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WILSON CALLS UPON COMBRESS FOR SHOW DOWN ON ESOLUTION FOR WARNING AMERICAN CITIZENS

stration of Unity.

WANTS VOTE AT ONCE

Cannot Proceed With Submarine Negotiations With Dissension in Congress.

the World.

Washington, Feb. 29. - President Wilson decided today that he annot proceed with the German submarine negotiations while discans off merchant ships of the European belligerents armed for de- mony tomorrow.

eign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative provide parliamentary means for full discussion and a vote.

Conference This Morning. Later he summoned Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairmen of the foreign affairs committees, and Senator Kern, majority leader in the Senate, for a conference at the White House tomorrow morning at which he will request that one of the various pending resolutions be acted upon in

Administration leaders, working steadily for the last week strengthening their lines and counting on the support of the Republicans, now are so sure of their position that they plan to end all agitation with a vote of confidence in the President. The President's letter to Mr. Pou, the signal that the administration was ready to give Germany a demonstration of unity, follows:

The President's Letter. Dear Mr. Pou: "Inasmuch as I learn that Mr. Henry, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, is absent in Texas, I take the iberty of calling your attention, as matter of grave concern to the country which can, I believe, be handled, un-

der the rules of the House, only by that foreign policy of the government is being made industrious use of in foreign capitals. I believe that report to false, but so long as it is anywhere credited, it cannot fail to do the greatest harm and expose the country to e most serious risks. I therefore feel will meet to urge an early vote upon the resolution with regard to travel on armed merchantmen which have reently been so much talked about, in order that there may be afforded an mmediate opportunity for full public discussion and action upon them and that all doubts and conjectures may be swept away and our foreign relations once more cleared of damaging misun-

ance and lies so clearly within the ery earnestly commend it to their immediate consideration.

"Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

Another Method Proposed. speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitthin, Representative Flood and Repreentative Foster, of Illinois, conferred Affairs committee should be called to- Democrat. Sether at once to report a substitute resolution, probably an affirmative ex- WARNED OF ATTEMPTS TO Pression of confidence in the President. Rules committee then would be position to report out a rule, for Factory at Bristol, Va.,

mediate consideration of the matter. Speaker Clark and the others maindiscussion during the evening in the it is reported. of Congress make their homes.

tion before Thursday. (Continued on Page Ten.)

Administration Now Ready to EXPLAINS CHARGES

Member of His Law Firm Chief of Reorganized National Speaks From Knowledge.

Weakens His Position Before Edward F. McClennen's Testimony is Located at Tierra Colorado, in the State Heard After That of Opponents of Confirmation is About Finished-Different Light.

Washington, Feb. 29 .- An explanation of the various charges against Diaz has been proclaimed general-in-Louis D. Brandeis, now being investi- chief of the re-organized National Argated by a Senate committee consider- my of Mexico and has established head1 ing his nomination for the Supreme quarters at Tierra Colorado, in the state sension in Congress weakens his Court, was begun today by Edward F. of Vera Cruz, according to copies of a position before the world, so he McClennen, of Boston, a member of manifesto bearing Diaz's signature, re-Mr. Brandeis' law firm. He spoke from ceived here tonight. called for a show-down on the his own knowledge of the incidents at pending proposals to warn Ameri- issue, from papers connected with the of Tierra Colorado, in the state of Vera matters, and from the office diary of Cruz, February 23, 1916," is addressed to the firm. He will continue his testi-

Mr. McClennen took the stand with the testimony of those opposing confir- part: Making clear that he considers mation of the Brandeis nomination the President, and not Congress, weeks the committee has been listening to witnesses, most of whom have atcharged with the conduct of for- tacked the nominee's professional reputation. Today Albert E. Pillsbury, setts, and Edward W. Hutchins, vice president of the Boston Bar Associa-Pou, acting chairman of the House tion, testified that Mr. Brandeis had a reputation for not being straightfor-Rules committee, asking him to ward in his dealings. Austen G. Fox, counsel for the opposition, put in evidence a photographic copy of a check bringing the agitation out into the for \$10 from E. F. McSweeney, of Boston, to Mr. Brandeis, to support a open on the floor of the House for charge that Brandeis was paid by policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for representing them n their protective association,

