

## BIG GUN DUEL AT VERDUN AS ARMIES REST

Lull in Infantry Attacks Believed  
to Presage Renewed On-  
slaught.

### CROWN PRINCE RECALLED

General Staff Unable to Agree  
on Attack, Assert Rumors  
From Mainz.

LONDON, March 2.—The lull  
on the Verdun front in infantry  
fighting continued through last  
night, according to both Berlin and  
Paris official war office state-  
ments.

While both statements reported  
no change on the western front,  
renewal of German artillery ac-  
tivity in the Champagne and Ver-  
dun sectors is admitted.

Whether this is to shield the  
movement of troops and supplies  
to other sectors or presages a  
new onslaught to envelop the  
main Verdun defenses is yet to be  
disclosed.

With dispatches indicating the  
appalling German losses in the  
ten-day fighting, there comes  
rumors from Mainz that the  
crown prince has yielded com-  
mand of the Verdun offensive to  
the Duke of Wurttemberg and has  
been called to meet the German  
general staff and the Kaiser in a  
war council.

### STAFF IS DIVIDED.

The Kaiser's advisers are said to be  
divided over the question of continuing  
the Verdun attack. The spirit of near-  
gloom yesterday afternoon, casting  
discredit on an unofficial press report  
from Berlin that the Kaiser had been  
captured by the French.

Berlin reports that a counter-attack  
delivered by the French upon  
Bouaumont was declared to have  
been unsuccessful.

"In the Yser district," continued  
the official statement, "enemy's ar-  
tillery has been very active."

"North of Verdun, on the eastern  
bank of the Meuse, the French again  
sacrificed troops in useless counter-  
attacks against the fortress of Dou-  
aumont."

"In the northern part of the Rus-  
sian front, artillery activity has  
been very lively at several places,  
where German guns carried out suc-  
cessful enterprises against the enemy."

Aircraft Fight Down.  
"Northwest of Mitau, a Russian  
aircraft was shot down in an air  
fight, and the occupants made pri-  
soners. German airmen successfully  
attacked the railroad at Molodet-  
shino."

The Geneva correspondent of the  
Chronicle writes that the German  
general staff as a result of Verdun  
defeat. Several generals are advising  
against a continuation of the offensive,  
while General von Falkenhayn, chief  
of the general staff, continues to send  
renewed orders.

"It is impossible to conceive the real  
extent of the German losses. The  
wounded are pouring back in all direc-  
tions. On Saturday last alone, 10,000  
wounded were dispatched to the rear.  
The German losses in the fighting from  
Friday last to Monday are estimated by  
an officer of the German general staff  
at 7,000."

"The crown prince has been urgently  
summoned to general headquarters,  
where there is expectation of immin-  
ent events. The crown prince will not  
return to the fighting front for some time.  
That view is held among British mil-  
itary critics."

French Gunners Active.  
French guns are replying to a vigor-  
ous attack near Frenes, southeast of  
Verdun.  
Both in Paris and Berlin the impres-  
sion prevails that the thirty-hour  
lull in infantry attacks is only prelimi-  
nary to a grand assault on the Verdun  
forts.

The crisis in the battle for Verdun,  
say Paris military experts, came on Sun-  
day when the Germans threw heavy  
forces against the French front exten-  
ding from the Pepper Heights through  
Douaumont.  
Until they were within close range of  
the French guns, the Germans were un-  
der the protection of small hills. When  
under the ravines they came under the  
fire of hundreds of French field  
pieces and machine guns and were  
thrown back in a six-hour battle.

## Not All Periscopes Are on Submarines

For, You See, the Germans Put  
Them on Mines to Invite  
Ramming.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—A new Ger-  
man idea is reported by Capt. B. J.  
Keely, of the British steamship Kat-  
field, just arrived here.  
According to Captain Keely, the Ger-  
mans, knowing that the British au-  
thorities have offered a reward of \$2,500  
for any skipper who rams a submarine,  
have built a great number of mines  
with a pipe projecting above the water,  
which looks exactly like a periscope,  
and set them adrift.  
Along comes the British steamer and  
sees the periscope. With his choice, as  
he thinks, between \$2,500 and a torpedo  
in his ship's side, he promptly rams  
the supposed submarine—and is in-  
stantly blown up.  
Captain Keely says many British  
ships have already undergone this  
unfortunate experience, and that he  
himself saw one of the deceptive mines,  
which was picked up by a patrol boat.

