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U. S. TO MAKE NEW PROTEST IN DIPLOMATIC GAME

It's Pres't Wilson's "Move" in Diplomatic Game Between Allies and U. S. Resulting from Blockade Declaration.

FIRST NOTES PROVIDE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING

American Proposal of Compromise Is Received Favorably by Germany but England Refuses to Consider Plan.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—It was Pres't Wilson's move today in the diplomatic games between the United States and the allies resulting from England's "blockade" controlling "all passage to and from Germany by sea."

The publication of all the notes exchanged by the governments involved showed the United States to be practically where it started in its efforts to prevent interference with the foreign trade of this country.

This left only two courses open for the administration, in the opinion of officials and diplomats, to accept the form of blockade adopted by England and France or make further protest against it.

The president in his recent talks with visitors indicated that this government would make another vigorous effort for free use of the seas, and the administration's experts are known to be gathering new material for the communication that is expected to be sent across the Atlantic within a few days.

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The allies intend to besiege the empire of Germany as an army besieges a city.

Summary of Views of Belligerents on Warfare at Sea

Great Britain and France admit that because of the danger of naval warfare wrought by the submarine they are blockading Germany by methods heretofore unrecognized in international law.

Counterbalancing this deviation from precedent, say the allies, is the exemption of ships and cargoes from absolute confiscation for breach of blockade, it being intended that neutral shippers shall suffer no detention and possibly requisition, but not loss, of goods bound to or from Germany.

Blockading operations by the allied cruiser squadrons will be confined to European waters including the Mediterranean.

England and France say they are constrained to endeavor to starve out Germany as an act of retaliation for German disregard of the rules of civilized warfare.

The stoppage of the supply of food stuffs to the civil population of Germany they contend, is a recognized consequence of blockade and is justified as a measure of warfare by all authorities, including Prince Bismarck and Count Caspari.

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RUSSIANS CLAIM ADVANCES IN TWO EAST DISTRICTS

Petrograd Announcement Claims Advance for Czar's Troops in Both Poland and Galicia—Mercury 30 Below.

PETROGRAD, March 18.—Battering away at the Austro-German lines over a battle front 600 miles long, the Russians are making progress in both Poland and Galicia.

Dispatches from Warsaw say that the Germans are falling back at many points toward the East Prussian frontier. In the Carpathians although fighting under terrible difficulties the Russians have forced back the Austrians, capturing hundreds of prisoners and some guns.

Isolated fighting is reported from Bukovina, where the Austrians are reinforcing their army.

Although they have been unable to pierce the German lines, the Russians by repeated assaults, have forced Field Marshal Hindenburg's men to give way, especially along the Orzev river where the fighting has been carried on with unparalleled ferocity.

At Ossowiec, on the Bohr river, where the Germans are bombarding the forts protecting the city, the situation is unchanged.

BRITISH WITNESS TELLS HOW CITY CAN ATTRACT FARMERS

H. J. Brown of Battle Creek Addresses Chamber of Commerce at Luncheon.

He declared that the merchant would use the Chamber of Commerce with a view to a municipal market regulated by the Chamber of Commerce, the city sealing department and the county farm bureau.

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KAISER LOSES HEAVILY BUT RANKS HOLD FIRM

Killed, Wounded and Captured of German Army Estimated at 19,000—Discipline Still Sticks Despite Exhaustion.

LONDON, March 18.—A remarkable tribute to German bravery in the great battle at Neuve Chapelle in Northern France is paid in an official eye witness narrative issued today by the government press bureau.

This account, which describes the fighting around Neuve Chapelle, reports that three German princes, including Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern, a member of the reigning family of Germany, were killed in the conflict.

The narrative follows: "On March 11 the action at Neuve Chapelle assumed the form of incessant efforts on the part of the enemy to regain the ground they had lost.

The only result was to enable us to make further slight progress. On the morning of March 12 German counter attacks were renewed on the whole front all around the village and also north of it.

German Made Prisoners. "These resulted in great losses for the enemy, who lost many prisoners. The Germans were beginning to show great exhaustion and many of the attacking line held up their hands when we opened fire.

