

ALMOST CERTAIN THAT U. S. SEND ARMY

Military Co-Operation with the Allies Probably Follow Declaration of War.

Washington, March 25.—Speculation is keen here as to what line of procedure the President will recommend to Congress when that body meets in extraordinary session on April 2, and whether the question will be raised as to a barrier existing against military co-operation between the United States and the entente powers, both as it affects land and naval operations.

Students of international law in Washington say that this does not require any additional departure from the American policy of independent action. No political allegiance or union of any kind would be necessary, it is said, and that such a union would not be involved in a military co-operation. The co-operation could include without serious departure from our traditional policies, the operation of naval forces from a temporary base granted us on entente soil or even the sending of a land force to serve with the troops of and under the high commands of the entente powers.

The United States, it is also pointed out, would reserve all independence of action and it would unquestionably gain a firm right to consideration in the peace terms, guarding us against the contingency of a peace between the entente powers and Germany without the conclusion of a German-American peace.

If this line should be followed, it would become practically certain that military co-operation with the entente powers would follow immediately when Congress, as it is believed will now be done, makes an open declaration of war.

Although a full week intervenes until the president will go before congress and much may happen in that time to change the present status of the international situation, there seems to be no doubt that a close form of co-operation between the United States and the entente powers must exist if Germany's ruthless submarine warfare is stopped.

During the present week this phase of the situation will receive consideration at the hands of the president and his cabinet, and the result of their deliberations will be made known in the president's message.

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER NAMED BY BOARD

Capt. J. Roy Pennell of Anderson is Elected State Highway Engineer, Columbia, March 25.—Capt. J. Roy Pennell of Anderson, was elected State

highway engineer by the State Highway Commission at their meeting here yesterday afternoon. Capt. Pennell is a civil engineer of wide experience and is in command of the company of engineers which recently returned from duty on the Mexican border.

The commission decided to begin the licensing of automobiles on April 7, and all automobiles must have a State license by July 1st, or they will be fined 25 cents for every appearance on the public highways after that date without a State license number. People are asked to apply to the highway engineer at once for a license so as to avoid any congestion towards the first of July.

Capt. Pennell will open an office in Columbia immediately and is ready to lend assistance to any county in the matter of highway building. He will appoint a temporary clerk and stenographer at once. The commission postponed the election of a secretary and assistant engineers and they will be guided in this matter largely by the recommendations of Capt. Pennell. The commission went over the highway act and familiarized themselves with their duties as much as possible.

All of the members were present as follows: Prof. M. Goode Homes, of the University, Prof. R. G. Thomas, of the Citadel, Prof. H. H. Houston, of Clemson, J. Monroe Johnson, of Marion and C. Hearon, of Spartanburg.

WILL PAY ALL BILLS.

Provisional Government to Meet All Debts.

London, March 24.—The provisional government of Russia, says the Reuter correspondent at Petrograd, has issued a proclamation that it will meet faithfully all the pecuniary engagements of the late government, notably with regard to interest and amortization of state debts, the fulfillment of commercial contracts and the payment of official salaries.

Direct customs duties and others taxes will be levied as in the past until modified in accordance with the new laws.

The proclamation continues:

"The war involves enormous special taxes, but the new fiscal system which will be planned by the ministry of finance will distribute all taxation according to the financial capacity of the different classes liable."

Looking Ahead.

"Jump in my car and I'll show you through our residential district," said the proud citizen. "Never mind about that," said the visitor. "My time is limited. Show me a few of your leading cabarets so I will be able to find my way around when I come back here again."

THROUGH THE NEEDLE'S EYE

Rich Man Admitted It Was Hard to Keep Money From Petrifying the Feelings.

Sitting at his big desk in the office of the Thornton Manufacturing company, Mr. William Thornton was dictating letters when the name of Rev. Dr. Colton, the minister of the church he attended, was brought in. Mr. Thornton dismissed the stenographer and told the boy to show the clergyman in.

