

PRESIDENT HUMILIATED

REGARDLESS OF AMERICA'S POSITION BEFORE THE WORLD, SMALL GROUP IS FLOUTING THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

TREACHEROUS OPPOSITION OF HANDFUL OF SENATORS HUMILIATES WILSON AND BLOCKS HIS ARMED NEUTRALITY PLANS

Despite Fact That Whole World Has Its Eyes on United States At This Critical Time, These Senators Refuse to Give the President Authority to Uphold the Nation's Honor Before the World

PREPARE TO TALK UNTIL THE SESSION ADJOURNS

Manifesto Will Place Them on Record Before the People, in Order That Their Attitude At This Momentous Time May Be Known to Whole Country.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Senator Hitchcock, in charge of President Wilson's armed neutrality bill, put into the senate record at 3:30 o'clock this morning a manifesto signed by nearly eighty democratic and republican senators, designed to inform the country just who was responsible for failure of the measure, which at that hour apparently had been hopelessly blocked by the opposition of a handful of progressive republicans.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—With President Wilson's armed neutrality bill facing failure because of the opposition of a small group of progressive republicans, democratic and republican senators favoring it prepared tonight a manifesto to show the country just where the responsibility will rest if the measure is not passed.

At midnight, when the debate had developed, strong indications that the bill's opponents intended to prevent a vote before the session expires at noon tomorrow, the manifesto had been signed by more than a majority of the senate, and friends of the bill said that at the end would bear the signatures of ninety per cent. of the senators.

It was the intention to hold back the document until it became certain that no vote would be permitted, and then to read it into the senate record with the names of those who had stood behind the president's program attached.

The leaders had not entirely abandoned hope of saving the measure, and some of them thought circulation of the manifesto for signatures had increased the possibilities of passage. It was conceded, however, that that possibility still was a remote one.

Senators Who Signed. Sixty-eight senators had signed the manifesto at a late hour tonight, and others who were absent were known to favor it. Senators who had signed were:

Democrats—Ashurst, Bankhead, Beckham, Broussard, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Culberson, Fletcher, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, Husting, James, Johnson of Maine, Kern, Lea, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Myers, Newlands, O'Gorman, Overman, Owen, Phelan, Pittman, Pomerene, Ransdell, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shafroth, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith of Georgia, Smith of

"Macbeth" Up to Date



ZIMMERMANN'S ADMISSION OF ATTEMPTED ALLIANCE CAUSES NO SURPRISE IN U. S.

Officials Have Been Confident From the First That Documents in Their Possession Are Authentic—Counter-Charge of "Plot" Regarded As Humorous.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's frank admission that Germany did seek to ally Japan and Mexico with her to war against the United States caused no surprise to American officials, although it may be said they did not expect so full and free an acknowledgement of the exposure.

Some officials had thought there might be an attempt to discredit the authenticity of the revelations by offering an explanation of a different character.

American officials never have had the least doubt of the authenticity of the evidence in their hands.

Minister Zimmermann's defense of German intrigue on the ground that it only was intended to be carried out in the event the United States did not remain neutral is not taken to change the situation in the slightest degree.

Whether it was presented to the Carranza government or not, and the fact that it is believed not to have been communicated to Japan do not, in the opinion of American officials, alter the established fact that Germany, while seeking the offices of the United States to make peace, and while protesting her innocence of any intention to violate American lives, was at the same moment preparing unrestricted submarine warfare and was intriguing to attack the United States with two allies.

Mr. Zimmermann's references to an alleged "plot" by the United States to unite Pan-America against Germany are mingled with feelings of incomprehension and

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CAMERON BILL FOR DISBURSEMENT OF STATE AUTOMOBILE TAX BY HIGHWAY COMMISSION IS LAID BEFORE HOUSE

Would Give Weaker Counties Special Funds to Enable Them to Maintain the Roads Within Their Boundaries, and Would Return Seventy Per Cent of the Tax to All the Counties—Bill Is Cause of Earnest Debate by the Representatives.

Citizen Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., March 3. (By W. J. Martin.) The Cameron road bill for the disbursement of the state automobile tax fund in the counties through the state highway commission was laid before the house, providing for seventy per cent to be returned to the counties through the commission, thirty per cent remaining to be used in expense of collection and to constitute a special fund for aiding weaker counties in necessary road maintenance in maintaining a standard that will enable the state to participate in the federal road fund.

The house defeated the Pollock bill from the senate to put intermarriage of races on the same basis as that regulating attendance on the public schools. The vote was 38 to 42. Bills were offered in the senate: Pollock—Repeal an act establishing the recorder's court in Kinston. Oates—Omnibus bill, appointing members of the county boards of education. The senate argued at length and finally passed, 39 to 5, a bill by Pollock to appropriate \$75,000 for new buildings at the Carwell Training School for Fishing, and an amendment by Everett to cut the appropriation to \$50,000 was defeated 18 to 24.

