

# GERMANY HOLDS UNITED STATES CONSULS

## LADD'S DRUG BILL PUT TO SLEEP AT LAST

Chief Clerk Bowen Acts as Pall Bearer for Forty Murdered Senate Measures

UPPER HOUSE PROMPTLY STAGES FUNERAL ALSO

Fires Back Thirty-Seven League Bills Which Failed to Pass Muster

TOTAL TEN MILLION.

An index of all appropriation measures introduced at this session shows a total of ten millions. All that the state can raise on its present assessed valuation is a little in excess of four million.

House Bill 123 was indefinitely postponed in the senate this afternoon. This is Dr. Ladd's anti-pest medicine bill, requiring that all formulas be filed with the state chemist. There was a minority report, signed by Dr. Rowe of Casselton, chairman of the senate committee on public health. Physicians have been opposing the bill.

Four-Fifths Decision.

The senate passed Hendrickson's concurrent resolution requiring a four-fifths decision from the supreme court to hold any law unconstitutional. This will be referred to the people at the next general election.

Forty senate bills were returned by the house to the senate. Chief Clerk Bowen for the first time appeared in person before the senate. He apparently enjoyed the trip. The senate promptly returned to the house 37 house bills which had been indefinitely postponed.

In the last hour of yesterday's legislative session the senate cleaned up the calendar, passing nine bills. Among those passed was H. R. 165, increasing maximum which may be loaned from the school fund on first farm mortgages from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Appoints Board.

Gov. Frazier has sent to the senate his nominations for members of the state board of education, as follows: A. G. Craze, president of Minot normal.

Fred G. Smith, president of Bottineau school of forestry, and C. E. Cazette, superintendent of schools for Ramsey county.

Dr. A. G. Whitmore of Bowman county.

He has also nominated for secretary of the state board of health, Dr. C. J. McGurran of Devils Lake.

The fate of house bill 427 prohibiting the use of trading stamps and premiums in merchandising remains in doubt. It is probable the senate will take no action until the attorney general has furnished an opinion as to the constitutionality of the measure in response to resolutions introduced today by Senator Martin.

House bills 373 and 376, relating to the initiative and referendum were laid over until tomorrow, when divided reports presented by the committee on judiciary were objected to.

"Booze" Tester.

House bill 318, implying a warranty in the sale of farm machinery was indefinitely postponed as was house bill 299, establishing a revolving fund in the pure food department to provide for cream inspections.

On third reading the senate passed house bill 188, providing uniform laws for the sale of goods. House bill 317, tightening up the laws relating to gambling houses as public nuisances, and house bill 388, defining anything that tastes like "booze" or looks like "booze" or acts like "booze" to be "booze" under the prohibition laws of North Dakota.

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The British gunboat Firefly, which was lost at the time of the retreat from Ctesiphon, has been recaptured. One Turkish ship has been taken and one destroyed.

British forces are giving the retreating Turks beyond Kut-el-Amara no chance to re-form their columns. The pursuit is continuing, and the retreating enemy forces have been engaged on three sides, an official Mesopotamian statement said today.

"Pursuit of the enemy is still maintained. On Monday, our troops engaged the enemy on three sides. Thirty miles northwest of Kut-el-Amara the enemy abandoned quantities of equipment and stores. The total of those taken prisoners on Sunday has reached 360. The enemy threw its guns into the Tigris river, including four 3.3 inch guns."

## TWO PERISH IN STORM OF LAST FRIDAY

Lakota, N. D., Feb. 28.—Leaving her home about 5:30 o'clock in the evening to join the little school wagon, on which was to take her chums to a band concert at Brockert, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Arvilla, living four miles west of Brockert, became lost and was found frozen to death late Saturday afternoon. 24 hours after she had left her home. She fell exhausted before the icy fury of the storm two miles from the farm home.

THREE MAIL TRAINS IN 25 DAYS AT NEW ENGLAND

New England, N. D., Feb. 28.—In the space of 25 days, New England has seen but three mail trains, and but one freight. There is enough coal in the hands of dealers to hold the city over another week. There is no truth to the report sent out from here that the electric light plant was forced to close down, that the coal could be used in the homes, but such might result if traffic conditions do not improve.

## HOOSIER STATE ENTERS RANKS OF SUFFRAGE

(Associated Press)

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—With only Mrs. Goodrich looking on, Governor James P. Goodrich signed the woman's part suffrage bill this morning. The law gives the women of Indiana the right to vote for presidential electors, practically all state officers, except governor and lieutenant governor, and for all city and township offices.

