

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina—Sunday, fair. Monday, increasing cloudiness; not much change in temperature.

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INTERNAL STRIFE BREAKS WITH FURY IN THE U.S. SENATE

But Midnight Brought Truce on Revenue Bill, After 36 Hours Filibuster.

PRESIDENT WILSON THE STORM CENTER

"Old Guard" May Still Force Extra Session, Unless Wilson Yields Over Resolution to Vest Sole Power of International Situation in Him.

(By United Press.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Suddenly calling off their filibuster against the administration revenue bill, which remained unbroken for 36 hours, Senate Republicans at midnight reached an agreement with the majority, to permit a vote on final passage of the measure no later than Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Middle Western Democrats forced passage of an agreement to devote five hours on Monday at 3 o'clock to the food control bill.

Whether the compromise means abandonment of the minority plan to force an extra session of Congress, leaders declined to say. With six large appropriation bills still remaining and after Wednesday but three days left for the Republicans, it was pointed out, still held the whip hand.

Democratic leaders claimed openly that the back of the filibuster was broken. Division among the Republicans, they said, was responsible in bringing them "into camp."

Republicans at the same time refused to say there would be no extra session.

"Nothing definite can be said on that point yet," one leader said.

Indications that something was in the air became manifest shortly after 11 o'clock when, following a cloak room jabber by Republican leaders, Senator Cummins was observed moving among the Democrats in an apparent attempt to effect some sort of an agreement.

The movement at first seemed doomed to failure through the refusal of food control factions to assent to any agreement which did not include action on their measure.

Senator Ashurst also held out until he was granted two hours on Monday for consideration of his Indian appropriation bill. The Senate recessed at 12:15 o'clock Sunday, the first Sunday session on regular business for many months.

It was admitted tonight by both sides that unless there is another outbreak it will be at least a physical possibility for Congress to finish up its business before March 4.

There was no new developments in the question of whether or when President Wilson would sign the bill.

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"FIGHTING FRED" FUNSTON AT REST

Funeral of Army Hero Held Yesterday in Frisco—Beautiful Tribute.

(By United Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—On the slope of a wind-swept eminence in Presidio National cemetery, the body of "Fighting Fred" Funston lay at rest tonight. Several soldiers from the Presidio braved the gale to visit again the spot where a few long years earlier they had fired a last salute in memory of the dead major-general.

A 45-mile wind blew over the hills and scattered the thousands of blossoms with which loving San Francisco friends had covered the mound of earth. The worst gale of the winter attended the funeral today—the most solemn and impressive military ceremonial San Francisco has ever witnessed. But the high wind which drove the rain in horizontal sheets failed to keep indoors the thousands who wished to pay tribute to Funston's memory.

GOVT. LAYS PLANS TO TACKLE HIGH COST OF LIVING

President and Congress Would Stem Rising Prices and Give Relief

MEANWHILE ASCENT GOES STEADILY ON

Food Embargo Again Looms Up and Some Propose Federal Control Foodstuffs. Situation Grave.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—President Wilson will get his \$400,000 investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, of the food situation if the House can give it to him.

By a vote of 83 to 51 the House sitting as a committee of the whole tonight adopted an amendment by Representative Borland, of Missouri, appropriating \$400,000 for a general food investigation by the commission.

Practically all the Democrats and many Republicans on the floor supported the amendment.

It is believed the Senate will sustain the House's action.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Government agents and agencies from President Wilson and Congress down tonight planned action of every possible sort to lower food prices.

While they planned prices rose steadily.

Remedies offered included huge relief funds, food embargoes, competition, federal food control and an eight months \$400,000 investigation by the federal trade commission.

Representative Borland, of Missouri, made a last appeal to the House late today to adopt his amendment to the sundry civil bill giving the commission \$400,000 for the investigation—ordered by the President.

The proposal was fought bitterly by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, who suggested a food embargo. Other influential Democrats known to have little faith in the ability of the commission to relieve the situation, joined Fitzgerald.

The House agreed to vote at 9 o'clock tonight on the Borland amendment.

Borland, defending his proposal, declared every source of food supply is controlled by huge interests that cannot be dissolved without the aid of every possible department—principally the trade commission. Fitzgerald, who followed him, differed sharply.

