

A STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT OF THE CASE OF W. WILSON VS. GERMANY

(By H. D. S.)

"IS IT AJAX defying the lightning, or Falstaff on the parade?" asked congressman Mondell during the debate in the house on the president's position on the armed passenger ship question...

The armed merchantman controversy is not dead, in spite of the action of the senate in tabling senator Gore's resolution of warning. The act of the senate was the act of expediency, not principle...

Any day, any hour, the people of the United States may be called upon to decide the issue of peace and war with Germany, or if not war, at least a severance of diplomatic relations which would make war ultimately probable...

In the present state of negotiations with Germany, in view of the president's public declarations and the refusal of congress, so far, to interfere to the extent of attempting to direct the foreign policy, a crisis may arise, and will almost certainly arise, whenever an American citizen loses his life in a ship of the allies torpedoed by the central powers...

Very briefly, The Herald will outline the more important details of the controversy as it now stands. Until the great war broke out, the right of a "merchantman" or ordinary liner or tramp steamer carrying freight and passengers, to carry a ship's gun of several inches caliber mounted on the stern, with ammunition...

and trained gunners, in time of peace and in time of war, had never been questioned. The usage arose in the days of privateers, letters of marque, and pirates. Vessels so armed "for defensive purposes only" were not treated as warships, even when encountered by an enemy ship in time of war...

The coming of the submarine as a formidable war weapon brought about new conditions; it began to be realized that armament nominally intended "for defensive purposes only" might easily be adequate to sinking a submarine, and might be used for offensive purposes at sea...

On September 9, 1914, Great Britain communicated to this government its claims as to its right to arm merchantmen "for defence." Secretary Lansing, under date of September 19, 1914, accepted the British view, and in a published memorandum stated the rules the United States intended to follow in regard to armed merchantmen...

The German government, in a memorandum to our government, immediately protested in vigorous terms against the British policy and against the American acceptance of that policy in its memorandum of rules just mentioned, saying, "This ruling wholly fails to comply with the principles of neutrality..."

Secretary Lansing replied that the American position was strictly in line with international law, but that nevertheless our government had voluntarily taken steps to induce belligerents to refrain from sending armed merchant ships into American ports...

Friends of the administration in congress are pointing out that all this correspondence was carried on and made public while congress was in session...

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It is unnecessary to traverse all the tedious letter-writing following the sinking of the Lusitania and other vessels with the loss of scores of American lives. Suffice it to say that the United States government continued to uphold formally the right of its citizens to travel where, when, and how they pleased, within the limitations of international law...

Congressman Mondell, in his speech in congress against the present position of the administration, taken in view of the newly announced policy of the German government to sink all belligerent merchantmen carrying arms, said:

"When and how did it become so tremendously sacred and important an American right to be privileged to ride on an armed ship equipped and intended for hostilities, proposing to travel through a hostile zone in time of war? Such a ship is expected to fight. It proposes to fight, and in a fight of any kind it is sure to get hurt. The armament of merchantmen is not, under present conditions, justifiable, and if anyone persists in doing it, our people should not place themselves in danger by sailing on such ships..."

The position of the opponents of the president at this moment could not be better stated. The Washington government has seriously weakened its position by reason of a communication addressed

to all the belligerent powers on January 18 just past. In this note to all belligerents, the secretary of state proposed an immediate modification of the rules of international law as applicable to the newly developed submarine warfare and to the rights of merchant ships and passenger liners to arm "for defence..."

"It would therefore appear to be a REASONABLE AND RECIPROCALLY JUST arrangement if it could be agreed by the opposing belligerents that merchant vessels of belligerent nationality should be PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING ANY ARMAMENT WHATSOEVER..."

"I should add that MY GOVERNMENT IS IMPRESSED WITH THE REASONABLENESS OF THE ARGUMENT that a merchant vessel carrying an ARMAMENT OF ANY SORT, in view of the character of the submarine warfare and the DEFENSIVE WEAKNESS OF UNDERSEA CRAFT, should be held to be an AUXILIARY CRUISER AND SO TREATED BY A NEUTRAL as well as by a belligerent government..."

Take note of the fact that the paragraphs quoted above deny in principle the whole position the United States had assumed theretofore in regard to armed merchantmen; and furthermore, that SECRETARY LANSING IN THIS NOTE STATES THE CASE FOR THE GERMANS AS WELL AS THEY COULD STATE IT THEMSELVES.

