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HOLLAND IS HOT OVER SEIZURE OF SHIPS

NEAR-GERMAN NATION FEELS U. S. IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A SO-CALLED RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO PERPETRATE ACT OF VIOLENCE UPON IT.

By Associated Press.
THE HAGUE, March 18.—It is impossible for Holland to give an affirmative answer to the Entente proposals concerning Dutch ships, says the Nieuwe Courant.
"It is an act of violence," it adds, "to which we are subjected by the rulers of the ocean and nothing makes us so bitter as the attempt being made to base it on the so-called rule of international law—the antiquated Angary law—which is in no wise applicable here."

Take Over Shipping Today

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Preparation for taking over the Dutch merchant ships in American ports tomorrow, was completed tonight. While the government expected to momentarily receive from London the Dutch reply to the British-American ultimatum, officials said they had had no intimation as to what the reply would be, or whether it would accept the Allies' demand for the transfer of the Dutch tonnage now in American and British waters, or whether it would endeavor to open further parley in an effort to satisfy both the Allies and Germany. It is plainly indicated that the latter would not find favor here.

TRIBUTE PAID TO MEMORY OF LATE JOHN REDMOND

By Associated Press.
ENNISKILLEN, Ireland, March 18.—"From the grave of John Redmond, there is a great lesson to be learned by the British," said John Dillon, making his first appearance as Chairman of the Irish Nationalist party. "Redmond faced misunderstanding and horrible calumny in endeavoring to conciliate the Irish and British people. Had the English ministers been honorable men, stood by him and initiated his statesmanship, Ireland today, instead of being an embarrassment to England, would be a source of strength and support."

HOT SENATORIAL FIGHT ENDS IN WISCONSIN

By Associated Press.
MILWAUKEE, March 18.—Last appeals were made tonight by candidates of all parties seeking nominations for United States senator at the primary election tomorrow. Interest centers chiefly in the nominations of the Republican and Democratic parties. Congressman Irven L. Lenroot with a loyalty slogan, is opposed to James Thomas. The latter is looked upon as a LaFollette candidate.

NOTED MAN DEAD

DENVER, March 18.—William Cook E. Daniels, millionaire dry goods merchant of Denver, traveler and explorer, died in Buenos Aires today, according to a cablegram received here. Mr. Daniels served in the Spanish-American war as major under General Lawton. He was 47 years of age.

Explosion In French Plant Kills Sixteen

By Associated Press.
PARIS, March 18.—Two very violent explosions in a factory at La Courneuve, north of Paris, caused the deaths of 16 persons and the injury of a large number, mostly slightly, according to an official announcement. The cause of the explosion has not yet been definitely determined. La Courneuve is seven kilometers from the Cathedral of Notre Dame, in the direction of St. Denis.

American Red Cross and army ambulances were among the first at the scene of the explosion. A large fleet of ambulances kept at the American hospital at Neuilly for emergency purposes started for the scene within a few minutes after the explosion with two men on each car. Officers of the hospital staff supervised the removal of the injured.
A number of wounded were carried to hospitals in motor trucks of the American army.
Survivors declare the accident was due to a man dropping a box of percussion fuses which set off a box of grenades.
Most of the workmen, realizing the danger, escaped with more or less severe injuries.
Nearly 1000 persons are shelterless as the result of damage to their homes. The American Red Cross, co-operating with the prefecture of the Seine and the local authorities, is providing for them.

THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL BUYS MANY W. S. S.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The sale of War Savings Stamps among the pupils of the Washington school in this city keeps up at a merry clip, and according to a report issued yesterday, stamps to the amount of \$1,182.05 have been taken up by the youngsters who attend this institution. Practically every child in the school has begun the practice of saving his pennies and investing in the little securities, and the following table will give the amount of the sales in each grade or department:

Teacher	W. S. S. Lib. Bonds
Payne	\$203.50 \$ 400.00
Fortson	63.75 250.00
Macbeth	45.50
Butler	272.50 400.00
Rodgers	58.25 483.00
Drake	78.25 150.00
Emerson	65.75 650.00
McDonald	94.25 900.00
Sadlemire	106.30 150.00
Dexter	82.50 1,350.00
Laing	73.75 1,500.00
Luebke	38.50
Total	\$1,182.05 \$4,233.00

