

BREAK WITH ALL GERMANY'S ALLIES SEEMS CERTAINTY

Austria-Hungary It Is Believed Will Stand Firmly by Her Ally

TURKEY AND BULGARIA WILL ALSO STAND FIRM

This Means Diplomatic Relations With All of Them Will Be Severed

By Robert J. Bender.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Feb. 22.—The Austro-American situation held the center of the international war stage.
The climax of this silent drama, which has been going on since the United States broke with Germany, appears to be at hand.
Within 48 hours, it is now generally believed, this government will know whether the scope of its severed diplomatic relations is to be extended to Austria-Hungary.

The state department and White House say nothing as to what is going on behind the scenes. When the curtain falls, however, one of the most dramatic and interesting stories in the world's history will be written—the story of a great nation struggling to resist the extension of the great war and another nation trying at once to please a powerful friend and at the same time support an ally.
Of what has transpired between the United States and Austria-Hungary during the last 18 days, the state department will not say. It will not even admit the authenticity of the aide memoir made public in Vienna, asking Austria to clear up her position on Germany's U-boat decree and her own pledges to this government on U-boat warfare.
The Austrian government is portrayed as struggling hard to prevent the threatened break. That she must and will support the German decree is the official fear here. Should she do this, it is taken for granted President Wilson will immediately order passports to Austrian representatives here and request the withdrawal of United States Ambassador Penfield from his post in Vienna.

It is felt certain that a break with the other German allies will follow shortly. While the great pantomime goes forward, it is allowing time for movement of thousands of Americans from central power countries.

Sugar Refinery Strike Stirs Up Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—The whole section of Philadelphia in the vicinity of the Franklin Sugar Refining company was under heavy police guard today following a riot that amounted to a pitched battle last night. One man was killed, several others severely injured and many more hurt.
Mrs. Florence Shultz, age 32, was arrested and is held under \$1500 bail on the charge of inciting a riot.
The section of the city where the fighting occurred is guarded today by reserve police and mounted police from all parts of the city are concentrated there to prevent further outbreaks.
Trouble was anticipated when the negro strikebreakers in the sugar refinery returned to work today.

ABE MARTIN



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GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Congressman Fess Will Introduce Resolution to Accomplish This

THESE ARE NOT RIOTS BUT CRIES FOR RELIEF

"Greed Has Closed the Channels of Distribution," His Assertion

Washington, Feb. 22.—Determined to force some action from congress that will at least temporarily relieve the serious food shortage that has caused bread riots in New York and which the federal trade commission prophesies will spread to every large city, Representative Fess, Ohio, today introduced a resolution providing at least temporary food control.

London, explaining that he believes congress should immediately enact a permanent government food control law, announced he would support such a measure as absolutely necessary to get over the present emergency.

Fess intimated he would introduce his resolution today, despite apparent disinterest shown by many members of congress.
Such a resolution will have the support of Representative Borah, who announced he would press his provision appropriating \$400,000 for a federal trade commission investigation of the food shortage by tacking an amendment on the sundry civil bill when it reaches the house floor.

In the meantime, the federal trade commission, the interstate commerce commission, the department of agriculture and the commerce department have been called in to aid in affording some kind of temporary relief.

Due to Food Speculators.
The American Railways association will work with the interstate commerce commission in an effort to do what it can to remedy any condition a car shortage may have caused.

Discussing the situation today, Representative London bitterly assailed food speculators as the chief cause.

"I call on the house to take up the food control question now," London said. "We are giving hundreds of millions of dollars for preparedness and preparedness programs for the future, but we are disregarding an exigency already created by the European war."

"If these starving people in New York have any fault, it is not that they do not work, but because they work too hard—beyond human endurance—and cannot make a living.

"Prices of food have risen so high as to become inaccessible to the masses. These are not riots, but outcries to heaven for relief.

"These people want bread—not in Berlin or Petrograd, or Vienna, or London, or Paris, but in New York, the richest city in the country, enjoying the highest degree of prosperity.