Life Insurance Incident. The first thing Mr. McClennen was asked to tell about was the life insurance incident. He said the Brandeis firm was first employed by the Equita- I entreat you to join me in this move- tioned as the party candidate for govble in 1901, and had handled 30 or 40 ment to destroy, once and forever, anar- ernor. cases for it since that time. "So you were counsel for the Equita-

ble at the time in 1905 when Mr. Brandeis attacked it in a public statement?" inquired Senator Works 'We were not general counsel at any

time. We only acted in specific suits. responded Mr. McClennen. "Did the company ever complain of

"Not that I ever heard about."

many of the reforms urged by them were adopted by the company. "How about this McSweeney check?" inquired Federal Attorney Anderson, representing the committee. "Oh, that had nothing to do with the protective association," was the re-

sponse. "Mr. McSweeney consulted Mr. Brandeis about taking the surrender the salvation of our country, by means cash value of his policy and Mr. Brandeis charged him \$10 for his advice." Mr. Fox said he had presented the copy of the check merely because he did not know whether Mr. Brandeis was paid by the policy-holders or not. As tot the charge that Mr. Brandeis was employed by the New Haven or others tot wreck the New England railroad, Mr. McClennen said the office diary showed that Mr. Brandeis ceased to have any connection with the litigation against the New England in

> WILL STRONGLY ENDORSE THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION TODAY New York Democrats to Meet in In formal State Convention.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 29. - Strong endorsement of President Wilson and his administration, and the recommendaeld of executive initiative that I ven- tion of four delegates at large to the ure the hope that your committee will St. Louis convention, not formally of think that I am taking unwarrant- pledged but chosen with the underliberty in making this suggestion as standing that they will work for the the business of the House and I renomination and reelection of the President, were features of the program for tomorrow's informal Democratic

State convention, virtually agreed to

tonight by leaders of the party. The delegates at large tentatively decided upon are United States Senator James A O'Gorman, who is slated to the Capitol tonight, and agreed to Osborn, chairman of the Democratic Huerta parties, traveling incognito, has linge that the Rules committee take no state committee; Samuel Untermeyer, placed Federal secret service operatives pending action by the Foreign Af- of New York, and George J. Meyer, of or the alert. They are working on an

Day and Night. ained a discreet silence tonight, await- | Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Feb. 29. - Warnthe what President Wilson might have ed by the main offices in New York to power bill. say at the White House conference be on the look out for possible dynaomorrow morning. There was appar- miters, the officials of the Federal Dyethe however, a distinct feeling that the stuff & Chemical Company, at Kingsmethod adopted by the President to port, Tenn., are guarding against any secure action might put the party lead- attempts that might be made. An arm, a false position . The day's de- ed guard of several men are to keep relepment was the subject of animated a watch on the buildings day and night,

hotels, where many mem- The New York office of the Federal company is said to have been warned Constor Gore has pending a warning by the secret service department at rescutton, but a recess instead of an Washington of attempts to dynamite dionerment was taken tonight, and the plant, the United States officers this precludes any chance of Senate ac- having received the information from tinued work on national defense pro-Hopewell. The plant at Kingsport is gramme. Constor Lewis, of Illinois, already has credited with manufacturing high ex- Adjourned at 5:10 P. M. until noon plosives.

Army of Mexico.

WILL CONTINUE TODAY HAS HIS HEADQUARTERS

of Vera Cruz-Agreement Drawn Up and Signed by His

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 29.-Felix

The manifesto dated at "The Ranch the Mexican nation and, after reviewing conditions in Mexico since 1913, says in

initiate in the republic an armed move-trolled by Butler is concerned.

in that character I appeal to all pawho have been my partisans or sym-candidates. The fact is he is being pathizers, to join me in this movement much talked of for governor, in spite whom I owe a never to be forgotten debt of gratitude, owing to your services and friendship to me in the past, chy which has not only destroyed our sacred institutions but will finally destroy our nationality."