## Boost Army Bill Thirty Seven Million

Senate Attaches Universal Military Training Bill as Rider to Appropriation Act

NOT BELIEVED THAT MEASURE WILL PASS

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—An increase of \$7,500,000 to the army appropriation bill was ordered by the senate military committee, in completing review of the measure which passed the house. As it will be reported to the senate, the bill will carry \$277,480,708, \$10,000 in excess of the amount carried in the existing law. The principal increase ordered is \$13,600,000 for clothing and camp and garrison equipment, making the total for this purpose \$28,000,000. The committee was actuated in recommending the increase as a result of Mexican mobilization, which demonstrated that clothing supplies and camp equipment were, as Senator Chamberlain expressed it, "woefully lacking." Other large increases ordered are \$4,350,000 for automatic machine rifles, \$1,000,000 for civilian military training, and \$1,350,000 for government manufacture of arms. The committee attached to the measure the Chamberlain universal military training bill, but it is not expected to carry at this session.

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## 1,000 ACRE HOG RANCH FOR NORTH DAKOTA

Rolla, N. D., Feb. 28.—A hog ranch incorporated with a working capital of \$100,000 is the project proposed to farmers of this section by J. Laudauer of Minneapolis. The ranch will consist of 1,000 acres, will have about \$60,000 worth of buildings and fences and will start with 1,000 brood sows. It is planned to market 12,000 hogs annually. The big ranch will be located a short distance from St. John.

## BRYAN PLEDGES WILSON SUPPORT IF WAR COMES

Commoner Insists That Declaration of Hostilities Should Be Submitted to Referendum

KEEP AMERICANS OFF BELLIGERENT SHIPS

Utters Old Fable of Munition Makers Being Behind Agitation to Defend Rights

(United Press)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan will support the administration in the event of war, but until war comes, he will oppose, with all his resources, any step that might lead to war. He insisted war should be decided by a referendum vote of the people only. Asked whether he would support the arming of merchantmen, whether he liked the president's last message and whether he wants to see congress remain in Washington, he declined to go into detail. He left no doubt he would hold the president to the strict letter of his statements that in his belief he was proposing no steps that would lead to war. Bryan dictated the statement and after it had been handed back to him to read, he asked that the following be inserted:

Loyal Support.

"If war actually comes, the administration will have no more loyal a supporter than I am while the war lasts, but until war comes, peace will have no more ardent a champion." Bryan wants action taken by congress to show plainly that the president is not authorized to start a war. "There should be no passengers on belligerent ships or any others for that matter that carry contraband," he said. Bryan said he made his appeal for peace not to pacifists from whom he knew he had support, but to those who saw no other way out of the situation which he apparently thought was the only kind worth appealing to. He said: "I have no plans, but I felt it would be wise for"

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## GUILTY, FINDING OF JURY SITTING IN BISHOP CASE

With Ladehoff Will Be Sentenced by Judge Nuesse Saturday Morning

HARRIS LAND CASE CALLED THIS MORNING

Solomon Bishop, twice tried in the district court at this term on the charge of keeping and maintaining a common nuisance, was found guilty by the jury which reported its verdict shortly before 10 o'clock last evening. The first case resulted in a disagreement. Bishop, with Julius Ladehoff, also convicted for the same offense, will be sentenced by Judge Nuesse Saturday morning.

A continuance has been asked in the Spies-Durant case and it is reported that a settlement is pending.

The case of the Red River Valley Land company of Fargo vs. Lyman Harris of Bismarck, administrator of the estate of the late Simon Harris, was started this morning. The case involves titles over real estate possessions in Tennessee. Attorney George Bangs of Grand Forks is representing the plaintiff, and the law firm of Newton, Dullam & Young, the defendant.

## AUSTRIA TO BACK POLICY OF GERMANY

(Associated Press)

London, Feb. 28.—The Austrian reply to the American note in regard to the submarine issue will be handed shortly to the United States ambassador in Vienna, and will probably endorse the position of Germany, according to a Reuter's Amsterdam dispatch, quoting a Berlin telegram to the Weser Zeitung of Bremen. The telegram says that the Vienna government will clearly express the view that there is no turning back for the Central Powers.

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## PREPARE PUBLIC FOR BREAK WITH UNITED STATES

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg Devotes Entire Speech to American Crisis

GERMAN PUBLIC NOT ALARMED OVER BREAK

Would Be No More Ripple if War Were Declared Than When Rumania Entered Contest

(Associated Press)

Berlin, Feb. 28.—The prominence which Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg gave in his address to the Reichstag today to a discussion of relations with the United States is regarded here as indicating his purpose to prepare the German public for the eventuality which is looked forward to in many quarters. There was much confusion of opinion and prophecy on this point today on account of the continued absence of authentic news from Washington as well as the reports which are being received in regard to the state of public opinion in America. The German press continues to serve up fragmentary but sensational bulletins, indicating feverish war preparation in the United States.

Germany Prepared.