"We need no investigation," Fitzgerald said. "The reason for advanced prices is obvious. The people of the United States require six bushels of wheat per capita a year. We have 100,000,000 people. Our last wheat crop was 600,000,000 bushels. In the last year we have exported, I believe, about 600,000,000 bushels to Europe. That doesn't need investigation."

The food riots of today are not riots of ruthless people, but of goodly and industrious men and women. I have suggested remedies—a flat food embargo or giving the President discretionary power to declare an embargo.

"We are told, when men are starving and decent women are crying for food, that we cannot declare an embargo because we might offend a great nation. But that great nation did not hesitate to declare a food embargo of its own."

"We must feed our people first. When people are crying for food, it will be a horrible cruelty if the best we can do is an investigation."

Representative London, of New York, again declared in favor of his plan for federal food control by a commission of cabinet officers.

Senator Borah proposed a \$10,000,000 fund to buy food for the suffering poor. London while favoring such a fund, is opposed to giving away food. He—a socialist—wants the food commission to buy food "and sell at reasonable prices which the rioting working people can pay."

The departments of justice and agriculture as well as the trade commission, began real work on the food problem today but the former, ordered to prosecute speculators, is confronted with the difficulty of providing confidence out of fear and comfort in our distress. And this he did, not counting the cost to himself, and risking more than we can understand that he might help the needy."

BRITISH PLUNGE AHEAD ON FRONT OF OVER A MILE

General Haig's Forces Achieve Further Advance in the West.

REPORT CAPTURE OF A VILLAGE.

Germans Vacate More Ground Along the Ancre—Berlin Reports Fighting On All Fronts.

(By United Press.) London, Feb. 24.—"Considerable progress on a front of a mile and a half was reported tonight by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig as having been achieved by British forces south and southeast of Miraumont.

The village of Petit Miraumont was occupied and the British commander-in-chief reported.

"Owing to our increasing pressure astride the Ancre the enemy vacated further important positions."

"In a night attack the enemy rushed one of our posts west of Lens," General Haig reported. "We counter-attacked immediately and regained the position."

No Important Actions. Berlin (Via Sayville), Feb. 24.—"No fighting actions of great magnitude" was reported "in the official statement this afternoon detailing operations on all fronts."

MEXICANS CHARGED KILLING AMERICANS

Hachita, N. M., Feb. 24.—Three Mexicans giving the names of Felipe Karo, Julio Grudo and Refugio Gutierrez, have been brought here under heavy guard. They will be charged with the murder of three Americans killed in a raid on the Corner Ranch in New Mexico by Mexicans ten days ago.

Gutierrez, who is only 18 years old, is said to be a favorite of Francisco Villa. The three men were arrested near the international boundary line. They are under heavy guard to prevent lynching.

VIRGINIAN KILLS SELF BY SHOOTING.

(By United Press.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 24.—W. J. Walls, a well-known citizen of Nuneysville, Va., committed suicide tonight by shooting himself in the breast. He had been despondent because of ill health.

ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

(By United Press.) London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Longhurst has been sunk.

The Longhurst was a steel screw steamer Longhurst has been at London and property of the London and Northern S. S. Company, Ltd.

'VETS' MAY CHANGE REUNION SCENE

Confederate Hosts Peeved Over Method Used for Financing Annual Event.

(By United Press.) Mobile, Ala., Feb. 24.—Confederate veterans may take their reunion to another city than Washington, it became known tonight, because the finance committee of the reunion has asked Southern cities to defray their expenses of entertainment.

The reunion was to be held in Washington next June. Violent protest of this "humiliation" on the part of the finance committee have poured into Mobile. As a result General Harrison, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans is believed to be preparing to call for the reunion in the national capitol and select another city.

Adjutant General William E. Mickie is optimistic however.

"I believe the matter will be settled amicably," he said. "But it will throw a damper on the enthusiasm."

THOUSANDS MAKE STREET PROTEST IN NEW YORK

Mothers, Hugging Close Their Babies, March In Demonstration Against Prices.

GOTHAM WITNESSES A STRANGE SIGHT.

They Shout For Bread But Not Disorderly—Governor and Mayor Work on Problem.

(By United Press.) New York, Feb. 24.—Within the shadow of Madison Square Garden where the past few days certain New Yorkers paid as high as \$2,000 for a dog, other New Yorkers gathered this afternoon and demanded the price of bread and potatoes be brought within their reach.

