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## CONFRONTED BY SERIOUS SITUATION

### AMERICAN MERCHANTMAN STRIKES MINE IN NORTH SEA AND GOES DOWN— FOLLOWED BRITISH IN- STRUCTIONS.

### STATE DEPARTMENT PROBING Former President Taft Says Na- tion is Face to Face with Crisis.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Captain Smith, of the American steamer Evelyn has informed authorities, according to reports, that his ship met disaster through advice of British naval boarding officer, who instructed him to follow a course on which he struck mines instead of a northerly course as specified in the German instructions.

The disaster occurred at four Friday morning and the Evelyn sank seven hours later. Captain Smith and a Dutch pilot and thirteen men drifted in a rowboat until Saturday when they were rescued by a German patrol boat. The mate and remainder of the crew, it is understood, landed in Holland.

Nothing Seen of Crew.

Hague, Feb. 22.—Reports from North Holland say nothing was seen or heard of members of the crew of steamer Evelyn, reported to have proceeded for Holland after the steamer was blown up. A dense fog prevailed yesterday. The Dutch marine department is without information regarding the missing men of Evelyn's crew.

At midnight the 13 men missing from the American steamer Evelyn's crew had not been reported at any point in Holland.

Wilson Confers With Bryan.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Wilson conferred with Bryan tonight concerning destruction of the American steamer Evelyn off the coast of Germany, and in the absence of definite information as to cause of wreck, no course of action has been decided.

Secretary Daniels instructed the naval attaché of the American embassy at Berlin to make an investigation of the disaster, and report the technical information possible for him to gather, regarding mine fields, the course of the vessel at the time of disaster and other data to aid the United States to form judgment as to responsibility.

Nationality of Mine.

It is conceded officially, if the nationality of the mine is not determined, no proof can be obtained showing whether there were official notifications concerning the course to be followed by the Evelyn. Hence there would be no ground for diplomatic action.

Taft Apprehensive.

Morrisstown, N. J., Feb. 22.—That the United States is threatened with serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by warring nations of Europe, and in preserving its commerce with those nations, is face to face with a crisis, is the opinion of Ex-President Taft, speaking before the Washington association of New Jersey. In the solution of that crisis, should it arise, no jingo spirit must be allowed to prevail, advised Taft, and neither pride nor momentary passion should influence our judgment.

Stand By President.

"When the President shall act," he declared, "we must stand by him to the end. All will forget their differences in self-sacrificing loyalty to our common flag, and our common country.

"Our efforts for peace," he continued, "have been made as complete as possible, for the President already has tendered the good offices of mediation between powers and they have not accepted."

Austria to Follow Plan.

London, Feb. 22.—Warship of modern warfare submarine, by which Germany declared she will blockade Britain, daily becomes a factor of greater importance in war, with regard to its influence on policies of nations engaged in connection with cotraband question.

Coincidental with reports that Austria proposes to follow the example of her ally by attacking merchantmen in the Adriatic came the announcement by Premier Asquith that tentative regulatory plan of England, is much broader than previously suggested, and a matter for consideration of all the allies.

Shipping Paralyzed.

It was stated in the house of commons that Britain might deem it necessary to alter its decision whereby cotton had not been classed as contraband. Three small British craft are missing and Amsterdam reports two German sub-marines overdue at the base, Cuxhaven. Their fate is unknown. Traffic in the North sea is disorganized. Dutch and Scandinavian sailors are reluctant to go to sea, owing to the menace of both sub-marines and mines.

A Copenhagen dispatch says a conference between the representatives of Scandinavian governments over

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## MME. NAZIMOVA BIG HIT IN "WAR BRIDES"



Mme. Nazimova in "War Brides." Mme. Alla Nazimova, the famous Russian actress, is now playing the stellar role in "War Brides," a play which was first published last month and presented for the first time early in February in New York City. The success of the play as presented by Mme. Nazimova was such that the day after its first performance she was offered enough bookings to cover three years.

## INSTRUCTIONS AT GUN COMPANY

### Sergeant Charles Ammonds Ar- rives at Grand Forks From Bismarck to Look After Duties There.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 22.—The Grand Forks Machine Gun company met for regular drill. Sergeant Charles Ammonds of Bismarck, instructing officer detailed by the federal government arriving yesterday and was present last night.

