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EUROPE WILL KNOW BY END OF THIS DAY THAT AMERICA TRUSTS WILSON

GORE RESOLUTION IS TABLED IN SENATE; GOVERNORS UNANIMOUSLY UPHOLD THE PRESIDENT; BOTH HOUSES FOR WILSON

With a Nation Nearer to War Than Since '98, Congress and the Great American Public Are Willing to Leave All With the Man Who Has Never Rocked the Boat—Greatest Fight in Many Years Was Expected in Senate Until Blind Oklahoman's Measure Was Put On the Table—Republican Chief Executives of States Say "Stand By President," and Congress "Should Uphold His Hand"

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 3.—The Senate this afternoon formally notified the world that it stands by President Wilson. It voted down the Gore resolution to warn Americans to avoid travel on armed ships amid dramatic scenes unparalleled since the war with Spain, following the request of the President. Senator James of Kentucky forced down all debate, which necessitated the vote. The fight lasted just eleven minutes. The vote was sixty-eight to fourteen. The President was told the result while he was at the cabinet meeting.

Washington, March 3.—The Senate has tabled the Gore resolution warning Americans to avoid travel on armed ships.

Give Notice to World That America Has Not Forsaken Wilson.

Washington, March 3.—Efforts to keep America out of war, which has loomed nearer in the last few days than since the administration of McKinley, reached a climax at 11 o'clock, when the Senate met to give notice to the world, and especially to Germany, that a united Congress and Nation are behind the President. Some Senators had to be dragged to a stand, but an early count indicated that when the vote is taken following what promises to be a brief debate, the necessary number will have voted the mark drawn by the President to make it plain enough to be seen by every European chancellor that the Nation is with President Wilson.

Owen and Pou at the White House.

Senator Owen early called at the White House. He said the Nation must stand for international law, and that the situation is serious.

Representative Pou followed and told the President that he would be sustained by the House. It is expected that the McElmore resolution will be reported unfavorably today.

Republican Governors Join With Democrats.

Washington, March 3.—Democratic and Republican Governors told the United Press in telegrams today that they are standing by the President. All favored keeping Congress out of the international situation. Governor Brumbaugh, the Republican Governor of Pennsylvania, said Pennsylvania would stand by the President for the fullest protection of the citizens and property of the country. Withycombe, Republican, of Oregon, said that at a time of international crisis the Congress should uphold the hand of the President, who must administer foreign relations.

Members of Congress Clamor to See Wilson.

Washington, March 3.—The submarine fight was on in the Senate when Senator Stone called for it after the convening today. Administration leaders are confident of success in both Houses.

The President has been positively assured that he will be supported unqualifiedly. The bitterness of the opposition, however, is shown by statements by Gore that the President is courting war. Criticism is free.

The Senate galleries are overflowing with notables and ordinaries. Crowds in the halls are seeking admission. The issue is promising the biggest fight in years. All the senators are on the floor, nervously preparing to take a stand. Friends and relatives of the President and his wife and cabinet members were waiting in the galleries early.

The President is besieged with requests for conferences with House Democrats. His schedule is already overcrowded, and he is depending upon the telephone.

TWO ZEPPELINS PUT OUT OF COMMISSION

(By the United Press)
London, March 3.—Two zeppelins were wrecked in Belgium on February 2, according to Amsterdam dispatches. One was hit by artillery and fell at Ezecheze, damaging a house and injuring eighteen children. The other fell at Malmoult.

GERMANS MAY HOLD APPAM AS PRIZE IN AN AMERICAN PORT

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 3.—The Germans can hold the Appam as a prize at Norfolk, it is learned. The court's review the matter however, rather than establish the case as a precedent.

GREENVILLE 'SIGNS UP' IN THE EMBRYO EAST CAR. CIRCUIT

Makes Third Town to Accept Semi-Pro. Baseball Proposition — Kinston Would Add Dignity to the League

(Daily Free Press, March 3)

Greenville has "joined" the proposed East Carolina semi-pro. baseball association. Aurora and Washington have given assurances that they will provide clubs. New Bern has declined to enter, claiming that the fans there are in no mood following the rejection of schemes hatched in that city during recent years. Kinston, Williamston and Belhaven have not announced their intentions.

