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WAY PAVED FOR UNITED WILSON READY FIGHT ON PROPOSAL TO ADD HOUR TO WORK DAY

Representative Gallivan Obtains Consent to File Minority Report on Bill. Dangers Unmasked.

NOT A REAL EIGHT-HOUR PLAN MAY HASTEN BALLOTING

Project Contemplates Minimum of Eight Hours, Making It Executive Feels Sure Capitol Possible to Saddle Even Longer Hours on Clerks. Retail Merchants Launch Campaign.

From myriad sources added impetus yesterday was given to the vigorou campaign against the Borland amendment to the legislative bill, which proposes to add an hour to the working day for the vast majority of the Federal employes of the National Capital.

The way was paved for united Congressional opposition to the proposal when Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, obtained unanimous consent to file a minority report on the legislative bill.

New light on the obnoxious features of the Borland amendment was shed by Mr. Gallivan, who pointed out that the proposal is not for a strict eight-hour working day, but for a working day with a minimum length of eight hours, thus making it possible to saddle upon government employes a working day in excess of eight hours.

The Retail Merchants' Association lent its full force to the campaign by adopting resolutions opposing the plan and by launching a vigorous warfare against the proposal.

The National Association of Civil Service Employes has outlined plans to make the crusade one of nation-wide proportions.

Fight Against Added

Hour to Be National

At a special meeting of the board of

employed for longer than eight hours.

Would Work Hardships.

Virginia, Maryland or portions of the

District removed from the street car

lines, and who would be forced to work

until so late that it would become a hard-

ship upon them to get home in time for

It was also brought out that many

clerks now work until 6 and 7 o'clock

In the evening, some of them to a later

Other organizations of business me

will take up this question at meetings

to be held tomorrow. The executive com-

mittee of the Chamber of Commerce will

Resolution Adopted.

The resolution adopted at vesterday's

"A 'rider' has been attached to the

"Congress, through the eight-hour law

for female employes, has already enacted

scribed business here in the District of

Columbia, putting the National Capital

"The board of governors of the Retail

sentative Borland on the ground that

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legislature that has seriously circum-

of Saks & Company, find read:

and District employes, and *

the evening meal.

House to Hear Protest Against Borland Plan

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

That the fight against the Borland rider to the appropriations bill, which The real strength of the opposition to the Borland eight-hour rider-so-called- would add another hour to the working began to manifest itself yesterday in the day of the Federal civil service employes, House. Representative Gallivan, of Mas- will be come a national issue is the state sachusetts, Democraic member of the ap- ment of those active in behalf of the oppropriations committee, obtained unani- position to the proposition. nous consent to file a minority report on The Retail Merchants' Association is

Representative Gallivan was absent sands of commercial organizations in by a from the city when the vote incorporat- every part of the United States, urging inf the Berland proposal in the bill was them to communicate with their members taken in committee. He declared yester- in Congress to oppose the adoption of day that he proposes to fight the rider to the rider.

Despite the confidence with which governors of the association yesterday friends of the rider declare that a point afternoon that body went on record of order will not lie against it, parlia- against the eight-hour stipulations and mentarians in the House yesterday felt instructed its officials to deliver its resothat its fate under the rules was un- lutions to members of Congress tomorquestionable, to say the least. Repre- row. sentative Crisp, of Georgia, will be called The passage of this measure would upon to rule on the point of order in- necessitate a rearrangement of all Washvolved, Mr. Crisp having been selected ington stores, in the view of the governby the Speaker to preside over the House ors of the retailers' association. Under during consideration of the bill in com- the law of the District no woman can be mittee of the whole.

New legislation is prohibited on appro- Department store men asserted that with priation bills except when the legislation this rider as a law, they must shift their comes within the purview of the so- workers into two tricks or deprive the called Holman rule. The Holman rule government clerks of the opportunity of provides that any member may offer an making their purchases. amendment involving new legislation on riation bill when on its face M: A. Leese, vice president of the m the legislation proposed will reduce the chants' organization, who presided in the number of offices or the total of appro- absence from the city of President R. P. priations carried in the bill, and that leg- Andrews, pointed out to the governors islation reported by a committee is in that the law would work innumerable order when it would serve to reduce the hardships upon the government clerks. expenditures of the government. those who are buying their homes in

Gallivan Bares Facts.