The members of the company will be given regular drill during the officer's stay here.

Work for Inspection.

The annual inspection, orders for which were issued this week, is to be held on March 13 and the members of the local company are anxious to make as good showing as possible. For that reason close attention to instructions and to drill work will be the order of things from now on.

The company now has a full complement, fifty men, and members have taken keen interest in the work. It has been frequently remarked that they are exceptionally well drilled, considering the length of time the company has been in existence. The membership is made up of well known young men of the city, and many of the prominent pioneer families are represented in it.

Range Needed.

It is probable that an outdoor range will be secured early in the spring. The members find it too far to make the trip to Hillsboro for target practice, and it is generally admitted by officers and inspectors that a range is badly needed here.

A location at the English coulee, two miles out from the city, was considered last summer, also one at Ojota, but nothing definite has been decided upon. Officers state that with early spring a definite location will be secured and the proper equipment requisitioned for from the government.

## DIVINE SARAH STANDS OPERATION NICELY

Bordeaux, Feb. 22.—Condition of Mme. Bernhardt, whose right leg was amputated today, made necessary by affection of knee, injured in a fall some time ago, continued good. Her pulse and temperature were normal.

## HOLLAND IS ON ANXIOUS SEAT NOW

### DELAY OF GERMANY IN AN- SWERING THE PROFFER AGAINST WAR ZONE CAUS- ED INDIGNATION TO RUN HIGH.

### SAILORS REFUSE TO EMBARK Continued Movement of Dutch Troops Causes Uneasiness Among the General Public.

Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 22.—A tense undercurrent of feeling has been running through all classes in Holland in the past few days. It is attributed to the public concern owing to Germany's action in not replying to the Dutch note, protesting against the North sea war zone and nervousness as to what might result from the German blockade and submarine activity, which possibly might produce untoward incident at any moment.

Although neutral vessels have suffered, the Dutch ships to the present time have escaped damage, and many seamen are demanding increased wages owing to risks. Some decline to sail and left their ships, especially those bound for England.

Continued movements of troops towards various frontier points and constant work of military engineers on inundation works have increased uneasiness of the people.

Plan Attack on Constantinople.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung says a Sofia dispatch says the Russians are concentrating large forces at Odessa in readiness to ship them to Midia on the Black sea, sixty miles northwest of Constantinople, for an attack on that city.

## MORE MONEY FOR DEFENSE

### Army Appropriation Bill Will Carry \$103,000,000—Naval Expenditures Also will Be Increased.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Both houses in congress centered their attention on the appropriations for national defense. The senate discussed until late tonight the army appropriation bill carrying approximately one hundred and three million and the house continued to debate on fortification's bill.

The senate practically completed consideration of the naval appropriations measure and the senate passed without debate the pension bill, carrying one hundred and sixty-four million.

Increases in submarines and aviation are proposed by the senate naval committee. The amendments include a million for aviation instead of three hundred thousand as authorized by the house bill, and a provision for six submarines instead of one, and sixteen instead of eleven smaller type of submarines.

At a night session the senate naval committee reported on appropriations carrying \$150,962,000, an increase over the house bill of \$8,314,000.

## FEDERAL JUDGE MAKES VIGOROUS DEFENSE AGAINST ALL IMPEACHMENT CHARGES

Washington, Feb. 22.—Replying in elaborate detail to accusations of Federal Judge Dayton of West Virginia, emphatically denied charges pending against him for his impeachment, before an investigating sub-committee of the house judiciary committee.

Referring to cases he decided against the United Mine Workers of America, Dayton declared he simply carried out the law without any prejudice against union labor.

He asserted that "prying into his private loans with banks" was an effort to ruin him financially.

### CARRANZA GETS COAL FIELDS El Paso, Texas, Feb. 22.—Carranza troops have defeated forces of Villa and captured Hermanos, Coahuila, according to Carranza official reports. Victory gives Carranza control of the entire coal fields of Coahuila and practically only developed coal field in Mexico.

