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## SAYS THE UNITED STATES WATCHED BY FOREIGN SPIES

Senator Overman, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee Declares the United States Is Poorly Protected

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The United States is watched by 100,000 foreign spies located thru the country, Senator Overman told the senate today, urging immediate action on the drastic spy bills proposed by the administration, after sitting well into the evening to complete debate on the measure the senate failed to secure a quorum to vote on them, and they will be passed tomorrow. The vote which demonstrated the lack of a quorum showed 27 for the bill and 5 against.

Senator Overman, chairman of the judiciary committee, in charge of the bill, who has been in close touch with administration officials who framed the measure declared that there was no country in the world so poorly protected against spies as the U. S. "Since the beginning of the European war" he said, "the department of justice has been utterly unable to cope effectively with conspiracies against the nation because of the inadequacy of the present laws."

## MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF AND SEALER ARRESTED

Parties Implicated Give Bond and Declare their Arrests to be the Work of Politicians

GARY, IND., Feb. 22.—R. O. Johnson, mayor; Willis Forbes, chief of police, and C. M. Renolett, city sealer, were placed under arrest by United States marshals late today on the charge of violating the election laws. Howard Hay, holding a county position here, also was arrested. Each man gave bond of \$5,000. The arrests followed a Federal grand jury indictment at Indianapolis a few days ago.

Each of the four defendants professed ignorance of the charges against him and the mayor and chief of police declare politicians were responsible for their indictment. Hay is chairman and Renolett is secretary of the Gary city Republican committee and directed much of the political activities here during the presidential election.

## NEAR SERIOUS WRECK ON THE N. S. RAILROAD

Heavy Granite Car Was All That Saved Entire Train—Happened Near Slocumb

A serious wreck was narrowly averted last night near Slocumb when one of the Norfolk Southern cars on number 87 coming from Raleigh jumped the track and tore up the ties for nearly a half mile.

In some unexplained way the car between the caboose and a car loaded with granite jumped the track and bumped along the cross ties until a high trestle was reached and partially torn away. Fortunately, however, the car of granite was heavy enough to hold the train and caboose steady on the track or much more serious damage would have been done.

The passenger train was unable to cross the trestle, one span of which was demolished, but the passengers were loaded upon the caboose and brought to town about 10:30 last night.

The train was under the control of engineer Baker and conductor Ashworth of this city.

## WOMEN PACIFICISTS HOLD MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY

Purpose is to Determine Attitude of the Party in Present International Crisis

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—With Miss Jane Adams, of Chicago, acting as chairman, the National Woman's Peace Party met here today in an all-day "emergency meeting."

The purpose of the gathering is to determine the attitude of the party in the present international situation as a preliminary to the conference of about twenty different pacifist organizations, to be held here tomorrow.

Every State or local branch of the party is represented by its chairman and one other member of the party.

The other organizations in the conference tomorrow include: American Association for International Council, American Neutral Conference Committee, American Peace Society, American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, American Union Against Militarism, Association to Abolish War, Carnegie Endowment, Central Organization for a Durable Peace, Church Peace Union, Commission on Peace and Arbitration of the Federal Council, Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Committee of Women, League to Enforce Peace, Massachusetts Peace Society, Pennsylvania Arbitration and Peace Society, World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship, World Peace Foundation and World's Court League.

The conference is the outcome of a meeting last October in this city, after which a set of questions was sent to delegates, giving them a chance to state exactly where they stood on various questions of policy. The conference will take up the answers to the questions and try to agree on principles.

Dr. Kirchway will preside at the conference tomorrow with "The Present Crisis" as the subject. To open the discussion Dr. Frederick L. Lynch of the Church Peace Union will read the report of the constitution committee from the October conference relative to the questionnaire and a summary of the replies obtained, relating to a minimum peace programme. The speakers will be Meyer London, Dr. Edward Cummings, Dr. Charles H. Livermore and others.

Jackson H. Ralston will preside over Friday's morning meeting and Dr. Felix Adler and Dr. Talbot Williams will be among the speakers.

## STAR PITCHER REFUSES TO SIGN UP FOR \$10,000 YEAR

Says that Unless He Can Get Contract for \$15,000 He Will Retire From the Baseball Diamond

