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43 KILLED, 66 HURT IN ZEPPELIN RAID

Nearly 200 Explosive And Incendiary Bombs Dropped On English Soil

HOUSES ALSO WRECKED

British Aeroplane Men Go Up And Attacked the Raiders on Friday Night; No Details of Attack Made Last Night on Coasts of Scotland And of England

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 2.—The official press bureau tonight gave out the following statement dealing with the Zeppelin air raid on the English east coast Friday night:

"The total casualties reported in the Zeppelin raid on the night of March 31 April 1, now amount to 43 killed and 66 injured. Nearly 200 explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

"A Baptist chapel, three dwelling houses, and two cottages were demolished. A town hall, four dwellings, 35 cottages, and a tram car shed were partly wrecked. There was no military damage.

"A number of our aeroplanes went up to attack the raiders. Lieutenant Brandon, R. F. C., rising 6,000 feet saw a Zeppelin about 2,000 feet above him. At 9,000 feet he got over it and attacked, dropping several bombs, three of which he believes took effect.

"Later he got over the airship again and let off two more bombs over her nose. His own machine was hit many times by machine gun bullets. This may have been the Zeppelin which dropped a machine gun, ammunition, a petrol tank and machinery or possibly that which came down off the Thames estuary."

A correspondent in a Northeast coast town says a Zeppelin dropped fourteen explosive and seven incendiary bombs there Saturday night. Ten men, three women and three children were killed and twenty five persons were seriously injured. In addition, about eighty others received minor injuries.

A tram car inspector was killed and a woman tram conductor had a leg blown off. Several houses were wrecked in one street.

One house was demolished, but the family of five escaped without serious injury.

Attacked By Squadron.

Berlin, via London, April 2.—The following official communication was issued today concerning the German air raid on England Friday night:

"During the night of March 31 April 1 one of the airship squadrons attacked London and south coast of England. Bombs were freely dropped on the city between the tower bridge and the London docks, and on military camps in the northwestern district of the city, manufactories near Enfield and in munition works at Waltham Abbey.

"Another airship, having successfully attacked a battery near Stowmarket (Suffolk), dropped a number of explosive and incendiary bombs on Lowestoft. A battery was silenced near Cambridge. Extensive manufacturing works in the town were attacked.

"Bombs were finally dropped on fortification works and harbors of the Humber, by which three batteries were reduced to silence. All the attacks were successful. Reliable observations from the airships showed the presence of numerous fires and the collapse of buildings.

"In spite of the violent bombardment, all the airships returned with the exception of the L-15 which, according to a report, was compelled to descend on the water of the river Thames. Searches instituted by our naval forces up to the present have not been productive of any results."

Another Attack Yesterday.

London, April 3.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked by Zeppelins Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the Secretary of War.

The announcement says:

"A Zeppelin raid took place Sunday night when the coast of Scotland and northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked.

"Bombs were dropped at various places. No details are available."

DEMANDS REPARATION FOR ASSAULT ON AMERICAN LIFE.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, April 2.—Prof. James Mark Baldwin, of Baltimore, whose daughter was seriously injured in the explosion on the cross channel steamer Sussex, today gave out a copy of a cablegram dispatched to President Wilson. It reads:

"A woman traveling where her right was, carrying an American passport, stricken on the Sussex, hovering between life and death, demands that reparation for assault on American life and liberty be exacted.

"(Signed) MARK BALDWIN."

Miss Baldwin was able to speak yesterday for the first time since the accident. Her injuries include paralysis of the right side.

At a meeting yesterday of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, Pres. Henry Joly, in the name of the academy, expressed joy at Professor Baldwin's escape from the Sussex disaster. He announced that a formal address of congratulation would be sent to Professor Baldwin.

The Aurora at Port Chalmers.

(By the Associated Press.)

Port Chalmers, N. Z., via London, April 3.—The Shackleton Antarctic auxiliary exploration ship Aurora has arrived here. All on board the ship are well except two members of the crew, who are suffering from a minor illness.

