

CONGRESS WILL GRANT ALL POWER ASKED

President Wilson Will Sign Armed Neutrality Bill and Act Immediately in Arming Ships.

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Washington, March 2—The Senate will vote late today on the President's request for power and approval to use guns, gunners and other instrumentalities to protect American merchant ships and American lives and to handle the international situation.

By a vote which presaged the speedy passage of the authority-granting resolution, the Senate decided to begin its consideration at four o'clock or as soon as the half-billion dollar naval bill is out of the way.

The Senate adopted today the amendment of the Naval Bill providing an appropriation for a Naval base at San Francisco Bay, which had been strongly urged by the Navy Department.

"All the power which the President asks in dealing with the German crisis will be his within thirty-six hours upon Congressional grant," leaders expressed as their opinion today.

The bill as passed by the House last night excluded "other instrumentalities," but the Senate bill is expected to include this phrase.

As soon as the President signs the Armed Neutrality bill he will immediately arm American ships.

HOW IT FEELS UP IN THE AIR

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AERIAL WARFARE MUST BE CARRIED ON.

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With the British Armies in the Field, Feb. 2—(By Mail)—What does it feel like to have a hostile battery of artillery pick you up and begin shooting at you while you hang in a basket half a mile high in a captive balloon?

Suppose, as you dangled at the top end of the wire cable no thicker than a child's little finger, the German howitzers should suddenly try to smash the auto truck carrying the wench holding the ground end of the string.

Suppose, you, up there in the winter sky, saw an aeroplane making for you and you knew it would do its best to shoot fire arrows into your "sausage," cause it to explode and chuck you headlong to the frozen earth below?

Or, failing to explode, the balloon caught fire and you, to save yourself had to plunge downward at the tail end of a parachute with shrapnel bursting about you all the time?

Think you could do your work easily, accurately? Think you would be sufficiently cool-headed to call up on the telephone, whose wires disappear under you in a dizzy dip groundward, and tell somebody in a little office about it and have him get your own batteries working?

These are the working conditions of every day of the soldiers attached to the balloon sections of the army. Thanks to the courtesy of a major commanding one of these sections I was allowed to go up with an observation officer in one of these famous "sausages." This latter was a young lieutenant, in reality an American, whose father once lived in Cincinnati. High in the air, over a world covered with four inches of snow, while the noise of the big war bounded up in lumpy explosions and the concussion of the larger guns could be felt distinctly, he explained his work just as you would explain yours, in the office, shop or on the farm, through the glasses, the zig-zagging white lines of the trenches showed plainly.

"See," he said, looking through his glasses, "there are two distinct networks of trenches, with a narrow space between which is free from criss-crossing lines. That space is No-Man's land. Of course all activity on the other side of that space is German activity, and that is part of the job we are up here to attend to."

"See that village beyond the German lines to the left?" he continued staidly himself without touching the sides of the basket—one of the secrets of accurate balloon observation. "That is Blank. And, to the right there, that row of trees, you see the double row of trees, that is the part of the line we—this balloon section—are interested in. Other parts are under observation from those balloons you see to the north and south of us, though, naturally, we co-operate very closely one balloon with another so that the minimum observable activity gets past us. Troops in march supply columns, working parties among or behind the trenches, things like we signal to our artillery and get a battery—or several batteries—working. We give them the range, then,

BUSINESS MEN ARE IN LINE

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF CREDIT ASSOCIATION SHOWS ORGANIZATION IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

The second and most enthusiastic meeting of the Elizabeth City Business Men's Credit Association was held Thursday night at the Y. M. C. A.

The majority of the subscribers were present. The by laws were read and approved. The Credit Guide will be issued soon and all new subscribers are urged to get their ratings in just as soon as possible.

Mr. L. T. Henderson, State Organizer, was present and was heard with much interest by the members, who voted at once for an advertising appropriation to make the Guide more useful.

W. J. Woodley, W. G. Gaither Jr., and W. W. Sawyer were added to the executive board, making a total of thirteen members. Mr. O. F. Gilbert is chairman, Harold Overman, vice chairman, C. R. Pugh, secretary and treasurer, R. E. Quinn, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, Cleveland Jackson, Ed Spencer, D. R. Morgan, M. Leigh Sheep, and Leslie Belangia are members chosen at the first meeting.

Credit associations have been organized throughout the State in all towns of importance, and Mr. Henderson has been asked to go from here to Norfolk to continue his work there.

as they fire, we give them corrections: So many degrees to right or left, to long or too short. The whole thing is done by telephone, right from this basket. Here: put this on your head." The head-harshness of a telephone girl was handed me. I put it on.

