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## PRESIDENT WILSON IN CONFERENCE WITH ADMINISTRATION LEADERS OF CONGRESS

Letter to Acting Chairman Pou Was a Surprise to the Nation—Conference Today Leads to Form Which Shall be Taken in Standing by the President in His Position—Canvas Shows That Vote of Confidence in Wilson Would Pass the Congress—Division Would Weaken the Hands of the President in Diplomatic Relations With European Belligerents.

Washington, March 1.—House leaders today drafted for consideration of the House a measure proposing that "Congress express its confidence in the President in the handling of the armed merchantmen controversy and recognizes that it is not a matter of legislative but executive concern."

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 1.—President Wilson had an engagement to confer with administration leaders in Congress over the question of warning Americans on armed merchantmen. He was prepared to urge Congress to act promptly on one of the pending resolutions to warn Americans off of armed merchantmen of belligerent nations.

The President's decision to throw down the gauntlet to Congress on this subject caused a complete surprise at the Capitol. This decision was reached after a cabinet meeting. The President decided that he could not go ahead with the negotiations while there was dissension in Congress to weaken his position before the world.

The President made known his wishes in the matter in a letter to Congressman Pou, acting chairman of the rules committee of the House, asking him to bring the matter to a vote in the House. He will ask for a similar action in the Senate.

Administration leaders planned to bring the agitation to an end by the adoption of a resolution endorsing the President's course, after making a canvass which made sure of their position. The defeat of the pending resolution and the adoption of a vote of confidence in the President, administration leaders point out, would enable the President to continue to contend for the principles of international law and for the interest of humanity.

It was generally believed that there would be no action taken on this matter today in either branch of Congress.

Participating in the conference at the White House were Representative Flood and Senator Stone, of the foreign relations committee and majority leader Kern. Speaker Clark and majority leader Kitchin were sent for to join the conference and an effort was made to decide on a form which the question should take.

No Further Steps at Present.

Washington, March 1.—Germany's latest assurances on the conduct of submarine warfare presented Monday by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing are not as bold as the United States desires but it is indicated that no further steps will be taken by this government until the administration is certain its action will not be embarrassed in congress. The assurances reiterated in the latest communication are regarded as not so complete as those originally given as the result of the Lusitania in negotiations and it is indicated that the pending Lusitania agreement would not be fully accepted as satisfactory.

### JANIE SUTHER DEAD.

Little Child Dies, at Troutman, Iredell County, of Meningitis.

Janie, the two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Suther, who have relatives in Salisbury, died at the home of her parents at Troutman, Iredell county, Tuesday, death being due to meningitis. The burial took place today at St. Mark's burial ground, Rev. S. W. Hazden, of Statesville, conducting the funeral service. The child had been sick some days, and her case at first baffled the attending physician.

Says the Concord Tribune: Mrs. Forrest J. Allen was the honoree at a delightful bridge party given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. A. E. Lantz, at her home on North Union street. There were four tables of bridge and after the game a salad-course was served.

### PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS UPON CONGRESS FOR SHOW DOWN.

Washington, Feb. 29.—President Wilson's letter to Edward W. Pou, of North Carolina, acting chairman of the house rules committee, asking that immediate action be taken by the Congress on a resolution to warn Americans off of armed merchantmen and in effect to decide whether the Congress is with the President or against him, follows: My Dear Mr. Pou:— "Inasmuch as I learn that Mr. Henry, the chairman of the committee on rules, is absent in Texas, I take the liberty of calling your attention, as ranking member of the committee, to a matter of grave concern to the country which can, I believe, be handled, under the rules of the house, only by that committee.

"The report that there are divided counsels in Congress in regard to the foreign policy of the government is being made industriously use of in foreign capitals. I believe that relieve that report to be false, but so long as it is anywhere credited it cannot fail to do the greatest harm and expose the country to the most serious risks. I therefore feel justified in asking that your committee will permit me to urge an early vote upon the resolutions with regard to travel on armed merchantmen which have recently been so much talked about, in order that there may be afforded an immediate 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 misunderstandings.

"The matter is of so grave importance and lies so clearly within the field of executive initiative that I venture the hope that your committee will not think that I am taking unwarranted liberty in making this suggestion as to the business of the house, and I very earnestly commend it to their immediate consideration. "Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

The note sent to Congressman Pou by the President took the Congress and the nation by surprise, it was one of the Wilsonian surprises and it started something new.