Several of the leading parliamentarians in the House yesterday held that the above reading of the law presupposes that the legislation proposed shall have been reported out by a legislative committee and that the Borland amendment, never having been passed upon by a legthis interpretation.

the time, so that this measure will be, in Representative Gallivan pulled mask from the argument in favor of the effect, a slap in the face for those who House affecting the President's manageproposal yesterday when he showed that do not "watch the clock," but give their far from being a proposal for an eight- undivided attention to the duties involvhour law the Borland rider seeks to ing upon them. saddle on government employes a working day of more than eight hours.

Mr. Gallivan said: The tiormate over is not legislation in favor of an eight-hour day. It is legis- meet tomorrow noon to consider similar

lation directly opposed to the principle action to that taken yesterday by the and practice of an eight-hour day. The merchants, and the executive committee principle of eight-hour legislation and the of the Board of Trade may adopt its propractice of its enforcement is that the test at the meeting to be held in the employe shall not work more than eight board rooms at 1 o'clock tomorrow. hours. The letter of the Borland provision and the spirit is that the employe shall not work less than eight hours. "Mr. Borland has been quoted as say-

ing that the legislation he now proposes will equalize working conditions among all government employes in and out of Washington; he declares that it is in line with the law limiting the hours of service for government employes out of Washington. Titls statement is absolutely misleading.

Doesn't Limit Hours.

The law applied to employes outside of Washington is an eight-hour law, because it prohibits the government from at a distinct disadvantage with most cities working those employes more than eight of the country, particularly those near hours. This proposal in no way abridges to Washington. the rights and practice of administrative officers of the government to require ten Merchants' Association, assembled in and twelve hours work a day in rush special session this 20th day of February,

"The testimony taken at hearings on amendment or 'rider' proposed by Repreand assistant secretary testified that much overtime work is a great nation like the United States done by clerks under their direction. No government to increase the hours of labor large employer of private labor, whether without additional compensation. In our

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FOR VOTE UPON

Confident of Support, President Awaits Action By Congress Regarding Stand.

Will Defeat Proposal to Warn Americans Off Ships.

BERLIN REPLY ON SUB DISPUTE IS RECEIVED

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambussador, yesterday re-ceived a lengthy communication were at work most of the afterthe document.

The communication is pre-sumed to be the reply of the Berlin foreign affice to the in-quiries of the United States as to whether the submarine declaration nullifles past assurances given by Germany.

Authoritative forecasts of this reply prepared the State Department for a proposal to discuss the question of offensive and Lansing said the United States will agree to such a dis It is expected that Count von Bernstorff will deliver the German reply to the State Department tomorrow.

Believing that they are now in absoof President Wilson let it b known last night that they are ready at any time for a vote on the question of taking the submarine issue with Ger today sending out letters to the theu- many out of the hands of the Presiden resolution to keep Americans armed liners.

> Not since the revolt broke loose am the Democrats at the Capitol have th t's friends manifested more co fidence in their predictions that legisle tion of this kind would never be passed For that reason there was a well de fined report in Washington last night that the administration leaders may g so far tomorrow as to force a vote or one of the pending resolutions for the purpose of defeating it and thus im President has Congress behind him.

The report gained headway when pre dispatches reaching here yesterday from Berlin reorted a feeling in Ger many that the President would not dare force the issue over the Kaiser's new submarine policy in view of the revolu in Congress.

At the same time, however, the Pres dent's leaders in Congress yesterday did not relax their vigilance.

Try to Check R Despite the present inactivity of the re volters against the President's foreign policy, administration leaders are leaving no stone unturned to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. In conformity One of these, he said, would be upon with suggestions by the President's advisers they are doing a lot of missionary work in an endeavor to convince the belligerents that action by the House on a diplomatic question might seriously embarass the United States in its interna tional relations. Among those who are assisting in this work is Representative Adamson, of Georgia, a Democratic leader. Mr. Adamson announced yester

> "In case any resolution comes up in the ment of foreign affairs I will offer the following resolution, and all the Georgia nembers will support it."

