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# CONGRESS PLAYS POLITICS DURING CRISIS

## SENATE DESPERATELY JUGGLES FUEL ORDER

LIKE SPOILED CHILDREN UPPER HOUSE OF CONGRESS SHOWS UTTER WANT OF COHESION WITH GOVERNMENT FIRST WAR SACRIFICE

## SOLONS WANT RESIGNATION OF GARFIELD

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—President Wilson stands squarely behind Dr. Garfield in the enforcement of the order to close industries for five days and commercial enterprises for ten Mondays. It may be stated officially that the president will not revoke the order for he feels that within three weeks the people of the country will accept having been inconvenienced by this necessary move created by an unfortunate situation.

He further states that very shortly the matter will assume a different aspect from the way it is at present viewed, and he predicts the poetoeplph... dictates the people of the country will stand firmly behind the order.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Congressional leaders declare that congress will hereafter be very cautious in shafing its powers by even giving them to the president.

This spirit is the direct result of the fact that the Garfield order was signed before the senate had time to vote a request for suspension of the mandate.

"Never again" is the watchword among a large group. "I told you so" is the chorus among senators who were opposed to the food bill with its broad arbitrary powers.

As a result of what may be deemed an affront to the executive branch will be a "go slow" attitude towards the pending railroad bill, it is predicted.

If the leaders present plans to carry all powers under the measures they will be strictly limited and easy of revocation by congress by such action without disturbing the structure of the government and control of the railroads.

The prospects are that there will be modification of the powers under the food control law.

Some senators declare that in this coal order the nation has had a taste of what marks very strongly of autocracy while we are supposed fighting the de-throne such thoughts. Accentuated heaps of telegrams of protest over Garfield's orders seems likely to create a new burst of criticism which may be voiced in the senate again.

Senators declare they will do

## ALIEN ENEMIES MUST REGISTER

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—Among the regulations for the registration of German alien enemies in the United States during the first week of February, are the following:

All German males of the age of 14 years and upward are required to register. Notice of time and place of registration will be given by publication in newspapers. The affidavit of each registrant must be accomplished by four un-

## HUNS DESERT IN COMPANIES

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—Whole Companies, in all twenty five thousand German troops, have deserted their commands and accepted the Russian principles of socialism, is the news that has come from the camp.

It is asserted that the forces are well armed and organized. The men live by foreign contributions from sympathetic peasants.

Simultaneously the situation of the disaffection among men is reported along the whole of the Austro-Italian front, according to messages received here.

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—Whole companies of Austrian troops ordered shot for keeping company with Russian socialists and for expressing socialistic views, according to reports reaching here.

Other reports just received here state that many units of Austrian troops on the Italian front have been ordered executed for their refusal to obey their officers.

Disaffection to their militaristic command is said to be spreading among the German troops also though all these reports are coming in from un-official sources.

their utmost to force Garfield out, even though they can do nothing directly about the order, which he signed apparently with President Wilson's full knowledge and approval.

## REPORT CAPTURE FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—The capture of fifteen hundred Kalezinitsa officers and men has been announced.

Bolsheviki troops have occupied the towns of Corossda, Padolsk and Hars in the Chernigoff district.

## ALLIES CREDITS FOUR BILLIONS

Washington, Jan. 18.—War credits extended to foreign Governments since the United States entered the war total \$4,236,400,000. Of this Great Britain received \$2,045,000,000; France, \$1,285,000,000; Italy, \$500,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000; Belgium, \$77,400,000; Serbia, \$4,000,000.

## CIVILIAN INVADES "NO MAN'S LAND"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT ACCOMPANIES PATROL ON DARK NIGHT INTO DREADED SPACE BETWEEN TWO ARMIES

## TRENCHES SAFEST PLACE COMPARED TO IT

(BY UNITED PRESS)

With the French Armies in the Field, Jan. 17.—Night patrolling—reconnaissance—in No-man's Land is a something that every first line soldier knows.

The constant surveillance of the enemy necessitates almost nightly examination of the blighted strip of ground in front of the trenches; wire entanglements on the freindly ride as well as that of the enemy.

Men who find monotony in night trenches draw their packet of thrills from the silent games of "hide and seek" that can be played in No Man's Land on any moonless night. Trench soldiers curse the moon.

"Give them a few rounds with the mitrailleuse and see if they're still alive," the company ordered. A machinegun lieutenant sent a panoramic sweep of lead out into the darkness. A parachute flare sky-rocketed up from a few yards away and floated down lighting up nothing but the frosty tangle of wire and the dull grey grass ahead. Then it became quiet again.

"The Boche is not very hateful tonight" the captain suggests. The night patrol is starting. The trench has been warned not to fire at crawling figures in No Man's Land. A captain and lieutenant crawl "over the top," leading the way. They carry

blunt little automatics in one hand. A half dozen poilus follow two deadly, "pineapple" bombs in each hand and the party picks its way cautiously through the wire.

