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WEATHER:

For South Carolina: Fair and much colder tonight with severe cold wave. Saturday fair, continued cold; north-west gales on the coast, diminishing by Saturday.

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BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY NOW BELIEVED CERTAIN

Secretary Lansing Announces, However That So Far No Communication Has Been Sent In Answer To Submarine Warning—President Wilson Continues Silence—Cabinet Will Be Informed this Afternoon It Is Believed

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—Secretary Lansing authorized the statement that so far no communication has been sent Germany. He refused to say whether any instructions had been sent Ambassador Gerard and declined to explain the delay in announcing the United States course. He said he was not prepared to say if any announcement of the course would be made today.

President Wilson continued his silence but it is believed the cabinet will be informed this afternoon.

Officials on every hand believe nothing less than a break in relations will be the ultimate development.

The state department made no reply to a telegram from the International Mercantile Marine asking for instructions for movements of American ships.

Official refusal to affirm or deny that any message had gone to Ambassador Gerard gave the impression to some that such a message had been sent.

When it was pointed out that the country was awaiting some statement, at least an official interpretation of the attitude of the administration, officials declined to express themselves as to whether the situation was becoming serious.

Situation in Spain.

By The Associated Press. Madrid, Feb. 2.—The minister of the interior announced that the war and navy department had been given orders required by the gravity of the situation resulting from Germany's declaration of submarine warfare. Premier Romanos has been in conference with American ambassador Willard. King Alfonso is expected to return to Madrid tonight. The premier said, however, that although Spain had entered a difficult hour the government would neither close parliament nor suspend constitutional guarantees.

Watching German Ships.

Newport News, Feb. 2.—The coast guard cutter Yamacraw was rushed here last night presumably to keep watch on the German prize ship Appam. The German steamer Arcadia steamer Budapest. The Yamacraw played a searchlight on the Appam last night. The battleship Arkansas left for patrol duty off Virginia capes today.

ROGERS VOTED IN FAVOR REFERENDUM

It will be of interest to many Spartanburg people—especially the members of the Spartanburg Equal Suffrage League—to know that State Senator W. S. Rogers, Jr., of this county, voted Tuesday in favor of a resolution providing for an election on the question of giving woman the right to vote. The resolution lost by the close score of 26 to 19. Thirty votes in favor of the resolution would have given the necessary two-thirds vote. Mr. Rogers did not make any speeches as to his position in the matter but he was "there" with his vote in favor of the resolution. The referendum matter on the equal suffrage issue will be taken up in the house.

IMMIGRATION BILL IN SENATE MONDAY

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—Immediate reconsideration of the Immigration bill passed over the president's veto in the house last night was blocked in the senate today by Senator Reed, of Missouri. An agreement was reached to vote on the repassage now Monday.

LEAK INQUIRY TO MOVE TOMORROW TO WASHINGTON

W. Frank Packard, Telegraph Operator, Is Chief Witness at the New York Hearing Today.

By The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 2.—Investigation into the leak inquiry will be transferred to Washington tomorrow, beginning there at 10 o'clock. George A. Ellis, of E. F. Hutton, who has been ill in Georgia, probably will be the first witness. Ellis wrote the message the Hutton company sent out warning brokers of the coming president's note. The hearing today began with the testimony of W. Frank Packard, a telegraph operator. Packard, who is operator for Hutton, began the testimony with an attempt to discredit the testimony of James W. Becker, another operator. Becker yesterday flatly contradicted F. A. Connolly, Washington broker, that on December 20 he sent an advance information message over a private wire to the Hutton office in New York. John P. Hummel, who was the only other operator besides Becker between Connolly and Hutton, also testified he received no such information from Connolly.

McDONALD NOT CANDIDATE.

G. W. Ragsdale Also Probably Not in Race for Congress. Winnsboro, Feb. 2.—The Hon. J. E. McDonald, who has been mentioned as likely to enter the fifth congressional district race, has made the following statement: "I could sacrifice to enter the race." G. W. Ragsdale, Esq., a prominent attorney here, said: "As at present advised, I will not be in the race." Mr. Ragsdale was a candidate for the office some years ago.

Bride and Groom Here. Mr. and Mrs. William Carver, the former a son of Mrs. J. H. Hadden, of this city, who were married in Chicago yesterday, are visiting in the city.