There was a roll call at instance of Senator Holderness to ascertain who would remain over until Tuesday to complete the business of the session. This showed thirty-two pledged to stay. Six could not pledge because of personal reasons and two did not vote. A resolution was adopted as offered by Senator Turner notifying the house that the desire of the senate is to finally adjourn Tuesday. The Oates omnibus bill appointing the county boards of education was passed and sent to the house. The bill from the house for the cer-

HOUSE VOTES TO DELAY "BONE DRY" AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, March 3.—By a vote of 284 to 88 the house today adopted a joint resolution designed to postpone until July 1, enforcement of the "bone dry" amendment to the postoffice bill, which became effective, when the president signed the bill today. Supporters of the resolution entertain a faint hope that it can be rushed through the senate before adjournment. Some members of congress, including Representative Randall, of California, the prohibitionist, contended that the resolution would not legally extend the effective date because the bill, including the Reed amendment, already had been signed by the president, and its provisions could be changed only by passage of a law amending it. Others said if it passed the senate the resolution could be signed by the president on the legislative day of March 3, the same date of his signature of the bill, and would stand in court as a part of the bill itself.

STUDENT CHARGED WITH BURNING LABORATORY

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., March 3.—S. Dabney Crenshaw IV, son of S. Dabney Crenshaw, secretary of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, of Richmond, was arrested here today charged with grand larceny and maliciously burning the chemical laboratory of the University of Virginia. He was released under \$10,000 bond furnished by his father. It is charged that young Crenshaw, a fourth year student at the university, sold about \$2,000 worth of platinum from the laboratory and that he started the fire which destroyed the laboratory to cover up the theft. A portion of the platinum it was charged was found in Crenshaw's room in a fraternity house. The laboratory was burned January 28 last. Crenshaw was held for action by the grand jury.

POLICEMEN KILLED AND MAYOR WOUNDED IN FIGHT

TARBORO, N. C., March 3.—Police-men Ranson Gwathney and Pat Riggins were instantly killed and Major J. P. Keech, probably fatally wounded this afternoon in raiding an alleged blind tiger at the home of W. C. Nelson. The shooting was done by Nelson. Attending physicians hold out no hope of Major Keech's recovery. Chief of Police Fuller and the dead officers, accompanied by Mayor Keech and armed with a search warrant, descended upon the Nelson home in the early afternoon. They called Nelson out and announced their purpose to search the premises. No objections were raised by Nelson and there was no reason for the officers to fear violence until a quantity of bottles whiskey was found hidden between mattresses on a bed. Nelson then drew a pistol and in quick succession shot down all three men. Police Chief Fuller hurled himself upon Nelson, was tossed to free his hands, hitting the floor. Men attracted by the shots rushed to Fuller's assistance and Nelson was overpowered. There is considerable feeling here tonight against Nelson.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Forecast for North Carolina: Rain Sunday, colder except west portion; Monday colder and probably fair.

PRESIDENT MAY DECIDE TO ARM MERCHANTMEN ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE

May Not Wait for Passage of Armed Neutrality Bill By Congress. HAS AUTHORITY?

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Whether President Wilson will undertake to arm American merchantmen if congress fails to pass the armed neutrality bill granting him specific authority was a subject of speculation in the capital tonight. The president declared in his address asking congressional action that "no doubt I already possess that authority without special warrant of law, by the plain indication of my constitutional duties and powers." He added that he preferred in the present circumstances not to act upon general "implications." The navy having already made preparations for arming merchantmen, it was the opinion of some administration officials that the president might decide to carry out that policy even if congress does not act. Mr. Wilson remained up until nearly midnight tonight and kept in close touch with the senate situation. The impression grew that the president would take the opportunity to discuss the situation in his inaugural address Monday. Although he has written it, it has not been sent to the public printer, and last minute changes may be made. Mr. Wilson remained up until nearly midnight tonight and kept in close touch with the senate situation.

INAUGURAL OATH WILL BE ADMINISTERED TWICE TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Will Take Oath Privately Today and in Public Tomorrow. PREPARATIONS MADE

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson will take the oath which makes him president of the United States for another term, tomorrow, probably at noon, privately and without ceremony in his office in the capitol where he expects to be signing bills during the closing hours of congress. He will take the oath upon the same Bible he used when sworn in as governor of New Jersey and later when he took the oath as president. It is a family heirloom. Monday the president will take another oath at the open air inaugural ceremonies at the capitol, just before he delivers his inaugural address. There was ample precedent in law for the president to take no oath at all until Monday, but he elected to take it tomorrow. Vice-President Marshall probably will do the same thing, and repeat his part of the ceremony in the senate chamber Monday. The inclement weather prevailing nearly all the week, has not dampened the inaugural enthusiasm any. Because the weather bureau has made a prediction that while it may be unsettled Sunday, it probably will be fair and colder Monday. Inaugural crowds which have braved the capricious weather of March will consider themselves lucky to find anything but rain or snow. Everything is in readiness for the ceremonies which promise to be a great demonstration of Americanism. Coming at a time when the country is faced with foreign complications of the gravest sort, the note of patriotism dominates all else.

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