Composer's Widow Heads War Relief Fund

MRS. ETHELBERT NEVIN

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, chairman of the American fund for French wounded, is co-operating with the vacation war relief committee of New York, which has arranged a flower show in New York on April 5 and 6 for the benefit of war sufferers. Mrs. Nevin is the widow of the famous composer.

2 AVIATORS HURT IN 100 FOOT FALL

But Machine Which Fell Into Hampton Roads Was Demolished.

(By the Associated Press.)

Newport News, Va., April 3.—Aviators H. Cogswell and James Hoover, of the Curtiss aviation school, fell 100 feet into Hampton Roads while making a flight here today. They escaped uninjured, although the machine was demolished. Stoppage of the engine while the machine was turning is said to have caused the accident.

COAST LINE BUYING MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Wilmington, April 2.—More than $1,000,000 in rolling stock and rails have been purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line, the deliveries to be made within the present and the first months of the coming year. Nearly 1,000 freight cars, several score passenger coaches, 12 locomotives and 15,000 tons of rail are included in the order. Other railroads throughout the country also are buying heavily this following the period of curtailment incident to the war.

NORTH CAROLINA BOY DIES AT ANNAPOLIS

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Annapolis, Md., April 2.—Stricken with appendicitis, Midshipman Philip L. Northern, of Snowden, N. C., died at the Naval Hospital here last night following an operation for appendicitis, which was performed less than a week ago. Peritonitis developed after the operation.

Young Northern was a member of the first class and his death is particularly sad in view of the fact that he would have graduated from the academy early in June.

The body was taken to North Carolina today. Northern was an appointee of Representative John H. Small of the First North Carolina District. Secretary of the Navy Daniels sent a floral tribute.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

Crew, Two Members of Which Injured, Landed at Penzance.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 2.—The British steamer Gold Mouth has been sunk and her crew, two members of which suffering from injuries, was landed at Penzance says a Lloyd's dispatch from that place dated Saturday.

The Gold Mouth was of 2,446 gross tons. She was 371 feet long and was owned by the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company of London. She probably was in the government service. Latest shipping records give her sailing from Port Arthur, Tex., October 28, and Norfolk November 4 for Dartmouth.

Credit Union For Craven.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

New Bern, April 2.—Prof. W. R. Kent, of Raleigh, superintendent of the North Carolina Credit Union and Co-operative Association, in company with Prof. J. W. Sears, farm demonstrator for Craven county, Friday night paid a visit to Spring Garden and there inaugurated plans for the formation of a credit union among the farmers of that section.

SERBIAN LEGATION AT SOFIA IS PILLAGED

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, April 2.—An Athens dispatch dated Saturday, received by the Havas News Agency, says:

"The populace has pillaged the building of the Serbian legation at Sofia says information obtained from a reliable source. The Bulgarian authorities arrested the men left in charge of the building.

"The American minister at Sofia protested to Premier Radoslavoff, who justified the action of the people on the ground that Serbia having ceased to exist as a nation, the legation building belonged to Bulgaria."

BEATING BUSHES FOR BANDIT VILLA

Lightly Equipped Detachments of Cavalry Sweeping About In Whirlwind Fashion

VILLA INJURY DENIED

Also Reported That Bandit Chief Instead of Going Northeast of Guerrero Has Moved Into the Hills To The South And East; No News of Mexican Troops

(By the Associated Press.)

San Antonio, April 2.—Unless Francisco Villa is definitely located within the next day or two, it is believed here that General Pershing will begin a search of the mountains west and south of Guerrero. Since the defeat of Villa's force March 29, in and near Guerrero, lightly equipped detachments of cavalry have been sweeping in whirlwind fashion through the district about the headquarters of the Santa Maria river trying to locate the elusive bandit, reported to have gone in that direction after being desperately wounded.