"While it is obviously foolish and ruck less, showing criminal disregard of the rights, duties and obligations and peace able relations of their government for American citizens to take passage on the ships of any of the belligerent nations engaged in the present universal war. yet we have unbounded confidence in the ability and integrity of the President of the United States, whose constitutional duty is to conduct all diplomatic business meeting of the merchants in belief of and look after all the foreign affairs of thirty-six lines of trade in the District this government, and we recognize his was proposed by Isaac Gans, manager constitutional power and affirm our confidence in his ability and integrity to discharge his responsibility in the pres Federal appropriation bill which will add another hour a day service for Federal

May Discuss Question

Representative McLemore, the Texas Democrat, who offered the resolution that resulted in a crystallization of sentimen in the House against the foreign policy of the President, gave out a statement last night in which he said that he had sides. The German casualties, acno objection to delay by the foreign affairs committee in acting on the measure.

knwon yesterday that the United States will not object to entering into a discus-United States to disapprove the said of the international law permitting me chant vessels to arm for defense.

At the same time the Secretary made it is inconsistent with public policy for it plain that the administration will not discuss the principal of the law itself This was the extent to which he went German League to destroy forever Gerin justifying a statement that the present many's commercial prestige are To be situation is less serious than it was and sided in the near future by the British that there is no immediate crisis at hand. government.

WIFE ADVISED BY CODE "ADS" AS TO LYMAN'S WHEREABOUTS

New York, Feb. 26 -- It was learned oday from Postoffice authorities that he arrest of Dr. John Grant Lyman, alleged stock swindler, in St. Petersburg, Fla., was accomplished through the fugitive's curiosity.

Lyman was safely on his way to Honduras when he turned his yacht to shore to get copies of New York newspapers.

During the time Lyman was fleeng from the police by automobile, he kept in touch with his wife through code advertisements in New York newspapers, purporting to seek an English valet.

light, Lyman transferred cash and securities to his wife's name. Several of these transfers were ac-

complished in Washington. Throughout his flight, Lyman traveled by automobile, having his trunks shipped ahead under an assumed name. He left his machine to

go to sea in a yacht. Lyman was headed for Honduras, he admitted, after being identified by a Los Angeles man.

The first clue to Lyman's whereabouts were given by a stenographer in Richmond, Va.



WIT AND JEST LARGER ARMY

Gridiron Club Makes Merry House Military Affairs Com- New Haven Probe Develops at Annual Banquet in New Willard.

PRESIDENT AMONG NOTED **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Curtain of Dignity About Great and Measure Provides for 1,000 Officers Federal and State Officials Find All Near-Great Dropped as King Satire Treads Boards.

To the tuneful melodies of the operetta "Orpheus and Eurydice," the American Beauty roses, orchids and up to about 143,000 men. pring flowers. A soft red glow durwit and humor of the evening's en-

finance, distinguished army and navy United States Senator. officers, and men prominent in all

Innings With T. R.

guests. The Gridiron quartet sang There's Music in the Air." The Gridron flashed and the fun was on.

Hardly had the diners finished the dent having arrived. I desire that the CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE

200,000 MAY BE DEAD. Unofficial Figures Put Verdun Cass alties Way Up.

Paris, Feb. 26 .- For fury and weight of men and guns the battle of Verdun The losses have been terrific on both than 100,000. The French losses probably have

been nearly as great, despite the fact 1916, hereby petitions the Congress of the sion with Germany as to the application that their defense has been made in the trenches and behind armored

Anti-German League Backed.

BLAME WRECK MARK FEAST AGREED UPON

mittee Votes for 137,-000 Men.

PRESIDENT MAY RECRUIT UP TO 143,000 IF BILL PASSES

and Doubles Appointments at

The army reorganization bill to pro-Club, at the upon vesterday by the House military dinner last evening at the New Wil- affairs committee after a session of startling explanation, advanced today, of ard, descended into Hades and came strenuous voting. The committee included back to earth again to witness, among in the bill an increase in the regular other things, the start to the Chicago army to 127,000 men, two thousand more and St. Louis conventions of the pros- than the War Department recommendapective candidates for presidential tions called for. The regular army prohonors. The large ballroom was deco- vision also provides for a two per cent rated by Small in a most artistic leeway in enlistments which would alnanner. There was a profusion of low the President to recruit the army cials. They inspected the automatic sig-

The committee included in the bill prac ing a part of the evening added to the tically all of the proposals incorporated realism of the event. An unusually in the original draft framed a week ago distinguished assemblage enjoyed the The federalization of the militia as originally proposed was adopted in toto and without opposition. It was agreed, how-President Wilson, Vice President ever, to provide for the enlistment if Marshall, Ambassador de Gama, the militiamen on the basis of a minimum of Minister from Bolivia; the Chinese to and a maximum of 800 for each con-Minister, Cabinet officers, Senators, gressional district with an additional 200 Representatives in Congress, leaders in to 800 at large in each State for each

May Draft Militia.

