

GOVERNMENT LOOKS FOR ACTUAL WAR

Following Order to Arm Merchantmen State Department Forecasts Ruthless Naval Attacks and Declares That Merchantmen Will be Empowered to Fire on Sight.

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, March 10—The United States government is prepared for the worst.
Warned by Germany that she has spoken the final word in regard to her submarine intent, this government looks upon the prospect of actual war following the order to arm merchantmen.
Some officials fear that Germany will be as ruthless toward armed American ships as she is toward enemy merchantmen. Others believe that Germany will be more considerate of American shipping, observing the international law of visit and search.

WILL FIRE ON SIGHT
American armed merchantmen will be empowered to fire upon Teuton submarines at sight, the State Department indicated today declaring that neutral ships can presume upon no visit and search by Germans since that country has notified the world that it will disregard this mandate of international law.
This official interpretation brings the possibility of war extremely near.

PERU AFLAME WITH CIVIL WAR

**FIERCEST SORT OF FIGHTING,
MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE SURROUNDED, PRESIDENT WILL RESIGN**

Buenos Aires, March 10—Peru is aflame with rebellion the seriousness of which was not realized until today when the information was smuggled across the border to evade the strict government censorship.
Details of the fiercest sort of fighting in Lima, Callao, and Arequipa, were given, reporting many killed and wounded.
Peruvian warships have been dismantled by the government to prevent the seizure of these by rebels. The government house in Lima is surrounded by troops, and it is predicted that the President will resign.
No information is obtainable here today as to the reason of the outbreak.

French Make Fresh Progress

Paris, March 10—Fresh progress was made today by the French troops who on Thursday reconquered territory over a mile in width in Champagne from the Germans.

Occupy City Of San Luis

Havana, March 10—A detachment of American marines are reported to have occupied the city of San Luis, thirty miles from Santiago. It is expected that the American forces will remain there until the arrival of Cuban government troops from Palma Soriano. Then they will return to Santiago.

HOUSE WILL STAND UNITED

**REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS
DECLARE THAT THEY WILL
NOT CHECK VITAL ISSUES BY
POLITICAL BICKERINGS**

(By United Press)
Washington, March 10—What promised to be the bitterest House organization fight in recent years will probably crumble beneath urgent patriotic considerations.
While leaders have made partisan claims of how the body is organized for the coming extra session, called for April 16th they confess that they will not check any vital business by political bickerings.
Republicans and Democrats alike say that they prefer to stand before the world united than divided at this national crisis.

S. AMERICA AGAINST U. S.

**SOME REPUBLICS PRO-GERMAN
AND SOME PRO-ALLY BUT
MOST OF THEM NOT PRO-UNITED STATES**

Buenos Aires, March 10—If the United States is seeking concerted action among all the American republics to cleanse the American hemisphere of German activities, that country will most likely meet a hot rebuff.
The majority of South American republics resent any such plan. Argentine will be likely to make a warm answer if the United States "offers advice" regarding German plotting.
Pan-American unity is simply not visible from the South American viewpoint. Some of the republics are pro-German, some are pro-ally, but most of them are not pro-United States.

Lett Berlin On March 8th

Berlin, March 10—The American Yarrowdale prisoners were released on March 8, and left the detention camp at Brandenburg.

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED
Washington, March 10—Confirmation of the reported release of American Yarrowdale prisoners and their departure for the Swiss frontier was received by the State Department today by cable from the American Hague Legation.

File Notice Of Appeal

Florence, S. C., March 10—The eight under officers of the German steamer, Liebenaeffs, sentenced to pay a \$500 fine and serve a year each in the prison at Atlanta filed notice of appeal today. Their bond was fixed at \$5,000 each.

Gasoline Will Stay up

(By United Press)
Washington, March 10—Congress was too busy with other things to lock into the price of gasoline as suggested by Representative Steenerson's resolution in the House; and in consequence automobile owners probably will pay a good stiff price for their gas this year. Thousands of cars were kept in their garages last year because gas was too high; and unless a substitute is found or prices come down they probably will stay there this year too.

What About Bernstorff

(By United Press)
Washington, March 10—This is the day set by the court for Count von Bernstorff to appear and prosecute Dr. Armgard Carl Graves, the self-styled "International Spy" for his alleged attempt to blackmail the Countess upon her arrival from Europe several months ago. But the Bernstorff's departed when German-American relations were broken, as did all the attaches of the embassy who might have testified against Graves.

ARRIVES AT CHRISTIANA
Copenhagen, March 10—Bernstorff aboard the Frederick VIII arrived today at Christiania.