General Pershing did not get a report through to General Funston today but his chief of staff did indicating that the line of communication was maintained. No mention of news of Villa was made. There is increasing belief that General Pershing may have been deceived as to the direction taken by Villa and even concerning his injuries. Information has been received indicating he was not injured at all and that instead of going northeast of Guerrero he moved into the hills to the south and east.

No official news has been received of the operations of the Mexican government troops which were expected to prevent Villa's escape to the mountains.

State Department advices regarding conditions in Chihuahua and other parts of Mexico were transmitted to General Funston today, but were not made public here. It was stated at army headquarters, however, that there was reason to believe that Col. Cano, leading one of the heavier forces against Villa, had revolted against Carranza and had joined Villa.

Another story given some credence at army headquarters was that Villa was headed for Chihuahua City. The advanced cavalry of Gen. Pershing are not far from Chihuahua.

Train From Casas Grandes.

El Paso, Texas, April 2.—The first train from the Casas Grandes region in a week pulled into Juarez today from Pearson, 3 miles south of the military base established by Gen. Pershing at Colonia Dublan.

Several Mormon colonists on the train throw no light on the veil of mystery which has enveloped the operations of the American troops since the decisive defeat inflicted on the Villa forces last Wednesday. They reported everything quiet at Pearson and Casas Grandes and that the Mexicans apparently had become reconciled to American troops on Mexican soil. Mexican merchants sold goods freely to American soldiers the colonists said, and were more interested in the American currency system than in the pursuit of Villa.

There is no indication here that the American military authorities have any anxiety over the supply problem for the troops at the front. No attempt has yet been made to ship food or forage by the Mexican Northwestern Railroad. A train from Juarez for Casas Grandes is not expected to move for at least two days.

Baker At His Office.

Washington, April 2.—Since the 48 hours old report with the story of how Colonel Dodd and his troopers struck

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MAKE CLERK PRISONER, STEAL $556 IN CASH

(By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, N. C., April 2.—Gilbert Newell, 17 years old, employed as clerk by the North Carolina Public Service Corporation, owners of the street car system here, was attacked by a burglar this morning shortly after 3 o'clock, forced into the company's vault, locked in, and $556 in cash stolen.

Newell, when discovered this morning at 8 o'clock, was in a semi-conscious condition from suffocation, while his face was bruised.

ADAMS GETS CONTROL OF SOUTHERN EXPRESS

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 2.—Wm. M. Barrett, president of the Adams Express Company, announced here tonight that the controlling interest in the Southern Express Company had been acquired by his company. He said, however, that there would be no change in the management of the Southern Express Company; that Morton F. Plant will remain as chairman of the board of directors, T. W. Leary as president, and E. M. Williams as vice president. Mr. Barrett, in announcing the transfer in control of the Southern Express Company, said that the Adams Express Company had been the second largest owner of the Southern Express Company for more than fifty years.

President and Mrs. Wilson on Yacht.

(By the Associated Press.)

Crisfield, Md., April 2.—President and Mrs. Wilson who are on a cruise down Chesapeake Bay, stopped here today. They arrived at 2:30 p. m. on the Mayflower and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came ashore in the tender. About 5,000 people cheered them. Mrs. Wilson was given a huge bouquet of sweet peas and violets. The entire police force of Crisfield acted as an escort.

ANOTHER SLIGHT GAIN BY GERMANS

Penetrate Caillert Wood East of Meuse In Neighborhood of Fort Douaumont

ARE REPULSED AT WEST

Berlin Statement Issued Yesterday Claims Teuton Troops Have Cleared 1,000 Yards of French Trenches Northeast of Haucourt in Addition To Positions Taken March 30

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, April 2.—The Germans launched heavy attacks again today against French positions to the west and east of the Meuse. To the west the attacks were repulsed, but to the east, in the neighborhood of Fort Douaumont, assaulting forces were able to penetrate the Caillette Wood, lying to the south. From the northern part of the wood they were almost immediately expected by French counter attacks.

