

BILLION DOLLARS TO WAGE WAR ON GERMANY ASKED OF U. S. CONGRESS

American Artillerymen Reinforce French Upon Champagne Positions

Official Paris Report Cites Effective Work of U. S. Batteries in Big Raid—Attackers Take 150 Prisoners.

Paris, Feb. 14—American batteries took part in the artillery bombardment in connection with the large French raid in the Champagne yesterday, it is announced officially.

WILL ARGUE ON PEACE FEB. 21 IN REICHSTAG

February 21 Set As Date for Important Debate By German Deputies.

London, Feb. 14—An important peace debate will begin in the German reichstag on Feb. 21, according to a wireless dispatch from Amsterdam.

NEW RUMANIAN CABINET LEANS TOWARD PEACE

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Feb. 12—(Delayed.)—The new cabinet, headed by Gen. Alexander Averescu, said to be the ablest commander in the army, is known to lean toward peace.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL IS OVERCROWDED

Hartford, Feb. 14—Secretary Chas. P. Kellogg of the state board of charities visited St. Vincent's hospital, Bridgeport, this week. He said today that he found the institution crowded and the management had been obliged to place cots in the corridors for the accommodation of patients.

STRIKES HAMPER SHIP BUILDING AT SPARROW'S POINT

Baltimore, Feb. 14—Government shipbuilding at this port was seriously hampered today by strikes of carpenters and joiners in the shipbuilding plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in Sparrow's Point, and the Baltimore Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.

JAIL PICKETER

Hartford, Feb. 14—John A. Manion, an iron moulder, was sent to jail for four months in the police court today for threatening with bodily harm men employed by the Connecticut Electric Steel Co., which has government contracts.

EVADERS OF DRAFT KILL 3 OFFICERS

Two Troops of Cavalry in Pursuit of Murderers Who Flee to Mountains.

Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 14—Two troops of United States cavalry and posses from half a dozen counties were co-operating today in an effort to capture Thomas Powers, John Powers and Thomas Sissous, sought for the murder of three Graham county officers in a fight in the Graham mountains last Sunday.

ALAND ISLANDS TERRORIZED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Stockholm, Feb. 14—Russian soldiers are reported to be committing shocking acts of terrorism on the Aland islands. In consequence of a statement that Swedish residents have fled to outlying islands, Swedish rescue expeditions will be sent.

DISAPPROVES OF CHAIN PLAN FOR WAR STAMP SALE

Hartford, Feb. 14—An emphatic statement of disapproval has been placed by Howell Cheney, state director of the National War Savings Committee, on the "endless chain" schemes which are now entering Connecticut from other states for the disposal of thrift stamps and war savings certificates.

COMMONS RESUMES DEBATE ON SPEECH

London, Feb. 13—The House of Commons today resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Discussion of foreign and military affairs was dropped temporarily for consideration of the administration of the government at home.

SPAIN DISCUSSES SPURLOS VERSENKT

Madrid, Feb. 13—The Spanish cabinet met yesterday to consider the sinking of the Italian steamer Duca di Genova and of the Spanish steamer Giralda. The case of the Giralda is regarded as one of the most important matters that the cabinet has had to consider since the beginning of the war.

Austrians Instituting Violent Assaults Into Valleys Lost To Italy

Germany's Ally on Offensive While Refusing Aid to Kaiser on Ground That Foe is Preparing Drive.

Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 13—Although preparations for an offensive, which they say the Italians are making, is justification for the assertion that it is impossible to help Germany in France, the Austrians apparently wish to bring an end to inactivity and are resuming battering ram tactics in the mountains.

STORROW CALLS CONFERENCE ON COAL SITUATION

Boston, Feb. 14—Whether restless Mondays would be continued in New England after the federal order which put them into effect had been rescinded was expected to be settled at a conference of state fuel administrators here today, called by James J. Storrow, New England administrator.

DANGER NOT YET GONE

Hartford, Feb. 14—Despite the sunlight of the fine spring, the shadow of the fuel famine still lies across the state and, according to Arthur G. Woolley, state director of bituminous transportation, it is likely to continue for weeks to come.

COAL TIED UP IN ICE

New Haven, Feb. 14—The fleet of tug and barges with coal for New London and eastern points was largely increased off this harbor today. All craft are icebound, as navigation is almost impossible through the eastern end of Long Island Sound.

ASKS SHIPBUILDERS TO HEED U. S. CALL

Washington, Feb. 14—Secretary Wilson issued today a statement calling on ship workers to enroll in the United States public service reserve during the campaign to obtain 250,000 workers to build the country's merchant fleet.

UKRAINE PEACE AFFECTS POLAND

London, Feb. 14—Count Ladislav Sobanski, representative in London of the Polish national committee, in a statement issued today declares the Austro-German peace with the Ukraine affects the interests of Poland. The peace conditions concerning the frontiers, not only between the Ukraine and Galicia but also between the Ukraine and Russian Poland changes the frontiers to the detriment of Poland, he said.