At this hour, it may be said that a declaration of war from Washington would find the German mind quick prepared for it. Less of a ripple would be caused here than was occasioned by Rumania's entrance into the war, and a final break with the United States would be likely to meet with apathetic indifference, as far as the public at large is concerned. There is no feeling that a crisis is at hand, but merely a tension which has been gathering intensify. The nation is now pinning its faith to its U-boat.

WASHINGTON INDIGNANT

(Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Surprise bordering on indignation was voiced here early today over Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg's speech to the Reichstag. State department officials are amazed that the chancellor should seek further to confuse German-American relations with a series of statements, which they say are palpably opposed to the most obvious events of recent history.

The chancellor's statement that the United States severed relations "brusquely" is viewed as too absurd for discussion. It is pointed out that the American correspondence has plainly threatened such action, that Count von Bernstorff had said for several days before hand that he expected to be dismissed and that the German government had shown its realization of the coming break by sending out orders to disable its merchant ships in this country. It is also pointed out that while the United States delayed three days in taking the action, it had clearly foreshadowed in several notes, Germany puts in to effect its campaign of ruthlessness on eight hours' notice, after months of assurances that she had no intention of taking such a step. The statement that Germany, in her Sussex note, reserved a new course of action is declared wholly unjustified. The United States specifically refused to accept that condition and in default of any reply from Germany was justified in believing that Germany adhered to her point of view.

JUSTIFIES WARFARE.

(United Press)

Berlin, Feb. 28.—First editorial comments by German newspapers on the sinking of the liner Laconia, justified the latest statement of submarine warfare by suggesting that it was merely carrying out the government's warning to sink all ships in the barred zone. One paper called attention

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## \$50,000 RELIEF FOR TROOPS NOW UP TO FRAZIER

House Passes Appropriation Bill to Give Soldier Boys \$10 Per Month for Services

\$120,000 TO MAINTAIN STATE NATIONAL GUARD

Whether the soldier boys who so well upheld the honor of their native state during their seven and one-half months' service on the border are to receive additional compensation of \$10 per month from North Dakota now is a question for Governor Frazier to decide. The house yesterday passed Senate Bill 324, appropriating \$50,000 to be disbursed in extra compensation in the form of "pensions," the term being used in lieu of bonus to comply with the constitution. The bill follows the lines of the original house bill appropriating \$60,000, but is drafted according to the attorney general's ideas of constitutional form. In its present shape it is not as satisfactory as it might be, inasmuch as it requires each member of the North Dakota national guard who served on the border to make formal application for his "pension," but it is anticipated that this feature will not kill the effect of the bill.

The \$120,000 for Guard.

Senate Bill 166, appropriating \$120,000 for the maintenance of the national guard during the next two years, passed the house yesterday. This amount is far greater than ever before appropriated, and indicates an effort on the part of the state to bring its troops up to the standard set by the war department.

Mandan Gets \$10,000.

Five thousand dollars aid for the Missouri Slope fair, at Mandan in 1918 and 1919, \$10,000 in all, now awaits the pleasure of the governor, the house having passed S. B. 177, carrying the appropriation, yesterday.

S. B. 78, Senator Mostad's semi-monthly payday bill, requiring public service corporations to pay every fifteen days, passed the house yesterday with 110 yeas and but two nays, one absent and not voting.

## Austin Hoy Calls on Wilson to Avenge Death of Mother and Sister

(United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—The dramatic plea of Austin Hoy, son of Mrs. Mary Hoy, and brother of Miss Elizabeth Hoy, who were killed in the unwarmed submarine attack upon the great Cunarder, Laconia, demanding that the United States avenge the death of his loved ones, was received today by cable by President Wilson. Hoy demanded that the United States preserve its citizens' self-respect. The cable said:

"I am an American citizen, representing the Sullivan Machinery company, living abroad, not as an expatriot, but for the extension of the American trade I love the American flag. My loved mother and sister were passengers on the steamer, Laconia, and foully murdered on the high seas and, as American citizens it was an outrage. As an American son and brother, I call upon you to preserve its citizens' self-respect and save others of my countrymen. I am of military age and able to fight. If my country can use me against these assassins, I am at your call. If it stiffles my manhood by remaining passive under these outrages, I shall seek a man's chances under another flag."

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## Congress Is in Tangle Over Crisis

House Makes Vital Changes in Bill Giving President Authority

WILSON OPPOSED TO ANY REVISIONS

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—The situation in congress fell into a tangle again today, and the prospects that there would be no extra session were not so promising as they were last night. The house foreign affairs committee reported the bill to empower the president to protect American rights against the German submarine menace, but with changes which are unwelcome to the administration.

It declined to make provision for the president to use "other instrumentalities," which he desires, and prohibited giving government war insurance to munition ships.