PAPERS COME HIGH IN LAND OF DUTCH

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—News-papers in Holland again became 15 per cent dearer with the beginning of the year following earlier increases of 35 per cent. The explanation given is that paper is four times, and printing ink five times dearer than before the war, and news gathering is also much more expensive.
A large number of native newspapers in the colonies have ceased publication through lack of paper and general inability to pay their way. The Sin Po, a Malay paper published at Medan, Sumatra, says that although it is running at a loss of \$50 a day, it will not raise its price, "because we know our friends are none too well off these hard times."

NEW DRAFT PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Representative Shallenberger of Nebraska, a Democratic member of the house military committee, sought to interest President Wilson tonight in a plan for basing future army draft quotas on the total registration and for granting credits on volunteer quotas. He said afterward he hoped at a conference tomorrow to induce the war department to acquiesce in the quota proposal but did not appear hopeful as to the outlook for the remainder of the plan.

BIG DRIVE IN THE WEST BY HUNS A BLUFF

U. S. MILITARY MEN DECLARE ENEMY WILL NOT TAKE OFFENSIVE UNLESS FORCED INTO IT; FACTS ON WHICH OPINION IS BASED ARE NOT MADE KNOWN.

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, March 18.—"I have strong hope that Field Marshal von Hindenburg will soon win for us complete victory on the western front," reads a message sent by Emperor William to the Pomranian provincial council, as quoted in the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

Think It Big Bluff

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Germany's threat of a great spring offensive on the western front no longer impresses American military men.
In its weekly review today, the war department records the conclusion that the enemy, in spite of his vast preparations, will not take the offensive unless forced into it. This confirms the opinion many officers have expressed for weeks, in the face of official forecasts to the contrary from both sides of the Atlantic.

"While hostile preparations for an offensive in the west are not slackening," the review says, "it is becoming more evident that the enemy will launch the offensive only if compelled to do so by the exigencies of the general strategic situation."
The nature of the information upon which the opinion is based is not disclosed. It is noted that fresh German divisions have arrived on the western front and the German lines are said to be approaching the point in density to which it will be impossible to add without choking communication lines and hampering free moving of units. Apparently, however, this concentration has come to be regarded as a defensive, not an offensive movement.
Much of the statement is devoted to the activities of American troops now engaged on five separate fronts, one of the sectors lying close to the Swiss border. The official communication, however, adds nothing to recently published press reports of the raids and trench fighting in which the Americans have been involved.

CONTROL OF SLAV PROVINCES WAS HUN DESIRE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Further light was thrown on the German scheme to extend permanent control over the Russian Baltic provinces by an official dispatch from France. The dispatch says that von Kuehmann, foreign minister, had elaborated a grand diplomatic scheme, which, without direct annexations, reserved to Germany's protectorate Courland and Lithuania, abandoning Poland to Austria. Ludendorff's opposition caused the failure of the plan, but the military administration tried seriously to put it into execution in the territories now under German influence.

Casualty List Has Forty-four Names

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Forty-four names appear in today's casualty lists, including that of Captain James E. Miller, either killed in action or missing. Eight were killed in action, six died from wounds, twelve from disease, and one from accident. Five were severely wounded, eleven slightly.

Belgians Are Again On The Battle Front

By Associated Press.
ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN FLANDERS, March 18.—The important coast sector of the western front which for a considerable time has been held by the French has been taken over by the Belgians.
That King Albert's new army has been able to assume this additional burden speaks highly for the condition of this comparatively small fighting machine which has battled so valiantly from the beginning. On a recent visit to the Belgian front the correspondent learned that the Belgians had effected a great improvement in their organization during the winter months, and certainly the morale of troops and officers seems at the highest pitch.
Lieut. Col. De Ceynecq, the minister of war, informed the correspondent that it sometimes had been difficult to restrain the Belgian soldiers until the proper moment for action. The war minister seemed to reflect the general voice of the army when he said:
"Whenever the call comes we shall be waiting to respond with every atom of strength we have."