More Gold Than Bread.
"This country is surfeited with European gold, but shows a lack of bread for its workers. Having given so much time to a leak investigation, it is time congress gave some attention to the leak in the country's prosperity."

Representative Borah today blamed the appropriations committee for smothering the \$400,000 appropriation resolution, which would afford the federal trade commission money to carry on a nationwide probe.

"The president is behind the plan," said Borah. "The trade commission has sufficient facts now to warrant such an investigation; but the appropriations committee still says no."

"It is imperative for congress to appropriate the full amount at once. Criminal prosecutions are merely temporary, although they may be useful in the present emergency.

"However, the real remedy is to find the basic causes. This country has unlimited facilities for food production. We can feed all of our millions and more. I am one of those that believe that greed has closed the channels of distribution.

"It is a lasting disgrace to think of food riots in this time of peace and great prosperity in the metropolis of the richest and most productive country on the globe."

Thinks Submarines Will Win for Germany

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Feb. 22. (Delayed.)—Firm confidence that by use of the submarine weapon Germany will reach her aim, was expressed by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann before a meeting of the main committee of the reichstag, according to a press bureau statement today.

The press bureau's statement was as follows:
"In a meeting of the reichstag's main

SALEM CELEBRATES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Junior High and Willamette Have Appropriate Exercises

The Washington Junior high school honored its namesake this morning and the anniversary of Washington's birth by appropriate exercises. The following program was rendered:
Song—"America."
Reading—Myrtle Pelker.
Solo—Harriett Griffith.
Reading—Theodore Howard.
Solo—Beatrice Dille.
Address—Dr. Avison.
Selection—Ukulele club.
Song—"Star Spangled Banner."
Rev. Porter of the First Christian church delivered an address on "George Washington," this morning at the assembly at the Grant Junior high school in honor of Washington's birthday. He told of our responsibility to our country, how the citizens should have faith in the country as Washington did, how each should love it and work for its advancement, and not to forget that God controls the destinies of the nation.

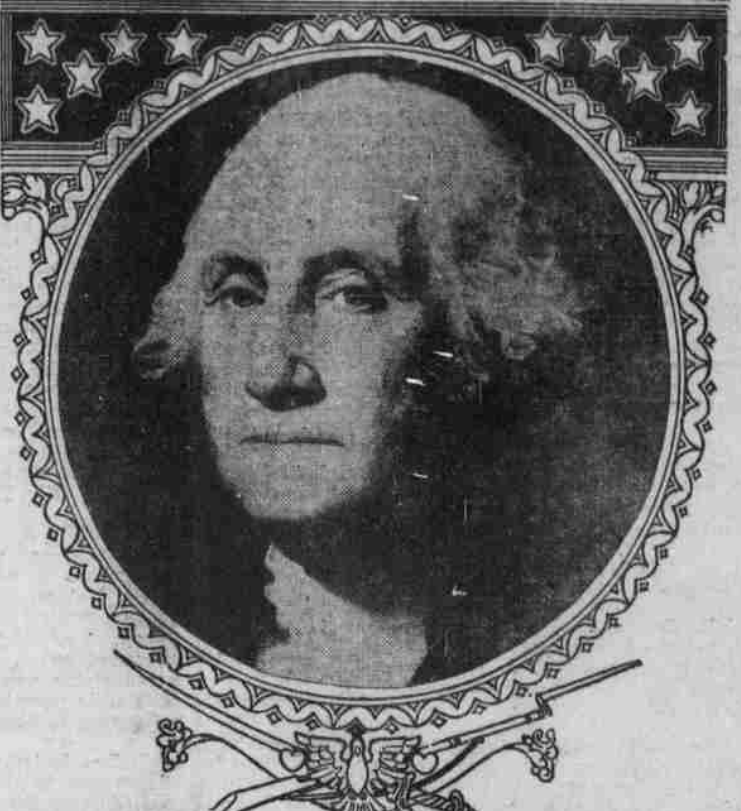
"America" closed the program.
The English department of the Lincoln Junior high school celebrated the day with a discussion as to the relative greatness of Washington and Lincoln. In the elementary grades the teachers of the various rooms held individual programs in honor of the day.

