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MAY ASSEMBLE CONGRESS FOR FURTHER AUTHORITY

President Considers Advisability of More Drastic Action in Face of Submarine Peril--Won't Enter War on European Scale, Officials Make Plain Today.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 19.—New and aggressive action to protect American shipping against German submarines appears certain as the result of yesterday's sinking of three unarmed American steamers and the possible loss of American lives. Calling of congress in extra session before April 16 loomed up as the strongest possibility, although President Wilson was understood to have been considering other measures. With American ships already being armed, the next probable step would be an active plan to clear submarines out of sea lanes. There would appear to be no plan to have the United States enter the war on the scale of European nations. The fact that some American ships are on the other side of the ocean unarmored is a factor in the situation, and as large warships are unsuited to submarine warfare, many small chasers may be ordered. Most of the American fleet is needed at home to guard against German submarines in American waters. There seemed to be no doubt that steps to supplement arming American ships would be taken, but the question of what these steps would be was not disclosed. No comment was made at the white house today beyond the statement that President Wilson was getting reports and considering the question thoroughly. Secretary Lansing was called to the white house early today and they discussed the situation thoroughly.

ALL MEMBERS OF CITY OF MEMPHIS SAVED
Queenstown, March 19.—The American steamer City of Memphis was torpedoed, according to information received here by a German submarine at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The crew, numbering 57, took to five boats. Three of the boats, with survivors, were picked up by a steamer at 4 o'clock in the morning and the men have been landed. The other boats, with 24 aboard, are believed to have been picked up. The captain was in one of the boats.

French and British Push Germans Farther Back on Front of Hundred Miles
(By Associated Press.)
The greatest military movement on the Franco-Belgian front since the battle of the Marne is still in full swing with the Germans in retreat on a front of 100 miles. French territory of 620 miles has been evacuated. The retirement of von Mackensen's western armies has already resulted in the straightening out of the famous Noyes salient and apparently the retrograde movement is still in progress. Should the expectations of many military observers who have been watching the movement be realized, the retreat will not stop short of the powerful fortified line running from Lille to Noyon and the powerful defensive position at St. Quentin. Today's official German statement speaks of the movement with a certain note of finality as if it was entirely completed. The previous retirement was marked by such a statement made in the midst of the retirement. Berlin announces that the ground evacuated was a strip of land between the Arras and the Aisne which takes up most of the ground between Lille and Soissons-Lafay district. North the French and British are closely following the retiring Germans, the cavalry keeping on the heels of the retreating Germans. Movements of much importance are also in progress in other fields. In Persia both the Russian columns are marching to hem in the disorganized Turks retreating before the British from Bagdad.

AMERICAN MAIL RIFLED ON SAXONIA

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 19.—Twenty-six mail bags addressed to Washington and the British embassy mail aboard the Cunard liner Saxonia have been rifled, it was announced today.

TWO GOOD SERMONS
Rev. W. R. Bradshaw of the First Baptist church preached two good sermons yesterday to large and appreciative audiences. At 11 a. m., his text was I Peter 2:21. His subject was: "Christ our example." He showed the importance of our being like Christ: (1) in perfect character, (2) in humility, (3) in sympathy, (4) in prayer, and (5) in true greatness. At the night service his subject was: "Selling the soul for naught." This he made very practical and impressive, leading to Christ as the only true and just master.

GERMANY URGES MEN TO STAY ON FARMS
(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, March 19.—To prevent any further exodus of agricultural workers from the farms to highly paid jobs in the munition factories, the following appeal signed by the director of civil and military supplies, General Groener has been placarded in all the rural districts: "Agricultural work is a patriotic auxiliary service. Our brothers at the front and in the factories at home rely on you. Be proud of this. He who runs away from the plough to the town for the sake of earning a few pence more is a deserter. Hold back such weaklings by example and word."

PLENTY OF JERSEY CATTLE TO BE HAD

The following letter from Mr. Alvin J. Reed to Mr. John W. Robinson will be of interest: Answering your letter of the 10th, will say I have just returned from Ohio and found plenty of first class Jersey cattle for sale. I consider the prices very reasonable as compared with prices asked by breeders of fancy cattle elsewhere. The Winona Cow Testing Association is located near Salem and they have the highest average record per cow of any cow testing association in the world. There are probably over 450 breeders of Jerseys within twenty miles of Salem. I saw a good many of the herds and found very satisfactory about cattle. I will be glad to meet with you directors on March 24th. Let me know if this is the date they desire. Your letter is addressed to Mr. Arey and I presume he has had some correspondence with you since I have been away.

ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH TROOPS IN WEST CONTINUES
Paris, March 19.—The advance of the French troops continued Sunday between the Aisne and the Aisne along a front of 60 kilometers (about 37 miles), according to the official communication issued by the war office last night. French cavalry entered Nesle. In the direction of Ham, on the Somme river, the French movement reached a depth of about 12 1/2 miles. North of Soissons the French have occupied Crouay and in the same district have taken the villages of Carlepoint, Morsam and Nouvron Vingre.

ZEPPELINS RAID LONDON, SAYS BERLIN

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, March 19.—An attack on London by Zeppelins lasting one and one-half hours has been made, the war office announced today. Bombs were dropped successfully and the airships returned safely.

ILLINOIS WAS BUILT AT NEWPORT NEWS DRY DOCK
Newport News, March 19.—The American steamer Illinois, reported sunk by a German submarine, was built at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company here in 1913 for the Texas company. She was originally named the Texas, but her name was changed to Illinois when the owners built another steamer and named her Texas. The Illinois was the third oil tanker built at the Newport News shipyard. She was 390 feet long, 521 feet wide and 308 feet deep. Her gross tonnage was 5225 and net tonnage 3,275. She carried a crew of 35 men and her home port was New York. She had been here several times for repairs.

MUSTERING OUT IS SUSPENDED IN WEST

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 19.—Orders were issued today by Major General Barry, commander of the central department, suspending all mustering out of troops in the department, "subject to further notice."

Adamson Eight-Hour Act Is Held Constitutional by Supreme Court Today

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 19.—The Adamson eight-hour railroad law was held constitutional and valid in all respects by the supreme court today. The decision makes eight hours the standard of a day's work for and railroad employes and ratifies the increased pay awarded them by congress. The decision was five to four. Justices Day, Pitney and Vandevanter announced dissent from the bench and later Justice McReynolds announced his. Federal Judge Hook's ruling in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad test case, enjoying the Adamson act and holding it unconstitutional, null and void, was reversed. The immediate effect of the decision concerns 400,000 men and will give them back pay amounting to between \$48,000,000 and \$60,000,000. Justice McKenna concurred in the majority opinion, but on slightly different grounds. Justice Day delivered his dissenting opinion, in which Justice Vandevanter joined. Justice Pitney held that the law should be held unconstitutional and void because congress confessedly was not in possession of information necessary for intelligent and just treatment of the controversy arbitrarily imposed upon the railroads by congress. Justice Day in his dissenting opinion said the decision amounted to deprivation of the railroads' property without due process of law. In concurring with the majority opinion Justice McKenna, differed in that he concurred in the eight-hour statute. In dissenting Justice McReynolds said that congress did not have power to enact the law, but the majority decision now gives it authority to fix trainmen's wages, to require compulsory arbitration of labor troubles, which may seriously affect the movement of traffic and to take measures to protect the free flow of commerce whether against the owners, trainmen or others.

TO MUSTER OUT ALL NATIONAL GUARDS

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 19.—It was authoritatively announced today at the war department that demobilization of the national guard would continue as planned and that delays in the mustering out of troops in certain districts resulted from local conditions. It is expected that all national guard troops will be mustered out by April 1.

FEDERAL AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY UPHELD

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 19.—In sustaining injunctions against Utah hydro-electric companies from federal forests, the supreme court today upheld federal and limited state sovereignty in developing land in western states.

BRITISH TROOPS CONTINUE ON HEELS OF GERMANS

London, March 19.—British troops continuing their rapid advance on the heels of the retreating Germans have occupied the important towns of Nesle, Chaulnes and Peronne. Along a front of about 45 miles they have entered the German positions to a depth of 10 miles, in places. In addition the British have taken more than 60 villages. The announcement of these gains was contained in the official report last night from British headquarters.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN SEA RAID