"Time me," said the lieutenant. "I am going to call up a battery. Hello, ABC 44!" he called.

"Hello, Battery ABC 44!" came the reply. It seemed almost immediately. As a matter of fact it has taken 10 seconds. "Test!" the young officer replied into the transmitter.

"You see," he went on "the thing is very rapid. It has to be rapid. Nevertheless my call had to pass through a central. As the sausage swayed gently to and fro, a foxy haze of blueish purple stole between us and the lines. Beneath, the snowy earth was plainly visible but objects two or three miles off were completely hidden from view. High over the haze, on the horizon sailed an aeroplane. About it, like a dozen lady's powder puffs, shrapnel were bursting. Then, without warning, like a dozen claps of thunder in rapid succession, came the reports of shells bursting about the lieutenant's balloon.

"Hello," he said calmly, in the tone of a blaze man-about-town who sees an old acquaintance approaching, "what's this?" And slowly he tuned to size up the bursts of black smoke drifting away in the wind.

"Yes," he said speaking into the telephone, "yes. Yes, it was in our neighborhood. Can't say. Can't see anything from here. It's too thick."

"Believe I told you," he casually remarked to me, "that though there isn't one chance in a hundred of your having to do the thing, if you should have to go over, remember all you've got to do is to balance yourself on the edge of the basket and then let go. The parachute, attached to the harness you've got on will do the rest." I looked down. Jimmy, what a fall! And the face of the earth all chapped and rough and frozen over with snow.

"These balloons are much better than the ones we had at the beginning of the war," he said, cheerfully changing the subject. "I mean the ones you've no doubt seen with kites. They—"

"Another series of thurpler caps, this time on the other side of the balloon. Seemed as if a battery had turned loose all it had with one pull of the trigger. "Don't let that worry you," the lieutenant said smiling like a cherub

Boy Scouts To Washington

The Elizabeth City Boy Scouts left Friday for Washington, D. C. to be present at the inaugural exercises at the National Capitol on Monday.

The party is accompanied by Scoutmaster C. W. Ford. They will return next Thursday.

Those taking the trip are William Chesson, Melick Blades, Oscar Gregory, Grice McMillan, Wesley Martin, Francis Seyfert, Charles Seyfert, Raleigh Brad'ey, George Modlin, Archie Sanders, Ernest Willioms, Haywood Duke, Clyde Gregson, Billy Hosts.

Round Table Proves Success

A large number of officers and teachers were present at the Round Table Conference held in the annex of Blackwell Memorial church Thursday night and one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the school was spent.

The discussion of Sunday school problems was led by the Superintendent, E. F. Aydtlett, and the response from officers and teachers showed enthusiasm and wide awake interest in the building up of the Sunday school. The class report of Miss Bertha Brothers, Miss Bessie Morgan and Mr. Henry Newbold showed excellent work done by these classes. A contest was held in which sides were chosen and Bible questions asked by Mrs. Newbold and Mrs. Overman. Many of the questions proved difficult for the large class, but the contest was a very instructive and enjoyable one. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. J. C. Betrand and Mr. Henry Newbold.

Following the more serious part of the program, refreshments were served and the newly organized band quite astonished its hearers with its pleasing contribution to the evening, receiving continuous applause. The band began practicing only a few weeks ago, but has been hard at work, aided by Mr. Skinner and Mr. Williams, and expects to begin on next Sunday to take its place as one of the features of the Sunday school exercises.

All who attended the meeting came away most enthusiastic about the work of the Sunday school and the delightful entertainment offered and the success of the first conference, it is believed, will bring about similar meetings from time to time.

Kaiser Ill At Berlin

Amsterdam, March 2—The Kaiser is confined to his room with a severe chill, Berlin dispatches state but is receiving his ministers in his apartments and communicating with army headquarters in spite of his illness.

with a cold reddened face. "They nearly always fire short." Nearly always, NEARLY!

"As I was saying," he went on, "the old fashioned balloons were limited. They wallowed around exactly like a ship in a storm. And believe me! To be seasick in a balloon—as many an observer has been—and have to give directions to the artillery between sick spells, is SOME job—Hello! Hello! (This into the telephone) Yes, all right. (Then to me) Whenever you get ready and think you've seen enough I'll signal to be hauled down."

Not willing to take up too much of the lieutenant's time I pretended I had seen as much as I cared to. The journey to the earth seemed slow—about ten years in fact.

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FURTHER TREACHERY DISCLOSED TODAY

Germans in United States Sending Millions of Dollars Into Mexico—Startling Revelations of Plottings

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 2—Millions of dollars have been sent the DeFazio Government recently by Germans in the United States, it was learned today on high government authority. A part of the money was in the form of "personal loans" to Mexico. The other millions went into the purchase of smelter plants.