The German government at once seized upon this note as full justification for its new submarine policy, and soon afterwards issued its proclamation declaring its intention, after February 29, to sink without warning every armed merchantman under an enemy flag...

In principle, the new German submarine policy and secretary Lansing's note of January 18, 1916, are closely in accord. The German government was ahead enough to see the significance of the admissions in the Lansing note, and now says that it accepted the Lansing views of January 18, 1916, so intended to express the future attitude of the American government toward the allies as well as the central powers...

So far, none of the allies has even acknowledged receipt of the Lansing note of January 18, with the exception of Italy which declines to accept the proposed new rule. But all the allies, it is well known, have declined to disarm their ships. With the exception of Italy, they are not sending armed merchant ships to American ports, but they are arming them at Gibraltar or elsewhere outside our jurisdiction...

The test will come when a German or Austrian submarine sinks an armed merchantman with the loss of American life—it may be in the Mediterranean or in the open sea. In view of secretary Lansing's broad concessions of principle in the above quoted paragraphs, it is hard to see how the president can expect the country to back him up in case he decides to break with Germany over such an act, even though such an attack be technically lawful. Secretary Lansing has quite adequately stated the case in defence of Germany, and his letter cannot be repealed, however embarrassing it may prove to the white house.

The sun is El Paso's best friend.

Time Is Something You Can't Put In Cold Storage Gasoline Is The Only Thing That Evaporates Faster

By HOWARD L. RANN.

TIME is one of the few articles used by the utility companies which cannot be put in cold storage. If time were like the fresh country egg and could be packed in salt for the use of generations yet unborn, what a blessing it would be to people who are beginning to run short. As it is, however, time evaporates faster than any other product on earth except tank wagon gasoline.

Time is a good deal like gasoline in other respects, too. It is highly inflammable, and is being burned every day by people who never realize what it is worth until they look into the bottom of the can and find that they are about out. There would be less time burned in the pursuit of action, bridge, the stock market and the end of the yardstick. Also, there would be fewer business failures recorded by Messrs. Dun and Bradstreet if more time were expended in monthly collections and writing advertisements and less in keeping up with the latest battling averages.

There are several thousand effective ways of wasting time, all of which have been discovered and put into active operation. One of the most successful of these is the habit of dropping in on a busy business man and discussing everything from the cause of the Franco-German war to the best cure for gonorrhea. This habit appears to be increasing in intensity, and has already been responsible for a number of hasty funerals.



Under our present system of regulation there is a very unequal distribution of time. Lots of men who were always liberally supported by their wives and could just as well be spared as not are given an extra large chunk of time, and live for a great many years after the communists has become reconciled to their departure. When we see strong, big-hearted citizens cut down in middle life and then note the durability of the octogenarian deadbeat, we are sometimes inclined to question the wisdom of Providence.

We would all value time more highly if it came in a steel tank, like lubricating oil, so that we could see how much we had left after a joy ride. Protected by The Adams Newspaper Service.

14 YEARS Ago Today

The membership of the International Miner's association has increased until there are now more than 240 members of whom the majority have come in since the first of the current year. The association is rapidly becoming strong enough to make a fight for the rights of miners.

Miss Florence Beall will entertain the Chaffin Club at her home tonight with a circus party.

Miss Lillian Newman is spending a few days at Hereford, visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Newman, Jr.

Mrs. W. E. Allen and children are expected to return from New York, where they have been spending the summer.

Miss Helen Russell entertained a number of her friends on Arizona street, fully at her home on Arizona street.

Miss Mary Smith, of Kansas City, arrived in the city yesterday. Mrs. W. H. Haines, who resides on Boulevard.

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The Daily Novelette

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are a man of knowledge. I wish to enter my son in your school."

And the impetuous schoolmaster, overcome with regret, carried the unconscious Theron to a drug store and poured a glass of ice cream soda down his epiglottis.

CAMPOS IS GIVEN FOUR YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Antonio Campos, found guilty last week of assault to murder, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by special judge W. D. Howe in the 24th district court Monday morning.

Epimio Piers, found guilty of having a forced instrument in his possession, was denied a new trial and was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days.

