

POLICY OF GERMANY EXPLAINED

Memorandum Delivered to State Department Today Gives Reasons for Decree Directed Against Armed Merchantmen

HOUSE VOTES 276-142 TO UPHOLD PRESIDENT

Warning Resolution Goes Down in Final Show Down; All Oklahoma Members Except Morgan Sustain Course of Administration

By United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—In a memorandum that was delivered to Secretary Lansing today by Ambassador Bernstorff, the German government explained the reasons for the decree that armed merchantmen shall be attacked without warning.

The memorandum says this action was necessitated because of the numerous violations of international law by the allies, especially by England.

The German communication specifies the "illegal" blockade and the hampering of trade between neutral countries, the interruption of mail and the arming of merchant ships for offensive purposes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—By a vote of 276 to 142 the house of representatives late yesterday afternoon turned down the McLemore resolution, which proposed to warn Americans to avoid armed merchant ships.

All the members of the Oklahoma delegation except Morgan, Republican, voted with the administration forces. The vote in favor of tabling the McLemore resolution follows:

Ayes—Democrats, 182; Republicans, 53, progressives, 1. Total 276. Nays—Democrats, 33; Republicans, 102; progressives, 5; independents, 1; Socialists, 1. Total, 142.

Paired and not voting, 17. In the course of the four hours' debate Chairman Fou of the rules committee said:

"It is charged that the president wants war. All the lips of hell never devised a more infamous charge. No man since Abraham Lincoln has gone through such a test as the president in the last six months to avoid war. He has tried to preserve peace. He would not sacrifice a single life to make himself president for his lifetime."

Urging that the president be sustained in his efforts to uphold international law, Chairman Flood of the committee on foreign affairs declared:

"If we yield to Germany," he said, "we will have to yield to the allies and the whole fabric of international law will crumble piece by piece. We cannot yield to Germany without admitting that the awful crime of the sinking of the Lusitania was justified. The only course to pursue is to stand up strongly for international law. This the president has done, and done in such a way as to serve the rights and principles of humanity."

The president now stands prepared to go on with the submarine negotiations with the central powers.

The next step probably will be an answer to Germany's last proposal to settle the Lusitania case in which the United States probably will ask for such further assurances as it considers sufficiently broad and complete to guarantee that the new submarine campaign which began on March 1 and in which notice has been given that all ships carrying guns will be sunk without warning, will not endanger American traveling the seas on merchant vessels.

The president and his advisers regard the action of the house Tuesday as a sufficient answer to reports circulated in Berlin sent from Washington that congress stood two to one against him in the crisis.

One of the day's surprises was the failure of the so-called Bryan influence to develop any appreciable strength against the president.

"Stand by the president and do not

embarrass him in his diplomatic negotiations with foreign countries," was the whole burden of the argument of the administration leaders. They paid little attention to the involved legal phases of the situation. It was enough they argued that the president had said the reported attitude of congress as opposed to his policy was embarrassing him abroad, and to that they stuck.

U. S. STEEL PRESIDENT INDICTED

Charged With Violation of Ohio Anti-Trust Law in Conspiring to Keep Down Wages; Echo of Riots at Youngstown

By United Press. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 8.—Judge E. H. Gary, president of the United States Steel corporation and six other large steel companies, was indicted today by the county grand jury here on the charge of violation of the Ohio anti-trust laws in conspiring to keep down the wages of common laborers.

The indictment grew out of the East Youngstown riots on January 7 when four men were killed and property valued at \$1,000,000 was destroyed, 27 persons being injured at the same time.

The report of the grand jury censured Mayor Cunningham and the East Youngstown police as "unworthy to hold their offices" because of their actions during the riots.

The mayor and six members of the village council were indicted on the charge of being interested in the purchase of certain property that was needed by the village.

SESSION OF CO. BOARD CONTINUES

The county commissioners have transacted the following business today, in addition to allowing a number of claims and accounts against the county:

Luke Vannoy, a paralytic, upon recommendation of H. E. Phillips and W. M. Parsley was allowed \$10 per month for maintenance.

The following official bonds and contracts for draining the roads were filed and approved: R. P. Fromberger, Mineo-Pocasset road, for a distance of four miles; J. S. McCowan, Rush Springs-Marlow road, for a distance of 5 miles; J. M. Taylor, Chickasha-Tabler road, for a distance of 4 miles.

Mrs. Maggie T. Moore of Verdon was allowed \$8 per month for transportation and other expenses to Ringling. On motion the county clerk, F. P. Bradley, was instructed to advertise the sale of the separate school building in school district No. 92, the date of sale set for March 18, 1916.