Our infantry stormed a strong position near Moulin du Pire. About 50 soldiers, armed with bombs, rushed a trench and took 80 prisoners. In the afternoon German resistance weakened and in some cases entire companies surrendered.

Many men, completely exhausted, stated that their trenches were full of water. They said that some companies had lost all their officers and that whole battalions had been wiped out.

LA MAR SMITH, 25 YEARS OLD, DRINKS PHIAL OF CARBOLIC FLUID AFTER RETURNING FROM THEATER WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Former Wife Gives Only Clew to Motive

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"There is nothing left for me to live for. I think of you and the baby until I nearly go crazy. I suppose I will think of you until I die."

LaMar Smith, 217 Embell ct., 25 years old, ended his life shortly after midnight Thursday morning by drinking carbolac acid.

The only intimation of his intention and the sole reason to be learned for his act are expressed in the above remarks uttered Wednesday afternoon to Minnie Hepler, 124 Spruce pl., his divorced wife, and mother of his three-year-old child.

The tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson B. Harper, 114 W. Madison st., and was the third suicide in as many days to be committed in St. Joseph county.

Coroner Swantz was summoned but can ascribe no motive for the act.

With Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Smith attended one of the local theaters and returned to their home with them. A light lunch was served, after which Smith remarked that he would stay all night.

He was given a room on the second floor, close to the room occupied by the Harpers. After the latter had retired they heard grunts in the room occupied by Smith, and when they entered the room, he was lying on the bed and an empty carbolac acid bottle was on the floor.

The Harper's immediately notified Smith's parents and summoned a physician. However, before anyone arrived he was dead.

Efforts to learn something of the man's habits from his family were fruitless, as both his father and mother refused to discuss the case.

The latter is ill and is confined to his bed. The father, according to Vernon Smith, a brother, is making efforts to learn where LaMar procured the poison with which he took his life.

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"I met LaMar Wednesday afternoon in a moving picture show. It was the first time I had seen him for weeks. He is surprised with him and that she had agreed. Afterward, it was said, she had made an engagement with another party and had broken the one with Smith.

YOUNG MAN TAKES AGED AND DIES AT HOME OF FRIENDS

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Latest Bulletins From War Zone

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MADRID, Spain, March 18.—The German liner Macedonia, which escaped from LasPalmas, Canary islands, with a cargo of war supplies, is reported to have been captured at sea by a British cruiser. The Spanish government has ordered an inquiry into the ship's escape.

LONDON, March 18.—Denmark, Norway and Sweden have made identical representations to the allied powers against the Anglo-French policy of reprisals on German commerce, according to a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen.

ROME, Italy, March 18.—An extraordinary meeting of the Italian cabinet believed to be a council of war, was held today.

The German ambassador, von Helldorf, the German ambassador to Italy, is making what may prove his final effort to prevent war between this country and England.

ATHENS, March 18.—Eighty thousand Turkish soldiers have been concentrated near Smyrna, according to information received today from Constantinople. These troops are to be used to oppose the advance of Anglo-French forces if Smyrna falls under the bombardment of the British warships.

PARIS, March 18.—The Italian authorities have ordered the expulsion of 51 German subjects from the Italian Riviera, according to a news agency dispatch from Nice.

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AMSTERDAM, March 18.—"The eyes of the whole world are upon the fighting in Champagne," declared Emperor William in a speech to the 28th German reserves.

LONDON, March 18.—A press association report from Petrograd says that the outer forts at Przemysl have fallen before the Russian attacks.

PETROGRAD, March 18.—The Russians are again fighting upon German soil. A dispatch from Warsaw states that the German forces defending Langensargen, in Eastern Prussia, have been beaten back by the Russians after a fierce attack the Muscovite troops advancing into Prussia.

GERMANS BOMBARD BRITISH WAR VESSELS

Sixteen-Inch Guns Turned Upon Ships Which Have Shelled Westende.

PARIS, March 18.—British warships which bombarded Westende in Belgium have been shelled by the Germans with their mighty 16-inch guns. It was these guns which bombarded the trenches of the Belgians and Indians at Neuport.