When Doctor Colton came in, Mr. Thornton greeted him cordially, but he secretly wondered what had brought the good doctor there so early in the morning.

"I'm sorry to disturb you at this hour of the day, Mr. Thornton," he said, "but I have just come from the home of a woman whose husband has died, and there's nothing left to bury him with. I'm trying to raise enough to cover the expenses of the funeral. Can you give me \$15 toward it?"

William Thornton knit his brows. "Wasn't it less than two weeks ago that I gave you \$25 to help pay a hospital bill for someone?" he asked.

"Yes, it was," said Doctor Colton. "Well, when is this thing going to end, doctor?" he inquired. "One time it is \$25 for hospital fees, another time it's \$10 for coal, another it's \$20 for rent, and now it's \$15 for funeral expenses. When are you going to stop coming, doctor?"

Doctor Colton looked him squarely in the eye and answered, "I will stop coming whenever you wish it, William. Do you want me to stop coming when you are amply able to help in such cases?"

Mr. Thornton thought a minute, and then replied warmly, "No, doctor, I don't want you to stop coming. I'd grow as selfish as the devil if you did. Here's the money, and God bless you in the use of it. It's hard to keep money from petrifying your feelings, isn't it? Come again when you need more."—Youth's Companion.

NOT HIS KIND OF A CANNON

Admiral Knew All About One Species, But the Other Was Beyond His Comprehension.

The late Admiral Dewey was very fond of music and when receptions were held at the Dewey home musical entertainment was always provided. Among the admiral's favorite singers was Mrs. Susanne Oldberg of this city and she related an amusing story that reveals the distinguished hero of Manila Bay in the light of a wit.

One of the admiral's favorite selections was a duet, called in musical parlance a canon, where one voice is answered in imitation by another throughout the piece. He seemed particularly pleased always when this canon was sung and would unflinchingly say to Mrs. Oldberg: "Tell me why is this music called a canon? What a queer name for a piece of music!"

"Wouldn't it be bringing coals to Newcastle for me to try to tell you anything about a canon, admiral?" Mrs. Oldberg would whimsically inquire. To this he would jokingly answer: "No, indeed, I'm afraid that here is a type of canon I know nothing about. My canon is spelled with two n's, you know, and though it sometimes sings and often repeats, it certainly isn't fit for drawing-room use."—Washington Star.

Hen Made Good.

The telegraph messenger at Ashland, Ky., Gerald Tharp, says the Western Union News, is familiar with the principle embodied in Albert Hubbard's story, "A Message to Garcia," although this will probably be his first intimation that such a story was ever written.

A local confectioner called for a messenger to go out to a farmhouse for two dozen eggs. Gerald was detailed for the errand, which ordinarily would consume thirty minutes. At the end of three hours he returned with the eggs, and was promptly called on the carpet by the manager to explain his long absence from the office. In a round Irish brogue Gerald explained that the farmer had only twenty-three eggs, and he had waited two and one-half hours for a Plymouth Rock hen to lay the other egg.

Limit Reached in Collars.

Augustus was going to a party, and when Augustus appears at a function of this sort he is a wonderful sight to behold. And Augustus was engaged in a collar hunt—a very serious occupation indeed. He had already visited three establishments, but none kept the article for which he hungered. Every depth and shape the shop boasted had been laid before him till the maximum of four inches deep had been reached.

"What! Do you mean to say that you haven't anything taller in the shop?" he asked irritably. "Sorry, sir," said the assistant, softly, "but our next size is cuffs!"

Ladies, Take Notice!

Imagine the smug self-sufficiency of the feminine mind which considers itself capable of selecting a man's necktie, the most exacting bit of silk in the world! Fancy the futility of such a blind passing judgment on it! Criticize, and with reason, the cut of our clothes and hair; advance theories upon gloves and footwear; but be silent if you cannot commend the neckwear of a man. There you have the artistic culmination of the male. Censure it, and you insult at the same time his judgment, pride and sense of beauty.—Atlantic.



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