The Agreement Adopted "The agreement," said to have been adopted at the Tierra Colorado conference follows:

"Those who subscribed at the camp in Tierra Colorado, in the state of Vera of a campaign. He said good and true gin a revolutionary armed movement personal sacrifices for the party for The witness stated that Brandels act- and in cobination with our groups in ed without pay as counsel for the poli- different portions of the nation which have a half-way patching up of party cy-holders wife held their organization have indicated their desire to join us in differences now only to meet another headquarters in his office and that the re-establishment of order and the and worse defeat in the campaign. He reorganization of our powers and insti- preferred the continuance of an abso- immediately in all available government were in force on the 10t hda vof October, 1913, the date on which General Huerta dissolved the congress of the union who were elected legally by the people. We agree to fight until the last and we have for our only purpose of the cessation of anarchy, re-estabishments of public powers and re-estabushment of our institutions and the

betterment of our working classes. We agree as follows: "We will name the army who have to verify the work referred to in the receding paragraph the Re-organized National Army.

"We name as general-in-chief of said army the citizen, Felix Diaz. "We confer on said chief during the ime required to reorganize the institutions and the re-establishment of

the branches of warfare, state and gov-"The National Reorganized Army will comply with and obey all decrees or orders issued by the general-in-chief by which he is authorized under this

tober, 1913, General Xictoriano Huerta, Union, interrupted the order of the contracted responsibilities for any acts that they committed, the subject is to

Directed from San Antonio. The arrival here of Manuel Calero. head the delegation; William Church formerly identified with Madero and fire committee, and that the Foreign Buffalo, a German-American Wilson apparently reliable report that San An-(Continued on Page Two.)

DYNAMITE EXPLOSIVES PLANT | THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon. Resumed debate on Shields water on the army re-organization bill.

Committee hearings in sisal investigation continued. Recessed at 6:19 P. M. until noon Wednesday. HOUSE

Met at noon. Began debate on legislative appropriation bill. Naval and Military committees con-

The Other Faction to Make the Sacrifice, However.

BUTLER-DUNCAN FIGHT

Republicans at Raleigh Very Gravely Concerned Over the Outlook for Reuniting of Factions Today-Ticket Probable.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh ,N. C., Feb. 29-Hhe possibilty of harmony is the all absorbing topic and matter of overshadowing concern among the great number of Republicans gathering for the State convention tomorrow. There is the grayest concern over the uoltook, some of the Progressives hinting that it is already apparent that the factions will enter a new phase in Congress next be unable to get together and that in that event a Progressive convention will be called. Party men close to Marion Butler are giving out these intimations.

The split, they intimate, will come over the persistance of E. C. Duncan committeemanship, a place he has held for sixteen years. Butler is quoted as insisting that the old leader must be rest, and as being determined to split the convention wide open if Duncan's friends persist in pressing his name for

Butler said this afternoon that the make a winning campaign this year, if tion measure, leaving the task of put- tion advanced was that Great Britain, crater of a mine exploded by the Gerpractically all in. For more than two longer the sad sight without joining discordant elements are willing to ting this legislation in final shape to short of ocean ships from submarine mans was occupied by the French. triots who for some months have sus- mony. He declined to be quoted as the joint conference committee to which activities wanted to use the ships in taind with untiring constancy, in va- to the Duncan candidacy for national the two bills will go. By this action, rious parts of the national territory, committeeman, but his friends are free former attorney general of Massachu- the flag of order, of justice and of to represent him as determined that peace.fi And agreeing with these ideas, Duncan shall not have the place. This to bring out its bill also next week. several Mexicans who love our coun- seems to be the price of harmony, so try and its institutions have agreed to far as the element of the party con-

