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GREAT BRITAIN PREPARING RETALIATORY MEASURES

A PROCLAMATION MOMENTARILY IS EXPECTED DECLARING A BLOCKADE GERMAN COAST

FRENCH BUSY IN THE WEST

While Germans Are Carrying on Successful Offensive Operations in the East

An important success for the French is chronicled in the latest official communication issued at Paris, which announces the capture of nearly two miles of German trenches in the Champagne region near Perthes. From the nature of the whole statement it would seem that activity in the west has increased greatly the last two days. The further announcement is made that south of Ypres the British troops control trenches around which a two days engagement has been waged. British and French airmen again have bombarded German positions in northern Belgium, damaging gun positions, trawlers and barges, transport wagons and canal locks. Forty aeroplanes were engaged in the raid. Norway, Sweden and Denmark will send a joint note to Great Britain and Germany protesting respectively against the use of neutral flags by British ships and the carrying out of Germany's sea war zone proclamation. The Norwegian and Danish war insurance companies have ordered vessels of the respective countries to display prominently on their sides the national colors of their countries and also the names of the ships. Canada has requested the American government to place guards on the American side of the international boundary at highway and railway approaches to Canada. The request is due to the recent attempt to blow up the railroad bridge at Vanceboro.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(By Associated Press.) In the absence of any striking news from the two European battle fronts, public attention in England today was centered on the threatened blockade of the British Isles by German submarines and mines in retaliation for Great Britain's act in prohibiting the carrying of food to Germany. Great Britain received today through Ambassador Page, Germany's offer to withdraw her threat of a blockade if the British navy will permit the free movement of foodstuffs to the civil population of Germany. It is not believed here, the offer will be accepted. In fact, Great Britain already is preparing to retaliate against Germany by placing under more stringent control ships destined to German ports; and a proclamation momentarily is expected declaring a blockade of the German coast, or, at any rate, the prohibition of foodstuffs destined for Germany. The cabinet considered this question today, and it is understood the decision is awaiting formal confirmation by the privy council.

In the meantime British and neutral vessels are moving as freely as usual, except those belonging to a few Dutch lines, which have reduced their number of sailings. Norwegian and Danish insurance companies have given instructions that steamers insured by them shall have their national colors, the names of the ships and the country of their origin painted conspicuously on the sides of all vessels. Holland and Italy, like the United States, have protested to Germany against her sea war zone threat and.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The trial of Harry K. Thaw on charge of conspiracy was set today for March 1. It previously had been set for February 23.

Ask Increase in Rates. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 16.—An increase in railway passenger fares from 2 to 2 1/2 cents a mile was asked today by officials of six railroads at a conference with Governor Clarke and members of legislative committee. The governor said he thought the State would be fair in the matter.

Presented to Museum. PARIS, Feb. 16 (4:50 p. m.).—The belt worn by Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, which shows his girth that was 41-1/2 inches, has been presented to the National Military Museum by Madame Polipot, widow of the military painter.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Announcement that Theodore Roosevelt had been summoned to appear before the congressional subcommittee investigating charges against Federal Judge Aston G. Dayton, was made today by United States Marshal Edward Smith. The committee heard many witnesses today and held a session tonight that it might go to Washington to hear the former president Thursday.

LONG STRUGGLE FINALLY ENDS

GOVERNMENT SHIP PURCHASE BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

FIGHT STARTS IN SENATE TODAY

Measure Will be Before President for Signature Within a Few Days or Day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The government ship purchase bill, as an amendment to the Weeks naval auxiliary bill, was passed by the house of representatives at 1:20 o'clock this morning by a vote of 215 to 121. The passage of the bill followed a fourteen-hour parliamentary struggle which, until long after midnight threatened to extend interminably, because of a determined filibuster directed by Minority Leader Mann, who yielded only after administration leaders decided to apply a second special rule to bring the fight to an end.

When Minority Leader Mann saw that the Democratic leaders were determined to stop the filibuster several conferences were held and the Republicans decided not to keep up the fight. A few minutes after 1 o'clock a vote on the final passage of the bill began.

When Chairman Henry could get the floor and offer his new rule, Representative Mann forced a vote on the first section of the bill, after securing a ruling that each section must be voted on separately, and another roll call was begun. The bill will go to the senate at noon today.

Dismisses Complaint Of Lumber Dealers

Pass Woman Suffrage Amendment.