"It always seems a long time the first time you come through the wire," the captain apologetically whispers. But he's telling a polite little lie and knows it because his first sensation in wire climbing was years ago in this war and now a faded memory.

"Rat-tat-tat"—a Boche machine gun breaks the silence. Everybody flattens against the ground and waits until the stillness becomes depressing. This "rat-tat-tat" shows that the Boche is still really very much alive and is a warning to be cautious. Most any minute an unfreindly parachute flare is likely. The patrol's work is done. It has found nothing "unusual in No Man's Land."

As stealthily as any North American Indian ever crouched or crawled the patrol heads back but ready to flatten out again with a second's notice. But quiet continues and you return to the freindly wire, crawl and wriggle through it and into the trench which, for the first time during he night, has the sensation of being the safest place in the world.

## TEXAN ARRIVES ATLANTIC PORT

At an Atlantic Port, Jan. 18.—The American Hawaiian steamship Texan reached this port today and was taken at once into dry dock for repairs.

The Texan limped in with a huge hole in her side and was listing badly to port side.

## DANISH OIL 72c A GALLON

Copenhagen, Jan. 18.—Theaters and restaurants in Denmark close at 10 p. m. to save lights. To save kerosene, which is sold at a price regulated by the Government at 72 cents a gallon, Greenland whale oil is being tried for lighting. It is estimated 200,000 acetylene lamps are now in progress of manufacture.

## GERMANY MAKES TEMPTING OFFER TO SERBIA

FEARING A FURTHER BALKAN STRUGGLE, TYING UP MASSES OF TEUTON TROOPS, KING PETER IS ASKED TO SIGN SEPARATE PEACE

## MONARCH WITHOUT COUNTRY DECLINES

## NAVAL SERVICE NEW DEPARTMENT

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—The Naval Overseas Transportation Service has been established for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of American transportation, and is to be under the direction of the navy department.

Fast cargo rtoops ships, controlled by the navy, will be under the direction of this organization manned by efficient navy reserve crews, will elimate the difficulties caused by the sulky, drunken civilians, some of them aliens, now found among the present crews.

## PRESIDENT ASKS KITCHIN'S AID

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—Majority leader, Claude Kitchin, has received a personal request to take charge of the most drastic legislation ever proposed, and Mr. Kitchin has agreed to put same through the house not later than June 1, at which time he states the house should adjourn.

The President's program includes:

Financial and military measures for carrying out, and, if necessary extending it, the removal of all statutory obstacles to the most effective business organizations of work of the departments, especially war and navy.

Railway legislation. Government control of all necessities and their production and price.

Extention of alien enemy legislation to women, and the enactments of adequate penalties for violation thereof.

Waterpower legislation.

Leasing bill for the release of national resources, and included in this the so-called daylight saving bill to conserve coal.

General fisheries bill, and all necessary appropriation bills.

Mr. John Boyette left this morning for his home in Norfolk.

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—Germany has made a tempting inducement to Serbia in a fruitless attempt to secure a separate peace.

These overtures have been ignored by King Peter on behalf of his people representing a countryless nation.

Germany is seeking every possible means to eliminate the Balkan menace. They have rendered Russia harmless. Rumania, between the fires of Teuton troops and Russian anarchy, is in a hopeless condition, and sooner or later will be compelled to accept peace.

Serbia, therefore, with the allies position at Salonika, constitutes the sole remaining menace along Germany's southeastern front as long as Italy is held beyond the Alps.

The combined Greece-Serbo-Entente forces number close to three quarters of a million men.

## GREAT DEMAND ARMY NURSES

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—Because of the great need for nurses for the Army Nurse Corps certain requirements have been waived for the period of the war emergency. Registered nurses are preferred, but registration may be waived.

Nurses between the ages of 21 and 45 will now be considered, as well as those who are graduated from hospitals of less than 100 beds. Under the temporary revision of rules they are not revision of rules they are not revision of rules they are not revision of rules they are not

A nurse traveling under orders is given a first-class ticket, Pullman-car accommodations, and traveling expenses not to exceed \$4.50 a day.

## COTTON MARKET

|              | Open   | High  | Low   | Close |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Jan.         | 33.50  | 34.90 | 34.50 | 34.90 |
| Mar.         | 33.15  | 34.48 | 33.15 | 34.48 |
| May          | 29.81  | 30.13 | 29.83 | 30.13 |
| July         | 29.52  | 29.79 | 29.52 | 29.79 |
| Oct.         | 28.08  | 28.40 | 28.08 | 28.40 |
| Local Market | 29 1/4 |       |       |       |

COTTONSEED MARKET.  
\$1.03 per bushel in wagon loads.