## BERLIN MAY BEGIN WAR ON PORTUGAL

Demand For Release of Ships  
To Be Followed By Such a  
Declaration.

AMSTERDAM, March 2.—"Germany is  
prepared to declare war on Portugal  
immediately in the event of an unsatis-  
factory reply to the note demanding the  
release of seized German ships," said a  
dispatch from Berlin today.  
Portuguese consuls in Germany have  
warned their countrymen to prepare to  
depart, the message said, declaring that  
the situation may become critical to-  
night. The Berlin newspapers declare  
that Germany cannot allow the incident  
to pass without disgracing Germany.

### RULE FOR FOL-

LISBON, March 2.—Sixty leaders of  
the German colony left hurriedly for  
Spain today on receipt of reports that  
Germany is about to declare war on  
Portugal. The majority of the German  
business houses have been closed.  
It is rumored the German minister  
will leave Lisbon this afternoon. No  
confirmation of this report was obtain-  
able at the embassy or the foreign office,  
but it is generally believed there  
will be important developments within  
twenty-four hours.

The President conferred until a late  
hour last night with his cabinet and  
also with other political leaders who  
were summoned to the foreign office.  
The reply to the German demand is  
said to have been framed at this con-  
ference, and to have been telegraphed  
to Berlin before midnight.  
Departures of Germans from Lisbon  
continued today. It is estimated that  
about 300 German business men have  
gone to Spain.

## Russ Prisoners Escape, Make Their Way to Italy

ROME, March 2.—Several Russian  
prisoners of war, interned in Austrian  
camps, escaped and made their way  
miraculously through the Austrian lines  
on the Italian front, according to dis-  
patches received here today.  
One of the Russians was drowned  
forcing a stream in the Alps. The  
others, half dead from exposure, stag-  
gered into an Italian camp.

## Six Vessels Sunk By German U-Boats

First Day of New Campaign  
Marked by Death of 18  
Aboard Steamer.

LONDON, March 2.—On the first day  
of the new German order to torpedo  
armed merchantmen, the Russian  
steamer Alexander Wentzel was sent to  
the bottom with a loss of eighteen  
lives, according to dispatches received  
here today.

Four Lowestoft fishing smacks, the  
Trevoze, Tyron, Reliance, and Harold,  
were sunk in the North Sea, according  
to reports received here today.  
The French mine-sweeper Au Revoir  
was torpedoed and sunk on Tuesday by  
a German U-boat. The crew, it is be-  
lieved, according to advices reaching  
here, are taking refuge in Berlin.

Though none of the London dispatches  
thus far have indicated that the ships  
sunk have carried arms, the sinking of  
the vessel mentioned in today's dis-  
patches and the Thornaby, reported  
yesterday, indicates a sudden renewal  
of German U-boat operations.

## French Reported To Have Abandoned Fort de Vaux

AMSTERDAM, March 2.—Unconfirmed  
reports from German sources today  
said the French have evacuated Fort de  
Vaux, one of the Verdun forts, from two  
miles southeast of Fort Douaumont.  
The position, it is stated, was wrecked  
by German artillery fire. From the  
heights south of Douaumont the French  
have played steady streams of fire over  
the ruins of the fort and the Germans  
have been unable to occupy it.

The German move was reported, the  
German press today reports, after the  
French moved up heavy howitzers and  
began a bombardment of Fort de Vaux.  
At the same time an artillery  
and infantry attack was delivered  
against Fort de Tavenne, the next of  
the Verdun forts south of de Vaux. The  
French moved up their heavy artil-  
lery and began a bombardment of the  
Verdun railway station at Elis, but were  
driven back upon de Vaux and finally  
forced to abandon it.

The German move here today report  
that the Germans are concentrating  
heavily in the Argonne, having sent  
9,000 reinforcements, into the Argonne  
sector in the past few days. It is be-  
lieved that the Crown Prince will re-  
sume the Verdun offensive with strokes  
in the Argonne region and from the  
southeast, in efforts to envelop the main  
forts.

## MILEAGE GRAB OF 20 CENTS APPROVED BY VOTE IN HOUSE

Members Who Must Soon Act  
on Borland Rider Take Big  
Traveling Expenses.

### COX MAKES ANNUAL FIGHT

Gets Little Consideration in  
Trying to Reduce Fee to  
Five Cents.

