

# ORDER TO BE GIVEN TO ARM SHIPS FOR WAR ON SUBMARINES

## TRAITORS! American Press Flays Senators

## Papers of Germany Declare They Are HEROES!

## PRESIDENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ARM SHIPS; WILL ACT SOON

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### FIGHT BEGUN IN SENATE TO END FILIBUSTERING FOR ALL TIME

Traitors Find Their Way in and Hold the Nation's Legislators at Bay, Dramatically Declares Senator Walsh.

#### COMMITTEE FAVORS TWO-THIRDS RULE

To Be Reported to the Democratic and Republican Caucuses--Proposal Meets With the Approval of President Wilson.

Washington, March 7.—The fight to end filibustering was opened in the senate this afternoon by Senator Walsh of Montana, who declared:

"Traitors might find their way into the halls of congress and by filibustering, hold the senate at bay while a foreign foe thundered at our gates.

"It is not inconceivable that filibusterers might be actuated by traitorous sentiments.

"The Revolution had its Benedict Arnold.

"Ten members of the senate were expelled for treason in 1861.

"A vice president has been indicted for treason at one time in our history.

"A member of this senate was once expelled for perfidious negotiations with enemies of this country.

"Can the senate make a rule under which it might be held at bay?"

#### AGREEMENT ON RULE.

The senate rules committee this afternoon agreed upon a two-thirds closure rule. This rule will be reported at 3 o'clock to Democratic and Republican caucuses.

The proposed rule is one the president approves. It is said that it will be accepted by the Republican caucus. It will be presented to the senate tomorrow.

#### TO LIMIT DEBATE.

The formal proposition advanced by the Democrats provides that by a two-thirds vote, debate on any question may be limited to one hour for each senator. This, it is pointed out, will preserve the time-honored majority rule custom and at the same time prevent abuse of filibuster tactics by "a willful few."

In the house there is talk of a bipartisan organization, especially if independents show a tendency to tie up proceedings.

#### HOLD THE WHIP HAND.

As things stand now, they hold the whip hand. By going it alone they can tie house business. Hence, Republicans and Democrats alike are talking of combining to choose a speaker—probably Champ Clark—and act in unison on anything affecting international affairs. An equal distribution as to committee assignments and even patronage is the house plan. The defeat administered to the president's armed neutrality resolution by "the little group of willful men" was the direct spur to those who want to cut the ancient unlimited debate rule from the senate regulations.

#### TO SQUELCH FILIBUSTERERS.

Further conferences of Democrats and Republicans were on today to augment the agreement reached last night to alter the unlimited debate rule. There is expected to be a great deal of talk before the suggested change goes through, especially by La Follette, Norris, Gronna and Cummins who led the sensational filibuster which defeated the president's armed neutrality resolution. However, leaders said today

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### ADDRESS CAUSES BITTER ATTACKS BY GERMAN PRESS

The Berlin Newspapers Complain That President Wilson Has Never Been Neutral in Attitude.

Berlin, March 7.—(Wireless)—The official German press agency today made public these extracts from German afternoon newspapers commenting on President Wilson's inaugural address with the subjoined observations: "Evening newspapers generally comment on President Wilson and his address in bitter terms, pointing out that according to his words, the president considers it incompatible with American honor to interrupt for a short while the traffic with France and England, but that for several years he has considered it perfectly compatible with this honor to submit to the British command and limit traffic and almost all intercourse with Germany.

#### ALLEGES PARTIALITY.

"The newspapers insist that the president thus already long ago introduced into American politics a standard of partial neutrality by which he conceded to one party the right to warfare, while he denied the same right to the other party.

"Newspapers discussing the humanitarian point of view, especially the Austro-Hungarian note, say:

"It is more in keeping with the principles of humanity if persons are prevented from going aboard endangered ships by timely warnings than to leave to chance their rescue at sea."