Justice Benson Speaks.
Impressive, instructive, and entirely in keeping with the purpose that makes this day a national holiday was the program presented by the Washington club of Willamette university, this morning.

Opening the program Dr. Frank W. Chase played a beautiful organ prelude. This was followed by singing Holy, Holy, and Dr. Doney gave the invocation. A musical program was then presented, which was:

"The Sky," Hill
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FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY FIRST IN WAR, FIRST IN PEACE, FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN



WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 22

FIVE HUNDRED CARS OF FOODSTUFFS DUE

Expected This Will Relieve Situation, and Other Supplies Will Follow Soon

New York, Feb. 22.—Five hundred cars of foodstuffs from the west are expected to reach New York today. The cars contain meats, poultry and potatoes, mostly.

Railroad men declare congestion in railroad yards is gradually being broken up and that food shortage soon will be dispelled. In the meantime, Mayor Mitchell will start the city machinery working in an investigation of food prices on the East Side.

Frank Jamieson of the New York and New Jersey Retailers' association, in a statement declared there is plenty of food and that with the advent of the first thousand cars, prices should be forced down immediately. He declared meat prices should be the first to tumble. Word from packers, he said, is all that is required.

It has been found, according to official reports, that 100,000 pounds of meats have been sent into cold storage here within the last 10 days.

Many tons of onions and potatoes are lying at shipping piers to await shipment to foreign countries and an appeal to the interstate commerce commission to enforce the law as to the limits of time they are to be held is contemplated.

The New York health department has started the issuance of daily food bulletins, showing how foods that have increased greatly in price may be eliminated from daily diet. Rice is urged as a substitute for potatoes and instructions for cooking in order to get the greatest food value are given.

Newspaper Boys Say Good Bye to Salem

Newspaper men who followed the session of the recent legislature for various papers throughout the state paid their farewells yesterday to Governor Withycombe. The newspaper men on duty here were Ralph Watson of the Oregon Journal, Shad O. Krantz and Lair Gregory of the Oregonian, Ted Lausung and Harry Critchlow, of the Telegram, William E. Lovell of the Pendleton Evening Tribune, C. C. Tengwald of the Medford Tribune, Mr. Jones of the Oswego Times, and Mr. Sweeney of the Portland News.

Harry Critchlow, formerly a Willamette student, will cover the Salem field for the Telegram, while Henry Hansen, Salem correspondent, takes his vacation. During the legislative session W. T. Kirk, Salem correspondent for the Oregon Journal, was entirely engaged with the work of the session and the city was covered for that paper by Perry Reigelman, of the Evening Capital Journal.

Closely allied with the newspaper

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DESCENDANT SAYS STORY IS MYTH

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—"That cherry tree yarn is nothing but a harmless myth that's done a lot of good," said George LaFayette Washington, great grand nephew of the "Father of his country," here today.

"George Washington was probably too clever to be caught in a lie," he explained, "but he was too human to have never told a lie. Therein lies his strength."

George LaFayette Washington lives in Woodbury, N. H., and is a bank clerk there. He is the son of Richard B. Washington.

FRENCH ADMIRAL GIVES VIEWS ON 'SUB' WAR; GERMAN HOPES FUTILE

OPINIONS VARY WIDELY

What naval heads of three belligerent nations think of the submarine warfare:

Admiral LaCaze, French minister, French minister of marine: "If the German people are looking to the submarines for peace, let them take cognizance of the fact that since the beginning of the blockade."

about the same number of French merchant ships have been arriving at our ports as heretofore."

The blockade will never succeed," Vice Admiral Von Cappelle, German minister of marine, declared to the reichstag that the submarine warfare had not only realized, but surpassed expectations, and that the rationing of England had approached a danger point.

Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the British admiralty, estimated there are continuously three thousand allied merchantmen in the danger zone, during the first 18 days of the German submarine war, 6,076 vessels arrived and 5,583 departed from British ports. He added:

"The submarine menace is grave and serious and is growing."

"It is not yet solved, but I am confident measures now being devised will gradually mitigate its seriousness."

