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INDORSEMENT OF COURSE TAKEN BY UNITED STATES

BY SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES GRATIFYING TO WASHINGTON.

Equador, Venezuela and Colombia, Not Yet Heard From, Expected to Define Attitude.

Washington.—Prompt endorsements from South America of the action of the United States in taking Germany's challenge to war are the source of great gratification to officials of the administration. There remained but three countries, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Colombia, which had not defined their positions, and it was believed that before the end of this week they, too, would respond.

With the exception of Costa Rica, none of the Central American group had declared its attitude, but no concern over where their sympathy will be placed has been felt at the state department.

So far Cuba is the only war spot in Latin-America, but the positions assumed by Panama and Costa Rica place them practically in the list of warring nations, and almost no doubt remains that Brazil will be at war within a few days. The only governments that have not been frank in their endorsement of the step taken by the United States are Chile and Peru, the former confining itself to a formal declaration of neutrality and the latter to "deploring" the fact that the United States had been unable to adjust her difficulty with Germany without recourse to war.

Way They Line Up.

Following in the way the other Latin-American nations whose positions are defined, were lined up:

Cuba—Declared war against Germany.

Panama—Declared her readiness to assist in any way possible in the protection of the Panama Canal.

Costa Rica—Offered her ports and other territorial waters to the United States for war needs of the American navy.

Brazil—Relations broken with Germany.

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Uruguay—Endorsed the action of the United States and characterized Germany's submarine warfare as "an insult to humanity."

Paraguay—Expressed sympathy with the government of the United States "forced into war to rehabilitate the rights of neutrals."

Argentina—Endorsed the action of the United States as just and right.

Mexico—Neutral.

State department officials believe it possible that the government of Equador may consider itself bound to adopt a somewhat equivocal attitude because of a suggestion made several weeks ago that a conference of neutrals to be held at Montevideo to study means for bringing the war to an end.

Guatemala's proclamation of martial law was still regarded here as a precautionary step taken by President Estrada Cabrera preliminary to a break with Germany. It was believed that Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua, the remaining uncommitted nations of Central America, are awaiting action by Guatemala and that they will announce their positions immediately after Guatemala speaks.

The United States has looked to Latin-America for moral support more than for material assistance, but there has been no disposition to undertake the very material assistance that might be rendered if it became necessary. The total peace strength of Latin-America's armies is only 334,000 men, but the potential power is several times that, and reports from the South American republics have indicated that no time will be lost in raising fighting forces to their full war strength.

ISSUES WARNING AGAINST TREASON

BOMB PLOTTERS MAY NOW BE GRIPPED WITH LAW'S IRON HAND.

PROCLAMATION BY WILSON

Resident Aliens as Well as Citizens Owe Allegiance to United States, Says President—Treason is Defined.

Washington.—All persons in the United States, citizens and aliens, are warned in a proclamation issued by President Wilson that treasonable acts or attempts to shield those committing such acts will be vigorously prosecuted by the Government.

The proclamation defines treason, citing statutes, provisions of the Constitution and decisions of the courts, and declares that the acts described will be regarded as treasonable, whether committed within the borders of the United States or elsewhere.

Far-reaching importance attaches to the direction of the warning to aliens and the declaration that "resident aliens as well as citizens owe allegiance to the United States" and therefore are equally subject to the laws against treason and like crimes.

Bomb plotters now may be gripped with an iron hand. Not only are conspirators themselves subject to heavy penalties, but any one, even a German resident, who has knowledge of treasonable acts and fails to make known the facts to the authorities, may be sent to prison for seven years and fined \$1,000 for misprision of treason.

EVERY POSSIBLE HONOR WILL BE ACCORDED VISITORS

Washington.—Major General Leonard Wood, ranking officer of the active list of the army, was designated to represent the military branch of the government on the committee which will welcome to the United States the distinguished British war commission headed by Foreign Minister Balfour.