Lindsay Warren, the Beaufort lawyer who issued the call for a meeting on March 15 to organize the league, says: "A favorable report is expected from Kinston." Mr. Warren declares he is especially anxious to have this city on the circuit, to give the outfit dignity, since at least four of the towns will be places of 5,000 inhabitants or less.

Conrad Lanier of Greenville has assured Warren that Greenville will "not only enter the Eastern Carolina League, but we're going to win the pennant." The Greenville fans are expected to hold a meeting within the coming half week.

ALL SCANDINAVIAN PREMIERS TO HOLD MEETING ON NINTH

Copenhagen, March 3.—The formation of a Scandinavia league to uphold neutrality and perhaps a move for peace, may result from a meeting of the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian premiers, to gather on the 9th, it is officially said.

REPORT THAT MOEWE HAS BEEN TAKEN BY BRITISH.

Buenos Aires, March 2.—Press dispatches from Montevideo say that a steamer arriving from Europe intercepted near the coast of Brazil a wireless message stating that British cruisers had captured the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe.

BRANDEIS OPPOSED BY ENEMIES ONLY

Washington, March 2.—Louis D. Brandeis was described today by witnesses in his behalf in the Senate investigation of his fitness to be a Supreme Court justice as a public-spirited man of high character, who had incurred the enmity of powerful financial interests by advocating movements to which those interests were opposed.

Three of those who appeared for Mr. Brandeis testified that he had been assailed only by men whose interests he had attacked.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

THREE KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION.

Albany, March 3.—Three hostlers were killed and one injured today when a fast freight ramed the caboose of a horse train in the New York Central yards.

POINCAIRE COMPLIMENTS FORCES.

Paris, March 3.—President Poincaré has returned from a visit to the front, where he met General Joffre and others, complimenting the troops in the name of the nation.

BOTH GERMANS AND ALLIES CONDUCTING GREAT OFFENSIVES

Attack On Verdun Renewed; British Assaulting In Vicinity Ypres

VON MACKENZEN ARRIVES

Joins Kaiser and Crown Prince and Assumes Full Charge of Fighting In the West—English May Have Made Gains

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, March 3.—Paris is waiting, calm and confident of the result of the Verdun offensive. The renewal of fighting has convinced the military experts that the offensive is the real thing, however. German dead are strewn through the Verdun woods and hills. The heaviness of the losses precludes the possibility that the offensive is a feint to open the way for a grand assault elsewhere. The belief is that the fighting is the heaviest of the war.

London, March 3.—Artillery is storming along the whole Verdun front, which together with vicious infantry attacks in the vicinity of Fort Douaumont, marked the renewal of the German offensive.

Stockholm today reported that Field Marshal Von Mackenzen, hero of the Galician and Balkan campaigns, has joined the Kaiser and Crown Prince and is directing the offensive in the west. It is possible that the British in the Ypres sector captured 800 yards of trenches when they launched a great counter offensive.

Germans Occupy Douaumont Town.

Berlin, March 3.—The Germans have occupied the village of Douaumont, northwest of the fort, taking a thousand prisoners, it is officially said. They are advancing westward and southwestward.

ENTER HIS MAJESTY THE CRADLE KID TO BE KING FOR A WEEK

Kinston to Do Homage to Bowlegged Genus for 7 Days and Be Taught By Medicos How to Administer Paregoric and Squills

(Daily Free Press, March 3)

Saturday begins "Baby week" throughout the Nation. Kinston will make its observance, thanks to the interest of the Mothers' Club and the physicians of the city, as complete as will most any town of the size in the country.

The merchants, some of them at least, will have a part in "Baby week," and it is the duty of every parent in the community to attend as many of the public meetings to be held throughout the week as possible. For the former, they have been asked to make displays of babies' accessories in the show windows during the seven days, and a number will comply. Drug stores, dry goods and furniture establishments will have appropriate displays.

