



GERMANY HAS NO DESIGNS ON U. S.

"SILLY IMPUTATION" IS TERM THE CHANCELLOR APPLIES TO REPORTS

Bethman-Hollweg Outlines Germany's Position In the War and Places the Blame for Its Continuance on the Allies—Speech In the Reichstag

Berlin, April 5.—(Via wireless)—Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg protested vigorously in the reichstag today against the report that Germany now or in the future contemplated aggression against the United States. The chancellor indicated in his speech that any suggestion of peace on the basis of destruction of the Prussian military power would make possible only one answer—the German sword. He stated if Germany's adversaries desired to continue the slaughter of men and the devastation of Europe the guilt would be theirs and that Germany would have to "stand it as men."

Position of Holland Is Outlined In Address

The Hague, April 5.—At the opening of the second chamber of the Dutch parliament, after a preliminary secret session, the president of the chamber read a statement declaring the recent suspension of furloughs of army officers and men was a precautionary measure, as Holland was warmly resolved to maintain her neutrality and there was a possibility of it incurring increased danger owing to the course of the war.

GROUND GAINED BY FRENCH TROOPS IN VERDUN REGION

Paris, April 5.—(Official)—The French gained ground north of Calllette wood, northeast of Verdun, during several engagements last night. In the Verdun region French aeroplanes yesterday engaged in 15 aerial combats, during which a double-motored German machine was brought down. Two other German machines also fell. All French pilots got back without damage.

DRYS MAKE GAINS IN ELECTIONS IN ILLINOIS TOWNS

Chicago, April 5.—Almost complete returns of the local option elections in various Illinois towns and townships indicated today that between 350 and 400 saloons would be eliminated in the near future, and that former dry territory which before the prohibition victories in 1912 sheltered about 250 saloons would again permit the sale of alcoholic.

THREE SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES; BUT ONE BRITISH

London, April 5.—The Spanish steamship Vigo has been sunk off the Bay of Biscay by a German submarine. The crew was set adrift in a boat and later picked up by the British steamship Polo and taken to Gibraltar. The British steamship Bendow was sunk and one member of the crew was lost. The crew of the Norwegian steamship Arena was taken to Ymuden today by a trawler. The Arena was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

RATES ON SUGAR TO IDAHO ARE ASSAILED

Washington, April 5.—Carload rates on sugar from California points to Montana and Idaho, were today assailed as unreasonable and discriminatory by Montana distributors in a complaint to the interstate commerce commission. The petitioners charge that rates to Montana points are in excess of rates to St. Paul and Omaha.

THOMPSON MEN ARE BADLY DEFEATED

Chicago, April 5.—Democrats scored heavily in Tuesday's aldermanic elections in the 35 wards of the city. They carried 21 wards, the Socialists 1 and Republicans but 13. There were 35 holdover aldermen, and with the lineup revised to date the Democrats came within four wards of wresting control of the city council from the Republicans. Of the Republicans elected only three bore the Thompson label. The others belonged to the anti-Thompson faction in the city hall.

SENATE IS URGED TO HURRY ALONG THE ARMY BILL

Washington, April 5.—President Wilson today urged the senators to speed up the army bill. Senator Stone told him every effort would be made to dispose of it as quickly as possible. The first amendment today was offered by Senator Sutherland, Republican, to increase the coast artillery considerably over the increases proposed by the committee.

Saloons Voted Out

Omaha, April 5.—For the first time in its history North Platte voted out the saloons by a majority of 90.

Republican Elected Mayor

Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—George Edwards, Republican, was elected mayor of Kansas City yesterday by 8180 votes, according to the unofficial count complete. He defeated Mayor Henry L. Jost, Democrat, who was seeking re-election. The vote announced Tuesday night was: Edwards 30,818, Jost 22,658.

Socialist Elected Mayor

Milwaukee, Wis., April 5.—Returns from the Milwaukee city election show Daniel A. Hoan, Social Democrat, candidate for mayor, to be running ahead of Mayor G. A. Bading, non-partisan. Experts forecasted the election of Hoan an hour after the polls closed.

Maine Progressives Meet

Bangor, Me., April 5.—The Progressive state convention of Maine assembled here today and was called to order by George C. Webber of Auburn. The work of the convention will be confined to the selection of delegates to the Progressive national convention to be held in Chicago in June.

MORE EQUIPMENT FOR EXPEDITION ORDERED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Dispatch From General Pershing Highly Praises Colonel Dodd for His Dash Against Villa's Camp—Tenth Cavalry In Battle With Bandit Band

Washington, April 5.—The war department has authorized the purchase of 108 more motor trucks and two gasoline tanks for the American expedition. These will be formed into companies of 27 cars each to maintain the greatly lengthened lines of communication. General Funston's dispatch definitely located Colonel Dodd, presumably with the Seventh cavalry, on Monday at Providencia.