The selection of General Wood is in line with the administration's plans for according every possible honor to the high rank and notable character of Great Britain's commissioners. The state department is represented on the committee by Breckenridge Long, third assistant secretary; the navy by Rear Admiral Fletcher, of the general board, and Commander E. F. Sellers, and the army by General Wood and Col. R. E. L. Michie.

It was stated at the White House that the president had arranged to see the British visitors this week and the French commissioners at the same time. If they had reached Washington, the state department announced, however, that it was not certain when Mr. Balfour and his party would come, and that nothing definite was known concerning the arrival of the French commission.

PLANT LAND IN FOOD CROPS

Washington.—Secretary Lane appealed to holders of land made valuable by the war to put all their available soil in food crops.

FLEET BASE AT HAMPTON ROADS IS RECOMMENDED

Washington.—An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the acquisition of land and equipment for a fleet operating base at Hampton Roads, Va., to be immediately available, was recommended to Congress by Secretary Daniels.

"The \$2,000,000," Secretary Daniels stated, "is urgently and immediately necessary for the acquisition of the Jamestown Exposition site, on Hampton Roads, Va., to be developed and equipped as a fleet operating base and to include a training station, submarine base, aviation operating base, oil fuel storage, fleet storehouses, mine and net storehouses, torpedo storehouses, etc. The land can be purchased for \$1,400,000 and the immediate necessities are the training station, the initial development to cost \$1,600,000."

AMERICAN REAR ADMIRAL SIMS NOW IN ENGLAND

Washington.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, president of the Naval War College at Newport, has arrived in London to act as an intermediary between British admiralty officers and the navy department in the working out of problems involved in participation by the American navy in the attacks of the Entente Powers. His mission was admitted at the navy department after news of his safe voyage had been received.

LOADED SHELL FOUND IN OFFICE OF THE GLOBE

New York.—A loaded three-inch shell weighing 15 pounds, made in the United States, was found in the press room of The New York Globe after the last edition had gone to press. According to the police, the shell was leaning against one of the presses in such a position that it would have been exploded had the machinery been started. The discovery was made by an employe. Government agents are trying to learn who placed it there.

FRAME BUILDINGS IN THE FIRE DISTRICTS

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young has issued the following letter to building inspectors, chiefs of fire departments and other local officials throughout the State in regard to frame buildings in fire districts and repairs:

"Gentlemen—Because of some misunderstanding and confusion in regard to frame buildings in fire districts and repairs thereto, I deem it necessary to call to your attention the following matters:

"1. Under section 2985 the board of aldermen or commissioners of each city and town must establish and define a fire district in their city or town.

"2. Under section 2988, no frame building (including iron-clad buildings) can be erected under any circumstances.

"3. Under section 2988, no frame or wooden building can be altered, repaired, or moved except upon a permit of the building inspector, approved by the insurance commissioner. The responsibility of passing upon the application is placed upon the building inspector by the law; but his permit is not valid or effective until approved by the insurance commissioner.

"4. In section 3010 we find: 'No building now or hereafter built shall be altered, repaired, or moved until it has been examined and approved by the inspector as being in a good and safe condition to be altered as proposed, and the alteration, repair, or change so made shall conform to the provisions of the law.' This forbids the allowing of (1) repairs to old or dilapidated buildings or (2) the repairs to be other than is allowable in the fire district.

"5. No permit will be approved by the Commissioner unless accompanied by an application on the blank described by the Department.

"6. Section 2484 makes violations a misdemeanor, with a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

"7. This law is a most important and necessary one for the protection of our cities and towns, especially their business districts, and the local inspectors are urged to enforce it to a strict account for their enforcement and any violations vigorously prosecuted.

"8. Under the law, no mayor or board of aldermen can pass upon or grant these permits; but the mayor, city attorney and police are charged with their enforcement.

"Kindly let me have your active aid and hearty co-operation in this matter."

WHERE SAFETY-FIRST WOULD HAVE SAVED HUMAN LIFE

C. H. Williams, a Wake county farmer died in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Sunday, April 1, from burns sustained in the explosion of an oil stove.

