

U. S. MAINTAINS ITS POSITION ON SEA RIGHTS

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ILLEGAL ATTACK ON HER MEANS WAR AT ONCE

Reiteration Is Made of the Washington Government's Policy That Americans Have Inalienable Right to Traverse High Seas And That German Blockade Is Illegal

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The American liner St. Louis will not be given convoy if she decides to sail for England through the German submarine zone, it was announced at the state department today.

WORKS PROTESTS WILSON'S ACTION TOWARD GERMANY

Senator from California Declares That United States Has Not Been Neutral as a Nation, Or It Never Would Have Brought to Breach with Germany

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Asserting that the United States has not been neutral as a nation, and if it had the country never would have been brought to a breach with Germany, Senator Works, Republican, of California, protested in the Senate today against the action of the president concerning diplomatic relations.

DENMARK DECLINES TO BREAK WITH GERMAN NATION

Report from Reliable Source Says That Danish Government is Sending Explanatory Note to Washington

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 7.—It is stated in reliable quarters that the Danish government has decided it cannot follow the example of the United States in breaking relations with Germany. A note will be sent to Washington, explaining the position of Denmark.

NORWAY ALSO REFUSES. Does Not Accept Suggestion to Break with Germany

Christiania, via London, Feb. 7.—Norway will not agree to President Wilson's suggestion in regard to breaking relations with Germany, the Aften Post says.

INDIANS PROPOSE TO ENTER THE WAR

Notify Secretary Lane That They Will Fight for United States in Event of War with Germany

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The red man is ready to fight for the United States in the event of war with Germany. Secretary Lane of the department of the interior today had word to that effect from the Indians on many reservations.

BRITISH ARE STEELED TO HARDER ACTION BY GERMAN THREAT

King George, in Opening Parliament, Also Said That Response of Allies to President Wilson Outlined Their Aims as Far as Could Be Done

London, Feb. 7.—King George, at the opening of Parliament today, said the response of the allies to the invitation of the president of the United States outlined their aims as far as could be done at present.

DEUTSCHLAND NOT STARTED. Bremen Paper Says the Submersible Remains in German Port

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 7.—The Weser Zeitung of Bremen says the merchant submarine Deutschland has not started on her third voyage to America, but remains in a German port.

CONDUCTOR STURGIS DIED OF INJURIES

Central Vermont Freight Conductor Passed Away at Heaton Hospital Yesterday Afternoon—Was Hurt Monday Night

Conductor A. B. Sturgis of the Central Vermont railroad service, who was injured at Montpelier Junction late Monday night when crushed between cars, died at the Heaton hospital in Montpelier yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Sturgis was born in Fairfield 45 years ago and had been employed by the Central Vermont railroad for nearly 35 years, first in the telegraph department and then as conductor. He leaves his wife, who was with him at the time of his death, and four children, all of Milton; also his mother, Mrs. Rachel Sturgis of Enosburg, and two brothers, William of Winipiege, Manitoba, and Henry of Utica, N. Y.

LINER WAS CRIPPLED. The German Kronprinzessin Cecilia Damaged by Design

Boston, Feb. 7.—The refugee German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilia, built at a cost of \$4,500,000, has been rendered useless for months by the disabling of her engines, it was discovered yesterday by Captain John B. Coyle, an engineer of the United States coast guard service.

The cylinders of the two high-pressure engines, according to information from an authoritative source, were found to have been destroyed. In each case a piece of steel about three feet long was cut out of the cylinder, rendering the entire engine inoperative.

200 MUNITIONS WORKERS WERE DYNAMITED

Factory Near Cologne Destroyed—Explosion on a Railroad Wiped Out 26 Belgian Workmen

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 7.—According to the Lea Nouvelles of Maestricht, Holland, a dynamite factory near Cologne was blown up Jan. 27, killing 200 persons, mostly women.

BIG DEFENSE SCHEME. Cadet Corps May Be Established in New York State

New York, Feb. 7.—Military training of thousands of boys between the ages of 16 and 18 years and the enrollment of half a million women suffragists in the cause of national defense, were announced last night as among the activities under way in New York state's vast scheme of preparation for possible hostilities.

The state military training commission, of which Major-General John F. O'Ryan, in command of the National Guard, is chairman, after an all day session, perfected a plan to begin the organization of a cadet corps to consist of all boys in the state between the ages of 16 and 18, who are not at present employed. It is estimated that a corps of 25,000 boys from public and private schools will at once become available.

Should an amendment pass, which has been proposed, to the military training law, providing that working boys be not exempted from service, the cadet corps, it was said, would be increased to about 240,000.