(The following United Press interview with Admiral LaCaze, French minister of marine, brings the first official expression of France's view of the German submarine campaign.

It is especially significant, follow-

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FLAGS AT HALF MAST FOR GENERAL FUNSTON

Two Regiments Infantry, 18 Companies of Artillery Will Be In Line

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Flags which ordinarily would be floating over public buildings and warships in San Francisco bay in honor of the birthday of the first commander in chief of the American army, were at half mast today in memory of another American general.

Tomorrow the body of Major General Frederick Funston will arrive here for burial in the Presidio national cemetery.

While hundreds of telegrams of condolence poured in today on Mrs. Funston and her three children, the mother and brother of General Funston were on route from Kansas.

At the funeral Saturday morning two full regiments of infantry, commanded in person by Major General J. Franklin Bell, 18 companies of artillery, marines and naval training school cadets and Spanish war veterans, veterans of foreign wars, several companies of the national guard, and city police, will march.

The solemn boom of the minute gun will begin as the cortege enters the Presidio. After the interment and taps, the major general's salute of thirteen guns and three volleys will be fired over the grave.

CELTIC STRUCK MINE BUT NOT BADLY HURT

Towed Back to Port and Will Start For New York Again Today

New York, Feb. 22.—Passengers arriving here today aboard the liner Philadelphia brought a story of the White Star liner Celtic being reported sunk by a mine, while twelve hours out from Liverpool, en route to this country.

The passengers declared, however, that the Philadelphia left Liverpool with the Celtic and Canada. The former disappeared and they heard she had hit a mine, but stated that she had been towed safely back to Liverpool. It was also learned at the White Star offices that the Celtic was scheduled to again start for New York today.

The Celtic was the first ship to en-

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EVEN CHICAGO IS GETTING UNEASY OVER FOOD SUPPLY

Has Wheat and Meat Enough For the Whole United States

BUT HIGH PRICES MAKE HER POOR DESPERATE

Speculators Jump Prices Over Night—Philadelphia Has Food Riots

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Outwardly, Chicago with her 70,000,000 bushels of wheat stored in elevators and packing industries turning out enough meat to feed a nation, is not in the throes of food panics, but in the tenement districts and the congested factory centers, a spirit of unrest is brewing. So menacing has this become that officials, fearing an outbreak similar to the one in New York, are doing their utmost to secure relief from rapidly soaring prices before it becomes too late.

Denouncing railroads and the interstate commerce commission for their hesitancy, board of trade officials are clamoring for action.

"I have no hesitation in declaring that both the railroads and the commission are completely overwhelmed and lost grasp of the situation," President Griffin of the board of trade said today. "As a matter of fact, the intervention of the interstate commerce commission has been harmful rather than beneficial. Their relief suggestions are fanciful, not practical."

"Within less than 30 days, unless relief comes, the commerce of this country will be paralyzed. A power more influential than the commerce commission should be placed in control of the situation."

Prices Increasing.
Foodstuffs which have advanced gradually every day this week, continued their upward trend today. Potatoes, yesterday selling for 90 cents per peck, today went to \$1. Pork chops, boosted to 35 cents per pound, also will advance before night, butchers state.

Live hogs sold at \$12.95 per hundred pounds, highest ever known, and \$4.50 higher than last year.

From Aurora, Ill., the center of milk distribution, today came the announcement that the Milk Producers' association has voted to raise the price to \$2.25 per hundred for summer milk. It has been \$1.85. This means 10 cent milk. Ice also will be higher this summer, Fred Upham, president of the Consumers' company, announced today.

"Personally—and confidentially—I can see absolutely no justification for any further advances in prices of meats," a vice-president of one of Chicago's largest packing companies stated today. For obvious reasons he asked that his name be withheld.

A Flimsy Excuse.
"So far as we know, there is no scarcity of cattle that would affect the situation. Demand has increased on account of the war, but the same has been true with other foodstuffs and products used by Europe.

"Speculators, retailers and others are using the war argument as a flimsy excuse for pinching the consumer. And, of course, everybody has to get his fingers in the pie."