### LOST IN GALE.

Lunenburg, N. S., Feb. 22.—Terr. Schooner W. Cortada, owned here, has been posted as lost with a crew of eight. The owners believe it was lost in a gale January 13.

## Trouserettes Is Latest Thrill

Chicago, Feb. 22.—It's to be trouserettes for the fashionable spring maid. But not as Dr. Mary Walker wore 'em.

Dainty chiffon billows peeping beneath the hem of a dancing frock, like grandmother's pantaleons, satin bloomers as voluminous as a harem favorite—these may have. But they're far different from the bifurcated garment of masculine choice.

With the trouserette comes the feminine pocket, net tucked away in the folds of an 1830 skirt but hanging conspicuously on a blouse or afternoon frock.

The trouserette is introduced by Mme. Ripley, president of the Fashion Art league, who will also exhibit the convenient pocket on several of her models.

## SIGNAL HONOR FOR THIS STATE

### President Moore of Exposition Will Lend Official Presence to North Dakota Building Ded- ication on March 16.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—President Moore of the Panama Pacific Exposition has informed the secretary in charge of the North Dakota building at the Exposition grounds at San Francisco, that the formal dedication of the building will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, at 2 p. m. The representative of the North Dakota commission will be met at the Exposition gates by President Moore and his escort of band and military, and the line of march will be taken up to the completed North Dakota building on the bay front, where Mr. Moore will publicly thank the state of North Dakota for participating in such a fine way in this great exposition.

### Expect Fine Attendance.

It is expected that a large number of the former residents of the state of North Dakota, who are now residing in California and other coast states will be present at the ceremonies, and it is hoped that all residents of North Dakota who intend to visit the Exposition during March will time their visit so that they may participate in the event.

The above event should not be confused with North Dakota Day which has been set for May 21, when Governor Hanna and the rest of the North Dakota commission are expected at the North Dakota building.

## HARRINGTON IS NEW PRESIDENT

### Chosen Head of North Dakota Re- tail Hardware Association as Fargo Convention Comes to Its Close.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 22.—Hubert Harrington of Fargo, was elected president of the North Dakota Retail Hardware association at the closing session of the annual convention held in the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon. The other officers chosen were: Otto Songstad, Northwood, first vice president; D. R. Jacobson, Minot, second vice president; C. N. Barnes, Grand Forks, secretary; A. J. Smith, Carrington, treasurer.

### Board of Directors.

A. L. Shulst of Fargo, C. J. Reed of Antler, and J. R. Vestry of Drayton, were chosen members of the board of directors. The last three presidents, W. R. McIntosh of Boulleville, H. A. Moe of Churches Ferry, and A. J. Smith of Carrington, by virtue of their having been chief executives of the association, are also members of the board of directors.

E. L. Pollard of Litchville, and C. W. Ferguson of the national convention delegates to the national convention of retail hardware men to be held in St. Paul the last week in June. President Harrington and Secretary Barnes by virtue of their office, are also delegates from North Dakota to this convention.

### Large Attendance.

A conservative estimate places the number of North Dakota retail hardware merchants who attended the convention at 250. The number of visitors from other states and representatives of manufacturers and jobbers will easily bring the number to over 500 who were attracted to Fargo by the splendid convention the best and most successful in every way of any ever held by the North Dakota organization.

The resolutions adopted contained several matters of importance to the trade. Among others was a resolution favoring one cent postage, and another asking legislative enactment of a state law for honest advertising. Along this line an important point was brought out by former president, McNamara, of the national association, which received the unqualified endorsement of the convention.

## SUFFRAGE FIGHT TO BE RESUMED

### ACTION ON SEN. STEELE'S MOTION TO SEND BILL BACK TO HOUSE WILL BE UP FOR ACTION THIS AF- TERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK.

### SUFFRAGISTS ARE ACTIVE It is Believed, However, that Bronson Resolution will be Retained.

Suffrage forces have been active since Saturday to get favorable action this afternoon on the Bronson resolution substituting suffrage to the people again. It is hardly likely that there will be any great change in the vote taken on the issue last week. The senators who voted not to send the measure back to the house seem determined to stand pat on the issue.

Since the bill was recalled from the house, the senators have been doing some earnest thinking. The November vote has been studied closely and the solons in many instances are seeing the issue in its true light.