British Steamship Fleeted.

Thaw Trial March 1.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(2:46 p. m.).—The British steamship Wavaleet, from Pensacola and Newport News for Leith, Scotland, beached near Deal yesterday after striking a mine in the English Channel, and is being towed to London. An inspection showed that damages caused by the mine were extensive.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(By Associated Press.) The four other vessels carrying passengers are the Adriatic (British) or the White Star line, which should reach Liverpool late on the 18th or the morning of the 19th; the Norwegian steamer Bergenford, for Bergen; the Canadian Orana (British) due at Liverpool about February 20; and the French liner Niagara, which sailed Sunday for Havre.

All the vessels were heavily laden with freight. The Philadelphia carried 250 passengers; and the Adriatic and the other three liners had fewer passengers aboard.

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While awaiting answers to the various American communications, high officials here, admitting the gravity of the diplomatic situation, were disinclined to discuss future steps or policy.

One suggestion of the German government—that American organizations or consular officials guarantee the distribution of foodstuffs as a guarantee of its delivery to civilians—seems to be set with more difficulties than were originally evident. While making a plea that the subject has not been considered formally, officials stated such a procedure could be undertaken by the United States only with the acquiescence of all the belligerents.

Given Re-Trial AND ACQUITTED

German Surgeons and Nurses Freed on Absence of Proof of Theft

PARIS, Feb. 16.—(5:25 p. m.).—German surgeons and nurses sentenced by court martial late in November to prison terms for alleged pillage at Peronne September 15 and who appealed, were given a re-trial today and acquitted. The decision of the court was that there was an absence of precise proof of the alleged theft.

When the hospital at Peronne was captured by the French the bulky nature of the baggage of the German surgeons and nurses aroused suspicion. A search was ordered and it was alleged that in the baggage of Surgeon Major Collins, who, with Surgeon Major Wohlfart, was in charge of the hospital, there were found three Tanagra statues with labels of the Peronne museum attached to them. In the baggage of the nurses it was charged that there were pieces of silk, carpets and fine linen. The nurses asserted, it was stated, that these things had been given them by the Carmelite Sisters in appreciation of their kindness to the French wounded.

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MONTICELLO, Ga., Feb. 16.—Superior Judge Park, in his charge today to a grand jury which began an investigation of the recent lynching here of four negroes, held that the perpetrators were guilty of murder. The negroes, two men and two women, were alleged to have shot and wounded an officer who attempted to arrest them on a minor charge. They were taken from jail on the night of January 14 last, hanged to a tree and then freed upon. The investigation was not completed today.

NO DESIRE TO HARM NEUTRALS

GERMANY PUTTING IN EFFECT ONLY MEANS OF SAVING HERSELF

STATEMENT OF ADMIRAL BEHNCKE

Suggests That U. S. Use Warships to Convey Merchantmen Through New War Zone

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Germany's purpose in declaring a sea war around the British Isles is explained at length in a statement made by Admiral Behncke, of the marine department, and transmitted to Lieutenant Commander Walter R. Gherard, naval attaché of the American embassy. It is given out officially as follows:

"Up to the present time Germany in the war at sea has followed the London declaration or the stipulations of the Paris treaty on which the conduct of war on the sea had been based before the London declaration.

"In waging this commercial warfare England had in view the subjugation of Germany by starvation. Germany in every day way had sought to bring the attention of the neutral powers and all others from the necessity she was under to obtain food for her civilian population, which was her right under the laws of war. No results could be obtained from her efforts.

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Inspecting Reserve Banks. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—W. P. O. Harding and A. C. Miller, of the reserve board, left Washington today to inspect the Richmond federal reserve bank. Other board members are expected to inspect other reserve banks in the near future with a view to keeping in closer touch with conditions.

Elect "Wet" Speaker. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16.—David F. Shanahan, of Chicago, a "wet" Republican, today was elected speaker of the lower house of the general assembly, breaking the deadlock that for six weeks has prevented organization of the house and transaction of business.

Passes Both Houses.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The proposed woman suffrage amendment to the State constitution passed the house today, 196 to 23. It will be voted on at the November election, having already passed the senate. When the vote was announced a shower of jonquils thrown by women in the gallery fell among the legislators.