AMERICANS ABROAD ARE RUSHING HOME

By The Associated Press. London, Feb. 2.—The German note resulted in a rush of Americans to procure passage to New York on the first available ship. A large number who expected to sail in a fortnight decided to leave Saturday.

DEVELOPMENT IN WAR SOON

Signs Are Appearing of Probable Impotent Developments on the Franco-Belgian Front.

By The Associated Press. Although signs are appearing of probable important developments on the Franco-Belgian front, there are few activities in the war theatre. Artillery activity on the British front in northern France has been renewed and German airplanes are busy in this section. Bombardments also continue on the Somme front. There is very little activity on the Russo-Rumanian fronts. Berlin reported nothing in these regions.

PROBE NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—Without debate the senate passed a resolution by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, directing the attorney general to investigate the operations of the New York cotton exchange to ascertain if there is any restraint of trade.

ASSEMBLY NOT GET THROUGH 40 DAYS

Columbia, Feb. 2.—Indications are that the legislature will not be able to finish its work in the scheduled 40 days, but that the session will run over one week and maybe two weeks extra. The appropriation bill has not yet been reported to the house, and in spite of the earnest efforts of the ways and means committee, it will hardly get in before the first, or possibly the middle, of next week. The committee is working every spare minute on the bill, but it is facing the herculean task of providing for the necessary support of the state institutions and offices and for the demands of a growing state, and at the same time keep down the levy. The levy last year was 3.4 mills and it will have to be increased some this year, just how much is something which the ways and means committee is now wrestling with.

"BONE DRY" BILL IS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

Columbia, Feb. 2.—Over on the senate side Senators Evans, Friday and Nickels have offered a bone-dry prohibition bill. It makes it unlawful for any one to transport or deliver any intoxicating liquors or beverages. Section 3 makes it unlawful to use or drink any whiskey, wine, beer or other alcoholic and intoxicating beverages, except upon the prescription of a reputable licensed physician in regular practice and for medical purposes only. Section 4 reads: The having in possession of any whiskey, wine, beer or other alcoholic and intoxicating beverage shall be deemed conclusive evidence of a violation of the provisions of this act. The penalty is from six months to five years in prison; no fine. One gallon of alcohol is allowed regular druggists. No sacramental wine is provided for. These senators think they have a bone-dry bill, if it be wanted.

SHE MARRIED LORD CURZON



COUNTESS CURZON AND CHILDREN

This is the latest photograph of the Countess of Curzon, of Kedleston, who was the beautiful Mrs. Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Ayres and the United States. The child, who was a son of her first husband, who was a wealthy mining man, the Countess

is now the wife of one of the highest officials in the British empire, for her husband is one of the five members of the board which has full charge of the war for Great Britain. Lord Curzon's first wife was Miss Leiter, of Chicago and Washington.

PERSHING TO CROSS BORDER ON MONDAY

American Punitive Expedition Being Withdrawn From Mexico Will Assemble at Palomas, Six Miles South of Columbus—Will Cross as a Unit Numbering More Than 10,000 Men.

By The Associated Press. Temporary Field Headquarters, Chihuahua, Feb. 2.—The American punitive expedition that is being withdrawn from Mexico will assemble at Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, N. M., and cross as a unit numbering more than 10,000 February 5, according to Pershing's plan. The formal order of withdrawal was received by Pershing January 27, but preliminary preparations were begun a week before. Rumors that Villa forces were close behind the expedition caused numerous airplane reconnaissances.

The machines, however, were recently sent to Columbus ahead of the expedition. The feature of the withdrawal was the traveling of hundreds of refugees who were following the troops out of Mexico, fearing Villa occupation of the evacuated territory. They traveled in any conveyance available with children poorly clad. During the trip to San Juanito animals were unwatered two days and two nights. Almost all Mormon colonists of Colonia Dublan and Colonia Juarez, left including two bishops. All towns built by the American troops were destroyed as the expedition withdrew.

200 CONVICTS HOLD GUARDS PRISONERS; WARDEN IS CAUSE

Declare They Won't Surrender Until State Board Removes Him—Board Members Go to the Scene.

By The Associated Press. Birmingham, Feb. 2.—Declaring that Warden J. D. Hall has been in considerable of their demands, 200 negro convicts, who are supplied with dynamite, are holding four white guards prisoner at the Banner mine near here. They say they won't leave the mine or surrender their prisoners until the state board removes Hall. The members of the board have gone to the mine.