Took 731 Prisoners.

Berlin, April 2, via London.—The German official statement issued today announces that Teuton troops have cleared 1,000 yards of French trenches northeast of Haucourt in addition to the positions taken March 30. The Germans took 731 prisoners in the battle of Vaux March 31. The only mention of fighting around Verdun April 1 tells of the repulse of a French counter attack after a terrific artillery bombardment near Vaux.

The text of the official statement says:

"Western theatre.—Near Lens south of the Somme an enemy attack begun after short artillery preparation was checked by our fire.

"Through the bombardment of Bethincville, east of Rheims, the French caused considerable losses to their countrymen. Three women and one child were killed, and five men, four women and a child were seriously injured.

"In addition to the position taken March 30, French trenches northeast of Haucourt, extending over about 1,000 yards, have been cleared of the enemy.

"On the eastern bank of the Meuse our troops on March 31, after careful preparation took possession of the enemy defense and flanking works northwest and west of the village of Vaux.

"Yesterday morning after the French fire had reached its highest intensity in this region, the expected counter attack which took place broke down completely under the fire of our machine guns and the curtain fire of our artillery. Apart from the sanguinary losses sustained during our attack March 31, the enemy left in our hands unwounded prisoners amounting to 11 officers and 720 men and five machine guns.

"Great activity was displayed by aviators of both sides and numerous aerial battles were terminated in our favor.

"In addition to enemy aeroplanes brought down beyond our lines, an English biplane was shot down near Helbeke. The occupants of the machine were captured. Ober Lieutenant Berthold thus put out of action his fourth enemy aeroplane.

"Southwest of Lens an enemy aeroplane was brought down in flames by a direct hit from our anti-aircraft guns.

"Bombs were freely dropped upon Dombasleen Argonne, west of Verdun, which is strongly garrisoned with troops and upon the aerodome of Belfort.

"Eastern theatre.

"The general position on this front is unchanged. East of Baranovichi there was greater fighting activity than usual.

"Balkan theatre.—There was nothing to report."

Fresh Brigades in Attack.

Paris, April 2.—Four fresh brigades participated in the German attack which ended in the occupation of the village of Vaux, to the northeast of Verdun, says an eye witness of the battle.

The assault began with a night attack. All Friday evening the village and its surroundings were copiously shelled.

The attack began from the north at 3 o'clock in the morning by a brigade debouching from trenches on the hill side east of Fort Douaumont and advancing so far as the railroad line in front of the advanced French position where it was checked by French infantry and a barring fire so intense that the assailants were unable to hold their ground. They retired to their trenches much depleted in numbers.

A fresh brigade made the second attack toward five o'clock in the morning from the east with an abundant supply of powerful grenades that demolished the houses occupied by the defenders of the town. Though partly buried under the ruins, the French stuck stubbornly to their posts, which they resigned only step by step and inflicted severe losses on the attacking forces.

With the houses demolished by grenades and shells, there remained no reason for maintaining the position, and the French were ordered to retire on positions prepared further to the west. The detachment still maintained a galling fire as it went back slowly and in good order, a curtain of French shell fire keeping the Germans from pursuing.

After this partial success the Germans tried to profit from their new positions to overwhelm the French position around Douaumont. Saturday afternoon they endeavored to advance along a road bordering a ravine and running up toward the hamlet of Caillette near Fort Douaumont.

A third fresh division attacked the French defense lines, but this time were unable to advance at any point. The attacking column was stopped at a point where it was exposed to a raking

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SPEAKER CLARK DEFENDS CONGRESS

Brands Criticism That Body is Dawdling in Work A Bald And Malicious Lie

POINTS TO ITS RECORD

No Effort To Thwart President's Desire For Adjournment of Congress Before the Conventions; With Defense Legislation in Good Shape Revenue Issue Looms Up

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 2.—Speaker Clark replied tonight to criticisms that Congress is dawdling in its work. In a characteristic statement he denounced such a criticism as a "bald and malicious lie," outlined what has been accomplished and asserted that the present House had worked more steadily and industriously than any within his service of twenty two years.