Nominations Very Probable. Col. J. M. Morehead says there is by my companions as general in chief will get together on a ticket to recomof the reorganized national army and mend to the Republicans "back home" to be voted for in the State-wide pritriots, and particular to my friends maries. He would not discuss probable House of Representatives. State Chairman Frank Linney is also much men-

tions as party candidates, Marion But- hope of success. The time limit, he said, said it was not worth while to was the minimum required to build nine agenize over candidates until it was battle cruisers and eight fast scouts settled that there is to be harmony in He said it would take 18 months to put the convention and that, if there is not, every one had just as well go back home and save the trouble and expense Cruz, February 23, 1916, decided to be- men of the party have been making years now and that it was needless to lute break for another two or four wards, if a number of battle ships were state committee recently decided that years until all party leaders realize that to be built in a hurry. He called at- unless more than one candidate offered there must be harmony and unity at tention to published figures stating that for the presidential nomination, no pri-(Continued on Page Three.)

RESULTS ARE AWAITED WITH GRAVE CONCERN

New Submarine Policy In Effect Last Midnight.

peace extraordinary authorities in all Much Depends Upon Nature of Circumstances if Americans Should be Injured by Attack on Ship Defensively Armed.

Washington, Feb. 29:-Results in be tried by laa t dnhtr eibunCMRDFWL naval commanders are authorized to betried by law and the tribunals of our sink without warning all armed enemy derstood they have been told to make sure if possible that no American citi-

zens are aboard any ship attacked. Furthermore, in the latest communi cation regarding submarine warfare, Germany has assured the United States that the new orders are so formulated as to prevent the destruction of enemy iners "on account of their armament inless such armament is proved." The attitude of the United States

government toward the new policy of Fermany and Austria has not been defihis cabinet. Later, it was said that be-Witnesses testified on Louis D. cause the all-important appendices to Brandels nomination to the Supreme the German memorandum had been de-Court, before Judiciary sub-committee, layed in transit, the State Department Military committee continued work thus far was unable to determine whether the claims set forward by Germany and Austria in justification of their course were sustained. The State Department tomorrow probably will take steps to determine what has become of the missing appendices which were started in the mails from Berlin nearly three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, if any American citizen is injured during the attack by a submarine on a merchant ship, which does not and has no intention of using its lieved a constitutional amendment, Kramer with his American employees armament otherwise than defensively, sweeping aside all state jurisdiction, are said to have saved their lives by a grave situation will arise.

Measures Expected to be Introduced in Both Houses of Congress Next Week.

ADMIRAL KNIGHT HEARD

Urges Fleet Equal to Those of Any Two Nations Except Great Britain.

Washington, Feb. 29 - The campaign for national preparedness will week, when in all probability bills proextent never before contemplated in both the House and Senate. The House in seeking re-election to the national Military committee will begin tomorrow its final review of the measure tentatively agreed upon last week and the eliminated, he to step aside with the final vote probably will be taken Thurs-

The Senate committee agreed today national committeeman on the floor of to insert only a general provision for the federalization of the National Republicans have a fine opportunity to Guard in its regular army reorganiza- owned ships to sea to meet the Teuthe Senate committee made it possible

Before the House Naval committee. text of the document, I was designated every indication that the convention ten construction of a fleet equal to those of any two nations except Great Brit- ter war began. ain. American policies, such as the Monroe Doctrine, Asiatic Exclusion, Control of the Panama Canal and the flag of Italy and their use by the En-Open Door in China, he declared, con- tente Allies would do much towards and besides, those of my friends to of the movement in his district to put stituted a great and growing threat of relieving the congestion of goods on him against Congressman Webb for the war unless adequate preparation to uphold them are made.

Admiral Knight said he believed is would take two years and a half to make the navy efficiency enough to meet the present German fleet with any the ships of the Atlantic fleet in full

active commission, in readiness for "Not that we would not make a good showing against any force in much less

Would Rush Building. Representative Farr asked if it would in the last ten years Germany had mary would be held. built 173 fighting ships, England 252 and the United States 64.

the subject of ship-building facilities, public and private. He advised that the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Mare Island and Puget Sound yards be equipped immediately for their maximum output of big ships.