Petition was presented by J. S. Brown et al. for opening highway in Alex township, a width of 33 feet, beginning at a point at northwest corner section 11, township 6, range 6 west and running westward on section line between sections 3 and 10, 4 and 9, 5 and 8 to the Waughta river. Also for a road running along north side of the right of way of the C. R. L. and P. Ry. Co. line to the intersection of the section line running east and west between sections 8 and 16, all in township 6, range 6 west.

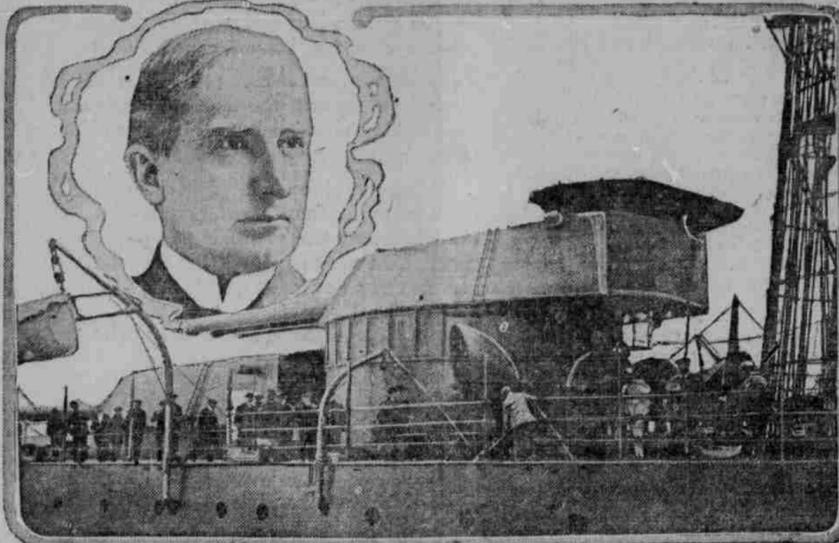
The above petition, as presented was, after consideration, referred to the township board for proper adjudication.

Petition was presented to open the section line between sections 8 and 12 was referred to the township board.

On recommendation of W. A. Bryant, Joe Blanton of Verdon was allowed \$5 per month for maintenance. Resignation of J. T. Taylor as justice of the peace for Bradley township was received, filed and accepted.

At 11:15 this morning the commissioners, accompanied by the county clerk and the highway engineer paid an inspection trip to a point on one of the county roads west of Chickasha.

PENNSYLVANIA'S TURRET AND HER COMMANDER



This is one of the three-gun turrets of the Pennsylvania, latest of Uncle Sam's dreadnaughts to be completed. Inset is a portrait of Capt. H. R. Wilson, who has been appointed to command the vessel.

DAVENPORT ADJOURNS CO. COURT

Jurors are Discharged; Criminal Cases Continued on Motion of State; Larceny Charge Against A. W. Webb is Dismissed

Judge R. E. Davenport adjourned the county court this morning and discharged the jury for the term.

On account of the illness of Attorney Simpson a number of cases in which he was interested had to be continued and when the trial of the criminal docket was taken up it became necessary to either dismiss or continue a number of the criminal cases. The cases were dismissed on motion of the county attorney. Other cases were continued for the term.

In the matter of the State of Oklahoma vs. W. S. Winters, charged with violation of the liquor laws, a plea of guilty was entered and the assessment of punishment postponed to a future date.

In the matter of the State of Oklahoma vs. A. W. Webb, charged with petit larceny, the defendant was discharged by the court upon dismissal of the case upon motion of the county attorney. In this case the defendant says he was restrained of his liberty from midnight, the time of his arrest, until such hour the ensuing day as the court set the date of his trial and fixed the amount of his bond.

In the matter of the trial of the case of Mrs. Mary Ensor vs. T. W. Perkins and wife, taken up yesterday, trial by jury, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff finding in the sum of \$71.25. This suit was to recover on a promissory note in the sum of \$96.50. In the matter of C. A. Howe vs. First National Bank of Alex, usury, case was settled out of court and dismissed.

EXPLOSION IN PLANT AT NIAGARA

By United Press. NIAGARA FALLS, March 8.—Niagara Falls was shaken and a large part of the plant of the Niagara Electro-Chemical company was destroyed by a series of explosions this morning.

Though there were 150 men in the plant, so far as known, only one was killed and one injured.

Officials of the company do not believe that the explosion was an accident. A fire started from the explosion before midnight and is still burning.