Commenting on attempts to create an impression that Congress sought to thwart the President's desire to bring about adjournment in time for the political conventions in June, the Speaker declared that "every human being with two eyes, also a Hottentot knows that Congress is just as anxious to adjourn before the conventions as the President is."

"There has been much loose talk, some of it idiotic, some of it malicious, about the dawdling of Congress," said his statement.

"So far as the House is concerned there is no truth in it. I am not undertaking to speak for the Senate because I know nothing worth while touching the state of its business, but the business of the House is farther advanced than usual at this date. Of course it is necessary to pass the appropriation bills. Otherwise the wheels of government would stand stock still and they must be carefully considered both in committee and in the House.

Two Supply Bills Passed.

"The House has passed two of the great supply bills, the legislative, judicial and executive and the Indian and is now in process of passing the rivers and harbors bill. Also two deficiency bills and two more have been reported. Three more are about ready to be reported. The House has passed the Hay military bill, the immigration bill, three conservation bills and a multitude of bills of more or less importance.

"The House in the twenty two years that I have been here has not worked so steadily and so industriously as this one. It has not adjourned over a single day since it convened on January 4, a remarkable record, and has worked five, six and seven hours a day, with an occasional night session. When two more hours a day are counted in for committee work, it makes a good day's work, to say nothing of the time necessary for department work and correspondence.

"That's the record—a fine one—and yet the public is constantly misled into believing that Congress is not working at all. It is a bald and malicious lie.

"Of course some of these critics without any responsibility could pass bills carrying a billion dollars in a few hours, but members who are responsible cannot pass bills that way and the taxpayers who foot the bills don't want them passed that way.

Not Trying to Thwart Wilson.

"One other thing: Some of those wiseacres, who want important measures far reaching in character and vital to the republic passed while you wait, seek to create the impression that the President is anxious for Congress to adjourn before the conventions and that Congress is wickedly thwarting him. Every human being with two eyes above a Hottentot knows that Congress is just as anxious to adjourn before the conventions as the President is. Why in heaven's name would Congress desire to remain in Washington even one day longer than is absolutely necessary for the proper transaction of the public business?

"In the Senate during the past week there has been a general speeding up of business. The army reorganization bill is well under way and administration leaders are confident the measure will be in conference within three weeks. Appropriation bills are being taken up as rapidly as they come from the House. The legislative bill is about ready and can be passed in short order as soon as the army bill is out of the way. Everywhere there are signs of unusual legislative activity. Republican Senators join the Democrats in expressions of hope that all important business can be expedited with a view to adjournment in time for a long political campaign.

Revenue Issue Next.

With defense legislation assuming tangible shape the revenue issue looms as the next important task before Congress. There is delay, however, in the ways and means committee owing to the Senate's apparent determination to increase the standing army's peace strength over 140,000, as proposed in the Hay bill which has passed the House. Owing to uncertainty as to how much money will be required for army expenditures, the ways and means committee probably will defer action.

Chairman Kitchin's original plan was to call a meeting of the committee to draft a tentative revenue raising program as soon as the Hay bill passed the House. Senate's bill had the bill been sent to the Senate however, when word came to him that the standing army figure would be raised to 180,000. Such an increase Mr. Kitchin said today, would require at least $60,000,000 additional revenue yearly. He is unwilling to begin planning revenue raising when there exists so much uncertainty about the amount of money that will be needed.