### BULLETINS

#### SUIT TO FORFEIT LANDS.

Washington, March 7.—Because the Oregon and California Railroad company and others failed to comply with certain conditions upon which they were granted, 2,300,000 acres of land in Oregon, valued at more than \$30,000,000, the government today filed suit in the United States supreme court asking that the land be forfeited to the government.

#### ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.

New York, March 7.—The Japanese government, according to the New York Tribune, presented an ultimatum to the Chinese government Feb. 19, demanding that China enter the war on the side of the allies.

#### LA FOLLETTE WILL NOT GO.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 7.—Senator La Follette will not come here tomorrow to deliver his lecture, "Undermining Democracy." An organization of Wheeling Jews which had booked him for its lecture course today canceled the engagement, though they forfeited \$500 in doing so.

#### DOG TEARS IN YELLOWSTONE RACE HAVE NOT ARRIVED

(Capital News Special Service) Pocatello, March 7.—The dog race from Ashton has not yet been decided. Five teams left Yellowstone between 5 and 6:20 o'clock Sunday morning. The teams are not yet in.

#### LINEMAN KILLED IN FALL.

(Capital News Special Service) Pocatello, March 7.—Harry Gill, a lineman, fell from a pole and died three hours later. He was first taken to a morgue and later to a hospital. He had been employed by the city.

### Legislature Today

#### HOUSE.

Passed Walker syndicalism bill and other measures seeking to curb activities of I. W. W.'s in northern Idaho said to be responsible for a miniature reign of terror among the laboring classes of the north.

Conference committee authorized to meet with like committee from the senate to determine if agreement cannot be reached on terms of workmen's compensation act. Senate insists on casualty insurance plan being incorporated.

Passed employment bureau fee bill, act relating to abstracts of title, measure authorizing governor to convey to government of United States title to King Hill project. Attempt to pass referendum measure fails.

#### SENATE.

Passed Goehry bill authorizing state appropriation of \$50,000 to build five bridges across Snake river between Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties and thereby give relief to many people living tributary to present ferries.

Passed teachers' pension bill, act allowing school districts to make levy for upkeep of gymnasiums and issuance of school district bonds.

### SENATORS WHO BLOCKED BILL DROPPED BY THE PARTY LEADERS

Republicans Revise Steering Committee and Leave Out Cummins and Gronna, Two Members of the "Willful Twelve."

#### NO EXAMINATIONS.

Washington, March 7.—First official rebuke by the senate to the "willful twelve" senators who blocked President Wilson's plan for placing the United States under an "armed neutrality" was seen today when the Republicans in private caucus dropped from their steering committee Senators Cummins and Gronna—two of the obstructionists.

The name of Senator Jones of Washington, member of the committee, during the last congress, who "fully discussed" the address, consuming several hours on the final day of the session, and who "signed the round robin under misapprehension," was also conspicuously missing from the new committee.

The action was taken to indicate senate Republicans wish it plainly understood they repudiate all responsibility for what they called the "most reprehensible filibuster in the history of the senate."

#### DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

The new Democratic steering committee is comprised of some of the strongest administration supporters. Among them are the principal leaders in the fight for the president's armed neutrality measure.

Hitchcock was in charge of the bill after Senator Stone's sensational revolt and fought for it up to the final moment of closing.

The next strongest supporter was Robinson—also a member of the committee.

#### REWARDED FOR EFFORTS.

Hitchcock and Robinson are new members—apparently chosen to reward them for their strenuous effort in behalf of the administration, as the committee was enlarged by two members.

John Sharp Williams and Ollie James, bulwarks of the administration; Martin of the appropriations committee and new Democratic floor leader; Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee, and Chairman Simmons, of the finance committee, are also members.

Senator Smoot is the only member of the steering committee re-elected. Cummins and Jones were not re-elected. Failure of Lodge of re-election occasioned some surprise. The most notable addition to the Republican committee is Senator Borah. Warren, Harding, Weeks and Wadsworth, the youthful senator from New York, are rated as distinct additions to the group. Senator Warren is chairman.