GERMANS FALL BACK NEAR GRANDCOURT

British Occupied 1,000 Yards of Trenches Without Opposition, According to Report Made in London

London, Feb. 7.—That the German troops had advanced a considerable strip of territory on the Somme front is shown by a report last night from British headquarters in France, which says the British lines were advanced during the day in the neighborhood of Grandcourt, where 1,000 yards of a trench was occupied without opposition from the Teutons. A further 48 prisoners, including two officers, were brought in as a result of operations east of Beaucourt.

GERMANS FAILED TO HOLD GAIN IN LORRAINE

After Spirited Bombardment They Forced Their Way into French Positions Near Embernil

Paris, Feb. 7.—German troops after spirited bombardment yesterday forced their way into the French positions at the salient of the battle front near Embernil in Lorraine, but were driven out again, says today's official report.

SANITARY CORPS TRAINING. Is Planned to Be Carried Out in Three Places in Vermont

Burlington, Feb. 7.—The organization of three so-called sanitary training detachments, one in Burlington, another in Rutland and a third in Montpelier, as emergency corps in case of war, is contemplated by Secretary Henry S. Howard of the Vermont chapter of the Red Cross. Secretary Howard lately received instructions from Washington headquarters regarding the new units.

"SUB" WARFARE GROWS INTENSE

Many British Vessels Are Reported by Lloyds to Have Been Sunk

TWO OF SAXON-BRITON CREW WERE KILLED

Twelve Survivors of Steamer Azul Were Rescued

London, Feb. 7.—The British steamer Saxon-Briton has been sunk by a submarine. Two of the crew were killed, but the captain and 14 others were landed. Lloyds announces that the British steamer Azul has probably been sunk and the twelve survivors were rescued by a sailing vessel.

Lloyds also announces the following reported to have been sunk: British steamer Vestra, British steamer Brown Point, British bark Lorton, two British steam trawlers and two fishing boats.

EXPRESS OFFICE CHANGES

H. W. Britton Promoted to Traveling Agent; G. E. Marsh Comes to Barre

A change affecting the management of the Barre office of the American Express Co. became effective today when George E. Marsh, lately engaged as agent at Woodstock, succeeded Harry W. Britton as the local agent. Mr. Britton left at noon for Woodsville, N. H., where he is to assume the position of traveling agent for the company, having been assigned to territory on the White Mountain and Passumpsic divisions.

Mr. Marsh began work for the American Express Co. around 16 years ago and has been employed continuously for that length of time. He was employed as a clerk in the Barre agency and in August, 1915, he was promoted to the position of agent in Woodstock, where he served until notified that he had been advanced to the Barre office. Mr. Marsh expects to move his family to Barre in the near future. While general regret is expressed over the circumstances which combined to deprive the Barre office of the services of Mr. Britton, there is a feeling that his promotion is deserved and the decision to place Mr. Marsh in charge locally is commended by many patrons of the company's service.

SUES KING OF ENGLAND. But Alexander Durnett Does Not Expect Defendant Will Appear Personally

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 7.—Alexander Durnett is in Quebec this week where he is the plaintiff in a suit for damages brought against the king of England for the loss of his automobile which was demolished at a railroad crossing of the Intercolonial railway about a year ago. The case is being tried in the court of the exchequer and is entered as Alexander Durnett, Esq., lawyer, plaintiff, vs. His Royal Highness King George V. Owing to international complications across the water Mr. Durnett does not expect to attend the trial, but both sides will be represented by a strong array of legal talent.

DEATH OF ELDERLY WOMAN. Mrs. Victoria Neddo, Who Died Today, Was 82 Years Old

Mrs. Victoria Neddo passed away at 1 o'clock this morning at the home of her sons, William and George Neddo, on the east hill, after a week's illness with bronchial pneumonia.

TWO ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES. Judge H. W. Scott in Ward One and A. J. Loranger in Ward Three

Two candidates appeared in the aldermanic field today, when it became known that Judge H. W. Scott and A. J. Loranger were to be candidates in wards 1 and 3, respectively.

ON PLEA OF GUILTY. F. E. Tye Was Sentenced to Term in House of Correction

Middlebury, Feb. 7.—F. E. Tye, arrested in Rutland last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Noble J. Sanford and Edward Higgins, on a writ charging a statutory offense, was arraigned before Judge James B. Donaway in municipal court yesterday.

GERARD STARTS TO COME HOME

The American Ambassador to Berlin Has Reached Berne, Switzerland

SWITZERLAND NOW REPRESENTS GERMANY

Minister Ritter at Washington Notifies State Department of Instructions

Ambassador Willard at Madrid reported to the state department today that he had received a despatch from Ambassador Gerard, sent from Berne, Switzerland. The state department interpreted this despatch as indicating that Gerard had reached Berne.