The initial public meeting will be held in Gordon Street Christian church on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mayor Sutton will preside, and Dr. Albert D. Parrott will make the principal address, on "What the Community Owes the Baby—Clean Milk, Pure Water, Fresh Air and Screened Homes." It had been hoped to secure the mayor's office in City Hall for the opening program, but it could not be stated for certain that the office would not be required for some official use during the afternoon, and the Christian church was chosen today.

DAVID EVANS PAYS THE PENALTY FOR DOUBLE MURDER WITH HIS LIFE TODAY

TAX REFORM SCHEME ASHEVILLE'S BOARD OF TRADE OUTLINED

Local Chamber Commerce Asked for Its Opinion On Plan — "Equitable and Just" and Furnishes Sufficient Amount for Govt.

The Kinston Chamber of Commerce has been asked to give an opinion on the tax reform idea copied below, which comes from the Asheville Board of Trade:

"Briefly stated, the North Carolina constitution provides that all property, both real and personal, shall be listed at full value and that all shall pay the same tax rate. Of course, this is actually not done, and thereon lies the reason of all the present inequality and trouble. A change in the constitution has been tried, but failed; therefore, the law must be drawn in conformity with the present constitution, and the object should be to leave no room for the present inequalities and discriminations; and also the law should be simply drawn because the administrators will be numerous and without technical and legal training.

"Heretofore the property tax law has been drawn with the idea of raising certain sums of money that were necessary for the different governments, State, County and City, with not much thought of what should be fair and just to the owner of property. Now every owner of property is willing to contribute yearly some percentage of his holdings towards governmental expenses, but when the law demands more than about 10 per cent. of the average possible income from property, or of its equivalent in money value, the owner will and in fact does evade payment and in doing so has the sympathy and even assistance of every other owner, as well as of the tax gatherers themselves. As under our present law the government is demanding for taxes forty to sixty per cent. of the possible income from property or of its equivalent in money value, naturally there is evasion, as well as bad administration.

"The object then should be a complete reversal of our present system and to this it is necessary to first fix a low definite tax rate, so that the assessments may be at full value, and all excuses of property owners about the Tax Rate eliminated. To determine this rate the average interest rate over the State should be taken as a base. This is practically six per cent. The owner can and will pay not more than ten per cent. of this six per cent. That would be sixty cents on every hundred dollars' worth of property, real or personal, or a rate of sixty cents for the combined State, county and city taxes obtained by the property tax system.

"The plan now endorsed and advocated then is this: "First: Before any tax listing or valuation is done let the Legislature put a limit of five mills (fifty cents on the hundred dollars), as a total maximum combined tax rate that can be levied by all governmental bodies. State, county and city. "Second: Let the Legislature then (Continued on Page Six)

FINAL AGREEMENT ON ARMY BILL IS REACHED

Washington, Mar. 2.—Final agreement was reached by the House Military committee late today on its bill for the increase of the army, and it will be reported unanimously to the House early next week. In round figures the measure would authorize the formation of an army composed of regulars, national guardsmen and federal volunteers with a total peace strength of approximately 700,000 men.

W. L. HOUSE, POSSEMAN, FINISHED BLACK SLAYER OF M'LAWHORN AND SMITH WITH A SINGLE SHOT AT HOME OF EVANS' WIFE

End of Exciting Man-Hunt at 1 P. M. Today—Solitary Searcher Who Entered House Greeted With Pistol Shot Which Missed—Fired Full Load of Buckshot Into Negro Outlaw's Body—Crowds View Remains of Desperado at Ayden This P. M.—House Will Get Substantial Reward—Woman Saw the Killing—Second Supervisor of Pitt County Roads to Meet Death at the Hands of Escaped Negro Convict Died In Memorial Hospital, in Kinston, Thursday Night

(Daily Free Press, March 3)

David Evans was shot to death this afternoon about 1 o'clock.

Members of the posse located him at the home of his wife, several miles from Ayden, in the direction of Kinston. W. L. House entered the place and was greeted by a .44 calibre revolver bullet, which whizzed harmlessly by his body.