### PRESIDENT WILSON CONFINED TO ROOM

Washington, March 7.—President Wilson is confined to his room with a cold. It has been troubling him for some time.

On Monday it was aggravated by exposure to the wind and dampness when he was compelled repeatedly to life his hat, in response to cheers and when he saluted each American flag carried past him at the reviewing stand.

After his conferences today the president went immediately to his room and was ordered to remain there by Dr. Grayson.

### NO STATEMENTS ON SINKING OF SHIPS

Rome, March 7.—Hereafter Italy will adopt the plan of her allies and not make public daily statements of sinkings of vessels. At the end of each week the government will announce totals of arrivals, departures and losses.

### GERMANS TAKEN PRISONERS.

Paris, March 7.—French raids and sapping activity gained many German prisoners, today's official statement declared, while German attempts to penetrate to French trenches were checked with heavy losses. "French forces raided German trenches and took prisoners between the Oise and Aisne," the statement said.

### OFFICERS FOR ARMY OF HALF MILLION MEN TO BE PROVIDED

Men From Ranks to Be Designated for Commissions in the United States Army in Case There Is Call for Volunteers.

#### NO EXAMINATIONS.

Washington, March 7.—With a view of training an army of a half million men, if needed, the war department has issued orders to regimental commanders on the border to prepare lists of 60 men in each command who could be appointed to officers' places as high as captain to do training work.

The promotions were made only in case of actual need.

While the war department said officially today there is no move afoot toward raising a big army of volunteers, it wishes to be prepared with sufficient training officers should the emergency occur.

At present the army is admittedly ill-equipped to train any considerable number of recruits.

#### CONGRATULATIONS SENT TO THE MAYOR OF WHEELING

St. Paul, Minn., March 7.—Resolutions congratulating Wheeling, W. Va., citizens, for denying their hospitality to Senator Robert M. LaFollette were telegraphed today to the mayor of Wheeling by the St. Paul Patriotic league. The resolutions were passed last night.

### GERMAN-RUSSIANS OBJECT TO MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—German-Russians at Lincoln are angered at six of their eight church pastors, who sent a message to President Wilson purporting to express the views of all the eight preachers and their "8000 members of congregations."

Two of the preachers strongly protested against the views of the message, which urged President Wilson to "keep us out of war at all costs."

These two pastors state their names were signed to the message without their consent and without their knowing any such message was contemplated. Now the members of the congregation are being heard from in stormy protest. The matter was never broached to the congregation, they declare.

They declare they are not in favor of asking President Wilson to keep us out of war with Germany and that their preachers, with a leaning toward Germany, are endeavoring to use the congregations in a sort of propaganda move. "The 'peace move' originated in 'Der Prediger Verein.'"

### HER FIGURE IS NOT LIKE OTHER WOMEN'S

New York, March 7.—Mrs. Anna Yost doesn't think her bathing suited legs and figure are like any other woman's.

She said so when Arthur Sullivan, head of the art department of a Philadelphia advertising concern, testified that his concern had snipped the head off a picture of Mrs. Yost, pasted on a new one and used the picture for a poster.

The Anasco company, which purchased the composite beauty, may have to pay \$50,000 in damages and it may not. Judge Platzeck in the supreme court, where Mrs. Yost took her trouble, reserved decision.

### EDISON MAY RESIGN.

Annapolis, Md., March 7.—Thomas A. Edison, chairman of the naval advisory board, may resign if the naval experimenting laboratory is not built at Sandy Hook, it was reported here today when the inventor filed a minority report with Secretary of the Navy Daniels favoring the New York site.

### SHREVEPORT'S POPULATION.

Washington, March 7.—The population of Shreveport, La., has increased 30.6 per cent since 1910, according to a special census made at the request and expense of the city Feb. 15. Shreveport's population totals 36,593, comprised of 21,197 whites, 15,372 negroes and 24 all others.