The 21-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bryan, Jr., of Wilmington, died March 27, as a result of burns from falling in a tub of boiling water which had been placed on a porch for scouring purposes.

A negro, named Rentrow, near Baley, died to death, March 28, as a result of being struck by an axe which slipped from the hand of a fellow chopper severing an artery. Knowledge of first aid work on the part of the fellow laborer would have saved the man's life.

George Williams, an aged blind negro, was burned to death in the fire which destroyed a three room cottage about five miles from Raleigh, March 28. The negro had been left alone in the house and when fire was discovered by neighbors it was not known he was there. No blind person should be left alone in a house.

A fire at Wilson on Thursday, March 29, resulted in the loss of two lives, a negro woman and her child. Newspaper accounts of the incident stated that the woman was subjected to fits and it was supposed that she fell in the fire. Screens for the prevention of such accidents can be purchased as cheaply as fifty cents.

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CONFLAGRATIONS GENERAL OCCUR BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25 AND MAY 3.

LETTER OF WARNING ISSUED

Some interesting statistics concerning spring fires which should interest citizens of North Carolina.

A letter issued by the Georgia Fire Prevention Society and circulated throughout the State of Georgia is worth attention in North Carolina or any other State. It points out that during the past twenty-five years, \$77,749,513 of the losses in the South have occurred between February 25 and May 3.

Some of the spring conflagrations are enumerated as follows:

April, 1892, New Orleans, \$ 1,500,000
May, 1901, Jacksonville, 10,000,000
February, 1904, Baltimore, 40,000,000
May, 1904, Yazoo City, Miss., 2,000,000
February, 1905, Hot Springs, 1,500,000
February, 1905, New Orleans, 5,000,000
May, 1907, Atlanta, 500,000
February, 1908, New Orleans, 5,000,000
March, 1908, Tampa, 500,000
February, 1912, Houston, 4,500,000
April, 1912, Columbus, Ga., 250,000
May, 1914, St. Augustine, 250,000
March, 1916, Augusta, Ga., 5,999,513
March, 1916, Nashville, 1,500,000
March, 1916, Paris, Texas, 5,000,000

The above figures represent the amount paid by insurance companies, and are naturally much less than the property losses. The great conflagration of San Francisco, which resulted in a property loss of about \$350,000,000, occurred in April, 1906.

It is on account of the danger of spring fires that the Georgia Fire Prevention Society is issuing its warning to the people of Georgia. The society is also conducting a vigorous campaign along other lines to aid in the prevention of fires. School children are being interested in the crusade, and recently 400 fire inspectors were appointed by the Georgia Fire Prevention Society, showing the condition of dwellings in that place. The society is also calling attention to the dangerous hazard of storing collected waste paper in school houses, basements, etc.

In North Carolina during six days from March 27 to April 1, inclusive, newspaper reports indicate rather a close adherence to custom. The tannery of the United States Leather Company at Old Fort was destroyed financially loss of between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. At about the same time on the same date the lumber plant of the A. T. Griffin Lumber Company at Goldsboro, was damaged, entailing a loss of about \$25,000. At the alarm of the fire in Goldsboro thousands of people visiting the camp of the Second Regiment North Carolina National Guard nearby, were thrown into a panic and in the stampede that followed a number of persons were injured and several women fainting.

Fires at Turpike, a small village twelve miles from Asheville, was practically wiped out by fire Saturday, March 31, when a large saw mill with quantities of lumber, several other buildings, and two cribs of corn (\$1.40 a bushel) were burned. A hotel and store nearby were damaged, but saved from destruction by the work of a bucket brigade. A railroad trestle was damaged and traffic on the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railway tied up for several hours.

This record shows that if there is a time when special vigilance is needed in fire prevention work and the pursuit of the "Safety First" idea it is at this particular season of high winds.

GOETHALS IS TO BE BUILDER OF SHIPS

WILL SUPERVISE SHIP BUILDING PROGRAM OF AMERICAN NAVY.