J. W. Addison, charged with burglary, was granted a new trial. Addison is alleged to have burglarized two apartments at the Kanopy.

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ABE MARTIN



It's pretty hard to get an argument if you're his eatin' onions. Remember what a time you had findin' th' ax after a snow when you was a boy? (Protected by Adams Newspaper Service.)

BEAKLEY TO COURT'S CHRISTI.

George N. Beakley, who for several years was court reporter in the 24th and 25th district courts and the special court prior to its formation as the 24th, will leave El Paso Tuesday for Corpus Christi, where he will engage in the practice of law. Mr. Beakley during the past year has been a practicing attorney here.

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"Sure, Ma him."

"And did you write that?"

"Sure, I wrote him."

With a wild cry, the schoolmaster knocked Waterblibious down, picked him up, knocked him down again, picked him up, knocked him down again, etc. Then a thought struck him. Looking at the note again, he realized that it meant, "Cur, as you

Water Pressure In East El Paso Is Weak Juarez As "Spotless Town" Disappointing

SOMETHING that came out Saturday night in the disastrous fire at Hotel Frost, fuel company in East El Paso, said D. E. Worth, "I arrived at the fire but a short time after it was discovered and at that time the firemen were unable to get water due to the lack of pressure of water on the fire plug and lines of hose about 250 feet in length were necessary to reach the flames in the far end of the building."

Many tourists who have heard so much about Juarez and its condition prior to its occupancy by Carranza, are disappointed now when they stop over to visit the town, said Wm. Franklin. "All of the stories of the big gambling hall, the horse halls, bullfights and cock fights are mere fancies of the past now, as Juarez is a spotless town, except for the race. If you go east you hear a great many stories of the battle scars, little city, and tourists are naturally anxious to see it when they come to El Paso, en route through to eastern and western cities. You can fancy their disappointment very easily."

People who play pianos or pianolas should not drink to excess, said Jack Childs. "Nothing destroys the touch so quickly as corn and rye whiskey. Beer has a way of making one play faster; wines exhilarates the musician while drinking, but cause a reaction that gets into the fingers and makes them do things out of joint. I mean finger-

Joint. Champagne will ruin an artist just as quick as it will a bartender, and its effect upon good piano playing is most noticeable. These facts are as true of a person playing as a person operating a pianola."

Something should be done to remove the sparrows from our midst, said Broedlowe Smith. "They are not only numerous, but a nuisance. Often when I walk home at night in the parks and sit down upon the bench to think, I see the sparrows in the leafless trees and wish I might have a revolver to shoot at them. It's not that I am cruel to birds, but they are so immensely wicked, so beastly insatiable, so noisy and squabbling, if they could be induced to go and roost out of town and not make their nests in the water drains and the eaves and the city trees, I'd say let them remain—but they won't do that. They are naturally home-birds—so I say let's legislate against them."

If El Paso had Fort Worth's packing houses there isn't a city in the state that could keep pace with us, said H. J. Jackson, superintendent of the city waterworks. "With the packing houses added to our other industries, our mining and agricultural interests, we would take on a growth that would startle the country. We expect, of course, to get packing houses, so that our future is assured."

With the completion of the fourth new well now being sunk at the mesa pumping station, El Paso will have a supply of water in excess of present needs, said alderman J. P. O'Connor. "We have decided not to sink any more wells at present, knowing that our greatest needs will be more than supplied with the wells now down. The new wells are large producers and the water is absolutely pure."

MUTUAL LIFE'S FORMER PRESIDENT, McCURDY, DIES

Morristown, N. J., March 6.—Richard Aldrich McCurdy, capitalist and president of the Mutual Life Insurance company from 1882 to 1906, died at his home here today, aged 81.

THE SPRING POET.

Toot rhythm, why worry and strive? We've got the spring poem waiting for us. For beside you we trace a fierce editor's face Who looks like he "eats 'em alive!"

Find an editor. ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE. Right side down in dress.

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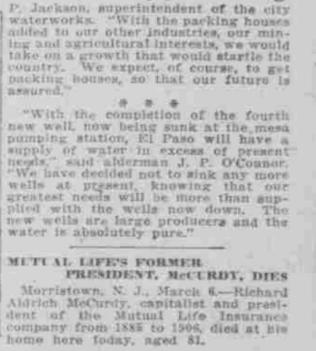
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