Amsterdam, March 7.—Senators Stone and LaFollette are lauded by the German press comment as representative of "the best spirit in America," according to dispatches received here today summarizing German editorial views on the senate filibuster.

As a whole the German press regards the filibustering senators' stand as proper in stemming "Wilson's unreasoning ambition," and in voicing the sober sentiment of the American people who "do not propose to join the insanity of war."

Bitter comment on President Wilson's inaugural address was made by the Lokal Anzeiger, which dubbed the president as a "megalomaniac," and declared his speech "desecrated" the national capital.

### STORM OF PROTEST AGAINST ACTION OF 'KAISER'S DOZEN'

Wheeling Gives La Follette to Understand it Does Not Want Him to Fill Lecture Engagement.

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TO DECORATE VARDAMAN.  
Biloxi, Miss., March 7.—Thomas Collins, local blacksmith, forged a 40-pound iron cross and sent it today to Senator James K. Vardaman with the inscription: "Lest the Kaiser Forget."  
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Wheeling, W. Va., March 7.—Wheeling does not care to pay \$20 to hear Senator LaFollette give his lecture tomorrow on "Undermining Democracy."

Backers of the lecture course, who announced the receipt of a telegram from LaFollette today declared they will come unless his lecture is definitely cancelled, and suggested that he himself cancel the engagement.

One hundred businessmen here recently telegraphed LaFollette condemning his part in the filibuster against the armed neutrality bill.

Threats of violence against the Wisconsin senator in case he comes, have been made by local people.

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### SENATOR NORRIS BRANDED AS TRAITOR TO COUNTRY

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—A resolution branding Senator Norris, of Nebraska, as a traitor to the people of his state and of the United States, is to be taken up by the Nebraska senate today.

### AMERICAN PEOPLE PLACED IN A FALSE POSITION

Topeka, Kan., March 7.—A concurrent resolution, declaring that the filibuster in the United States senate, led by Senator LaFollette and participated in by 11 "other willful men," against the armed neutrality bill, will be acted upon by the Kansas legislature today. There is no doubt of the resolution's passage, legislators said.

The resolution declares the filibuster has "placcd the American people in a false position before the nations of the earth," and that it has "led the warring powers of Europe to believe that we are a divided nation, and, worst of all, at the most critical moment has given comfort and assistance to William of Germany, the open, inveterate and barbaric enemy of this republic."

### DEMOCRATS OF MISSOURI BITTER AGAINST STONE.

St. Louis, March 7.—Senator William J. Stone was hard hit today in resolutions passed by several Democratic ward organizations last night. He was branded a traitor and asked to give an account of his action in not supporting President Wilson's armed neutrality.

Each organization indorsed an editorial printed in the Post-Dispatch, which said in part:

"The lack of a cloture rule is not the only flaw in the organization of the United States senate. There is another—there is 'Gumshoe Bill' Stone at the head of the foreign relations committee.

"Resignation from the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee and from the senate would be the most becoming act of Stone's career. If Stone is not man enough to resign the chairmanship, he should be kicked out by the patriotic majority."

### EMPHATIC DISAPPROVAL OF THE FILIBUSTER EXPRESSED

Denver, March 7.—Strongly condemning the action of the 12 filibustering senators which defeated the armed neutrality bill, a new resolution will come before the state senate today in place of the resolution passed by the

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### DEFINES TREASON AND PUBLISHES A PICTURE OF STONE

Washington Times After Giving Section of Constitution Quotes From a Speech by Senator.

Washington, March 7.—The Washington Times today ran a half-tone of Senator Stone in the body of an editorial headed, "An Editorial That Needs No Reading." Just above Stone's picture was the following:

"Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them or in adhering to their enemies or in giving them aid and comfort."—Article III, Section III, constitution of the United States.