Several more weeks may pass before the naval committee makes even a preliminary report to Mr. Kitchin on what

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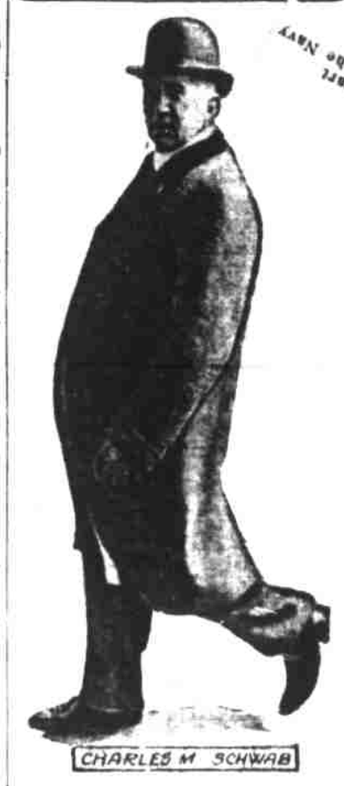
SCHWAB OPPOSES GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT



CHARLES M. SCHWAB

Charles M. Schwab and his associates in the Bethlehem Steel Company have begun a campaign to create public sentiment against legislation for the construction of a government armor manufacturing plant. The United States senate has passed the Tillman bill appropriating $11,000,000 for such plant. A circular addressed to members of Congress was issued over the signatures of Mr. Schwab and E. G. Grace, president of the company, which described the plan as wasteful in expenditure and unwise in policy. Senator Tillman asserts that the manufacturers of armor plate for the nation's warships have been robbing the government for twenty years. The picture is made from a very recent snapshot of Mr. Schwab.

TRY TO LYNCH NEGRO IN PETERSBURG JAIL

(By the Associated Press.)

Petersburg, Va., April 3.—While a mob, made up of thousands of angry, excited people surrounded the Petersburg jail tonight and clamored for his life, John Williams, a negro, shaken with terror and begging piteously for protection, confessed according to police he was guilty of making a criminal attack upon Miss Mamie Mason at her home near Ft. Lee one on last Thursday while she was on her way to school.

It was not until midnight and after martial law had been declared in the immediate district of the jail that the mob dispersed. At that hour Mayor Calaniss said that he looked for no further trouble.

DUPONT PLANT FOR SANFORD, IS RUMOR

It was rumored here last night that representatives of the Dupont Powder Company had secured an option upon a large tract of Lee county land, some three or four miles from Sanford and convenient to the Bickham power site. The option price it was said had been deposited in a local bank, and every preliminary arrangement had been completed. The tract upon which the option is said to have been secured embraces some three thousand or more acres. Its location is admirably suited to DuPont purposes, and transportation and power are readily accessible to it.

The rumor has not been verified.

THREE VESSELS SUNK.

Fourteen of Crew of Norwegian Steamer Lost.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 2.—The British steamship Ashburton has been sunk by shrapnel shells fired by a German submarine. Five members of the crew have been taken to a hospital. The vessel, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company, was not armed.

The Ashburton sailed from New Zealand February 21 for London and was last reported as leaving Montevideo, Uruguay, March 1.

The vessel was 4,445 tons gross and was built in 1905 for the Australind Steamship Company of London. She was 392 feet long, 50 feet beam and 26 feet deep.

Lloyd's reports that the Norwegian steamship Peter Hamre was sunk Saturday night while at anchor. One man, the sole survivor of the crew of fifteen, has been landed from the Kentish Knock lightship.

The British liner Achilles was sunk Friday. Four members of her crew are missing. The captain and eight other persons from the steamer have been landed.

JAP STEAMER WRECKED.

Sixteen Members of the Crew Believed To Have Been Drowned.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tokio, April 3.—The steamer Wakatsu Maru from Niigasaki for coastal points has been wrecked on a sunken rock. Eighty some of her passengers and sixty members of the crew are believed to have been drowned. The Wakatsu Maru was a vessel of 252 tons.

Moore May Run For Congress.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Wilson, April 2.—It is rumored that Dr. E. G. Moore, of Elm City, is likely to get into the race for Congressman from this district.