DRAFT QUOTA TO BE SELECTED NEXT WEEK

The local exemption board yesterday evening announced the list of names of the 30 registrants, from which number the required 15 men will be chosen at the end of next week for the trip to Camp Funston as Yavapai county's quota of the first increment of the second draft. All of the 30 men will be called upon to appear at the board offices in this city on or about March 29th, all prepared to make the trip. By a system of elimination, the details of which the board refuses to make public, one-half of the men will be let out, leaving the required number for the trip to the camp. The exact date of entrainment and departure is not known by the board, specific instructions on this point being expected shortly from Adjutant General Harris.

EXEMPTION BOARD ANNOUNCES THAT 30 MEN WILL BE CALLED AND ONE-HALF OF THEM EN-TAINED FOR FUNSTON.

The names of the 30 called to report are the following:
Newton T. Sherman, Prescott, Ariz.
H. T. Hill, Dewey, Ariz.
Luka Rakich, Jerome, Ariz.
Clarence T. Smith, Tombstone, Thomas Chavez, Cornville, Ariz.
Joe Campbell, Los Angeles, Calif.
Manuel Casaus, Seligman, Ariz.
Asa M. Newborn, Clarkdale, Ariz.
Eric T. Cox, Camp Verde, Ariz.
Ramella Francisco, Humboldt, Ariz.
Eliazar Encinas, Prescott, Ariz.
Tenney Roe, Clarkdale, Ariz.
Geo. W. Clay, Dewey, Ariz.
Clark C. Roberts, Camp Verde, Ariz.
Ralph O. Roland, Prescott, Ariz.
Kenneth G. Zeiger, Clarkdale, Ariz.
Lena Sapha, Bakersfield, Calif.
Bert L. Brown, Seligman, Ariz.
Clinton L. King, Lake Linden, Mich.
Jas Sheeham, Prescott, Ariz.
Pat Gerrity, Prescott, Ariz.
Bernard Leavitt, Prescott, Ariz.
Eve Wing Chong, Prescott, Ariz.
Edward Bramwell, Los Angeles, Calif.
Leo L. Dickerson, Simmons, Ariz.
Juan Salazar, Mayer, Ariz.
Howard Kilgore, Wogufka, Ala.
Gordan Murray, Chicago, Ill.
Eugene Little, East Bakersfield, Calif.
Elia Dozet, Jerome, Ariz.

BOOST IN WHEAT PRICE IS NOT PROBABLE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Western senators renewed their fight for a higher guaranteed wheat price today, citing the ability of the farmers to make more money growing other cereals, the shortage, and the increased cost of farm labor, and the vital necessity of insuring an adequate crop. The debate was on Senator Gore's proposal to increase the price of the 1918 crop to \$2.50 a bushel. A two-thirds majority is required for action and the advocates of the bill are not hopeful of mustering the votes when the test comes off tomorrow probably. Senator Nelson of Minnesota, admitted that wheat price fixing was an abject failure, and advocated an open market.

Neglects Duty And Loses Commission

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Despite Secretary Baker's expressed view that dismissal from service was not heavy enough penalty for army medical officers convicted of neglecting their soldier patients, an army court martial today declined to impose a more severe sentence on Lieutenant John G. Dwyer, tried for giving improper attention to a private at Camp Funston.

BORAH ON WAR AIMS

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Speaking in the senate today on American war aims, Senator Borah of Idaho, emphasized the point that the United States is not engaged merely in a war between nations, but that the conflict has at stake the principles of Republican form of government. The policies of Frederick the Great, and the policies of Washington are contending for supremacy on the battle fronts of Europe he said. To fail to settle it finally and conclusively now is to fail to settle the sublimest duty that has fallen on our country. If we fail the world will become a military camp, he said.