Just below Stone's picture was printed: "Expert officials of the navy department have devised a scheme or program for placing on board the merchant ships when they go out from our ports, and as part of their equipment, two or more small boats, submarine chasers, having unusual speed capacity. The plan is to have these boats, which shall be power boats, lowered to the surface on reaching a zone of danger. They are then to hover about the merchant ships, scout for hostile craft, and attack when seen."—Senator Stone in his speech in the senate on Saturday.

### ADDITIONAL ARMAMENT.

In the meantime arrangements for additional armament will be rushed to completion.

The president's decision was reached shortly after a conference at the White House today with senators. He conferred also with Secretary Lansing, whom he had instructed, together with Attorney General Gregory, to prepare for him a formal opinion as to whether he had power to go ahead with his armed neutrality plans for protecting the lives and property of American citizens, despite the filibuster that deprived him of congressional sanction.

The president is said to have decided suddenly not to await change of rules by the senate, which were designed to eliminate the unlimited debate rule and thereby make certain the passage of a resolution identical with that which the "willful few" men killed at the close of the session that died at noon Sunday.

### ALL GUARDSMEN TO BE MUSTERED OUT BY FIRST OF APRIL

San Antonio, Tex., March 7.—All national guardsmen remaining on the border and not included in the scheduled movement, numbering 30,000 men, have been ordered mustered out by April 1, according to orders received from the war department at southern department headquarters. Reason for the mustering out of these troops, which include the Texas units, was given as failure of congress to pass the army appropriation bill for their maintenance on the border.

### GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM IN IOWA IN DANGER

Des Moines, Ia., March 7.—A resolution introduced today by Representative McFerrer proposing sine die adjournment of the legislature March 11 led to reports that the Pitt-Johnston faction, out of patience with Governor Harding's refusal to come out in favor of the Johnston road bill is on the verge of abandoning Harding's legislative program. The governor favors a recess about April 1, until next October to allow for code revision and reorganization of the state government by commissions.

### SHANK WINS NOMINATION.

Indianapolis, March 7.—Official figures unofficially compiled at noon today showed Lew Shank, of vaudeville and potato fame, winner in the race for Republican nomination for mayor of Indianapolis at yesterday's primary by three hundred votes, over Charles W. Jewett.

### TETON VALLEY SHUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD BY SNOW

(Capital News Special Service.) Driggs, Ida., March 7.—Teton valley has been shut out from the outside world for nearly two weeks and only the last few days getting mail by teams. The snow and blizzards kept up for a week, then a thaw came and then freezing, 25 below at nights.

The rotaries can hardly penetrate through the deep cuts, and only made 47 feet in one this side of Drummond, with the worst part yet to come.

The railroad company has 500 men and the largest rotary on the road at work but makes but little headway.

Yesterday there was a big snowslide in Teton canyon which caught and killed Elva Green, son of Ernest L. Green, who was in the canyon trapping on snow shoes. The body was recovered today.

### MRS. SAWYER GETS DIVORCE.

Wheaton, Ill., March 7.—Mrs. Helen C. Sawyer, wife of Ned Sawyer, former western amateur golf champion, has been granted a divorce here, on statutory grounds. The decree was issued following sensational testimony of Mrs. Sawyer, and her father, Rev. William C. Dewitt.

### MINNESOTA STAYS WET.

St. Paul, March 7.—The Minnesota lower house today killed a bill making Minnesota bone dry Jan. 1, 1918, by supporting, 81 to 48, a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. The measure had been favorably reported to the house from committee.

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Boise and vicinity, CLOUDY TONIGHT AND THURSDAY. Highest temperature yesterday, 41; lowest temperature this morning, 31; mean temperature yesterday, 36.

No unusual changes in temperature are reported on the weather map during the last 24 hours. The weather is warmer in the central and eastern states while it is slightly cooler in the northern Rocky mountain region.

A large low barometric area is central in the middle Mississippi valley which is being accompanied by moderately high wind velocities, the maximum being 30 miles an hour at St. Louis.