Members of the House who soon will  
vote on the Borland amendment, re-  
quiring eight hours work per day of  
Government clerks, today, voted over-  
whelmingly for the customary "mileage  
grab" of 20 cents per mile for the trav-  
eling expenses of Senators and Con-  
gressmen.  
Congressman Cox, of Illinois, made  
his annual fight for a reduction in the  
mileage allowance to 5 cents per mile.  
When a rising vote was taken the  
opposition was so great that the presid-  
ing officer did not carefully count the  
friends of the 20-cent mileage.  
Waving his gavel at the standing  
members, Chairman Crisp announced  
the vote to be 120 to forty-six, although  
it appeared that more than 200 members  
had stood up against the Cox amend-  
ment.

### "Everybody Up."

The vote was taken amid laughter,  
a general hubbalo and cries of "every-  
body up."  
Congressman Morrison, an Indiana  
Democrat, who seldom speaks but is  
one of the most effective orators in the  
house, delivered a brief utterance on  
the sham and pretense exhibited in the  
House in the annual mileage fight.

He called such proceeding farcical and  
reminded his colleagues that members  
who generally cried loudest for ar-  
reduction in mileage were always first  
at the window of the Sergeant-At-  
torney to get their mileage checks.  
Congressman Morrison's speech was  
received with great applause and  
laughter.

### oMotion Shouted Down.

The decisive defeat of the Cox 5-cent  
per mile amendment was predicted by  
a motion by Congressman Howard of  
Georgia to cut out mileage allowances  
entirely.  
This was shouted down by Congress-  
man Byrns, in charge of the legislative  
appropriation bill, favored the 20 cents  
a mile allowance. He said the bill  
Senate would not get it back the  
anyway.

There was no discussion during the  
annual mileage fight, which was ex-  
actly the same of the Borland amend-  
ment proposing to "economize" by adding  
one hour a day to the system of pay-  
ment of Government clerks without pay-  
ing them extra compensation. The Borland  
amendment may not come to a vote for  
several days.

### Little Chance of Debate

On Borland Rider Today

The House today returned to its dis-  
cussion of the legislative, executive and  
judicial appropriation bill and the Bor-  
land rider for a minimum eight-hour  
day for Government clerks.  
Congressman Byrns of Tennessee, in  
charge of the bill, said there was no  
chance of debate, that the Borland  
rider will be reached today.  
This provision is near the end of the  
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## London Press Lauds Showdown Demand

Wilson Courageous, Says West-  
minster Gazette—Sure of  
Sympathy Says Globe.

LONDON, March 2.—"Plucky" and  
"courageous" were terms used by the  
London press today in describing  
President Wilson's move to force a  
count of noses in Congress on the  
question of upholding his position  
with regard to Germany.  
"The stand taken by the President  
is straightforward and courageous,"  
said the Westminster Gazette.  
"President Wilson is assured of the  
sympathies of the allies," said the  
Globe, one of the President's most  
severe critics.

"The President's stand is plucky,"  
said the Pall Mall Gazette, which ex-  
pressed the hope that President Wil-  
son will not compromise with his  
opponents in Congress on a basis of  
a limitation of armament. Such a  
compromise would cause ill feeling  
here, the Gazette added, and would  
be only a measure of expediency in-  
asmuch as Americans would continue  
patronizing English armed ships, if  
they chose.

The Daily News said that Presi-  
dent Wilson has given America the  
opportunity to choose between honor  
and dishonor.

## GRACE MARSHALL GAINS 20 POUNDS

Girl's Mental Condition, However,  
Still Puzzles Doctors.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—Grace Mar-  
shall, the Easton girl, who was kept in  
a small room for twelve years by her  
parents, has gained twenty pounds, ac-  
cording to surgeons at Johns Hopkins  
Hospital, where she has been under  
treatment for the last three months.  
There has been no substantial im-  
provement in her mental condition, it  
was stated that the girl is under obser-  
vation. She has been baffled in determin-  
ing the exact method of trying to restore  
the girl's intellect to normal.  
"The first move will be to bring the girl  
to the normal physical state and then  
try to increase her mental activities."  
She has so far responded but feebly to  
efforts made along this line.

## BILLY SUNDAY TELLS 500 MINISTERS WHY SOME OF THEM FAIL

Do Not "Sweat Enough Collars"  
to Win Converts, Evangelist  
Says.