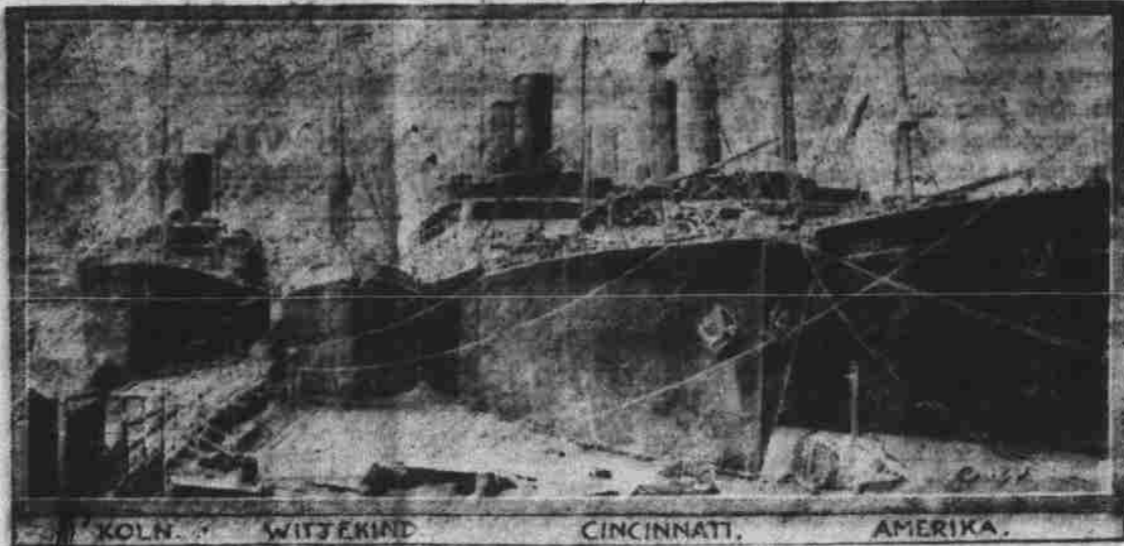
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Grover C. Alexander, star pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, today declined an offer of \$10,000 a year from President Baker. He demanded a \$15,000 and declared that if his terms were not met he would quit baseball.

After a long conference with the pitcher today Alexander said:

"Unless Mr. Baker changes his mind there will be no agreement. Things stand the same as they did before the meeting and perhaps a little worse."

Announcement that every hold-out of the club except Alexander and George Whitted, out fielder, has signed a contract was made by Mr. Baker at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Writers' Association tonight. He indicated in a speech that he still had hopes of a compromise with the star pitcher.

## Interned German Liners at Boston Believed to Have Been Damaged



The collector of customs at Boston has sent word to the secretary of the treasury he has heard the interned German liners Cincinnati and Ameri-

ka have been damaged. This work is believed to have been done by German sympathizers some time after Ambassador von Bernstorff received

his passports from Secretary Lansing. There is the same report regarding the larger number of liners interned at New York City.

## START NEW PLAN FOR PROMOTING U-BOAT WARFARE

Each German Town Would "Adopt" and Maintain One Vessel and Crew

Copenhagen, Feb. 20, via London. The Kiel Zeitung, a copy which has been received here announces that a new plan for the promotion of Germany's submarine war is starting, under the plan it is proposed that the important towns each adopt one submarine and its crew, entirely defraying the cost of the upkeep of the vessel and men, supplying them with clothes, provisions and luxuries and paying pensions to disabled men or widows.

Mr. R. P. Melvin of popul was in the city yesterday and said that the roads are the worst he ever saw them.

## MEDIATION BY THE UNITED STATES IS ASKED BY CUBANS

Direct Result of Mass Meeting Held in the Chamber of Commerce Today—The Message

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Feb. 22.—At a mass meeting held in the chamber of commerce today it was resolved to send the following dispatch to President Wilson:

"The military authorities ruling in Santiago have maintained order and guaranteed life and property and also endeavored to re-establish normal economic life. In order to accomplish this rapidly and without complete ruin, it is necessary, in the judgment of the commercial and producing classes, to have the diplomatic mediation of your government. With that object in view these people assembled unanimously solicit you, the good friend of Cuba, to interpose your good offices to obtain rapidly the desired end present conditions immense losses, which seem sure to occur, can be avoided through your mediation."

## Gen. Carr Reaches Hong Kong Safely

Cablegram received by Mr. J. S. Carr, Jr. Monday afternoon from General Carr, his father, announced that the general has arrived safely in Hong Kong, China, and is well and happy.

General Carr is making a tour of the Orient, and is not expected to return to the city until late in the spring. He has been gone from the city for several weeks and until the present time has enjoyed the best of health, according to cablegrams and messages.

## MISSOURI IS HARD HIT BY THE HIGH COST OF DYING

Funeral Directors of that State To Hold Convention in Kansas City May 14, 15 and 16

KANSAS CITY, MO., Feb. 22.—The high cost of dying is a problem for the funeral directors of Missouri, who are to hold a convention in Kansas City on May 14, 15, and 16. All chemicals used in preparing the dead for burial have increased in price. Embalming fluids are higher because of the increased cost of chemicals.

Despite the fact, however, that the cost to the undertaker are higher, the prices in the trade for funeral direction have not been raised. "Should the prices of materials continue to advance it may be necessary for the high cost of dying to go up."

## MITCHELL TO ASK MILLION FOR STARVING

Mayor To Take Up Plea—Women Say Children Are Dying—Situation Critical

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—After Mayor Mitchell had been informed by east side housewives today that their children were starving to death by "hundreds" because of the high cost of foods, he promised to place before the board of estimates Friday night their plea that \$1,000,000 be appropriated by the city for food to be distributed at reasonable prices.