Agreeable to President.

The bill reported yesterday by the senate foreign relations committee is practically agreeable to the president. The two measures may be reconciled in some way, although the president has given notice that he expects no material changes.

Prospects of a Republican filibuster loomed up again in the senate.

Senators who today began to insist upon "free and full" discussion of all measures openly assert that the reason for their course is to force an extra session.

The major part of the Republican opposition apparently does not lie against the bill to grant the president broad powers to deal with the submarine situation, although there are probably a half dozen on the minority side opposed to it, either in principle or because they regarded it as too sweeping in character.

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BIG DRIVE TO POOL INTERESTS FOR HOSTILITIES

Business Men Hastening to Place Resources at Disposal of Federal Government

BASCAM LITTLE TO HEAD COMMISSION Selected by War Department to Organize Industrial Forces of Nation

MUNITION PROBLEM.

(United Press)

Let this government encourage every possible manufacturer to produce for the government non-specialized products at a good profit. Uncle Sam must learn to buy as a big corporation buys.—Bascam Little.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 28.—With the German crisis seemingly near an approaching break, business men are hastening to the colors today, preparing to back Uncle Sam from the first to last. Several business firms desiring to co-operate with the United States army quartermaster in buying supplies have already been reported.

Pool Interests.

A pool of the business interests of the country has found them at attention, eager to help the government. Little is the man that Uncle Sam has delegated to swing the business interests into line. He outlined to the United Press the perils and problems and sees that it must be quickly provided for with war materials. He is chairman of the National Defense committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which has been asked by Secretary of War Baker to co-operate with the army and navy.

"Unless the government and private industries get together and learn how to co-operate this government will enter into hostilities under a great handicap. A wide production cannot be had if this government is to proceed in a short-sighted buying plan. The government should become the most valuable piece buying customer the private industries have. The government aloftness must be changed to one of friendly interest to the producer," Little said.

## GERARD SAILS FOR AMERICA

(Associated Press)

Corunna, Spain, Feb. 28.—James W. Gerard, former American ambassador at Berlin, sailed today on the steamship Infanta Isabel for Havana. The steamer is expected to reach that port March 8 or 9.

Mr. Gerard was escorted to his boat by the mayor of Corunna, in place of the governor, who is ill, the British and the Cuban consuls. The Infanta Isabel was filled to capacity, carrying 750 in the steerage.

William H. Gale, formerly American consul general at Munich, arrived here today and with difficulty obtained passage on the Infanta Isabel.

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## TWO NOTES SENT

Consul Mueller Delayed in Cuba on Way Home Through—No Fault of Washington

TEUTONS OBJECT TO HGUE DISPATCHES

Declare That No American Subjects Have Been Mistreated in Germany

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Four American consuls are being detained in Germany while the Berlin government awaits official advice that all German consuls in this country ordered to Central and South America have been permitted to proceed.

The German government's action is based on circumstances, which, through no concern of the United States, detained Consul Mueller, at Havana, Cuba, while he was on his way from Atlanta to Quito, Ecuador.

Two Notes Received.

Two notes have been received from the German government on the subject; the first, a week ago, charged that the United States had detained Mueller at Havana, and a second, today, asking for a reply to the first, and also containing a statement on charges that American consuls and their wives departing from Germany had been subjected to indignities. It added that as soon as Mueller has been allowed to proceed, the American consuls could go on.

Government Misinformed.

That the German government had been misinformed regarding Consul Mueller and other German consuls is certain. Mueller, through no fault of the United States, was forced to remain in Havana longer than he at first thought would be necessary, and he called Berlin that he was being detained there. The German government is believed to have taken this to mean that the United States was responsible for the detention. As a matter of fact, Mueller was forced to remain in Havana because of temporary lack of transportation and failure to receive passports from the Ecuadorian government. Having made his arrangements, he left Havana for his new post several days ago.

Complaints of Reports.

In the note received today Germany complains against published reports recently cable to the United States from The Hague, in which it was stated that American consular officials leaving Germany have been mistreated. It is stated that everything possible was done to provide for the comfortable and safe departure of the American officials and blame for the alleged misrepresentation is placed upon Vice Consul Harold B. Quarton, formerly at Berlin, whom Germany believes to have been the only consular official from Germany in The Hague at the time the newspaper articles were cabled. Germany makes it clear in the communication that it feels the articles were written as a means of influencing public opinion.

## PLACEMENT OF BONDS WITH BANKER'S SYNDICATE

(Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Federal Farm Loan board officials are understood to have arranged for placing half of the entire first issue of forthcoming farm loan bonds, amount undetermined, with a syndicate of bankers at New York and elsewhere, at a rate of 4 1/2 percent. The rate to be charged the farmer on loans will range between 5 percent and 6 1/2 percent.