(By Associated Press)
London, March 19.—A British destroyer and a merchant vessel were sunk and another destroyer damaged in the German naval raid at Ramsgate. The immediate effect of the decision concerns 400,000 men and will give them back pay amounting to between \$48,000,000 and \$60,000,000. Justice McKenna concurred in the majority opinion, but on slightly different grounds. Justice Day delivered his dissenting opinion, in which Justice Vandevanter joined. Justice Pitney held that the law should be held unconstitutional and void because congress confessedly was not in possession of information necessary for intelligent and just treatment of the controversy arbitrarily imposed upon the railroads by congress. Justice Day in his dissenting opinion said the decision amounted to deprivation of the railroads' property without due process of law. In concurring with the majority opinion Justice McKenna, differed in that he concurred in the eight-hour statute. In dissenting Justice McReynolds said that congress did not have power to enact the law, but the majority decision now gives it authority to fix trainmen's wages, to require compulsory arbitration of labor troubles, which may seriously affect the movement of traffic and to take measures to protect the free flow of commerce whether against the owners, trainmen or others.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
(By Associated Press)		
	Open	Close
March	18.19	18.19
May	17.95	18.50
July	17.86	18.41
October	17.20	17.94
December	17.34	18.02
January	17.39	

HICKORY MARKETS		
	Open	Close
Cotton	18.12	18.12
Wheat	22.12	22.12

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 19.—Moderate strength developed in wheat today as the result of the railway strike. The opening which ranged from about the same as Saturday's close with May at 184 1/4 to 185 1/8 and July at 155 1/2, was followed by a further upturn.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight with heavy frost. Tuesday fair and warmer; moderate north and northwest winds.

CAPTAIN AMONG MISSING IN A BOAT

(By Associated Press)
London, March 19.—Captain Borum and eight men who formed the complement of his boat are among those missing from the sunken American steamer City of Memphis. Four of the eight sailors are Americans. The boat was picked up yesterday, and it is hoped that the men were picked up by a vessel without wireless and landed at some port. The survivors say that the captain's boat became separated from the others about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The City of Memphis left Cardiff Saturday with 58 on board. The survivors number 33. Fifteen men from the American steamer Vigilancia, sunk by a German submarine, are now listed as missing. The American consul learned that the submarine fired two torpedoes at the Vigilancia. The first missed by considerable distance. It was immediately followed by the second, which found the mark.

FARMERS TO BORROW MONEY AT 5 PER CENT

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 19.—The farm loan board announced today that the interest rate to farmers throughout the country would be 5 per cent. A rate of 4 1/2 per cent will be secured for the banks.

CAPTAIN BORUM NATIVE OF MATTHEWS COUNTY, VA.

Norfolk, Va., March 19.—Capt. L. P. Borum, commander of the steamship Memphis, is a native of Matthews county Virginia, and is one of the best known seagoing commanders of the state. He has been in active service for over a score of years and during the war has been noted for his daring in handling his ship through the war zones. He bunkered the City of Memphis in this port on his first voyage to Germany with a cargo of cotton. Captain Borum has never resided in Norfolk and nothing is known here of his immediate family.

BICKETT AND ROYSER NAMES OF CAMPS

(By Associated Press)
Raleigh, March 19.—The camps at Goldsboro and Raleigh, where the first and second regiments of the North Carolina national guard will be mustered out, were officially designated as Camps Royster and Bickett today by acting Adjutant General Peterson.

HOW ABOUT GERMANY? ASKS BERLIN PAPER

(By Associated Press)
Amsterdam, via London, March 19.—The Berlin Vorwaerts, comparing the situation in Russia with that in Germany, asks, "Shall the world say that all the nations around are free except Germany?"

BRITISH CREW GIVEN FIRST MONEY IN WAR

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 19.—Prize money to the value of \$4,650 was awarded to officers and crew of the destroyer Lance which fired the first shot in the war and sank the German mine layer Koenigin Louise, on August 5, 1914.

Bowman-Reese

Mr. James W. Bowman of the Fairgrove section and Miss Mary Paul Reese of near Hickory were married Sunday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev. B. A. Yorke at his home on Eighth street.

RAILROADS BACK DOWN STRIKE ORDER RECALLED

Roads Surrender on Patriotic Grounds--Mediators Succeed After Many Hours of Discussion--Means Increase of \$60,000,000 in Payroll--Members Notified.