The President decided that he cannot proceed without dissension in the German submarine controversy with his position weakened abroad by the claim that the nation is divided, that the President and Congress differ gravely. This lead the President to write to Congressman Pou, asking that the rules committee find a way for bringing the resolution warning Americans to stay off armed ships to a vote in the House and show to the world that the Congress is either for or against the President in his foreign policy.

Making clear that he considers the President, and not Congress, charged with the conduct of foreign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative Pou, acting chairman of the house committee, asking him to provide parliamentary means for bringing the agitation out into the open on the floor of the house for full discussion and a vote. Later he summoned Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee 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 both houses.

### JOHN REDMOND IS AFTER RECRUITS

Veteran Leader of Irish Home Rule is Earnestly After Recruits, Holding Meetings and Urging Men to Enlist.—Not Easy to Convince the Men, Says Redman.

London, Feb. 29.—John Redman, the veteran leader of the Irish Home



John Redmond, Irish Leader, After Recruits. Rulers, has been conducting a notable and strenuous campaign in Ireland for army recruits. He has held meet-

### SEABOARD LETS CONTRACT FOR WORK

Much Grading to Be Done on Yards and New Buildings to Be Erected in Connection With Increased Shop Facilities. Baltimore, Feb. 29.—The Seaboard Air Line railroad according to advices received, has let contracts to the Vaughan Construction company, of Showville, Va., for the grading work and to C. V. York, of Raleigh, for new buildings to be erected in connection with the new shop facilities at Hamlet. The work includes a repair yard, lumber yard and storage yard, also new buildings comprising blacksmith and steel cars shop, storehouse, with platform, airbrake office, paint and stencil building, wheel and axle shop, planing mill, lumber shed, wash and locker room. New and modern machinery will be provided in the shops.

### CLAIM 101 YEARS OLD.

Washington Attorney in Raleigh Looking Up Claim of State Against Federal Government. (By Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 1.—R. H. McNeill, of Washington, is in Raleigh in conference with State officials as regards a claim of the State against the Federal government which is 101 years old.

The amount involved in this claim is not determined but is said to be between \$100,000 and \$300,000. The claim grew out of equipment furnished Federal troops by the State during the war of 1812.

### MAY LEAD TO WAR.

The Fact That Italy Seized the German Ships Interned in Harbors Will Likely Mean War.

London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons today that the Italian Government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports. May Lead to War. Washington, Feb. 29.—Announcement of Italy's seizure of German ships in her waters attracted much attention in official and diplomatic circles and in some quarters the belief was expressed that the seizure was the first of a series of acts which eventually might lead to war between Italy and Germany.

### REPUBLICANS NAME CANDIDATE

Seventh District Names Brown of Wilkes County to Oppose Page in The Coming Election.

Lexington, Feb. 29.—The Seventh District Republicans in convention here today named Ex-sheriff P. E. Brown of Wilkes by acclamation to make the race against Congressman R. N. Page, L. D. Mendenhall, Sr., of Asheboro, placed in nomination J. Milton Burroughs and then made the point that the convention could nominate but one. But, as predicted in this correspondence some days ago the convention passed over this smoothly enough by taking the position it could endorse. Of course that means any other candidate who went in the primaries would be considered a disorganizer by the convention Republicans. Mr. Mendenhall then withdrew his name and moved that it be unanimous. And unanimous it was, for the tribes that came four years ago to a real Armageddon and fought one another to the teeth virtually "loved one another around the neck" today.

The nominee accepted, in a speech that bristled with optimism, and promised to go into every county in the district and make it as hot for the other party as he was able. C. H. Cowles of Wilkes declared that the party troubles had so completely heated that you couldn't even find where the split used to be. H. F. Seawell was of the same opinion.

### MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS SUPPER.

There were nearly one hundred mothers and daughters gathered about the tables last night to bear witness to the interest in this movement. Mrs. Frank R. Brown as president of the Mothers Club, which club has been co-operating with the Y. M. C. A. in arranging this supper, presided with particular grace and sympathy with the spirit of the assembly. The program was as follows:

Singing of "America," Mothers and Daughters.

Violin and Piano, Minuet in G—by Martha Green and Alice Slater Cannon.

Song: White Doe Camp Fire Girls Mothers and Daughters in the Sunday School—Mrs. E. W. Tatum. Trio, "The Dew is on the Rose," Margaret Sides, Katherine Sides, Mildred Huff.

Mothers and Daughters in the School—Miss Lillian Crisp. Recitation—Simmie Handelman. Mothers and Daughters in the Home—Mrs. Edwin R. Overman.

The Ideal Mother—Eugenia Walton. Special Appearance of Mme. Quinlins Bedlam Symphony Orchestra under auspices of Songatha Camp Fire Girls.