A storage house containing high explosives was endangered by the fire. The company-manufactured chemicals for the allies.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED BY COURT

Mexican Charged With Murder of Fellow Countryman Goes Free After Preliminary Hearing; Says Shots Fired in Self Defense

Amelia Gerrazo, charged with shooting and killing John Lucio, both parties Mexicans, near Norge on the afternoon of March 3, was brought before Judge Fuller late yesterday afternoon on preliminary hearing.

After hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses for both the state and the defense, the court ordered the discharge of the defendant from custody.

All material witnesses being Mexicans, many of whom professed ignorance of the English language, J. Martins acted as interpreter at the hearing. The defendant testified in his own behalf that the man whom he had killed had threatened his life; that the deceased had attempted to pay attention to the defendant's wife; that his wife had complained to him of these attentions; that he had warned the man killed, John Lucio, to keep away from his home; that on the day of the killing defendant had gone to a field where some boys were plowing to see how they were getting on with their work; that while he was there the deceased came to the field and cursed him and abused him; that he had his gun with him; that he had armed himself on account of threats made by Lucio; that Lucio drew a dirk and attacked him; that he chased him; that defendant fired one shot over Lucio's head to scare him; that Lucio did not scare; that defendant then shot to kill; that he fired five shots, three of which took effect; that after the killing defendant went to the house of a neighbor and from there telephoned the sheriff's office that he had killed a man and wanted to surrender.

Other witnesses corroborated, in the main the testimony of the defendant. Defendant's wife took the stand and testified that the dead man had repeatedly sought to pay her attentions; that he had annoyed her; that she had threatened to tell her husband; that she had told her husband; that Lucio had threatened to knife her husband. A number of neighbors of Gerrazo appeared and testified as to his general good reputation and character, all giving him the name of being a quiet, unassuming, hard-working man.

Bernadinas Carlinio, Barntenti Garjindo, Amadora Tranquish were among the witnesses examined.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Tonight, fair, continued cold; Thursday, fair, rising temperature. Maximum, 60 degrees. Minimum, 29 degrees.

FESTIVAL IN EARLY MAY PROPOSED

Style Show Suggestion is Ditched; Too Late to Carry Out Plan; New Move Launched at Meeting of Merchants

There will be no style show in Chickasha as planned some time ago, but in its place a May festival will probably be staged.

This was the decision reached at a meeting of merchants held at the C. & F. bureau headquarters last evening.

After some discussion it was generally agreed that the season is too far advanced to make the style show plan a success. Practically all present favored the idea and the suggestion was advanced by several that it should be carried out next year, arrangements being made early.

The May festival move was proposed by L. Erlich and at once met with general favor. A committee was appointed to work out a program, with details of plans for the fête which would probably continue two or three days, and this committee will report at a meeting of all merchants in the city, to be held, it is hoped, within a week. It is understood that the Woman's college is planning an elaborate May Day celebration and it is thought that the entertainment to be given there will fit well into the plans which the merchants have under way.

Wm. Reinheimer, president of the Retailers' association, presided over the meeting last night and the business firms were fairly well represented. Mr. Reinheimer made a good talk, urging the necessity for more unity of action among the merchants in promoting the trade interests of the city.

FIGHTING ON MEUSE PROCEEDS

By United Press. PARIS, March 8.—The war office reported today that heavy artillery fighting continued on both banks of the Meuse throughout the night.

The situation along the northern front near Verdun was reported to be unchanged.

Rumor Turk Leader Dead.

By United Press. ATHENS, March 8.—The rumor that Enver Pasha, the Turkish war leader, is dead, is persistently circulated here today. No confirmation of it from Constantinople was obtainable. The recent rumor that Enver was wounded by an assassin at Jerusalem is also unconfirmed.

FAMOUS CLASSIC DANCER NEAR POINT OF DEATH

By United Press. NEW YORK, March 8.—Maud Allen, the famous classic dancer, is reported today to be near death, following an operation Monday for appendicitis. The dancer was taken ill Monday. She was scheduled to sail on a European tour March 11. She was born in Sacramento, Cal., in 1879.

FARMER HELD FOR MURDER

Tragedy Occurs Near Spencer, Oklahoma, Shortly After Midnight When Father Uses Shotgun to Defend Honor of Daughter

By United Press. OKLAHOMA CITY, March 8.—Joseph Ferguson, an aged farmer, was charged today with murder because he defended the honor of his daughter with a shotgun.

Ferguson killed Rufus Brake, aged 26, last night at his home near Spencer, Okla.