It was a throng of women and children marching and crying their protest against prevailing food prices.

There was some 6,000 of them. Mothers carrying babies in one arm and banners in the other.

"Open the warehouses. We demand food for our children," one banner read.

The women came from Rutgers Square, from the Brownville section of Brooklyn, from the Bronx and from Harlem. The Harlem delegation, 2,000 strong marched down Fifth Avenue.

The marchers carried potatoes, onions and other vegetables stuck on spiked sticks. A boy who addressed the marchers after they had passed in Madison Square held up a huge ring upon which a potato and onion was mounted.

"Diamonds today," read an inscription appended.

The demonstration was without disorder. Some of the women walked miles to take part. Most of them wore shawls. They represented numerous nationalities, but in their outpouring they demanded action from the representatives of their adopted country.

At one time during the afternoon speakers were addressing the women and children from a half dozen different improvised rostrums.

There was no set program, no idea of organization, simply a concerted march and protest.

In the meantime Governor Whitman was meeting with Geo. W. Perkins, chairman of the State food investigation committee. The governor said he was willing to send an emergency message to the Legislature Monday, empowering the city to expose and sell food supplies in an effort to break the present prices. A food and market bill is now pending before the Legislature and upon the results of his observations here will probably depend Whitman's decision.

A section of paraders, following the demonstration in the square started out to look for the Governor. He was at the Stregis. But the leaders of nearly 3,000 paraders who marched up Fifth Avenue were confused and the throng of poorly clad women and children halted before the Waldorf Astoria.

Keen eyed East Side women with shawls down tight over their head and shoulders tried to crowd into the great hotel.

Behind them their "comrades" shouted: "We want bread!"

"We must see the Governor." Traffic was blocked at Fifth Avenue and Thirty-fourth street, but the marchers created no disorder, beyond trying vainly to push by the doormen. Reserves who followed them from Madison Square aided in coping with the situation.

In the Bronx borough at the same time demonstrations were on in Manhattan, several hundred persons marched to the borough hall and pleaded with borough President Mathewson to take some action to relieve the food situation.

The parade of thousands in Manhattan was cheered by workmen homeward bound and attracted throngs of people. A great truck, carrying a representative group of women and children, many of them haggard in appearance, and from a sign on its sides, glared the message:

"America first. We appeal to you for mercy and justice. Our children are starving. Come down with the price."

Awkwardly lettered signs carried messages of protest. Some follow: "Uncle Sam, why feed murderers? Feed your own children." "Poor, hardy, needy, hard-up." "Mr. Mayor, never mind Riverside Drive. We want bread."

"Avoid rioting with peddlers." Below a mass of potatoes, onions and other vegetables on a forked stick one parader carried the sign.

"Keep away, you slaves. Down with high prices." Mrs. Anna Pastor, and Mrs. Bella Zilverman were speakers at Madison Square. Others mounted boxes and talked to the crowd in Italian. There were calls for "Sweet Marie" Ganz, who led the march on city hall several days ago, but she failed to appear.

WEEK EXPECTED TO BRING OUT VITAL ACTION

President Wilson Is Likely to Go Before Congress This Week.

AUSTRIAN REPLY ALSO TO BE EXPECTED

Not Thought That Break Will Come With Austria—That Country Averse to Such.

(By United Press.) Washington, Feb. 24.—As this government today entered its fourth week of broken relations with Germany, there loomed immediately ahead one of the most critical periods in the nation's history.

President Wilson is expected to appear before a joint session of Congress during the coming week and discuss the general foreign situation and means of handling it after Congress adjourns.

Austria is expected to reply to this government's virtual ultimatum on the submarine question.

That reply will bring the Austro-American crisis either to an abrupt and fiery head or will serve to eliminate all danger of a break for the time being.

It appears unlikely tonight the President will be called upon to announce a break with Austria. In Austrian circles it is freely predicted that that country will make such a reply as to render a rupture unlikely.

It is contended in those quarters that the Austrian government probably will assure no American ships to be sunk without warning.

It is known that Austrian officials here feel their government should be left in a position to assist in peace maneuvers when they again take form in Washington.

WHITTED WANTS MORE MONEY FOR HIS WORK.