CAVALRYMEN HAVE ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH THE BANDITS

San Geronimo, Chihuahua, via aeroplane to Colonia Dublan and wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 5.—Two hundred American cavalrymen under Colonel W. C. Brown, Tenth cavalry, defeated an equal force of Villistas in the second engagement of the campaign at Aguas Calientes, 80 miles north of Guerrero, on April 1. This report was made to General Pershing yesterday by two Mexican ranchmen, who said that the Mexican forces lost 30 men and 40 horses, while the Americans suffered no casualties.

AVIATORS FINDING COUNTRY HARD ONE FOR THEIR TASKS

At the front in Mexico, General Pershing's camp, April 2, by aeroplane and motor to Columbus, N. M., April 3.—American aviators had many narrow escapes from injury while flying through one mountain pass on their way to Villa territory. Because of the altitude the aviators cannot fly high above the ground. An aviator who flew through the pass said: "I skimmed the wagon road all the way over the pass. Sometimes I thought the wheels were touching the ground. Whenever there was a rise in the road I had to go up to keep from hitting the ground. When the road dipped the wind currents carried the machine down into the dip."

BAND OF VILLISTAS SCATTERED BY THE TROOPS OF CAVAZOS

El Paso, April 5.—In his attack on Villistas at Cieneguilla yesterday, General Cavazos killed ten and scattered the band, according to a report by General Gavira of Juarez. Cavazos said he was going to follow up the fugitive but called on General Gutierrez to rush forces against Satevo Naica, Santa Otrude and other points where they are supposed to be heading. Cavazos' losses amount to one man wounded and a horse killed.

ATTEMPT SURPRISE; SUFFER HEAVILY

Torreón, Mex., April 5.—A Villista band under Simon Reyes and Chacoh last Saturday attempted to surprise the garrison in the mining town of Parras, several miles east of here. The garrison under Colonel J. M. Gonzalez, drove off the bandits, killing 43 and capturing a quantity of arms and a number of horses.

Miss Harriman a Bride

New York, April 5.—Two New York families of prominence were united today by the marriage of Miss Mary Bishop Harriman and Felix T. Rosen. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Low Harriman of this city and Berryville, Va. She is a granddaughter of the late Heber R. Bishop and a niece of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr. Mr. Rosen's brother, Walter T. Rosen, married Miss Lucy Bigelow Dodge, a granddaughter of the late John Bigelow, and only daughter of the Hon. Mrs. Lionel Gust.

PASSENGERS ROBBED ON THE UNION PACIFIC AND BANDIT ESCAPES

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 5.—The bandit who last night held up and robbed passengers on west bound Union Pacific train No. 1, evidently rode to Laramie. No trace has been found of where he left the train, which was going 36 miles an hour. A revised report shows that he obtained \$767 and a gold watch from five men passengers. Two women in the observation car at the time were not molested.

Charge Unfairness in Trade

Washington, April 5.—The firm of Goldin Brothers, a New York thread-manufacturing concern, has been cited to appear before the federal trade commission today to show cause why the firm should not desist from alleged unfair methods. The case is the first in which a formal complaint of unfair business practices has been made by the commission. The complaint charges that the firm has manufactured and sold mercerized cotton thread as silk, and that the product contains no portion of silk. The matter was brought to the attention of the commission in charges filed against the firm by the Silk Association of America.

Merit's Reward

Merit's reward is often imitation. It is the article with character that is copied, but imitation is seldom more than label-deep. No reputable dealer ever offers to sell you a substitute for an article you ask for. You are justified, if the store-keeper tries it, in asking him whether there is not a little extra profit on the substitute. When you see an article advertised in this newspaper, ask for it by name and insist on getting what you ask for.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON ARMOR PLANT BILL

Washington, April 5.—The senate bill for a government armor plant was favorably reported by the house naval committee today, 15 to 6.

CONTEMPT CHARGES AGAINST MARSHALL TO BE CONSIDERED

Washington, April 5.—Without opposition the house today adopted a resolution for a special committee to consider the contempt charges against Federal District Attorney Marshall of New York, which grew out of the indictment there of Representative Buchanan.

Missouri G. O. P. to Meet

Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 5.—The advance guard of delegates has arrived here for the Missouri Republican convention tomorrow. The convention is to elect four delegates at large to the national convention, draft a platform and nominate presidential electors.

YEAR IN SENATE ENOUGH FOR HIM



Thomas Taggart as he looks today.

Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman from Indiana, recently appointed United States senator ad interim from that state to succeed the late Senator Shively, has issued an announcement saying he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. This picture of Senator Taggart was taken in Washington last week.

TURKISH LEADERS GETTING UNPOPULAR



Enver Pasha (left) and Talaat Bey. Here is a new picture of the leading figures in Turkey. Enver-Pasha, minister of war, is the man who cast the lot of Turkey on the side of the Teutonic alliances in the war. Talaat Bey, Turkish minister of the interior, is Enver's right hand man. As long as the Turks were victorious these men retained their popularity, but the recent Turk reverses in Asia have put them out of public favor.