Major General Barnett, commander of the marine corps, followed Admiral Knight, urging that 150 officers, 52 warrant officers and 2,379 men be added to the corps to bring it up to the strength advocated by the general board and approved by Secretary Daniels, which is on the basis of one-fifth of the strength of the navy personnel. He asked also that the one-fifth standard be written into permanent law, and said Secretary Daniels approved this proposal, although it was an increase over what had originally been asked for by the department. Service in Haiti.

General Barnett said he had prepared and Secretary Daniels would submit to Congress at once legislation designed to permit marine officers to accept service under the Hatien government in No details were given. Advices to the the constabulary, now that the treaty department today said railway comhas been ratified. Fifteen companies, munications between Calera and Toralready, had been organized, in Haiti, he said, but thirty-five additional officers for the force were needed. Enough men had volunteered from the marine dits. corps, he said, to provide all the officers for this duty in that way.

Representative Tilson, of the House Military committee, in an address to the House today, said that while there were hundreds of gun and ammunition none but government plants were preridges needed by the American army.

clusive of the regular army or the na- his brother's death. tional guard may be organized in peace times. In effect, the proposal is to supply the authority for a test of the conson. A provision with the same end in not learned. Harris had lived in Somview is now included in the House bill. breto for forty years. Members of the House committee in reference to federalization of the na- the ranch of John Kramer, an Ameritional guard, said today that they be- can, at Otinopa, west of Durango City.

would be necessary to the end.

The Italian Government Requisitions 34 in Her Ports.

PURPOSE NOT STATED

May Be Italy's Answer to New German Submarine Policy—Allies Need Merchant Ships in Their.

Business.

London, Feb. 29.-It was announced n the house of commons today that the Italian government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports.

OF INTEREST TO AMERICA

Much Speculation as to What Italy's New Move May Mean Washington, Feb. 29-Announcement of Italy's seizure of German ships in her waters attracted much attention in official and diplomatic circles, and some quarters the belief was expressed tions for further advances toward the that the seizure was the first of a series time of peace will be introduced in of acts which eventually might lead to

war between Italy and Germany. Although diplomatic relations ween the two countries have broken off, they have not been at war. What Germany's response to Italy's action might be diplomats here today said they were unable to predict. One of the leading explanations advanced for Italy's action was that she

proposed to answer the new Germanic submarine campaign which goes into region, the German fortified works in effect at midnight by sending German- the region of Hill No. 193 have been tonic submersibles. Another explana- battered by the French guns and the Italian ports and was urging Italy to war on Germany.

millions of dollars. A total of 57 German and Austrian vessels are in Italian ports, the Austrian ships having been seized when Italy declared war Rear Admiral Knight continued today on the dual monarchy. The status of of Douaumont, and have taken the German vessels until now has been towns Manheulles and Champton, 18 ity in the country be employed to has- the same as that of German vessels which remained in American ports af-

The allied nations are short of ships and transfer of Germa nvessels to the front virtually 12 miles-from Dieppe American docks awaiting shipments to the allied countries.

ANGLO-FRENCH ANSWER

Will be Delivered in Immediate Future-Seizure of Mails. London, Feb. 29 .- The Anglo-French answer to the proetsts of the United States regarding the seizure of mails in transit between America and Europe will be delivered in the immediate future, according to official announcement

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 29 .- President Wilson today formally consented to the use of his name as a candidate for the presidency by Georgia Democrats in their selection of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. The

Admiral Knight said he understood sub-committee of the Naval commit-

Grover C. Varn is Murdered by Villa Bandits.

Reports Received by State Department Train Service to Durango is Discontinued.