The motion of Senator Steele's that if the Bronson resolution is not acted upon by 4 p. m. today that the bill be returned to the house, will come up for action at 2 p. m. It is likely that a motion will be made to lay Senator Steele's motion on the table. The anti-suffragists hope to secure enough votes to carry this motion.

It is likely that the fight will not be given up until Wednesday noon, when the time expires for messaging bills over to the house.

Members of the senate seem determined to get the matter out of the way today. Those who have been leading the fight against the suffrage issue seem confident that the measure will be kept in the senate and not returned to the house.

## FIGHT INDIANS FOR TWO DAYS

### Renegade Redmen Engage in Running Battle Near Bluff, Utah.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 22.—Posses which for two days have been engaged in a running fight with bands of renegade Indians near Bluff, Utah, captured three more members of the band, and orders have been sent to Mead that all maniacs in that city be brought to Bluff, according to a telegram from L. D. Creel, special Indian agent for Utah. Creel was accompanied by the federal district attorney, Cook, en route to Bluff to attempt pacification of the Indians.

Special dispatches dated last night stated the fight continues. It is stated four Indians were captured and the white men were reinforced. It is not believed the Indians will attack Bluff, where there are sufficient white men to protect it and enough to cut off retreat of the Indians should they endeavor to escape into the hills.

## RED TRAIL IS MOST INVITING

### Bismarck Hotels Contribute Much to Inducements for Auto Tour- ists Coming This Way.

Dickinson, N. D., Feb. 21.—Fred W. Turner, president of the National Park Highway association, returned home the first of the week from a trip to Bismarck and Fargo to which places he went with F. M. Fretwill, secretary of the Automobile Club of Seattle, for a conference with F. L. Conkling and J. P. Hardy. Mr. Conkling of Bismarck is treasurer of the National Parks Highway association, while J. P. Hardy of Fargo is first vice president. The Seattle man stopped off at Medora en route east and returning from the Twin Cities will go over this Milwaukee, stopping at Marmarth to see what the conditions are for crossing the Little Missouri river.

### Fine Hotel Accommodations.

Mr. Fretwill was greatly impressed with the cities and business enterprises he found along the main line of the Northern Pacific. The hotels at Glendice, Dickinson, Bismarck, Mandan, Jamestown and Fargo, he said, were the kind of places the continental auto traveler wanted to find when touring the country. These matters appeal to the tourist, and our roads, as a whole, are also much better than any others found in the western part of North or South Dakota. The Bad Lands section of the Red Trail route is the most scenic of any to be found anywhere.

## USING DIPLOMACY TO KEEP ROUMANIA OUT OF WORLD WAR



Baron Stephen von Burian, the new Austro-Hungarian chancellor, is using all the powers of diplomacy to keep Rumania and the other Balkan states out of the war. It is said, too, that he is willing to cede a little Austrian territory to Italy to keep the latter nation from joining the allies. Von Burian succeeds Count Berchtold, who wrote the note to Serbia which precipitated the war.

## PURCELL BILL FOR PASSAGE

### Good Roads Legislation Comes up in House Committee of the Whole.

An important piece of good roads legislation was recommended to pass by the house committee of the whole yesterday afternoon and the Boyce bill to repeal the law providing for the state highway commission was killed. The bill recommended for passage is H. B. 430, Purcell, relating to the registration and re-registration of motor vehicles and providing that fees required thereon shall be in lieu of all taxes.

This bill is really a compromise measure. The Grow bill which was killed last week contained features which were objected to by many who supported the Purcell bill yesterday. H. B. 430 provides that autos be taxed one per cent of the catalogue price in lieu of all other taxes and that 50 per cent of this money is to be returned to the counties and distributed the same as the auto license money is now used while the other 5 per cent is to be placed in a state highway commission fund and is to be spent under the direction of the state highway commission, also to employ surplus convict labor on the highways.

### Boyce Bill Killed.

The Boyce bill (H. B. 442) was killed in committee of the whole by a two to one vote yesterday. This bill would do away with the state highway commission and offers no substitute for same. There has been active opposition to the highway commission throughout the session and this opposition succeeded in killing the Grow good roads bill just recently. But the idea of abolishing the highway commission seems to have been a little too far-fetched for the Boyce bill was voted down by a big majority. The author of the bill and W. J. Burnett of Traill argued in its behalf.

