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NEARING THE BREAK

Before this is read by Record subscribers, the news may have been flashed that diplomatic relations with Germany are severed. There is every indication that the president will not wait until American lives are lost before providing means of protecting our people in the exercise of their most elementary rights; and there is no reason why the president should wait.

Every sensible man realizes how earnestly Mr. Wilson has striven to prevent a break, how he has hoped against hope that the belligerents would respect the rights of neutrals, and how he, in a last desperate attempt, addressed the senate in an appeal for world peace. There were many who did not believe success could crown his efforts, there were some who challenged the wisdom of his course, but all hoped that it would accomplish something.

Germany's answer was a direct challenge to America. Suddenly and without the slightest warning, the American government was told that it could not send its ships on the ocean except under regulations that no self-respecting nation would tolerate. No chance was to be given our nationals to escape with their lives; they were to be attacked secretly and destroyed without mercy.

We don't recall anything like that in the annals of modern history. Neutral nations should rise as one man and challenge the authority of any government that would attempt such an outrage.

The president will have the backing of the whole American people in resisting this challenge at our expense.

## ANOTHER AMENDMENT

What difference does it make to the tax-payers, Speaker Murphy, who holds the jobs at Raleigh?

If we are going to amend the constitution so that the man who is able to get the most votes in the primary cannot hold office, if we are going to put a check on plurality or pull, why not abolish those positions that are regarded in the form of pie of cake?

Why not do something worth while, Mr. Spenser? Why not introduce a resolution for a constitutional amendment to put the state administration under a commission of five or seven members, with the governor as chairman?

That would not get anywhere, but it would be a step in the direction of economical and efficient government. The legislature need not be deprived of any of its functions, but a state commission, elected by the people, could run the ordinary departments of the government.

Or if the speaker is not impressed with this suggestion, what is the matter with limiting state offices, except those specified in the bill, to a single term? Why should they be allowed two?

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB

When women will leave their warm firesides on such an afternoon as Friday, it is a sure indication that they realize the need of a Woman's Club in Hickory. The weather was extremely tough Friday afternoon, but there must have been a hundred women out to hear Mrs. Lingle and to organize for civic betterment in Hickory.

The address of Mrs. Lingle undoubtedly was one of the ablest heard here in some time. She was an example of the ease one, though diffident about appearing in public, may acquire through association with other women in a good cause. Mrs. Lingle's remarks, as all the men folks agreed, were to the point, and what delighted us was that they were directed towards civic progress for the whole community.

In Mrs. J. Worth Elliott and the other officers, the club will get the right start. It was launched under favorable auspices, and it now remains for the women of Hickory to show the men of Hickory how to run an organization that has for its object the doing of good unto others.

## PRESIDENT CLARK

The Catawba Fair Association has been fortunate in the men who have been its officers. It is equally fortunate in the man who will conduct the fair next fall. In Mr. N. W. Clark, who was elected president, the association puts at its head a young man who labored winter, spring and summer for the fair. We doubt if there is a man in Hickory or the county who did more than Mr. Clark to keep alive the flame of life in the fair, and as president he will give even more of his time. The association is fortunate in having him at its head.

The Record has experienced about as much difficulty in appearing the last two days as during the flood. In addition to irregular power, the workmen have had to contend with cold fingers and these, like cold feet, are of little real use in a newspaper office. The boys have not tired in their work, however.

## BACK TO OLD TIMES

Columbia State. Quite aside from the threatening effects on America's future, the new German submarine plan has numerous interesting and important phases. For one thing, as pointed out in dispatches from Washington, it means the abandonment of all restrictions of merchantmen just as it sweeps away all the regulations hitherto applied to warcraft. Then there is the practical side. What will be the result on England? Will the United Kingdom, cut off from supplies, be starved into submission?

From now on sea warfare will revert to the olden methods of the days when Drake and Frobisher and scores of other fearless captains ravaged Spanish trade. Then every capture of a galleon was marked by a battle. Now every sinking of a merchantman will mean to fight to the death.

In keeping the war clear for imports of "wheat and cattle lest street bred people die" the first British step will be to arm all merchantmen, fore and aft, and put the guns in charge of skilled marksmen. In addition every trade lane will be patrolled by tireless flotillas and it is not improbable that merchantmen traveling in fleets as of old, will be conveyed by warcraft. Up to this time, under the rules of international law, a convoy but added to the danger of passengers and crew, inasmuch as the presence of a warship made the merchantman subject to attack and destruction just as if she were a fighting craft.

If the new plan of submarine warfare makes the U-boat more dangerous in attack, it will also permit of added precautions for the safety of tramp and liner. More guns and heavier, a convoy, above all the feeling that no quarter will be given even though there be no resistance, will make of each freighter a potential submarine destroyer. Just how many submarines the allies have sent on the last voyage of tragedy is not known, but the number must have been considerable. The new order will serve rather to increase than lessen the dangers to U-boats for the hate born of continual menace will act in the heart of every sailor to make resistance the rule rather than the exception.

It is difficult to see where the Germans will be able greatly to increase the efficiency of the undersea craft. The arming of all merchantmen will restrict the frail submarine to its torpedoes for purposes of destruction. The use of shell fire for sinking vessels carrying guns will be almost impossible, for an ordinary merchant ship could stand a dozen hits any one of which would send the submarine to the bottom. Such additions to destruction as may be accomplished by the abandonment of warning will be at least partially offset by the enhanced protection which convoy ships and cannon will give to the freighters.

In effect, the submarine campaign as outlined in the latest Berlin announcement is only a step in the direction of further "frightfulness."

Both merchant and submarine crews will travel more than ever at their peril. War to the utmost between U-boat and merchant craft is the word; where merchant crews can expect no mercy they need hardly be expected to show it. Thus in the ceaseless grinding of a world war, do the refinements of a long career of civilization drop away, and the traffic of the seas reverts to the period when every merchantman carried his own guns and used them against the rovers of the waves.

## SOLDERS WITHOUT TIN PRODUCED IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 3.—German inventive genius, under pressure of Mother Necessity, has been applied successfully to the discovery of a solder with practically no tin, a metal not found in Germany.

Resort was first had to cadmium, a metal of the zinc group found in large quantities in Germany, and an excellent solder was produced from 80 per cent lead, 10 per cent cadmium and only 10 per cent of the precious tin. This, however, could not be used for making and sealing cans for preserving foodstuffs as lead when brought into contact with fruit or other acids produces poisonous salts. Chemists then remembered bismuth, another metal found in large quantities within the empire and from cadmium, bismuth and some other German metals a solder was produced which is non-poisonous and almost free from tin. Since a fourth of the 21,000 tons of tin in which Germany imports and consumes annually in peace time is used in making solder the invention will go far toward solving Germany's wartime tin problem, which recently led the government to decree a general confiscation of the tin tops of beer mugs and steins.

A United States army officer is the inventor of a hand grenade that is proof against explosion until thrown with the aid of a device fastened to the throwing hand that releases a safety spring.

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