N. Y. EXCHANGE IS NOT TO BE CLOSED SAY THE MANAGERS

By The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 2.—The board of managers of the New York cotton exchange has decided not to close the exchange because of the international situation as suggested by the Augustus exchange, which closed yesterday. The campaign started across Morgan square calls attention to "Come-to-Sunday-School Day" which will be observed February 11. An extensive advertising campaign will be launched in an effort to get the matter before the attention of the general public.

MANY PERISHED IN GAS FED FIRE THAT WIPED OUT HOMES

50,000 AMERICANS IN RANKS. By The Associated Press. With the British Armies in France, via London, Feb. 2.—Nearly 50,000 Americans are fighting for the allies and nearly four-fifths of that number are with the British.

Early Report Was That 40 Were Dead and Same Number Inured—Unfortunates Fled in Cold.

EXPLOSION SEQUEL TO BURSTING MAIN

Water Froze As It Fell. Railroad Switchmen Rescued Fifteen Children and Firemen Many Others.

By The Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 2.—Forty are believed to be dead and 40 injured as the result of a gas explosion and a fire in a tenement house in the heart of Chicago in the foreign district early today. The injured and others of the residential district were forced from their homes scantily clad in a temperature of 10 below zero.

The explosion it is believed followed the bursting of a gas main in a tenement house basement. Water thrown on the ruins by the firemen froze as it fell, but the gas continued to burn long after the building was consumed. The explosion was heard for miles.

By some freak the buildings nearby were unharmed while the windows many blocks distance were broken.

Firemen were able to rescue 15 children and two women.

Later, 15 children and two women were taken from the ruins and a body of an unidentified man and another dead woman were found. It is considered likely the death list may be less than forty. Firemen said the burning gas made the ruins so hot it would be some time before a thorough search could be made. Seven different investigations have been begun by various city and county authorities. The property loss has not been made known.

GERMAN PEOPLE BELIEVE CRISIS IS LIKELY TO RESULT

The German Attitude Is That New Submarine Policy Is a Stern Necessity for Self Preservation.

By The Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 2.—The attitude of the Germans regarding the new submarine policy as ascertained from conversations with persons in various walks of life, is that the campaign is a stern necessity and is for self preservation.

The all absorbing question on every hand concerns the attitude of America. The likelihood of the war will precipitate a crisis of the man-American affairs will be a severance of relations is feared. Little criticism of the government is heard.

DANISH SHIPS ARE WARNED TO LEAVE ALL BRITISH PORTS

By The Associated Press. London, Feb. 2.—A Copenhagen dispatch says the Danish war insurance office has temporarily suspended underwriting and shipping companies have ordered all vessels in British ports to leave before Sunday. The Scandinavian-American liner Hellig Olav, now in New York, was ordered to remain there.

Bridge to Cost \$24,000.

Union, Feb. 2.—Union and Chester counties are to be linked with a splendid bridge over Broad river. Lockhart mills. Representatives from these two counties appeared before their respective delegations in Columbia a few days ago and as a result each county will be taxed \$2,000, making the amount \$4,000; the cost of the bridge is estimated at \$24,000. The remainder will be raised by special contributions from citizens in the two counties.

WOMAN SHOT AND WOUNDED ANOTHER IN ROOM OF LATTER

No Words Exchanged—Husband of Assailant Was in Company of the Woman Who Was Injured.

Gaffney, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Mattie L. Vinesett, shot and painfully wounded Sarah Goode, alias Sarah Drake, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The affair took place in the Goode woman's room, upstairs in the Carroll building on Grand street. E. T. Vinesett was present at the time. The bullet penetrated the upper portion of the back of the Goode woman's neck, ranging upwards. It is said that when Mrs. Vinesett walked into the room and found her husband with the other woman, she drew a small revolver and fired at Sarah Goode. The Goode woman ran from the room, going to a room over J. L. Moorhead's store on Limestone street, where Dr. J. G. Pittman dressed the wound. Policemen made no attempt to arrest Mrs. Vinesett and she was permitted to return to her home on North Limestone street, officer C. M. Painter investigated the case. Upon recovering from the shock sufficiently Sarah Goode went before Magistrate William Phillips late yesterday afternoon and swore out a warrant charging Mrs. Vinesett with assault and battery with attempt to kill. The magistrate turned the warrant over to the sheriff. There were no words when Mrs. Vinesett shot the Goode woman. It is said that she simply walked into the room and fired one shot.

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