Mothers and Daughters—Mrs. T. W. Lingle.

In every talk was manifest a deep interest in the theme of the supper—the increasing of the ties that bind womanhood to girlhood in a way as to make more beautiful and more efficiently happy each. Especial interest was given to the talk of Mrs. Thomas W. Lingle who was the guest of honor of the supper. Her emphasis was placed on mother and daughter working together in the world as president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs Mrs. Lingle's word came with weight and conviction.

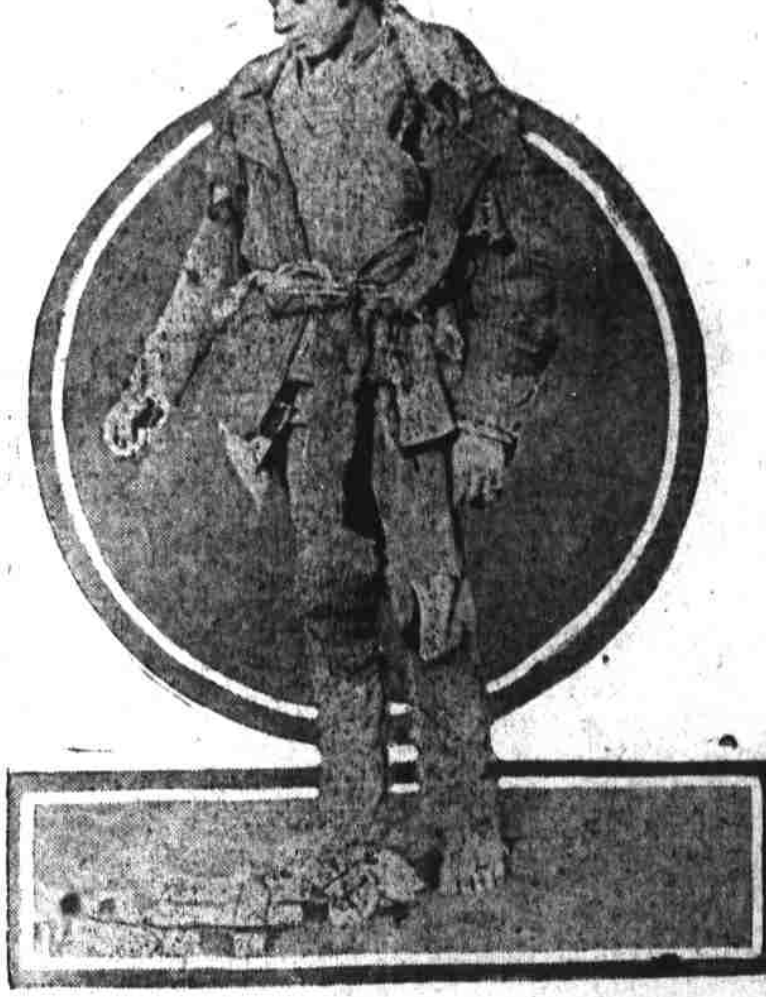
The stunts were clever and the music added a charm to the program. St. Agnes Guild merit special thanks for the beauty of the tables and the quality of service. All in all this second Mothers and Daughters Supper left every one convinced that it is an occasion that well merits a permanent place in Salisbury's community life.

St. Louis Votes for Negro Segregation. St. Louis, Feb. 29.—Segregation of negroes in St. Louis was voted on today at a referendum election on a proposed ordinance prohibiting negroes from moving into residences to blocks in which 75 per cent or more of the families are white.

The ordinance also prohibits white persons from moving into blocks in which 75 per cent of the residents are negroes.

Many a man feels that if he should hide his light under a bushel the whole world would be left in the dark.

### Serbian Heroine Fought Barefooted: GERMAN OFFENSIVE REACHES A HALT



This Serbian Gypsy girl fought with the army of King Peter in many battles, disguising her sex with the male attire she wore. When her shoes gave out she went on barefooted until her health broke down. This photograph shows her buying a pair of wooden shoes after she was taken prisoner by the Germans.

After Reaching Inner Lines of French Defenses Crown Prince Armies Come to Stop.

### HALT HAS OPPOSITION GUESSING WHAT NEXT

Does It Mean Force of Attack Has Been Spent or is a Prelude to Renewal of Struggle.

(By Associated Press.)

The German offensive against Verdun has brought the Crown Prince armies up to the inner lines of the French defenses and halted there, according to today's official statement from Paris.

The lull which yesterday gave signs of setting in now extends along virtually the entire front, where a desperate struggle for the past week or more has been going on. There were no important developments at any point during the night, the French war office reports.