(By United Press.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 24.—George Whitted, premier left fielder for the Philadelphia Nationals, will not wear a Quaker uniform this season unless there's more money in it, he announced here tonight.

Whitted, who in four years of major league baseball has been in two world's series and arose to idol of the fans, declared he will not consider any contract that does not increase his salary.

DENSE FOG MAY DELAY THE STEAMERS

(By United Press.) Paris, Feb. 24.—A dense fog off the coast was expected tonight to delay arrival of the American steamers Rochester and Orleans until late at night or tomorrow morning, according to Bordeaux reports.

The Rochester and the Orleans sailed two weeks ago today, the shippers of both ships announcing they would race to see which would reach Bordeaux first. Both are 12-knot steamers. Being the first American freighters to sail from New York for destinations in the German war zone they were given a royal God-speed on leaving. Many bets have been made on the race.

BERNSTORFF SHIP STILL AT HALIFAX.

(By United Press.) Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24.—The Frederick VIII failed to sail tonight for Copenhagen, as had been expected.

VILLA ORDERS A DOUBLE ATTACK

Will Make Simultaneous Onslaught on Juarez and Chihuahua, Its Reported.

(By United Press.) El Paso, Texas, Feb. 24.—Simultaneous attacks against Juarez and Chihuahua have been ordered by Francisco Villa. Villistas now are being concentrated in the vicinity of both cities.

The vanguard of the Chihuahua attacking force already has reached the outskirts of that city and the United States government agents, closely watching Villista movements, predict an early clash.

The force ordered to attack Juarez is mobilizing at Padre Burke's ranch near Rancheria, sixty miles south of Juarez with Manuel Ochoa as commander.

Villa himself is reported to have left his headquarters at Bustillos and, at the head of one thousand men, to be moving northward into the Casas Grandes country.

HOLLAND AROUSED AND MAD OVER THE GERMAN ATTACKS

Many Ships of Neutral Sent to Bottom by The Undersea Boats.

IN VIOLATION OF GERMAN PROMISE

Dutch People Much Wrought Up Over The Destruction and Press Condemns The Action of Germany—Rupture May Be Near.

(By United Press.) London, Feb. 24.—Germany's unbridled submarines seemed likely tonight to have brought one other neutral to the point of rupture with Berlin. It was believed here that the torpedoing of seven Dutch steamers on February 22 would arouse resentment of the Dutch government and an immediate demand for complete indemnity.

The fact that the Dutch liners sailed a course advised by the Dutch government itself, and only entered the "submarine zone," because of a supposed agreement by Germany that Dutch ships would be safe up to the 2nd, was expected here to make Holland's protest all the more pointed.

Crews of the sunken Dutch ships arrived here today.

The full personnel of all seven were reported saved. Arriving in London they made affidavit as to the circumstances of the attack to which their vessels succumbed. At the consulate all information was refused. The men themselves were under orders not to discuss the matter.

With the seven Dutch ships today's report of shipping sunk in the war zone totaled ten vessels, of a tonnage of more than 34,650 tons.

The other three were British—the 3,196 ton steamer Trojan Prince, the 1,104 ton Grenadier and the Longhurst of 3,053 tons.

The Berlin wireless today announced as a new sinking destruction of the Italian transport steamer Minas, in the Mediterranean.

Lloyds had previously reported loss of the vessel. The German report, however, declared only two had been saved out of more than a thousand prisoners and crew aboard. No information has yet been received here in confirmation of this claim from the Italian minister of marine.

Holland Aroused. The Hague, Feb. 24.—The acuteness of Holland's relations with Germany was emphasized tonight by general expressions of indignation at news of the sinking of seven Dutch ships in the German submarine zone.

Tension was accentuated by announcement of the foreign minister that Germany some time ago had tacitly agreed to except Dutch ships from attack up to February 22, "but could not guarantee absolute safety."

The seven ships sunk all went down on February 22.

They were the Holland American Liners Zaandijk and Noorderdijk, the Rotterdam-Sche Lloyds liners Jacarata and Menado, and the Emland, Gaasterland and Bendoeng. The total tonnage was 34,650 tons.