Wounded French soldiers declare that the meagre, laconic official bulletins fail to give an idea of the fierceness of the fighting in the Champagne district. Nearly a quarter of a million men have been engaged there in a mighty conflict on the Les Mesnil-Perthes line, between Rheims and the Argonne forest.

Fighting is again in progress near Arras and Albert, where the Germans are trying to win back some of the ground they had previously lost.

MAYOR ROBERTS TABULATED THE VOTES HE WANTED

So Declares Frank Hess, Terre Haute Saloonkeeper, Who Was Designated as Roberts' Right-Hand Man.

CLOSED SALOON WHEN OWNER REFUSED FUNDS

Liquor Dealer Says He Quit Business Because the Police Were Hostile—One Man Voted Nineteen Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Mayor Donn Roberts apportioned the number of registrations he wished returned from each precinct in Terre Haute and told Frank Hess, saloon keeper, he wanted to help to see he got them.

Hess, who had been a saloonkeeper for many years, had been indicted for fraud cases in Judge Anderson's federal court today.

In precinct A, sixth ward, Roberts wanted 800 votes—about twice the number of voters. It was testified, Hess, owner of a notorious saloon in Terre Haute, was designated as "Roberts' right hand man" and was charged with offering Wm. Godfrey, government witness, \$500 to skip to Mexico after the grand jury investigation was inaugurated.

Hess also testified that he aided his husband in making false registrations. Among the prominent features of today's proceedings were that Jack Hines, saloonkeeper-politician, said Roberts ordered him to work on registration, that Maurice Walsh, democratic committee treasurer, gave him \$100; that 600 votes were bought in one precinct and that he was ordered to "work" or close his saloon.

Hines resumed the stand at the opening of today's session. Roberts told him, he testified, that precinct A, sixth ward, should stand 750 or 800 votes.

Hess swore that Roberts told him to "get them from Frank Hess, Murray's and Evans' saloons."

"Were there 750 or 800 votes in that precinct?" asked Dist. Atty. Dailley.

"Well, there are between 450 and 500 votes there," replied Hines. Jack Nugent, assistant chief of police, told Hines to send the fellows from his saloon to city hall for registration.

Hines swore that Judge Thomas C. Smith and his officers made out registration applications for about 250 colored fellows.

Hilton Redman, Chief Holler and Asst. Chief Nugent all asked me to make false registration from my saloon," Hines testified, declaring he made no false registration. He also swore that Judge Smith on election day would look over the shoulder of Mrs. Stinson, suffragist leader, and watch each registration from my book, write it on a slip and hand it to some one to be voted."

The "card system" of paying voters, giving each voter a card for \$1, proved a failure, the enterprising repeaters cashing bogus cards.

"Do you know how many votes were bought in that precinct?" asked Dailley.

"Well, Buster Harms said he spent \$500 and he surely must have bought a lot of votes," replied Hines. On cross-examination Hines admitted that two years before there were 900 registrations from (his name was correct, effort was made to discredit Hines' testimony by endeavoring to secure an admission from him that he had been arrested many times for association with disreputable women.

Wilson Democratic Club Meets Tonight at American Hall

Democrats of South Bend and Mishawaka are urged to attend the meeting of the St. Joseph County Wilson Democratic club, at American hall, at 7:45 o'clock this evening. Luncheon, a smoker and addresses by leading democrats are on the program.

JUDGE WILLING TO HOLD SATURDAY COURT

Lawyers Notified That They Can Secure Disposition of Divorce Cases in Extra Sessions.

Judge Ford in superior court Thursday morning announced to the lawyers, in attendance on the setting of cases, that he would be willing to hold an extra session of the court on Saturday for the purpose of disposing of default divorce cases.

FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF

Jury Allows Emma Worden Amount of Wages Alleged Due.

A verdict for the plaintiff was returned Wednesday afternoon by a jury in the court of Justice Wypyszynski in the case of Emma Worden against Constantine Sataris and Alex Sparks.

YOUTH DENIES THEFT

Earl Sheets, 1722 Prairie av., was arraigned in city court Thursday morning on the charge of a robe theft.

MEASLES CLOSE SCHOOL. PETERSBURG, Ill., March 18.—Churches, schools and all places of amusement here have been closed for two weeks due to an epidemic of measles.