DEMOCRACY UNITED FOR COMING FIGHT

Champ Clark, Bryan And Other Leaders Will Put Shoulders To Wheel

ALL CONTENTION HUSHED

Fear And Consternation In Republican Camp; Standpats And Bull Moosers Worried Over Hughes; Pritchard Boom Part of Plan To Tie Delegates Hands

By H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, April 2.—Political forces are lining up for an old time battle of ballots in November.

The Democrats will stand upon their record and present President Wilson again as their standard bearer. All the talk of another Democratic candidate for the St. Louis convention has hushed, and with one voice everybody will shout "Woodrow Wilson and Democracy!" Champ Clark, William J. Bryan and all the other aspirants of four years ago will put their shoulders to the wheel for Mr. Wilson. That is evident now to observing people in Washington. The demoralizing confusion of the Democratic cloak rooms of Congress ceased with the coming of the call of the turtle dove.

In the Republican camp there is fear and consternation. The standpat bosses and the Bull Moose leaders are worried about the progress of Mr. Justice Hughes' self started boom. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the big bull moose, and his arch enemy in the Chicago convention of four years ago, Elihu Root, have held a conference. The Hughes cloud drove them to the same shelter. It looks now as if they would join hands to wage war against Mr. Hughes in New York State.

Pritchard Boomlet Part of Plan.

The Pritchard move in North Carolina is looked upon here as part of a nationwide plan to tie up all the delegates possible and hold them for a final showdown at Chicago. Republican leaders hope to have an open convention, free to all comers and would deplore a stampede for any particular man.

It is estimated by political experts that Roosevelt will enter the Chicago convention if he enters at all with 400 delegates, Weeks with more than 100, Hughes 200 and Burton less than 100, with favorite sons holding the rest. It is argued that Mr. Hughes would be stronger and more dangerous if his name could be kept out of the game until the third ballot. By going in at first with a small following he gives the standpatters and bull moose an opportunity to block him through a combination.

Democratic Record Will Count.

The splendid record of President Wilson and his cabinet and the Democratic Congress will count with the people before the campaign is over. Friends of Mr. Wilson admit that two classes American citizens dislike him, but they do not think their opposition will hurt.

Certain pacifist persons censure the President for demanding and exacting the rights of American citizens on the sea. Some of these have gone so far as to vote against the Democratic administration.

Certain Catholic citizens disapproved the President's policy in dealing with Mexico. They did not want him to recognize Carranza.

But the great masses of American people of all sorts and conditions are for Mr. Wilson. They approve his international policies. No slices of citizens will get far on an anti American platform. The President will be the gainer in such a contest.

Teddy's Nomination Would Help Democracy.

In the event the Republicans decide to nominate Colonel Roosevelt, and that is not considered an impossibility now the South will profit, for the Democrats who quit the party ten and fifteen years ago will desert the G. O. P. ticket and return to their old friend. Many people who believe that the Colonel would wear a chip on his shoulder, and lead the country into war, will not support him now although they voted for him four years ago. All the congressional districts lost to the Republicans in recent years in the South would send Democrats to the next Congress. The warlike attitude of Mr. Roosevelt would retard the Republican vote in doubtful Southern districts. The German vote in every State would go with him.

The situation looks better from day to day for the Democrats. The Republicans have no real issue and are divided on the sort of man to name for President. The Democrats are standing on the record of the Wilson administration and have a man of great ability, poise and character, who has been tried and found worthy of the confidence of the voters of the nation.

AMBASSADOR GERARD HAS NO IDEA OF RESIGNING.

(By the Associated Press.)

Berlin, April 1, via London, April 2.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, has issued a statement through the Wolff bureau regarding the report telegraphed here from the United States that he intends to resign, return to America and become a candidate for governor of New York. The statement says:

"The ambassador regards it his duty not to leave the important post at Berlin during the war, especially as any possible successor would not easily work into the difficult and often complicated matter of British interests entrusted, such as those of civil and military prisoners. He hopes to remain in Berlin at least until the end of the great war."