The fact that Gerard was not expected to leave Berlin before Sunday, coupled with the possibility that he may have sent the despatch to Berne to be transmitted to Ambassador Willard, makes it possible, however, that he had not left Germany. Officials in Washington are expecting further advice.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The state department has received a report that Ambassador Gerard has reached Berne, Switzerland. From European sources, outside of Germany, the government has learned that the German government actually did consider Gerard a hostage until it reached Berne from Washington, detailing the arrangements made for the safe departure of Count Von Bernstorff.

The arrival of Ambassador Gerard in Berne was announced in a dispatch from him to Ambassador Willard in Madrid, who forwarded it without further information to the state department. The German government's action is believed to have been more in the nature of a move to compel the safe return of Count Von Bernstorff through the allied blockade rather than any step against Gerard or the United States.

BERLIN DESPATCH SAYS GERARD HAS NOT LEFT GERMANY

German Foreign Office Declares the Reason for Delay Is Lack of Definite Information About Von Bernstorff

Berlin, Tuesday, via London, Feb. 7.—The foreign office thus far has received no definite information in regard to the former German ambassador at Washington, which probably must arrive before the details of Ambassador Gerard's departure can be decided. Mr. Gerard has not received his passports and does not know definitely when he will depart, although he has decided upon a route through Switzerland.

REQUEST A SHIP FOR VON BERNSTORFF

State Department Has Made Formal Application for a Danish Steamship But No Answer Has Been Received

New York, Feb. 7.—A formal request from the state department that the Scandinavian line steamship Frederick VIII be used to transport Ambassador Von Bernstorff and suite to Europe has been forwarded by cable to the line's head office in Copenhagen, it was announced today. An answer has not yet been received.

MASONIC SERVICES HELD. At Funeral of E. A. Bugbee Held at His Home on Orange Street

The funeral of E. Albert A. Bugbee, a well known Barre granite contractor, whose death occurred at his home on Orange street Saturday evening, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HORSE KICK IS FATAL. Vergennes Man, Hurt Tuesday, Died in Burlington Hospital

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BOYS' CLUB URGED IN BARRE. C. J. Atkinson Tells Board of Trade and Vincitica Club of the Benefits

Some of the results which the boys' club movement is achieving in Barre since it was first taken up in earnest a little less than a month ago by the Woman's club workers was made manifest last evening in the rooms of the Vincitica club when a large gathering of the Barre Board of Trade and club members assembled to listen to a lecture on the "Amusement of Our Boys," by C. J. Atkinson of New York City, executive secretary of the Boys' Club federation, an organization which has spread its branches in nearly every state and territory in the union.

Mr. Atkinson's remarks included a review of the work which is being accomplished by boys' clubs all over the country, and the benefit which the boys are gaining in other places and the gains which the boys could have if such an organization was established in Barre, giving many new incidents which have occurred in the past month since he spoke at the Woman's club. The speaker was introduced by the chairman of the boys' club committee, E. J. Dole, and for an hour and a half he talked in a very interesting manner and answered questions to a highly appreciative audience.

In opening his remarks, Mr. Atkinson said that "boys behaving badly" is a term which is being used in many places to describe the behavior of boys. In Barre's schools there are about 2,800 pupils and presumably 1,400 are boys. The average worth of a boy is reckoned at \$3,000, with a total value amounting to about \$4,200,000, and there is not a thing in the place to protect the lad, while if these business men had property amounting to this sum their first thoughts would be to guard against all danger at the outset. Taking the club from an economic standpoint he gave the sum of money which it is costing to keep the 20 boys who are in the reform school at Vergennes at the present time as \$4,000, while if a boys' club should be organized in Barre \$2,000 a year would pay expenses for accommodating at least 500 youths, thus greatly warding off their chances of going wild and landing in Vergennes; and at the same time, the youth can have a chance to learn some trade if he is inclined to. By experience it is found that one dollar put into a boys' club will mean in the end the saving of five dollars.

The speaker emphasized that a boys' club is formed with the idea of doing preventive work instead of reformatory, as some might conceive the idea. Investigating the juvenile courts of the country, a record has been found where seven boys to one girl go wrong; that 75 per cent of the criminals in the country start when they are boys, and the time to start the boys on the right trail to manhood is when they are in their youth. A boy is a steam engine with steam always up, and a "good time" is the safety valve which explodes if they don't have a chance to let off steam; and with no place to go when at this stage, the lad is apt to be led astray by leaders who are apt to be of bad character.