House carried a shotgun loaded with buckshot. He pointed it at the negro and pulled the trigger. The entire load is said to have taken effect. David Evans dropped dead, his wife looking on.

The body was carried to Ayden, where crowds of thousands are gathering still to view the remains of the vicious criminal.

House, it is understood, will get the rewards, aggregating about \$400, for the crazy negro outlaw's capture—"dead or alive."

ARMED MERCHANTMEN SNIPERS OF OCEAN

British Admiralty So Constitutes Them, in Opinion of Dr. Heckscher, German Statesman—Lansing Has Admitted Submarine to Be Legal Weapon, Says—Impossible to Warn

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, March 3.—Armed merchantmen are made of the snipers of the seas, by the British admiralty order instructing merchantmen to fire on submarines, by which it began a frantireur warfare on the seas, declared Dr. Heckscher, the Reichstag leader, today. Secretary Lansing had admitted that the submarine is a legal weapon.

He said the fragility of submarines prevents their warning armed ships.

FOREIGN SHIPS MUST CONFORM TO SEAMAN'S LAW AFTER TONIGHT

Washington, March 3.—Foreign ships tomorrow will be placed on the footing of American ships as respects personnel of crew, rights of individual seamen and safety appliances. The LaFollette seamen's bill goes into effect as to non-American ships.

The power of the United States to refuse clearance papers to such vessels as do not conform to the requirements of the law is ordered invoked by the terms of the act effective tomorrow. Enforcement is in the hands of the Department of Commerce. Hereafter, foreign as well as American vessels must live up to these requirements:

No more passengers shall be carried than can be accommodated by the life-boats and life-rafts. Seventy-five per cent. of the crew must be able to understand the orders of the officers. Forty per cent. must be able seamen—at least 19 years old, and with three year's experience, except as they are qualified by special examination conducted by the Department of Commerce.

A sailor may leave his ship in port at will; and the provision of treaties and other international agreements that officers of the United States must aid in searching for him as a deserter and returning him to his vessel is repealed. He can collect, however, but a fractional part of his wages if he quits this way.

Redding Smith, supervisor of the Pitt county roads shot by David Evans Wednesday afternoon, died in Parrott Memorial hospital here Thursday night shortly before 8:30 o'clock.

Evans, who killed Smith's predecessor, Jos. McLawhorn, with a blow from a pickaxe on February 16, and after secreting himself so effectually that a glimpse was not had of him by an officer for a fortnight on Wednesday added to his "string" none other than the newly-appointed supervisor, was at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the vicinity of Hanrahan. Ayden men were positive. Very few men remained out in the rain of Thursday night to search for the slayer, but this morning when a new trail was struck scores joined in the search. More than a hundred were surrounding a peccoon near the well-known Quinerly farm some miles from here, their leaders satisfied that Evans was in the swamp.

When a physician passed the fugitive convict on a road near Ayden Wednesday and identified him, informing the authorities, Evans loitered in the vicinity until members of a posse approached and then fired into them, wounding fatally Smith, after which he fled in a Southeasterly direction. During Thursday, however, he changed his course, heading towards Kinston. He stopped at the home of a negro and demanded food, which was given him. He had just left when a number of searchers arrived in the vicinity, and Evans' late host betrayed him. A glimpse was had of the crazy preacher and several shots fired at him, but he reserved his fire. He was out of range and knew it. He was said to have carried a rifle, but the officials think there was some mistake about that. Evans took McLawhorn's revolver, and with it shot Smith. Unless he exchanged it for the gun during the past 48 hours he still had the big revolver, a .44 calibre weapon, this morning.

Evans told the negro who fed him that there were "two more men he wanted to get before he died—Sheriff McLawhorn and Chief of Police Smith at Greenville."

Superintendent Smith who died here last night was brother of Chief of Police Smith of Farmville, killed by Sam Pollard early in 1914. His wife was with him in the hospital when he died. Smith's life was despaired of from the time he reached the hospital, there being a gaping wound in his abdomen and several perforations of the organs in that portion of his body. The funeral will be held in Pitt county.

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