ELECTION ON BOND ISSUE FOR PAVING TO BE CALLED

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CONDITIONS ENCOURAGING

Representatives From all Southern States Attending State Secretaries Convention

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Representatives from all the Southern States were in attendance here today at the annual meeting of State secretaries of the Southern Baptist convention. New officers named for the coming year were Dr. J. W. Gillem, Tennessee, chairman, and Dr. W. D. Powell, Kentucky, secretary.

The work of the secretaries in raising for State, home and foreign missions, as discussed at today's sessions by Dr. G. H. Crutcher, Louisiana; Rev. Livingston Johnson, North Carolina; Rev. B. D. Gray, Georgia, and Dr. P. L. West, of Missouri, showed that conditions were encouraging despite the financial depression resulting from the European war.

Bank Declared Insolvent.

FAIRBROTHER, W. Va., Feb. 16.—The State banking department today closed the McKinley Security Bank of Raynorsville, declaring the institution insolvent. E. E. McKinley, former cashier, was arrested and is being held on a charge of having made false entries on the bank's books. The bank was capitalized at \$25,000 and had deposits of \$40,000.

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LANSING, Mich., Feb. 16.—Michigan Democrats nominated by acclamation a ticket for the spring election and endorsed in most emphatic terms the administration of President Wilson at their State convention here today. The platform adopted commended the stand of President Wilson on the ship purchase bill and denounced the Republican opposition to the measure as being un-American and against American prosperity. The platform pledged President Wilson the support of the Michigan delegation for renomination and reelection.

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HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 16.—Fourteen men who enlisted with the Great Canadian contingent for European service have been brought back in irons at "alien suspects." It was learned today. All are of foreign parentage but some have lived in Canada for more than a quarter of a century.

Will Increase Forces.

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The whirlwind campaign to secure a majority of the freeholder's signatures to a petition requesting city council to order an election on the question of issuing \$100,000 of bonds for street paving ended on the first day a brilliant success.

An such as word is received of the ratification by the general assembly of the bill authorizing the holding of the election, the petition will be presented to city council, and that body will convene without loss of time and order the election. It is expected that the legislature will ratify this bill today. In the event this is done in time for word or it to reach Anderson before night, the petition will be formally presented to council immediately, a meeting of the aldermen called and the election ordered.

A Brilliant Success. In response to a call issued by Chairman E. E. Horton of the street paving commission, the committee who had been selected to circulate the petition among the freeholders assembled in this city's courthouse at 6 o'clock Monday afternoon, and received instructions from the city council, together with some of the petition and blank forms for signatures. The plan, as announced then, was to make a whirlwind canvass of the city Tuesday and secure as many names of freeholders to the petition as possible. Without waiting for Tuesday to arrive, several of the committee went to work Monday night and secured a large number of signatures.

Few Objections. When the committeemen gathered yesterday afternoon in the courthouse at 6 o'clock to compare notes as to the result of the canvass, it was determined that a sufficient number of signatures had been received to the petition to warrant the same being presented to council and the election ordered by that body.

Several committeemen reported that they had not been turned down by a single person to whom they applied for his or her signature. Others reported that they had met with but one or possibly two persons who declined to sign the paper. Still others brought most gratifying reports of freeholders who signed the petition with the keenest satisfaction and expressed regret that they could not sign it more than once.

Was Good News. When it was determined that a sufficient number of signatures had been received to the petition to insure its success, Alderman J. E. Barton, then who there was no harder worker, reached for his hat and called for three cheers for the bond issue. The air was rent with shouts.

To Get Yet More. Just to make the petition stronger, and to give others who did not get an opportunity to sign the paper a chance to get on the "hand wagon," the committeemen asked to be allowed to take back their petitions and secure more signatures. They were permitted to do this, and today those freeholders who for one reason or another were not approached yesterday by the committeemen will be given an opportunity of joining in with the others in this great forward step for Anderson.

BALANCE IN FAVOR OF UNITED STATES

Report Shows Decrease of \$6,813,619 Compared With Preceding Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Foreign trade during the week ending February 13 netted the United States a favorable balance of \$30,320,607, according to returns announced tonight by the department of commerce. Compared with the preceding week this was a decrease in the balance by \$6,813,619.

Exports last week were \$54,486,630 and imports, \$23,666,023 compared with \$59,511,166 and \$32,448,580 respectively for the week of February 6. Cotton exports amounted to \$26,579,340, making the total for the past ten weeks 2,901,981 bales.