This money was sent despite the warning of the United States that such loans did not have the support of this government unless all details of arrangements met with the approval of the United States.

The government is ready to make other equally startling disclosures at the proper time. Today's announcement, however, gives evidence that German propaganda was at the bottom of the revolution in Cuba and Costa Rica. Shortly after the exiled president, Gonzales, conferred with the President, the State Department announced that the defacto government at Costa Rica would not be recognized.

Evidences of Teuton propaganda in other Latin American countries are under investigation.

It has been established that the instructions sent Bernstorff for the consuls in the United States, at the same time that the Zimmerman letter was sent, covered many recent developments, and directed the dismantling of German ships in American harbors in the event of a break. These instructions were broad and startling in their revelations.

Today's disclosures go to show officials declare, that while at peace with America the Germans were plotting hostile actions.

GERMAN RECORD AGAINST U. S.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS GIVEN OF LOSSES TO SHIPPING AND LIFE SINCE BEGINNING OF WAR

(By United Press)

Washington, March 2—Thirty-three American ships attacked, 12 destroyed by mines and submarines, four Americans killed, six wounded, —this is the record of Germany's naval operations since the beginning of war, according to official statistics available today. These casualties are exclusive of those resulting from the sinking or attacks on British ships, such as the Lusitania and Laconia.

Prisoners Are Released

(By United Press)

Washington, March 2—Germany has at last officially agreed to release the American Yarrowdale prisoners, and they will be out of Germany very soon the State Department was advised today.

Suffragists Will Unite

(By United Press)

Washington, March 2—The amalgamation of the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage, representing the unfranchised women, and the Woman's Party, representing the franchised women, is considered as a certainty. They are in joint session here and hope by uniting to bring pressure to bear on Congress for the suffrage amendment.

Turks Retreat Becomes A Rout

(By United Press)

London, March 2—The Turkish retreat from Kut El Mar has become a great rout, according to official dispatches from the Mesopotamian front.

Dispatches from Paris state that two German raids west of Soissons were repulsed.

The Germans are reported to have repulsed British attacks south west of Souchez.

Embassy Did Not Know Of Plot

(By United Press)

Washington, March 2—It is stated at the British Embassy that none there knew anything of the Zimmerman plot and letter until the news was published.

THE WEATHER
Rain tonight and Saturday North East Winds.

TED SULLIVAN AT WASHINGTON

GOES TO ATTEND INAUGURAL EXERCISES AND EXPECTS TO ANNOUNCE GOOD NEWS TO BASEBALL FANS ON RETURN

Ted Sullivan of Shiloh passed through the city today enroute to Washington to attend the inauguration.

Mr. Sullivan will return by way of Richmond and upon his return he hopes to have many things of interest to say to Elizabeth City baseball fans about arrangements for getting into league ball this season.

SHOULD SEND IN RATINGS

L. T. Henderson requests that all members of the Business Men's Credit Association send in their ratings immediately so that this work may be completed.

BETTERMENT SOCIETY MEETS

Poplar Branch, Feb. 28—The Poplar Branch Betterment Society will meet at the I. O. O. Hall March 9th at 7:30 o'clock instead of the afternoon. This is to be a Get-Together meeting and every member is especially urged to be present.

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WAR COUNCIL IS PLANNED

(By United Press)

Washington, March 2—A war council to direct this country's course in the event of hostilities is in process of formation.

The council will include the President, his cabinet, and the industrial experts now affiliated with the National Council for Defense, and will be strictly a coalition affair, men from every political faith being chosen. It will include probably more than twenty posts and departments of transportation, supplies and communication, individually supervised by some of the big men of the country.

President Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway will be asked to be at the head of the Transportation Department and it is taken for granted that Gompers will be Director of Labor in the proposed war council.

Hertford Men Have Organized

On Wednesday night the business and professional men of Hertford met at the court house with G. H. Ritter and P. R. Trueblood, who are getting together data for the Credit Experience Guide in this section of the State, and formed the Business Men's Credit Association of Hertford.

The officers elected were: R. E. Brinn, president; H. T. Shannonhouse, secretary-treasurer; T. R. Winslow, vice president; M. F. Weeks, chairman of the Executive board.

The members of the association are: H. M. Morgan, Farmers National Bank, J. Broughton and Bros., Hertford Hardware & Supply Company, Brinn Bros. R. D. Elliott & Co., T. R. Winslow, Eastern Cotton Oil Co., Riddick Chappell, H. T. Shannonhouse, White & Company, and Southern