In speaking of the surroundings of the boys' club Mr. Atkinson stated that a cheap building was the best thing for any community. A high-priced man is essential to supervise the work, which consists in challenging the boys to accomplish things, as the playing of games and studying until they are capable and enthusiastic enough to take hold of some trade, such as working with wood, iron, or any of 21 different occupations which the club teaches. He also stated that in his 41 years of experience he had come to the conclusion that the saying a "rolling stone gathers no moss" is not always a true one, as a boy in this stage of the game should change if he finds that he is not satisfied in the work which he is doing, after working for several months, to something else that might fit into his life better.

VEHICLE LIGHT BILL PASSED BY HOUSE. The House Passed H. B. 185, Relating to Vehicles Carrying Lights at Night on Public Highways

The House passed H. B. 185, relating to vehicles carrying lights at night on public highways. The bill precipitated the first general discussion of the session. Mr. Spaulding of Warren proposed an amendment placing the light on the left of the driver; Mr. Williams of Proctor wished to amend the amendment, but the House was for the bill as it stood, voting down proposals of amendment and passing the bill.

On H. B. 185, relating to fish and game laws, providing that applicants for licenses must make application to town clerk of the town in which applicant resides, Mr. Moore of Ludlow interrogated the committee as to why it was proposed to change the present law. Mr. O'Neil of North Hero explained the action of the committee in reporting the bill. Mr. Dana of New Haven thought the bill would prevent fraud and strongly urged its passage. Mr. Pirie of Williamstown raised the question of conflicting laws. Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington brought out the fact that none but citizens can obtain licenses. Mr. Fenton of Rutland City thought the bill would prove an embarrassment and work hardship on one who happened to be away on a trip without a license. Mr. Moore opposed the bill and Mr. Metzger of Randolph moved its recommittal and it was voted.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN SENATE. By Senator Proctor of Rutland, an Act to Establish a Board of Geographic Names

By Senator Proctor of Rutland, an act to establish a board of geographic names. (The board to consist of the state librarian, the state geologist and an officer of the Vermont Historical society, to serve without expense to the state. Said board authorized to furnish for any federal or state publication the proper spelling of any geographic name in Vermont and may advise the United States postoffice department regarding the proper spelling of any Vermont postoffice.) To general committee.

By Senator Morse of Caledonia, an act to amend No. 196 of the acts of 1915 relating to the sanitary regulation of barber shops; providing for an inspector. (Inspector to be appointed biennially by the state board of health, inspector to be a practical barber of experience and shall devote his entire time to the duties. Salary to be fixed by the state board of health.) To committee on public health.

By Senator Demeritt of Washington, an act to amend Sec. 498 of the public statutes as amended by Sec. 1 of No. 38 of the acts of 1910 relating to exemption from taxation. (Shall not be construed as exempting from taxation real and personal property held by the state and located in any town other than that in which the institution of which it forms a part is located.) To committee on taxation.

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MARRIAGE BILL IS AMENDED

Out of State Contracting Parties Must Wait Five Days

BRATTLEBORO RETIREMENT INQUIRY IS UP

May Be Official Investigation of Charges Made

The first step looking to the investigation of the Brattleboro retreat was taken at 10 o'clock this afternoon when the committee on state and court expenses, to which was referred the Wilson resolution asking for a legislative inquiry into the treatment of patients at the institution and from which developed statements concerning the abuse of certain persons while at the retreat, met in a committee room at the State House to hear evidence which will probably result in an authorization of such an investigation. The hearing was not public, although the committee invited any persons interested who might be able to give information.

The hearing was adjourned until the arrival of Dr. Potter. When the House adjourned just before noon the business on the calendar had been disposed of up to the Dunham marriage bill, the intention of which is to establish a five-day law, so called, to check the rush into the state and especially to Bellows Falls and Brattleboro of persons residing in nearby states, to be married. The bill H. 16 is reported favorably by the committee on judiciary, but with an amendment which completely changes the bill from the form in which it was originally presented.

The amendment provides that persons authorized to solemnize marriage shall require of the parties before performing such marriage, a certificate issued from the office of the town clerk of the town where the groom resides, or if the groom resides outside of the state, of the town clerk where the bride resides, or if both parties reside from without the state, from the office of the clerk of the town where the marriage is solemnized. If neither bride nor groom is a resident of the state, such certificate shall not be delivered by said clerk to said parties until after the lapse of five days from the date thereof, during which time there shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the clerk the names of the bride and groom under the caption, "Applicants for Marriage Licenses."

Opposition to the bill in the committee rooms was led by Mr. Aiken of Putney, who also informed the committee of his intention to oppose the bill on the floor of the House.

After two attempts to make the bill a special order for some date in the near future, the bill was ordered to a third reading this afternoon.

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