## ASK CO-OPERATION TO "SEE AMERICA FIRST"

### The North Dakota Development League Press Bureau Will As- sist in Movement to Keep Money at Home.

The North Dakota Development League Press bureau has been asked to co-operate with the National "See America First" movement. Americans have been accustomed to spend millions of dollars abroad each year. This money should be spent at home. The war will help us keep most of it at home. This "See America First" movement aims to keep this money at home and to make Americans more familiar with their own country. In compliance with this movement, the North Dakota Development League Press Bureau will send out to the towns and cities of North Dakota a four reel moving picture show. This show will consist of a reel of Yellowstone National Park, a reel entitled "Through the Fertile Northwest" and the North Dakota University "A Pageant of the Northwest" reel. These four reels contain over four thousand feet of pictures and the whole four reels will be untripped to any North Dakota moving picture theater free. Address C. W. Graves, Grand Forks.

## THE LIBRARY COMMISSION ABOLISHED?

### H. B. 476 WOULD GIVE ITS DUTIES TO BOARD OF RE- GENTS OF EDUCATION— LATHROP COMMITTEE MAKES SEVERAL CHANGES

### BILL RECOMMENDED TO PASS One-Year High Schools May Re- ceive State Aid Here after.

The state library commission will be abolished in case the board of regents bill passes the legislature and is approved by the governor and becomes a law if H. B. 476, Lathrop committee, becomes effective. The bill provides that the library commission be abolished when the board of regents bill becomes operative and the board of regents is to take full charge of the work now carried on the commission.

### Include One-Year Schools.

H. B. 417, Hickle, was amended yesterday on motion of Mr. Kelly of Ransom, so that state aid will also be extended to one year high schools employing two or more teachers. This bill relates to high school inspection and state aid for high schools.

### Reduce Budget Board.

The state budget board will be comprised of but five members if H. B. 484, Lathrop committee, goes through as amended and recommended for passage yesterday.

The bill as introduced provided for seven members, as follows: the governor, lieutenant governor, chairman of the senate and house appropriations committees of the previous legislative assembly, speaker of the previous house, state auditor and attorney general. The amended bill cuts out the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house.

### Forty Mill Tax.

Hedalen's bill (H. B. 345) providing for an annual school tax in special school districts, was amended, so that in districts having a high school the board may levy a tax not to exceed forty mills. In other cases the tax not to exceed thirty mills. In this form it was recommended to pass.

## NO FEAR OF FOOD SHORTAGE

### Government States that There is Plenty on Hand Until New Crop is Marketed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The department of agriculture issued the following statement on February 17: "The 1914 wheat crop of the United States was estimated to be 891,000,000 bushels. The estimated surplus carried over from the 1913 crop was about 78,000,000 bushels. There was, therefore, a total available supply of 969,000,000 bushels. As the normal annual per capita consumption of wheat in the United States is about 5.3 bushels, 520,000,000 bushels should meet our normal domestic requirements for food; in addition, 900,000 bushels are required annually for seeding, 610,000,000 bushels, therefore, should supply the normal domestic demand. This would leave a surplus of 357,000,000 bushels. Of this surplus about 210,000,000 bushels were exported by January 30. This left 147,000,000 bushels, or 40,000,000 bushels more than our average annual export for the past five years, for export between February 1 and the appearance of the new crop, or for carrying over into the next crop year. The amount is sufficient to permit the export of nearly 1,000,000 bushels a day until July 1, before which time the new crop will begin to be available."

This is about the average recent exportation.

The large demand for our wheat arises from the fact that there was an estimated world's shortage of over

## "JOHN D." GIVES MORE THAN A MILLION TO WAR RELIEF IN EUROPE

New York, Feb. 22.—Gifts, pledges and appropriations made by the Rockefeller foundation since its organization up to January 1, approximate \$6,000,000, according to a statement from the foundation to United States commission on industrial relations at the request of the commission. Over a million was given the war relief in Europe.

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