The militia provisions give the President authority to draft the militia into President Strayer welcomed the the Federal service in war time and also gives to the secretary of war extensive authority over the organization, training and discipline of the State troops. Provision in the bill for additional Hardly had the diners finished the Provision in the bill for additional impressed by the theory of the possibility oysters when a member of the club regular army officers to be used as inarose and said: "Mr. President, the structors in military schools throughout throttle. hour for the inauguration of a presi- the country was increased by the committee. Instead of 786 officers for this facts. The signals were set against the service, the measure will provide for engineer, and no attention was paid 1,000 officers and will give the War Department wide discretion in detailing officers from other duties to conduct military education in State schools.

proposal to double the appointments to regarding Engineer Curtis, West Point and to provide the additional dations at the academy for the increased number of cadets. The committee, Chairman Hay said, German commerce raider is lurking in

cording to what Paris terms an au- a whole on next Wednesday, and that of Spain was the information brought thoritative source, are placed at more the favorable report on the measure here today by the trans-Atlantic liner would be framed and submitted to the House by a week from Monday Typhus Declines Schools to Open.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—As a result of the crease of typhus the board of health a recommended to the government that a public schools be recopened. The board of health hopes to stamp out the epidemic by the time the rainy season and Austrian steamers that were in Italian ports when the war began.

Visit New Orleans, Mobile, Penancols During Mardi Gras, Low round-trip fares, Feb. 28 to Mar. 8. Through sleep-ing cars. Southern Ry., 795 15th st.—

ON DEAD MAN

Belief Engineer Was Lifeless When Crash Came.

SIGNALS AND FLAGMAN PASSED WITHOUT HEED

Safety Devices in Perfect Working Order, Is Report.

the New Haven wreck at Milford last

Federal and State officials including representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission, went to Milford today with New Haven road offinal system at and near the scene of the

From Milford the officials went afoot along the New Haven right of way to the scene of the wreck noting every detail of the signal system. The two signals, the distant and home

six als. just east of where Enginee Curtis sent-train No. 5 into collision with train No. 79, were unlocked and in-

Signals in Good Order.

It is understood the signals were found in good working condition. They have been automatically performing service in the operation of trains since the day of the wreck.

Coroner Mix today announce had completed his investigation of the wreck and was at work on his findings It is understood the coroner is strongly

The theory is borne out by the two the flagman sent back by train No. 79 to warn No. 5 of the danger. It is believed no actual criminal re

sponsibility for the wreck will be defi-The committee voted favorably on the nitely fixed in view of the uncertainty Commerce Raider Reported.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 26.-That

would take a final vote on the bill as the steamer lanes of the northern coas Chicago, which had a narrow escape from capture on the night of February 17 off the Bay of Biscay.

Thirty-five Steamers Requisitioned. Rome, Feb. 26.-The Italian government has regulationed thirty-five Germa

"New York and Florida Special."
Finest train to Florida resorts. Atlantic Coast Line, 8:15 p. m. daily. 4 all-steeltd. trains daily, 1408 N. Y. ave. nw.-

CAPTURE OF VERDUN RUMORED IN LONDON; **GOVERNMENT SILENT**

No Official Announcement Made After German Report of Fort Douaumont's Fall Is Sent Out From Berlin.

KAISER DIRECTS HIS TROOPS

Final Assault on Outer Defense of French Stronghold Made in Blinding Snowstorm.

By W. ORTON TEWSON.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 26.-London seethed tonight with rumors that the great fortress of Verdun had fallen.

The newspaper offices were besieged with inquiries, but in the absence of official news even from Berlin, which had hurriedly announced in a special message the storming of Fort Douaumont there were many skeptics, although the possibilities of the capture of Verdun were widely discussed in the West End clubs and the hotel smoking rooms.

DOUAUMONT'S FALL ANNOUNCED.

Germany officially announced that Fort Douaumont, one of the fortifications of Verdun, was taken by storm yesterday afternoon and is now firmly held by the Germans.

prince's army. The final assault was made by the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Brandenburgers in a blinding snowstorm.