SPY OPERATING IN AMERICAN LINES IN THE TOUL SECTOR

RESULTS OF GERMAN AIR RAIDS OVER PARIS



The upper photograph shows a view of several of the houses which were wrecked by the bombs dropped by the Germans. These places of "military importance" to the Germans were the homes of the people who live in the poorer section of Paris. The lower photograph shows the results of bombs dropped on the dormitory of a children's hospital, which fortunately had been vacated in time by the 200 children, and none were injured there. The building is a mass of wreckage. If the children had not been removed doubtless every one of them would have been killed.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 18.—American intelligence officers reported evidence leading to the conclusion that an enemy spy may be at work within the lines northwest of Toul. Early this morning an American sentry saw flashes of a signal light from a window facing in the direction of the enemy lines. He fired through the window and dashed into the house, but failed to find anyone.

Four hours earlier important telephone wires within the American lines were found to have been cut.
An American patrol last night entered the enemy trenches at one end of the sector and penetrated them for some distance without difficulty. Much available information was gathered. As they were about to return, they established contact with the enemy, who opened fire with a machine gun. The Americans jumped to a safe position and hurled grenades at the enemy gunners, silencing the gun.

Returning to the American side of No Man's Land, the Americans brought with them a German rifle breech, protected by a metallic covering over the muzzle and a snap clip cover, both of which operate quickly and efficiently. Officers declared it was the best thing of the kind they had ever seen for protecting rifles. The mechanism was turned over to the intelligence department with a recommendation that the attachment be furnished the American troops.

Another patrol on the other end of the sector reported that the enemy first line was held strongly. While the raiders were inspecting the German positions, the enemy fired upon them several times with rifles and machine guns, which are unusual at that point.

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TIGHT GRIP HELD ON LONG FRONT BY ALLIES

By Associated Press.
As the Allied world has day after day read the official reports from the war offices, hoping some inkling of the real situation would present itself, the realization has come home that the American, French, British and Portuguese troops are maintaining control over the front running from the North sea to Switzerland. Artillery fire is growing in intensity, but the Allies have held their own in raiding parties everywhere. In the enemy trenches the heavy guns are battering the American sectors, but American guns are replying with good effect. Excellent weather for the past few days has given our airmen an opportunity to take pictures back of enemy lines.

BIG BOOZE BILL IS DISALLOWED BY COUNTY

SUPERVISORS REFUSE TO PAY THIEL DETECTIVE AGENCY OVER \$4,000 FOR ALLEGED SERVICES; ACTION TO BE BROUGHT.

At yesterday's meeting of the board of supervisors the "bootlegger bill" presented by H. D. Dowell, representing the Thiel Detective Agency of Los Angeles, for a sum over \$4,000, was flatly disallowed. The official action taken was based on grounds that the account was not authorized, although the claim bore the endorsement of County Attorney E. J. Mitchell and Sheriff J. F. Young.

In refusing to meet this alleged obligation against Yavapai county, the board of supervisors maintain that the charges are not only excessive, but that there is no statute to warrant this claim being audited, consequently until Superior Court action is taken to compel payment, the Thiel agency must wait for its coin.
This large sum demanded from this county grows out of Sheriff Young hiring last year, without authority from the supervisors, several so-called detectives, numbering approximately ten, furnished by the Thiel agency of Los Angeles, for running down bootleggers. These officers were hired without sanction or approval of the supervisors, and also without any per diem remuneration being stipulated, hence the disallowance of the bill, which it is claimed, is exorbitant and illegal.
The alleged services cover a period of several months last year in bringing in Thiel officers for hunting down bootleggers, all cases being covered in the demand made for payment of services alleged to have been rendered. It is understood that Mr. Dowell will take the matter before the Superior court at once.

ACTION EXPECTED SHORTLY ON WAR FINANCE BILL

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The general debate on the war finance corporation bill, designed to help finance the needed industries during the war, will end at 12:10 tomorrow afternoon under an agreement adopted by the house. Majority Leader Kitchin is hopeful of a final vote by tomorrow night, although other leaders predict a determined fight over the amendments.

BEWARE THE HUN

NEW YORK, March 18.—A cable dispatch to the All-Russian congress urging that body not to deal with Germany and pledging the support of the American people was sent to Moscow today by the American Association of Foreign Language Newspapers. The message was first submitted to President Wilson.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, March 18.—Lead, dull, \$7.25 to \$7.60. Spelter dull, spot East St. Louis delivery, \$7.25 to \$7.55. Silver 87 cents.