### HIS WORDS SIZZLING HOT

Denounces "Lynx-Eyed, Dog-  
matic," and "Society Bell-  
wether" Preachers.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—Billy Sunday  
fired some of his most scathing verbiage  
into an audience of 500 preachers from  
all over Maryland, this morning at Mt.  
Vernon Place M. E. Church. His sub-  
ject was "Why some men in the min-  
istry are failures."  
"If I didn't sweat out any more col-  
lars trying to get people into the king-  
dom of God than you do, I wouldn't  
be any more successful than you are,"  
he shouted, pointing an accusing finger  
at them.  
He characterized some deacons and  
elders as "old lynx-eyed, dogmatic,  
lympatic, hog-jawed, heavy-eyed, so-  
ciety belle wethers," and spat on the  
floor to show his contempt of this type.  
The more fervid Sunday's criticism grew  
the more "amens" were heard, and most  
of his exhortations were coupled with a  
smile that robbed them of venom.  
"One preacher out West told me all  
the people of God that you do, I wouldn't  
be any more successful than you are,"  
he said. "If they sat down after that  
fellow had gotten up they would have  
said, 'pneumonia.'"

### Diffidence in Delivery.

"Two fellows got out of college. One  
got a thousand a year for preaching,  
and the other got six thousand for  
playing baseball," Sunday said.  
"The preacher asked me why this was.  
I told him it was the difference in their  
delivery."

In introducing Sunday, a clergyman  
said he did not know whether the prayer  
meetings were to stop now that he has  
arrived or not.  
If they stop," interrupted Sunday, "I  
quit. They will be held in the morning  
instead of nights, that's all."  
A boy can hold a candle for a giant  
to work by," he began. "Maybe I can  
drop a few remarks that will act like  
nickels with you for the slot machines."  
Then Sunday counseled the clergy-  
men to be "babysitters," and said  
he thought, "One thing I like about a  
bantam rooster is that he can crow  
loud and has the spine to back up his  
crowing."

"Some preachers live too much on  
altars. They go around preaching John  
Smith and him dignified instead of  
Christ and him crucified."  
They talk about pitching French  
parade into second-class windows in-  
stead of delivering the bread of life at  
the front doors. They are like flat-tailed  
frogs in a rain—one flap and they are  
dry."

### Shun "Highbrowism."

After he urged them to be sincere,  
Sunday pleaded with them to forsake  
"highbrowism."  
"I remember a theological student  
who came around to preach in a prince  
coat, and in a minute he was out of  
the door and walked out, remarking: 'Now,  
I know why the cannibals eat em.'"  
Then Sunday counseled the clergy-  
men that personality was their biggest  
asset. "Be what you are," he said.  
"Don't want a lot of pin-brained nuts  
in the pews of pin-brained pastors. God  
wants your undivided individuality."

"God took Peter because he was a  
fisherman. If he had chosen a theo-  
logical professor the progress of the world  
today would have been set back a thousand  
years."

## Object to Release Of J. William Henry

Attorneys Would Not Have Court  
Grant Discharge in  
Bankruptcy.

In opposition to the court granting  
a discharge from bankruptcy to J.  
William Henry, of the defunct broker-  
age firm of Lewis Johnson and Com-  
pany, J. Miller Kenyon, H. Rozier Du-  
lany, and Byron U. Graham, trustees  
in bankruptcy for the firm, have filed  
a lengthy document with the District  
Supreme Court.

The trustees enumerate thirty-one  
items in which it is alleged Henry  
committed acts of bankruptcy which  
properly prove a bar to his discharge.  
The charge is made that Mr. Henry  
"with intent to conceal financial con-  
ditions of the co-partnership" failed  
to properly keep books carrying ac-  
counts. The further allegation is made  
that Henry entered into contracts re-  
sulting in William A. Mearns and  
Charles P. Williams from debts due  
the company.

The petition was filed by Attorneys  
Leon Tobriner, C. C. Tucker, and H.  
Freeman Galtley.