The battle around Verdun is the greatest fought since the beginning of

London Papers Hint at German Success

pecial Cable to The Washington Herald. London, Feb. 26 .- The develop ments of the great German offensive dominate the news columns in all the papers which eagerly weigh the possibilities of ultimate recess for the Germans.

to repeat at Verdun the tactics carried out with such success by Von Mackensen last spring on the Dunajec. The Germans then con-

centrated on a short front huge numbers of men and guns and just blasted their way through. The result was the Russian retreat. "This method necessitates simply a frightful loss of life, the

The Evening News, alluding to the fall of Fort Douaumont,

denburg corps ranks with the Prussian guard in driving force and is one of the Kaiser's dearest favorites."

from the Russian front. "This fact," it goes on, "brings

the weight of the Russians." The Evening Standard says:

a full knowledge of the consequences of failure and with no enervating optimism, such as has been the bane of this country. "The French think as we think

that if the attempt fails, that failure will be decisive, but they are wisely prepared for the worst. The Pall Mall Gazette says:

ground by paying a disproportionto the fact that the invader is forcing his way nearer Verdun, but the violence of the onslaught many will pay anything for a resounding achievement.'

London, Feb. 26.-The British steam re Densby and Tummel have been sunk by German submarines. The Denaby was a vessel of 2,987 tons, which recently sailed from Huels for La Pallice. The Tummel was much smaller, displacing

sula, and then retired." Steamer Franklin Arrives. Boston, Feb. 26.-The British steamer

Franklin believed to have been captured and sunk by a German raider arrived here today, a week overdue on account of gales. Immediately upon arrival Capt. Park was handed sealed orders from the British admiralty which requisitioned the boat after it had left Glasgow

announced today. He arrived in the For Commiss, Afres, Augusta Special morning and left in the afternoon. Tp. m. daily. Southers Hallway-Adv.

ONE CENT.

Statements Conflict.

The Kaiser witnessed the capture of the fort by the troops of the crown

Neither official statement from Park today admits the fall of the fort. To night's communique, however, says

the enemy, despite all his efforts, has no

this morning following the fall of the

from Verdun and was the keystone of

the French ring of fortifications on the

northeast. The entire fortress, hither-

to considered impregnable, is put in

Turnning Movement Started

encircling movement of which the north

ern drive was only the first maneuver

With the St. Mihiel salient as its base,

another strong force of Germans has be-

gun a turning movement against the

French line from the east and south-

The French resistance on the plain of

ceording to Berlin, and today the Ger-

the Woevre has been completely broken.

mans were pursuing their beaten for

along this front as far as a point south

Both London and Paris view the latest

ffensive of the Germans in the most

In London tonight the rumor was per-

London and Paris critics were inclined

to the opinion that the weight of the

French gons and the heavy re-enforce-

ments which have been moved from the

reserve strength to that part of the line

would be successful in breaking the force

of the German attack before the inner

By Allied Fleet

sistently circulated that the entire fo

of the highway from Paris to Metz. or

which Verdun is located.

tress had fallen.

been able to throw back."

"A furious struggle has been in pros an advanced unit of the old defensive organization of Verdun fortress. The pr zition carried this morning by the enem after several fruitiess assaults, which cost very heavy losses, has again been

The Globe says: The German official report referring to "The Germans are endeavoring vesterday (Friday) afternoon:" th French night report refers to a position captured by the Germans "around Fort ouaumont" this (Saturday) morning It aumont or a further position, probably south of the fort, won by the Germani

attacking troops being indeed used as so much cannon fodder."

"The news is unpleasant and

The Westminster Gazette mentions that the crown prince's army was strengthened by five corps for the great effort against Verdun and by new troops drawn

home the necessity the Germans are under to make their attack now if they wish to decide matters in the west before spring makes it possible for Russia to move in full strength in the east. If the blow fails, Germany will be so much less able to hold up

"France is fighting grimly with

"It is within the power of any belligerent to effect gains of ate price. Neither France nor her allies will pay undue significance

might almost suggest that Ger-Two British Steamers Torpedoed.

Emperor Visits Naval Base Beerlin, Feb. & (by wireless) .- Emper William visited naval headquarters at Wilhelmshaven on Wednesday, it was

morning and left in the afternoon

Special Cable to The Washington He dam, Feb. 26.-Another bombardment of

Dardanelles Hit

the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles by allied warships was reported in the following official statement today: "On Wednesday an enemy armore ruiser and two other warships fired

shells unsuccessfully against the coast f Kiliapala and Musmuk. "A battleship and cruiser fired shells against our positions at Sedd-ol-Bahr and Tekke Burnu, at the western extremity of the Gallipoli Penin-