MORE SHIPS MEAN VICTORY

Lloyd-George's Prophecy Discussed by Cabinet—Congress Will Be Asked To Substantially Increase Appropriation.

Washington.—Means of quickly putting additional vessels into the trans-Atlantic trade and thus fulfilling the prophecy of Premier Lloyd-George, of Great Britain, that more ships meant victory for the Entente Allies, was the principal subject before the meeting of President Wilson's cabinet.

Major General Goethals, who built the Panama Canal, will supervise the merchant ship building program, it was announced. A bill will be introduced in both houses of Congress substantially increasing the \$50,000,000 appropriation now available for the shipping board, and giving the board additional authority that the building of wooden ships and the acquisition of other vessels may be expedited.

Legislation also probably will be proposed by the administration giving the shipping board power to formally take over the German merchantmen in American ports now in the custody of the treasury department. While it is conceded that the president would have the right to take this step it is understood that a specific act of Congress will be preferred.

First among the German ships to be put into active service will be two of the fleet of 28 lying in Philippine harbors. The insular bureau of the war department has secured permission from the treasury department to hasten repairs on the machinery of the two vessels least damaged by the crews and it is expected that within two or three weeks the ships will be loading Manila hemp to be rushed to the United States to prevent a failure of its supply of binding twine for the farmers for the crop of this season.

While the exact sum to be requested of Congress for the lease of the shipping board in building up the American merchant marine has not been disclosed, it has been estimated that \$225,000,000 will be necessary.

COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PRODUCING POWER.

One of the Means of Meeting the Vital Problems of the War.

Washington.—Intensive development of the food producing power of the United States on a scale never before contemplated was discussed by President Wilson and Secretary Houston as the means of meeting one of the vital problems of the war with Germany.

Secretary Houston returned from St. Louis, where he conferred with representatives of the great grain raising states, before the president. He laid before the president plans under which the Federal Government, working in co-operation with state and local agencies, will put forth its utmost endeavors to stimulate the production and economical distribution of food.

Plans to include a request for legislation by Congress giving the Government power to regulate and fix food prices if necessary and to license large distributing agencies. Secretary Houston will begin conferences with congressional leaders to agree on the terms of the needed bills.

To continue the government's agitation for increased production and economy in the use of foodstuffs President Wilson probably will issue a proclamation to the Nation soon calling attention to the situation. A suggestion to this effect, approved by Secretary Houston, was laid before him by Representative Fisher, of Tennessee, and J. R. Paine, of Memphis, representing the Tri-State Better Farming Association.

READY TO BUILD BIG FLEET.

Program for building a vast fleet of wooden cargo ships to transport supplies to the Allies and thus defeat the German submarine campaign was put definitely under way Monday, when the Shipping Board formed a \$50,000,000 corporation to build and operate the vessels.

STATES MAY ORGANIZE NEW GUARD UNITS

Washington.—Against the judgment of military experts as to the wise course in the present emergency, the war department was compelled to reverse a previous ruling and announce that the states have the right to organize new units of the National Guard. This opens the door to expansion of the existing guard force of about 125,000 to 400,000 on war footing.

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KAZAN

A remarkable story of an Alaskan wolf-dog.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Read It!

Not wishing to be too exacting in our inquiries, but what has become of the Bulgarian armies? The Imperial German government does not hate Americans but that does not restrain it from killing them when they are not looking.

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SOLD IN TOWN

NOTICE!

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Richard Neville, residing in this county for the last five years, has this day filed his petition in the Superior Court of this county, praying to be restored to the rights of citizenship according to law. He was convicted of larceny on March 6, 1911, and was pardoned by the Governor before his term of sentence was to begin. This application will be presented to the Superior Court on the second Monday before the first Monday of September, 1917, which will be the 25th day of August, 1917. This the 6th day of March, 1917. J. D. KERNDLLE, C. S. C., of Alamance County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. Zeb Walker, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before April 16, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons due said estate will make prompt settlement with the undersigned. J. M. FIX, Admr. April 11, 1917-18.

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