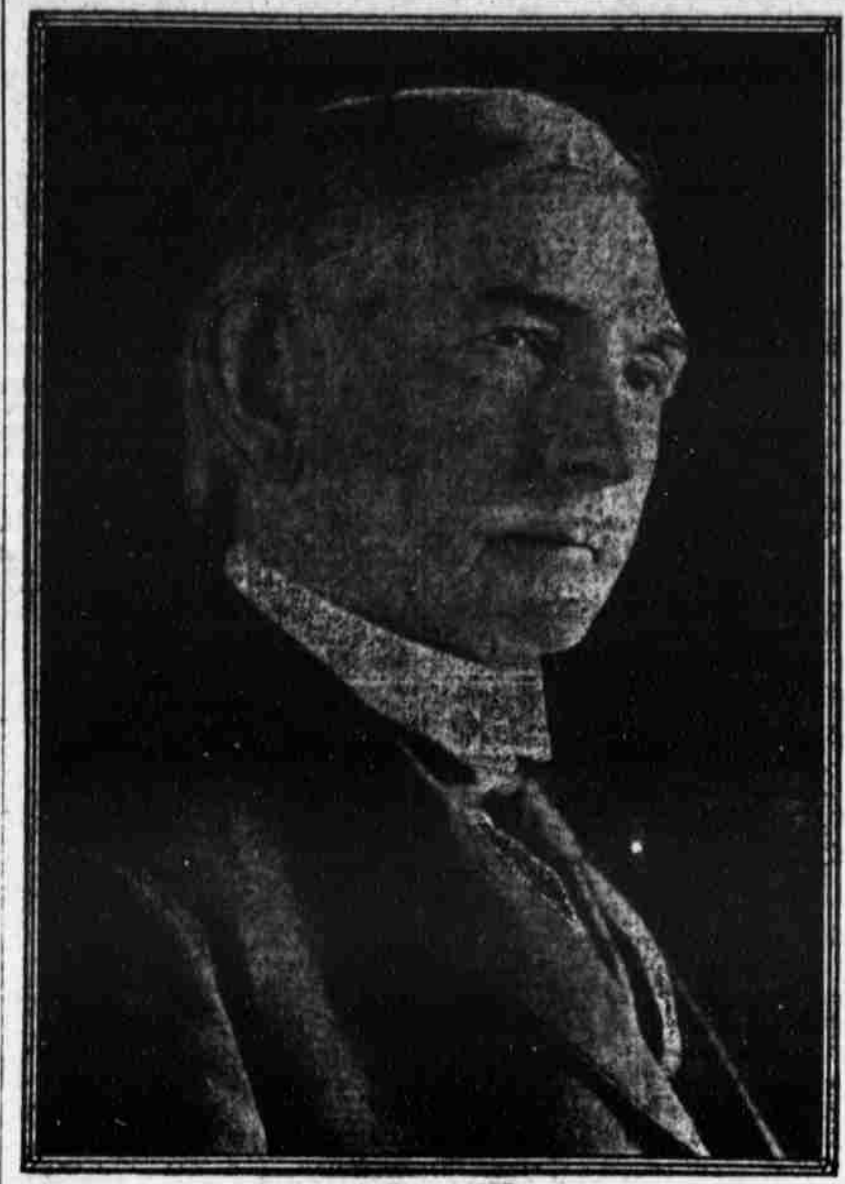
## ROUMANIA'S DOWAGER IS CRITICALLY ILL

Queen Has Bronchitis, Says Ex-  
Change Telegram.

LONDON, March 2.—Carmen Sylva,  
Dowager-Queen of Roumania, and well-  
known poet-author, is critically ill of  
bronchitis, according to an Exchange  
Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam  
today. Her recovery is said to be un-  
likely.

From the same source it was reported  
that the Bulgarian Czar Ferdinand is  
suffering from bronchitis.  
A wireless dispatch from Rome today  
also carried the report that the Bulgar-  
ian ruler is ill. It is rumored in Rome,  
the dispatch stated, that he is suffering  
from wounds received in an attempt to  
assassinate him while he was returning  
from his recent trip to Vienna.

# FIGHT IS ON IN SENATE OVER ARMED SHIP ISSUE; STONE DEFENDS WILSON



SENATOR STONE,  
Chairman Foreign Relations Com-  
mittee, who started the interna-  
tional discussion in the Senate this  
afternoon.

## CHARGES BRANDEIS IS NOT TRUTHFUL

Massachusetts Lawyer Also  
Said Nominee's Envoy Tried  
to Get Railroad Proxies.

Direct testimony that an emissary  
coming personally from Louis D.  
Brandeis sought proxies on behalf of  
the Harriman interests in the fight  
for control of the Illinois Central  
railroad in 1907 was given the Sen-  
ate subcommittee investigating the  
appointment of Brandeis to the Su-  
preme Bench today.

It came from Francis Peabody, of  
Milton, Mass., for thirty-six years a  
member of the Suffolk bar. The wit-  
ness also declared that Brandeis  
bears a reputation of being untruth-  
worthy and untruthful.

"Do you remember the controversy  
between the Stuyvesant Fish and  
Harriman interests in regard to the  
control of the Illinois Central?" the  
witness was asked.