Washington, Feb. 29 .- The murder of Grover C. Varn, an American, by Villa forces, at his home last night, 25 n. sol zond and the neighboring towns on the north of Durango, was reported officially today to the State Department. reon had been indefinitely suspended

Another dispatch from Durango said there had been no train service between that point and Chihuahua for the effect of the German artillery fire

Was Hanged, Says Report.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 29.-Grover C. Varn, reported in State Department pared to produce the weapons and cart- dispatches at Washington as having French field artillery was so over-He introduced a bill to provide for the been murdered by bandits near Duran- whelmed by the Germans that it was nitely determined. President Wison manufacture of special tools and fix- go, Mexico, was hanged by them, ac- gerous. The French long range guns today discussed the subject in a confer- tures to make the necessary changes cording to messages received by mem- were doing their best to keep Fort ence with Secretary Lansing and then in privately owned machines at an es- bers of his family today. George W. Douaumont smothered in a rain of laid the German communication before timated cost of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,- Varn, a brother, who recently returned shells after five attempts by the French from that section of Mexico, where the to recapture it had failed. The Senate Military committee agreed brothers and their father, J. E. Varn, tentatively today to amend the present owned a ranch and mining property, is volunteer act so that a third force, ex- preparing to return there to investigate

Another American Hanged. Torreon, Mexico, Feb. 29 .- An American hotel keeper named Harris has tinental army plan advocated by the the state of Zacatecas, it was reported been hanged by bandits at Sombreto, in president and former Secretary Garri- today. The date of the hanging was

Bandits are reported to have looted hiding.

Less Activity North of Verdun; French Using Artillery to the East.

TEUTONS GAIN POINTS

Russians Have Driven Germans Back and Advanced Their Line Near Dvinsk.

With the lessening of the activity of the contending forces to the north of Verdun, the French in the Woevre region east of Verdun are using their artillery to break bp German preparafortress. At various points the fire of the French guns has prevented the Germans from launching offensives.

In the Vosges mountains there also has been great artillery activity by the French near Senones and Ban-De-Sapt, while near Seppois the Germans have been driven out of trenches they had previously taken. In the Champagne

The Germans have added several additional points to their terrain in the The ships seized by Italy are worth fighting about Verdun, having been enabled to construct trenches on the t) capture an armored work northwest miles southeast of Verdun. In this drive to the east to Verdun, the advance of the Germans has extended over a

to Champton. Berlin reports that thus far they have taken prisoners 228 officers, 16,-575 men and a large number of guns, machine guns and much war material. ese has been considerable artillery activity an dfights in the air beween battalions of German and British

aviators, along the British front in France and Belgium. In the Dvinsk region of Russian, the Russians have driven the Germans back and advanced their line, and put down under heavy fire an attempt at a coun-

Erzerum Powerfully Defended. In a lengthy statement in reply to ir: official communication issued from Constantinople, the Russian which guarded Erzerum, and declares that the force of the blow dealt by the Russians can be estimated by the fact that some of the Turkish army corps of three divisions each now number only a few thousand men, all the re-Details are lacking concerning the lisaster to the French auxiliary cruiser Province, which has been lost in the Mediterranean. While the French min-

survivors at 870, no estimate is made Germans Claim Progress

Berlin, Feb. 29, via London. - Progress for the Germans in their drive towards Verdun in the Woevre district was announced by the war office today. The German troops have passed Dieppe, Abaucourt and Blanchee, . nd also have taken Manhuelles and Champlon.

istry of marine estimates the number of

French Auxiliary Cruiser Sunk. Paris, Feb. 29, via London - The auxiliary French cruised Provence was sunk in the Mediterrannean last Saturday, it was officially announced today. At Malta 296 survivors have been land-

Evacuating Trebizond.

London, Feb. 29. - A Central News dispatch from Petrograd says the Turks are hastily evacuating Trebi-Black sea coast of the Caucasus region.

"FANTASTIC DESTRUCTION."

Situation Where Germans Have Gained

Berlin, via London, Feb. 29. - The correspondents of the Berlin newspapers who were permitted on Sunday to visit the ground gained by the Germans in the Verdun conflict, describe on the village of Haumont as having left a unique picture of fantastic destruction. The same was true of the

NEW RULE OF SUBMARINE WARFARE PUT INTO EFFECT

Berlin, Feb. 28, via London, Feb. 29 - (Delayed) - The Associated Press is informed by Germany's leading statesmen that the new rule of submarine warfare which was announced in the German memorandum regarding the future treatment of armed merchantment will positively be put into effect at midnight of tomorrow, Tuesday, February