Brake, who had just returned from service in the army, helped Ferguson at the latter's farm yesterday and he returned to his own home about 8 o'clock.

Shortly after midnight Ferguson heard his daughter, aged 16, scream and he rushed to her room where, he says, he found Brake behind a curtain.

Ferguson drove Brake from the house. He then got a shotgun and hid in the girl's room. He says he saw Brake returning a few minutes later and shot him dead.

RAILROAD CASES ARE APPEALED

Two suits against the Rock Island Railway company and one against the American Express company, wherein the plaintiffs had secured judgments before justices, were filed in the district court yesterday morning on appeal.

A. M. Casey vs. C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co., through its receiver, is a suit wherein the plaintiff secured judgment against the defendant company, before Judge T. P. Moore in the sum of \$75 for a "red cow" killed by an engine and cars of the defendant company on March 30, 1915, at a point south of Saledo switch. Some attorneys.

A. B. Cochran vs. American Express company is a suit wherein the plaintiff secured judgment against the company in the sum of \$119.50 for a Shetland pony, alleged to have been killed through the carelessness and neglect of the defendant company while being transported from Chickasha to Walters, Ok., or about November 15, 1915. Plaintiff, in his allegations, valued the pony at \$115 and states that he paid the express company \$4.50 transportation charges.

CLERK IN STATE OFFICE ARRESTED

By United Press. AUSTIN, Tex., March 8.—L. B. Smiley, a clerk in the office of the state comptroller, was arrested today on an indictment charging him that he aided certain county tax collectors to evade arrest for holding back funds collected to the amount of \$29,759.

Smiley was released upon a \$5,000 bond. More arrests in connection with the same charge are expected.

PREPARING PLANS FOR TRADE WAR

British are Busy With Preliminaries for Bitter Commercial Vendetta at Close of Conflict; Strangle Germany is Object

LABOR AFFILIATED WITH MOVEMENT

Non-Political Ministry of Commerce Advocated; Reciprocity Between Parts of Empire and Tariff Walls Against Enemies Proposed

By WILBUR S. FORREST.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) LONDON, March 8.—Preliminaries to the greatest commercial vendetta in history are on in England today. If England was unprepared for war in August, 1914, there is no indication she will be unprepared for the great trade war against Germany which is to follow sterner hostilities.

British commercial manufacturing and financial institutions are rapidly welding themselves into a central organization which will have for its sole purpose the strangling of German trade everywhere. This central organization, as already outlined, during a great meeting just held at the Guildhall, London, has for its purpose also an affiliation with British labor which will give the British worker the most powerful voice in history of unionism for the promotion of his welfare. Resolutions adopted agree that labor shall have a place in the organization and administration of the anti-German campaign on an equal footing with employers.

Labor has been asked to join in a great demand on the government for a non-political ministry of commerce. A remodeling of British technical and commercial education is to be demanded of the proposed ministry. That the British consular service throughout the world shall consist of the best educated and most practical business men that England can produce, is another demand. British consuls, it was agreed by the hundreds of leading commercial and financial heads attending the meeting, shall be paid high salaries with substantial cash bonuses for any considerable increase in British trade in their respective localities.

Allied with more than 100 Chambers of Commerce representing practically every commercial center in the British empire, the London Chamber of Commerce presented the following recommendations which were unanimously adopted:

For reciprocal trade relations between all parts of the British empire; preferential trade with England's allies; penalizing enemy countries by tariffs and otherwise.

A committee of the government Board of Trade commissioned to investigate and recommend changes to the advantage of British commerce today also is on record with a lengthy list of vital reforms designed to protect the British producer against foreign competition. The recommendations bar German mechanical toys from import and place heavy duties on "enemy" glass and leather year. The government is asked for a vigorous enforcement of foreign patent laws and among other things, for laws making it obligatory that foreign goods be plainly stamped as such.

Representatives from more than 100 British Chambers of Commerce met in London recently to frame further "stamps" for German trade. This meeting combined the voices of 50,000 manufacturers and merchants.

British bankers are planning a meeting to discuss financial aid for new commercial enterprises to fill the gaps left vacant by missing German imports. The great munition factories, now making shells for the army, are to be refitted with proper machinery for the manufacture of divers things that formerly came from Austria and Germany.

When England's great commercial, financial and manufacturing ring is finally welded it will not alone endeavor to crowd out German trade in the British isles and England's colonies according to best information today. Its influence will be felt more strongly at first in the countries allied with England, but will eventually spread to the four quarters of the globe.