Unofficial commentators in the entente capitals admit themselves at a loss to determine whether the German drive has spent its force or whether its pause is simply a prelude to its renewal before a hard-won position at Verdun or elsewhere on the front.

Of possible significance in this connection is the French official statement that there are signs of a German separation behind the front west of Pont-a-Mousson, 18 miles southwest of Metz and in the Moselle river region. French guns have been pounding the second and third lines of the German position there.

Apparently the recent German attacks in the Champagne were nothing more than numerous local operations, such as Germany carried out in several sectors from time to time in three weeks preceding the Verdun offensive, as it has not been followed up.

Dispatches indicate the opinion of military observers that the German offensive, if it broadens appreciably, would be more likely to spread to the south than to the north, the many signs of activity along the line in upper Alsace and down to the Swiss border being pointed to in this connection.

Paris dispatches declare the situation north and south of Verdun satisfactory to the French.

Today marks the opening of the new German submarine campaign in which armed merchantmen are to be considered as warships and treated accordingly.

A report that the British steamer Thornaby of 17,022 tons had been sunk today from London but dispatches did not reveal whether the reported sinking occurred before or after the new order became effective or whether the vessel was armed. All members of the crew were either killed or drowned.

In the Italian parliament which reassembled today it is expected that a question of a declaration of war by Italy against all foes of the entente powers will be brought up. Italy has never declared war on Germany.

Today is the last day for voluntary enlistment in Great Britain the compulsory measure hereafter being effective. London advices report considerable numbers of recruits presenting themselves during the past few days, but no overwhelming rush to volunteer.

### Orders Rescue Work While Pinned by Car.

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Lying on the ground with his leg and arm crushed under a freight car, Henry R. Knudsen, a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul switchman, gave orders for jacking up the car so he could be lifted from under it. Then, after a hurried examination, he gave his permission to a surgeon to amputate, and gritting his teeth, he watched the operation that removed his injured arm and leg.

After the operation Dr. William T. Borrell, ambulance surgeon, told Knudsen he was the nerviest man he had ever heard of.

Some people are so busy laying something by for a rainy day that they haven't time to enjoy the fine weather.

"Triangle Films real sensation. 'The Lamb' outside the 'Birth of a Nation' in its thrills."—New York Tribune.

### FICTION DEVELOPS AT RALEIGH WITH THE STATE REPUBLICANS

Plans of the Leaders Were to Endorse Hughes, Re-elect Duncan and Adopt a Platform, But the Day Brought Forth the Opposition Developed Late Last Night—Butler Would Oppose Duncan for National Chairman, and John M. Morehead Looms as Compromise Candidate—Convention Met Today for the Dispatch of Business.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, March 1.—Because of friction as regards the election of a National Committeeman, which developed late last night, delegates to the Republican state convention were today divided into several factions.

Up until last night party leaders were confident that there would be no factionism and the plan was to endorse Justice Charles E. Hughes for the Presidency, re-elect Carl E. Duncan, for national committeeman and adopt a platform, these being reduced to mere formalities.

Plans for the nomination of a state ticket had not been complete until it was understood that the majority could make it unanimous.

Former Senator Butler was favored by some as a candidate to oppose Duncan for re-election while still a hind faction favored John M. Morehead, of Charlotte, as a compromise.

Raleigh, Feb. 29.—As the night advanced, the conflict between the Hughes and the Butler forces among the delegates to the Republican State convention intensified and assumed an open breach that at this hour seems not the least bit possible of harmonization.

The Butler, or Roosevelt, progressives insist that Duncan must eliminate himself from party leadership as national committeeman, saying that Butler will then also in like manner eliminate himself as a party factor.

### Harmony Meeting.

In a so-called "harmony meeting" tonight, Butler said he was called here by Butler men to reach an agreement for harmony and that his proposals had not been received by Duncan in the spirit in which they were offered. He insisted that Duncan must withdraw in the interest of harmony, else the convention work tomorrow would be in vain. He intimated that Duncan had directed the party along pie counter lines and in the veiled interest of Democrats, insisting that real patriotic Republicans must be put in control.

### Earlier Report.

Raleigh, Feb. 29.—The possibility of harmony is the all absorbing topic and matter of overshadowing concern among the great number of Republicans gathered here for the State convention tomorrow. They are manifesting the gravest concern,

### Ex-Gov. Glenn to Speak.

Columbus, Feb. 29.—Former Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, will speak here March 25 on prohibition, according to announcement just made here by George W. Eichelberger, of Atlanta, State superintendent of the Georgia Anti-Saloon League.