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HOSPITAL BILL IN THE HOUSE

New Hanover County Praised. Pistol Toting Bill Adopted By The Senate.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—Both houses worked rapidly today, and it was one of the busiest week-ends, owing to the nearness of the end of the session. One of the most interesting features of the day in the House was discussion of the Breese bill, which would limit the hours of service in hospitals in which young women are being trained for nurses. Twelve hours would be the limit for continuous service, save on special cases, when sixteen would be allowed, though the hospitals would have to have sleeping quarters so the nurses could sleep half that time. The bill was passed unanimously.

During the discussion it developed that New Hanover county requires the shortest service from hospital nurses and this came in for high praise.

The House passed the Grier oyster law, which would provide a method of attack in case officers do not enforce the prohibition laws.

The House passed the act repealing the State Board of Public Charities and Corporations and enacted a Board of Public Welfare.

Senator Warren's bill providing for the investigation of indebtedness of the Mattamuskeet railroad was a promising measure presented today. The road has been much a consideration of the State council recently.

In the Senate the Brenzier bridge bill passed less the toll feature and the land grant act was repealed. The Senate passed the Pegram pistol carrying bill, which provides drastic punishment for violation.

TORNADO'S DEATH TOLL IS YET AN UNKNOWN FIGURE

Fourteen Known to Be Dead and Over One Hundred Were Injured.

ELEVEN KILLED IN MIDDLE ALABAMA.

Mississippi Also Levied Upon By The Disaster—Damage Will Mount Away Into Thousands.

(By United Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—The exact death toll of the tornado that ripped a death lane through three States—Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia—was still an unknown quantity tonight.

Meagre dispatches filtered into Atlanta reporting 14 dead, many more believed dead, and more than 100 injured. The property loss was not estimated, but it was stated it may reach into the thousands.

Repair of telephone and telegraph communication to the districts still shut off is being rushed, but broken poles, tangled wires and fallen trees made the task a slow one.

Rescue parties are still searching ruined farmhouses, schools and buildings.

The most serious loss of life appears to have been in middle Alabama where 11 were killed. Two children trapped in a crumbling schoolhouse before they even realized the presence of the storm are expected to die.

The storm raged through many towns, demolishing warehouses, uprooting trees, swirling pedestrians from the streets without injuring any one and even tore a store from its foundation and sent it crashing to the street without harming any of the customers inside.

A dispatch from Lithonia stated two children were swept from their feet high into the air, whirled across a meadow and deposited unharmed upon a brush-pile.

Great trees were uprooted everywhere like saplings.

Reports from scattered towns tonight and their loss follow:

Lithonia, Ga., three dead, 30 buildings demolished.

Midway, Hollins and Stewartville, Ala., seven killed.

Birmingham, wires down.

Georgetown, Miss., six children injured, two seriously.

Purvis, Miss., one dead.

Hurstboro, Ala., two warehouses, mill building and residence wrecked.

Cogbill, Ala., two killed.

Two Killed in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 24.—The tornado which swept South Central Mississippi yesterday left two dead, several hundred dollars worth of property was damaged.

Two fatalities were reported tonight. Ernest N. Morris, a farmer, was killed by a stroke of lightning while standing under a shed near Purvis, and a negro, near Georgetown. Most of the damage was at Georgetown, where the storm demolished a negro schoolhouse, injuring the teacher and six children. The largest store in Mt. Olive and a saw mill were totally wrecked.

Birmingham Escaped.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—Birmingham escaped the tornado which swept through Central Alabama late Friday afternoon. In the immediate Birmingham district, but a few trees were blown down and roofs lifted from a dozen or more houses. No fatalities or injuries occurred here.

At Hollins, Alabama, 52 children were gathered for Friday afternoon exercises when the wind hit the town. The school house collapsed completely. However, all but two of the children escaped. In addition to the school, two churches and two stores and a score of houses were destroyed. The list of injured is a heavy one.

At Stewartville, two men were killed and practically every house in this small community was damaged.

At Wetumpka, the Masonic Hall was destroyed with a loss of \$10,000 and much damage done to other property. These are the figures gathered by a newspaper reporter who returned Saturday after covering the territory through which the storm passed. He estimates the injured at more than 100.

JIM FLYNN MATCHED.

New York, Feb. 24.—Jim Flynn, Pueblo, has been matched to meet Bob Devere, of Kansas City, next Thursday in a scheduled ten-round bout.