies would be allowed to bring cattle in and out of Mexican territory without payment of duties. It is alleged Aviles is the organizer of the expedition financed by Chandler. Chandler admitted the cattle company paid money to Aviles and asserted in settlement of taxes paid to Aviles as accredited officer of Lower California.

TELEPHONE MEN TO HOLD CONVENTION

Will Gather in Grand Forks on March 24 and 25; Expect 200 Representatives in City.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 19.—Announcement was made today that the North Dakota State Telephone Association would hold its annual meeting and convention in Grand Forks on March 24 and 25. The sessions will be held in the Grand Forks commercial club rooms and it is expected that representatives to the number of 200 will be in this city from the different offices from throughout the state.

President L. D. Richardson of Fargo was in the city yesterday and spent the day conferring with District Manager M. G. Stokesbury of the Northwestern Telephone company and with Secretary Graves of the Commercial club concerning the coming convention.

SHE RECENTLY MADE BOW TO N. Y. SOCIETY



Miss Elsie G. Calder, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. William M. Calder of Brooklyn, who recently made her bow to society in New York, is visiting her parents in Washington. Several dinner, luncheon and theatre parties have been given for her and she was one of the pretty guests at the southern charity relief ball held recently.

NORTH DAKOTA JEWS TO AID SUFFERERS

Plan Carload of Flour for Famine Stricken People of Palestine To Be Sent About March 1.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 19.—And now it is starving Palestine! The local order of the B'Nai Brith is calling for contributions for a cargo of foodstuffs to be dispatched to the Holy Land about March 1, under the pledge of protection of the United States, Great Britain and Turkey. Distribution will be made by the American consul at Jerusalem to Christians, Mohammedans and Jews without distinction, provided only they are hungry.

The local order plans a state-wide campaign in the hopes of making the total from North Dakota a carload of flour. The ship's cargo is in charge of the provisional executive committee for the general Zionist affairs of New York City, with such great men as Rabbi Stephen H. Wise, Dr. J. L. Magnus and Louis D. Brandeis at the head.

Members of the local committee to whom inquiries and contributions may be directed are Hugo Stern, chairman and treasurer; David Natgallin, William Stern, Sol Simon, Sam Stern, E. Wilk, Abraham Wolff, Matt Siegel, Max Goldberg, Lewis Hart, J. Pa-permast, A. Gilles.

TO STUDY DISEASES OF TRENCH WARFARE

New York, Feb. 19.—The new hospital established by the French government at Compiegne under the supervision of Dr. Alexis Carrel, for which a \$20,000 appropriation was given by the Rockefeller Foundation, is being equipped by the Rockefeller Institute, for medical research with complete apparatus for the study of new forms of infection incident to trench warfare, the institute announced.

The purpose of the institute in equipping Carrel's hospital was not only to make his research work of greatest effectiveness at the moment, but also to make it permanently available to the world of science.

Slash! Slash! Goes the Committee Pruning Knife

SOME TREMENDOUS CUTS WERE MADE IN THE BUDGETS OF THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THE JOINT APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT

TOTAL CUT WILL BE \$1,500,000

...The house and senate appropriation committees are working together in fine shape and are unanimous in the pruning operations which are being carried on nightly this week. A total cut of \$1,500,000 in round numbers will be made, this amount to be taken off the appropriations requested by the various state departments the educational and the penal and charitable institutions. This will leave a comparatively small deficit remaining, probably between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in all—thus necessitating raising the assessed valuation of the state in the sum of about \$50,000,000 at the most, it is estimated.

SENATE BILL NO. 1. Because the senate judiciary committee has seen fit to report out Senator Bronson's workman's compensation bill, the members of the senate should not be confused as to the merits of the bill. No one can take exception to a good workman's compensation bill, but a law for which the insurance lobby has been working hard should be scrutinized carefully.

The proposed bill is almost an exact copy of the Minnesota act, which has never given satisfaction to anyone but the insurance companies. The Minnesota law adopted in 1913 is a copy of the New Jersey law with slight modifications, and is practically the same law as that adopted by several other states.

These laws are hung on a framework carefully devised by the National Association of Manufacturers and are vicious in principle and action. They give a very small and uncertain compensation and are administered through the courts. They benefit only the large employer who carries his own casualty insurance and the casualty companies who are in the field for this class of business.

In Minnesota the law has resulted in much higher rates of insurance, while at the same time the injured employe has received much less in the way of compensation. Statistics show that on the average the casualty companies keep as cost of administration and profit 50 per cent of the money paid to them by the employers for insurance, that is, the injured workman as a rule gets only 20 per cent of the money actually paid by the employer. The rest goes to the ambulance chasers and the insurance companies.

The writer was in Minnesota when the law was rammed through the 1913 legislature by a combination of a few big employers and a few alleged representatives of labor, some of whom were just plain blockheads.

If North Dakota is going to embark in this class of legislation, why not adopt the Wisconsin law? These two laws are administered so that the injured gets a fair compensation, but the insurance companies and lawyers do not participate as heavily as under the Minnesota or New Jersey law, of which the Bronson bill is a copy.

Whether such a law is necessary in this state has hardly been shown conclusively. More than eighty per cent of the population is rural and in order to overcome the opposition of the farmers, they are exempt under the law and probably rightfully so. If they were included they would be at the mercy of any transient laborer who might through his own negligence be injured while employed in farm work.

This class of legislation is good legislation to leave alone unless the bill is adequate.

COMPENSATION LAW IS RECOMMENDED TO PASS. Although the public affairs committee killed Senate Bill No. 1, introduced by Bronson and providing the Minnesota and New Jersey plan of workman's compensation, the judiciary committee yesterday voted it out for passage.

This measure is popular with the insurance companies, opening up a large field for new business in the state. It is administered through the courts and prescribes a scale of compensation to be paid for loss of life and limb. Experience has shown in Minnesota that the bill operates for the benefit of the big employer, the insurance companies and the lawyers.

Good Judgment Used. In practically every item the recommendations of the Lathrop committee were followed out to the letter by the joint committee. In every case the idea was not to take from any institution anything which would hinder it from efficiently performing work for which it was created and is maintained. The items of expansion such as new buildings and equipment, where they were not absolutely necessary, were the items that were slashed.

THE WEATHER. Tri-state: Cloudy Saturday; Sunday, fair.