GREATEST BUDGET OF ITS KIND EVER BEFORE NATION

PERSHING URGES CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY IN FRANCE TO MANUFACTURE GAS—HOOPER INTIMATES FOOD CONSERVATION, WILL HAVE TO BE DONE BY LAW—HUGE AMOUNTS REQUESTED IN NEW HOUSE BILL.

Washington, Feb. 14—A billion dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of congress, although cut half a billion from original estimates, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Sherley of the appropriation committee.

WILSON ORDERS PROBE OF HOG ISLAND SCRAP

Washington, Feb. 14—President Wilson today directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the much discussed Hog Island ship yard contracts, which have been adversely criticized before the senate commerce committee, and determine whether there has been any criminal misuse of government funds.

U-BOAT TAKES SPANISH MAYOR FOR A HOSTAGE

Paris, Feb. 14—The German submarine that sank the Spanish steamer Cefiro near Ferro Island, one of the Canary group belonging to Spain, as reported from Madrid yesterday, landed a party on Ferro Island when it put ashore the crew of the steamer, according to advices to the Figaro.

TUSCANIA DEATH ROLL TO EXCEED 170, BELIEF NOW

Washington, Feb. 14—Cablegrams are going forward to the American embassy in London from the war department today in an effort to complete the list of Tuscania survivors and untangle names which have been garbled in transmission.

WILL PROSECUTE COAL HOARDERS IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Feb. 14—Thomas W. Russell, Federal Fuel Administrator for Connecticut, has received from Washington explicit directions to aid the National Fuel Administration in the prosecution of coal hoarders. Announcement of the order, received Wednesday, was made today by Charles W. Jaynes, first deputy to the state administrator.

BRITISH STRETCH LINES IN ITALY

Ottawa, Feb. 14—The British line in Italy has been considerably lengthened to the east of Montello ridge along the Piave river, according to a London dispatch to the Ottawa agency of Reuters. The line now extends to some miles east of Nervasa.

The statement follows: A German attempt against a small French post north of Pargny Plain (Alsace front) was repulsed. There were lively artillery actions in the region of Rheims, in the Champagne. In the large raid yesterday American batteries gave very effective support. French troops organized the positions captured on that day in the region southwest of Butte du Mesnil. The number of prisoners taken by the French and actually enumerated exceeds 150.

"There is nothing to report on the remainder of the front." The official French statement of last night reported a large raid on a front of about 1200 metres in the Champagne near Butte de Mesnil, in which the French penetrated as far as the German third line. The American sector is in Lorraine, some distance to the east of this point.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, former British ambassador to the United States, died this morning at 1 o'clock of heart failure at Government House. Lady Spring-Rice and his son and daughter, Betty and Anthony, aged 11 and 9 respectively, were with him.

Washington, Feb. 14—Diplomatic Washington was shocked today by the news of the sudden death in Ottawa of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, who retired after nearly five years' service as British ambassador to the United States early last month in favor of Lord Reading.

Although it had been known that Sir Cecil had desired for a long time before his retirement was announced to be relieved of his heavy duties in charge of the embassy, no intimation was given when he left Washington that he was in ill health. However, officials here pointed out that he had been under tremendous strain from the responsibilities devolving on him, especially during the negotiations in the operation of the Allied blockade before the United States entered the war.

Following is the text of a formal message of condolence sent by Secretary Lansing to Lady Spring-Rice: "In the name of the President and of all those with whom Sir Cecil was brought into official contact I offer you sincere condolence. It has been given to few men to rise as Sir Cecil did to the heights of great international emergency and to become, as he was, the fortunate medium through which our two nations drew in the great task which has been imposed upon the world."

Washington, Feb. 13—The railroad administration's method of meeting emergency financial needs of roads under government operation was disclosed today by announcement that surpluses of some roads are transferred to others which need operating funds. Under approval of Director General McAdoo.

Later a clearing house for these transfers will be established under John Skelton Williams, director of finance for the railroad administration, and railroads will be given credit for their appropriations to other lines.

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A dispatch from Madrid on Dec. 9 said the Italian steamer Duca di Genova, of 8,982 tons, had been torpedoed only a mile off Murviedro beach, on the Spanish coast. The Spanish steamer Giralda was sunk on Jan. 28. A protest against the sinking was presented in Berlin by the Spanish government on Feb. 8.

Paris, Feb. 14—One vessel of more than 1,600 tons and one of less than that tonnage were sunk by mines or submarines during the week ending Feb. 8, while one fishing vessel was destroyed. One French merchantman was unsuccessfully attacked. Eight hundred and ninety-one vessels entered French ports during the week and 441 vessels departed.