(By Associated Press)
New York, March 19.—The railroad strike has been averted. Yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probability of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads early today granted the demands of the brotherhoods for a basic eight-hour day. The telegraph wires today are carrying orders from the brotherhoods recalling the strike. The decision is regarded as a complete surrender to the brotherhoods, brought about, however, after the patriotism of the railroad managers had been brought to the test. The president's mediators, playing what they considered their trump card, were not successful in this mission until after 56 hours. By the terms of the settlement the combined salary list of two railroads will be increased approximately \$60,000,000 a year. Conferences will be held here between the managers and the brotherhood chiefs to decide a basis for back pay as the new agreement is to be retroactive beginning January 1. It is estimated unofficially that the men have coming to them between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

THE FRENCH INTERESTED CHIEFLY IN A BIG VICTORY

Paris, March 19.—Interest in the retreat of the Germans on the Somme somewhat dimmed interest in the cabinet crisis here. Nevertheless, the French people are deeply impressed with the political changes which are occurring. The newspapers comment diversely. The independent governmental organs dwell upon the coincidence of Premier Briand's retirement with the developments in the military operations that must be regarded as the fruits of the patient and persistent efforts of the outgoing prime minister, while the opposition press is divided between a demand for men of greater energy and a demand for arbitrators who do not pretend to regulate everything. "Astride Briand leaves power after having shouldered the crushing responsibility of premier and foreign minister for 18 months," say the Matin. He retires on the very day when the Franco-British armies gain a victory rich in consequences because it marks the obligation of the enemy to renounce all plans of conquest before the superior force of our military organization." President Poincare conferred today with the president of the senate, Antoine Dubost, and the president of the chamber of deputies, Paul Deschanel, in regard to the situation created by the resignation of the Briand cabinet. The president then received M. Briand for further consultation. President Poincare later asked M. Deschanel to consider forming a cabinet on the principle of a national union. M. Deschanel replied that he considered it his duty to remain at his present post. M. Poincare then requested M. Ribot, minister of finance, member of the war council, in the Briand cabinet, to form a ministry. M. Ribot reserved his decision until he could consult the various members of parliament.

BRITISH SPEND DAILY SIX MILLION POUNDS

(By Associated Press)
London, March 19.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said the daily average expenditures of the British government from April 31, 1916, to March 31, 1917, would work out 6,000,000 pounds.

CONGRATULATES RUSSIAN DUMA

(By Associated Press)
London, March 19.—Premier Lloyd George today announced that on Thursday he would move a resolution of congratulations to the Russian duma.

NEW COMPANY CHARTERED

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, March 19.—The Welborn Furniture Company of High Point capitalized at \$25,000, was chartered by the secretary of state today.

MR. C. S. WARD KILLED BY TRAIN

Mr. C. S. Ward, manager of the Chero-Cola bottling plant here, was almost instantly killed Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock when Southern Railway westbound passenger train No. 21 struck the rear of his automobile, smashed it completely, and injured Misses Pearl Frazier and Beatrice Sigmon, who were with Mr. Ward at the time. Neither lady was seriously injured, though Miss Frazier was carried to the Richard Baker Hospital. It was said there today that her condition was good, and she appeared to be suffering more from nervous shock than anything else. Mr. Ward and the young ladies were making the turn at Longview when the accident happened. The passenger train was running nearly half an hour late and a strong wind deadened the sound of the train and the whistle, which the engineer is said to have sounded in the hope of preventing the crash. The rear of the automobile was astride the track, and the engine lifted it up and sent it sprawling. From all that can be learned of the accident, it appears that Mr. Ward had backed his Buick roadster on the railroad track in order to complete the turn, and that the passenger engine hit the car before it could be known of. The highway parallels the roadbed, and at this place both were on a level. The impact broke Mr. Ward's neck and he died in less than five minutes. Misses Frazier and Sigmon were jarred considerably, but they miraculously escaped death. The gas tank of the automobile was knocked about 100 feet and other parts of the machine were driven in all directions. The injured were rushed to the home of Mr. J. B. Johnson, 100 yards away, and physicians from Hickory hastened to the scene. There was nothing that could be done for Mr. Ward, but the young ladies were given first aid. Later Miss Frazier was removed to the hospital and Miss Sigmon to her home. Mr. Ward came here about nine months ago from Columbus, Ga., as manager of the local plant of the Chero-Cola Company. He was 34 years old, was a widower, and is survived by one son, Herchel, aged 15. Mr. Ward was popular with the trade and had won many friends among the business men of the community. His death caused a severe shock in Hickory.

MR. WARD, WHO WAS 34 YEARS OLD, WAS BORN IN WHYCROSS, GA., AND HAD RESIDED IN HICKORY SINCE JUNE, 1916. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND HELD MEMBERSHIP IN THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD AND TRAVELERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. BESIDES HIS SON, HERCHEL T. WARD, HE DECEASED IS SURVIVED BY THREE BROTHERS, MESSRS. J. B. EDZAR AND THOMAS WARD OF LOACHAPOKA, ALA.