America, money mad, and running amuck amid the deluge of gold from Europe, is robbing herself to quench an insatiable greed for profit.

"Like Frankenstein's super-man, we are creating a being—or class—without a soul. And once created—the inevitable—food riots and a social revolution."

Riots in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Food rioting broke out in Philadelphia this afternoon. Shouting "it's robbery, robbery," several hundred Jewish women attacked dealers who had advanced prices. Push carts were overturned and several shops on Seventh street were entered by the women.

Intermittent fighting continued between the women and dealers until police reserves were rushed to the scene. The trouble started when women discovered that prices had been advanced overnight. Carp, which sold at 10 cents a pound yesterday, was 18 cents today. The police are watching every corner of Philadelphia for other demonstrations.

Another outbreak of the sugar refinery strikers, who engaged in a general fight with strikebreakers last night, resulting in the death of one man, was expected momentarily.

May Have Public Market.
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—High food stuff prices have resulted in a campaign of street speeches by 40 labor leaders endorsing the \$600,000 municipal market system which will be submitted to voters here March 6. If it passes, the city will contract for large amounts of perishable foodstuffs from farmers, and sell them at a minimum cost. The plan was worked out by a committee of labor men with the co-operation of University of Washington faculty members.

NINE INCENDIARY FIRES LAST NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY

Militia Called Out and City Is Placed Under Martial Law Today

ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY MUNITION FACTORIES

Town and Plants Saved by Quick Response of Nearby Cities To Aid Calls

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 22.—New Britain is under martial law today with two companies of state guardmen patrolling its streets following nine simultaneous fires in different parts of the city last night. Two men are under arrest on suspicion of having started the fires.

Repairs are being rushed to the electric fire alarm system, which broke down when several persons rushed to boxes and tumbled in simultaneous alarms as the fires began to light up the skies.

All local fire departments are still at work early today, quenching smoldering embers that threatened to start all over again. Volunteer engine companies from Hartford, Bristol, Waterbury and Plainfield, however, have been sent home.

New Britain has many manufacturing plants, which have been making munitions for the entente allies. The belief was expressed that some fanatic, hoping to stop their manufacture set the fires by means of time incendiary bombs, but no evidence of bombs has been found.

A tenement house, three residences, a garage, a synagogue and a business block were raked by the flames. The damage is roughly estimated at about \$50,000.

The fire first started early in the night in a tenement house, containing many families. Built of wood, it was rapidly consumed. Inhabitants poured down the single stairway in the house. Everyone left safely, but firemen took several from upper windows and by means of ladders.

While they were working other alarms began to come in and soon all apparatus was working. Police and fire departments were totally unable to cope with the situation and appeals were sent to nearby cities for assistance.

Crowds began to march up and down the street. Mob hysteria was growing in the air and Police Chief Bawlings asked Mayor Quigley for militia. Companies I and L, First infantry, were called out and soon had the crowds under control.

By midnight all blazes were out and the city quiet. No further outbreaks, it was said, are expected, but the troops are kept on guard as a matter of precaution.

Newspaper Reporters Were Spies for Germany

New York, Feb. 22.—George Vaux Bacon, American reporter, whose detention in England revealed an alleged plot whereby American newspaper men were sent to England to obtain information for the German government, photographed for in this country with a moving picture company before he sailed for England, federal authorities learned today.

This revelation and the publication of the names of two other reporters involved, came today it was announced that the federal grand jury had been called to meet tomorrow instead of Tuesday as scheduled to probe the plots.

Charles W. Wunnenberg and Albert A. Sander, now under arrest here as organizations of the band of American "observers" in Britain will be the starting point of the grand jury action. It is understood Bacon will be sent here to testify against the two as it is reported he revealed to British authorities the operations of the spy system.

Charles E. Hastings and Sumnerge Rutherford are said to be under observation in Holland. The names of four other men now said to be in England, have not been revealed. An eighth "agent," federal authorities report, is under observation in Copenhagen, while an alleged assistant of Sander's is being sought in New York.

THE WEATHER

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