He replied, "I am a stockholder in the  
Illinois Central. In November, 1907, I  
gave my proxy to the Fish interests.  
Later a young man came to my office,  
told me his name, which I have for-  
gotten, and said that he came from Mr.  
Brandeis and desired my proxy."  
"I told him I had already given it to  
the Fish interests. He then said that  
Brandeis had told him to say to me that  
Brandeis was a personal friend of mine  
and asked me to give him the proxy.  
He also said that Brandeis declared that  
if I were unwilling that he would come  
and see me personally. I finally con-  
vinced the young man that there would  
be no use for Mr. Brandeis to come,  
and he left."

## Ships Unarmed, Grey Declares

LONDON, March 2.—Sir Edward Grey,  
secretary for foreign affairs, authorizes  
for publication the following statement:  
"The assumption apparently made by  
the German government that all British  
merchant ships are armed is entirely in-  
correct. Practically all British mer-  
chant ships employed in trade between  
the United States of America and the  
United Kingdom have hitherto been un-  
armed."

"The claim, therefore, made by the  
German government to sink all British  
merchant ships at sight because of their  
armament is one which cannot possibly  
be justified."  
"This is clearly proved by the state-  
ment issued last night giving a list of  
British and neutral unarmed merchant  
ships which have been torpedoed by  
German submarines without warning."

## English Conscription Law in Effect Today

LONDON, March 2.—Married men be-  
tween the ages of 19 and 27, attested  
under the Derby recruiting campaign,  
will be called up for service within a  
few days, it was announced today. The  
order becomes effective April 7.  
The government's conscription act  
went into effect today. Preparations  
were being completed for calling to the  
service at once all eligible bachelors  
and widowers.

## PRESIDENT'S ENEMIES ARE DENOUNCED BY WILLIAMS

Mississippi Asserts Chief  
Executive Has Been Nagged  
Till Patience Is Gone.

### HOUSE PLAYING FOR TIME

Foreign Affairs Committee  
Postpones Meeting to Avoid  
Taking Action.

"The President has been  
prodded and nagged and  
dared. To do what? To let  
Congress take the initiative  
in the handling of foreign  
questions."

"So now you have prodded  
and nagged and dared until  
the patience of a very patient  
man has been exhausted.  
Now he says 'I want a show-  
down.'"

Senator John Sharpe Wil-  
liams of Mississippi in this  
graphic and forceful fashion

described in a speech in the Senate this afternoon the  
position in which President Wilson has lately been placed  
by elements in Congress.

Senator Williams spoke in the course of a debate  
which suddenly broke out over the foreign situation and  
the armed merchantman controversy.

The House is still marking time. The scheduled  
meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs this morning  
was postponed until this afternoon at 3.

President Wilson this morning again served notice  
that no compromise measures will be accepted. He reiterated  
his demand that Congress have a flat "showdown" on  
the question of warning Americans off armed merchant  
liners. He refused to consider a vote of confidence.

The President this afternoon receive da complete re-  
view of the situation in Congress from Secretary McAdoo  
and Postmaster General Burleson.

### TO SEEK REPUBLICAN NSUPPORT.

President Wilson has decided to seek Republican sup-  
port in his effort to force Congress to take definite action  
for a defeat of the legislation warning Americans off armed  
liners.

After the conference with McAdoo he called up James  
R. Mann, the House minority leader, by telephone, and  
asked the Republican leader to call on him at the White  
House at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Although it was expected the Senate today would go  
ahead discussing the water power bill, the international  
controversy suddenly flared up when Senator Stone, chair-  
man of the Foreign Relations Committee read a carefully  
prepared statement to the Senate in which, after defining  
the attitude of the President and his own attitude, he urged  
that some plan be adopted for Congress and the Executive  
to come to a closer understanding.

Senator Stone made it clear that he foresaw the dan-  
ger of war and that he believed Americans should be warn-  
ed off armed belligerent ships. He was followed by Sen-  
ator Lodge, who aligned himself squarely with the Presi-  
dent.

Senator Williams then followed with a bitter arraig-  
ment of those who are opposed to the Administration.  
**DENOUNCES OFFENDERS.**

He denounced Senators who align themselves with  
any political element or any factional element. He declared  
this was foolish politics as it brought them into conflict  
with all other racial elements and with "all Americans  
without frills or hyphen or anything else."

"Congress ought not to assume to take the initiative,  
in the conduct of diplomatic negotiations," said Senator  
Williams, "but in some quarters the attempt has been  
made. Day after day, through one innuendo or another, the