Following many clashes between the public and women food rioters at the city hall and in congested tenement districts Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, announced that he was doing everything in his power to stimulate the flow of foodstuffs into this city from all parts of the country.

The commissioner believes the situation has reached an acute stage, which calls for the establishment by congress of "some sort of food control commission to meet the per capita consumption of food in the United States." His bureau today announced that the abnormal exportation of foodstuffs and the subnormal production are the underlying causes of the advance in prices. It was said, however, that there is "abundant evidence of speculation in canned goods."

So desperate have the women in the suspender business become, said, that hundreds of food peddlers have suspended business. A number who ventured out on the upper East Side today were set upon by a mob of housewives when it was found they were selling onions at 15 cents

## SAYS THE SUBMARINES WILL BRING LASTING PEACE

Bavarian Prime Minister Says Military Enterprise of the Allies Has Already Failed

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 22.—Lord Marmaduke Furness, Earl of Grantley, head of the Furness-Withy Line of steamers, on an inspection trip to Baltimore shipping terminals today declared that Germany's new submarine policy is having no more effect upon English shipping than her old policy had.

## NOT A MAN IN THE HOUSE

Is the title of an entertaining play to be given at Massey Hill school building this evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be followed by drills, tableaux and box supper. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

## SPEEDY FRIEND WEDS COUPLE BEFORE TIME

Couple Wanted to Wait and Have Big Reception But Were Married Before They Knew It

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 22.—A. W. Sissin, retired capitalist, is a sort of little father to the Italian colony near his Kentfield home. He was approached by Eugene Crozi and Angeline Rassi, who spoke brokenly of a marriage license.

"Fine, hop into my car and we will fix it," he said.

He quickly conveyed the unresisting couple to the marriage license clerk, then to a priest, and the knot was tied.

But not until three days ago did the couple know they were married. They had had no intention of marrying at that time. All they wanted was a license. They had planned a grand Italian wedding feast for Sunday's week later. They haven't quite forgiven their speedy American friend yet.

## PERSONALS

Mr. E. A. Martin of Elizabethtown, came up Monday to place his little daughter Loucile in school here.

Mr. Martain is expecting to move back here but has been delayed on the account of disposing of some property in Bladen before returning.

The peddlers were driven from the streets into hallways of tenements, where the women tore their clothing, and scratched their faces. Meantime, the push carts demolished and their contents strewn about the streets.

## STEAMER SUNK WITH 2 AMERICANS ABOARD

It Is Declared That the Vessel Was Shelled While Crew Was Taking to Boats—Consul Cables Report

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Norwegian collier Dalbeattie, from Glasgow to Gibraltar, was sunk by shell fire Saturday. Two Americans were on board her. They crew took to the boats. The collier was shelled while the crew was taking to the boats, it is declared.

The Americans on board the vessel were John Guerra, of Los Angeles, and Frank Wood, of Keene, N. H. The latter is suffering from bronchitis aggravated by his exposure of 15 hours in the ship's boat.

The Dalbeattie was a vessel of 1,327 tons, built in 1879 at Middleborough.

## Vessel Stopped When the First Shot Was Fired

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Consul Frost, called the State Department today that two native Americans were aboard the Dalbeattie when it was sunk by shell fire last Saturday. He said the steamer was unarmored and stopped her engines at the first shot from the submarine, which continued to shell while the crew was abandoning the ship. The dispatch follows:

"Norwegian steamship Dalbeattie, 819 tons of coal, Glasgow to Gibraltar, sunk 7 a. m. 17th, by shell fire 30 miles off Fastnet. Carried neither gun nor wireless. Stopped engines upon first shot but was shelled with now is the time for all goshes to stop out pause while abandoning ship. No injuries, no offer aid."

"Weather heavy, swells, light wind, clear sky, boats rescued 1:30 a. m., 18th, after burning flares."

"Two native Americans, Frank Wood, John Guerra, of whom former is in hospital at Schull, acute bronchitis, contracted prior to disaster but aggravated by exposure. "Am mailing affidavits from master and Guerra."

## PERSHING HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER

Funston's Body Carried To San Francisco Where It Will Be Interred With Military Honors

EL PASO, Feb. 22.—Major General John J. Pershing received a message today from Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, announcing appointment of General Pershing to be commander of the southern department to succeed the late Major General Funston.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 22.—A funeral service of military simplicity in which regulars at Fort Sam Houston, national guardsmen at Camp Wilson, and thousands of civilians from San Antonio joined, was held yesterday afternoon for the late Major General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department, whose sudden death occurred from heart affection.

Early last night the body was placed aboard a special funeral train which left immediately for San Francisco, where the dead comrade will be buried in the military cemetery at the Presidio. Captain Fitzhugh Lee, General Funston's aide, a sergeant and nine enlisted men accompanied the body.

Editor Harker of the Maxton Scottish Chief was in the city this week.

Mr. W. S. Jackson and K. Stone have returned from New York.