Giants Meet Texans Today

(By United Press)
Dallas, Texas, March 10—The Giant Regulars and the Dallas team of the Texas league pried the lid off the training season here today when they met in the initial contest.

Sounds Like The Wild West

(By United Press)
Fort Worth, Texas, March 10—Some of the toughest "outlaw" horses in the country are due to get "busted" during the National Feeders and Breeders Show, which opened a week's session here today. Real buckers have been imported from all parts of the west and southwest for the championship events, in which the best men and women riders will participate.

Philadelphia Has Race Problem

Philadelphia, March 10—More than 25,000 negroes have settled in Philadelphia in the last six months and the city government doesn't know exactly how to meet the problem of congestion in their section of the city. Small flats are housing as many as five and six families. The influx is said to be due to the fact that negroes think they will be more cordially received here than in other American cities.

Revolution Is Quelled

Washington, March 10—The State Department announces today that the backbone of the Cu'an revolution has been broken.

Ohio Sunk by Submarines

New York, N. Y., March 10—A cablegram received today reports the French freighter, Ohio, sunk by submarines. She sailed from New York with copper for making munitions carrying a crew of 150 but no passengers.

HERTFORD GIRLS GOOD SOLDIERS

**PICKED TEAM OF FORTY GIRLS
FROM GRAMMAR GRADES
AROUSE INTEREST IN AP-
PROACHING COUNTY COM-
MENCEMENT**

Hertford, March 10—The first punitive expedition of the Hertford Graded School left Hertford on Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon via the Norfolk Southern Railway, Winfall being the objective point of the invasion.

The expedition was conducted by the "Girls' Drill Team," a picked organization of forty girls selected from the Grammar Grades. This team was organized a year ago to put on a drill during Field Day exercises at the Hertford Schools. The drill was repeated at the start of the present term with variations. The drill opens with a close order formation, swinging from column to line and back to column again; the team then takes the open order and executes the "Settin' Up" exercises as used in the United States army. Following this the team breaks into a double line and concludes the drill with a series of fancy evolutions.

The trip to Winfall was made in the interest of the County Commencement idea and an effort to stir up enthusiasm in the movement. After the drill the girls liked back to Hertford. They enjoyed the trip so much that it was decided to make the team a permanent organization and the following officers were elected: Captain, Dorothy Stevens; First Lieutenant, Marjorie Newby; Second Lieutenant, Edna Jones Nixon.

ARE READY FOR DEBATE

**HERTFORD SELECTS NEGATIVE
AND AFFIRMATIVE DEBATERS
TO MEET ELIZABETH CITY
AND EDENTON**

Hertford, N. C., March 10th—The final selection of the debaters to represent Hertford High School in the annual State debates for the Aycock Memorial Cup, was made this morning.

The affirmative side of the question will be taken by Silas M. Whedbee and Louise G. Williford. This team will meet the Edenton high school at Hertford.

The negative team represented by William H. Gaither and Thelma Elliott will meet Elizabeth City High School at Elizabeth City.

This is the first year that Hertford-Edenton-Elizabeth City have been included in the same preliminary triangle. Heretofore each school has been a contestant in the State debates, but grouped with schools outside of this section for the preliminary. This new grouping should arouse more interest in the local debates and be a big step toward the formation of an Eastern Carolina High School Conference.

The first game of the inter-class basketball series for the Girls' Championship of the school was played Thursday afternoon, the Eighth grade being defeated by the Ninth Grade by the score of 12 to 10.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of City Road Methodist church will meet at 6:30 Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Midgett conducting the service. The subject will be "Some Payer's Hymns and their authors." The meeting will be held in the annex and the public is cordially invited.

JUST RECEIVED New lot of coats and suits. Mr. Gilbert says that if business keeps up like it has started he will have to return to New York next week to buy more goods. MITCHELLS DEPT. STORE

Monday Matinee From 1 to 11:30

Mr. Louis, Manager of the New Theatre wishes to announce that owing to the large production which he has secured to be shown at the New Theatre on Monday, March 12th, that in order to give everyone an opportunity of witnessing this splendid production which has played to capacity houses throughout the country, he will run a continuous show from one p. m. straight through until 11:30 p. m. There is no doubt but that this picture will please everyone, for it is known the world over that the Hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and that hand is generally controlled by a woman. Mr. Louis further announces that he is more than pleased to see that the people of this city are realizing that the New Theatre is in its infancy, and that they are now securing the very best pictures obtainable. He also says that from next week on he will start featuring Clara Kimball Young in some of her latest productions which will no doubt meet with the approval of everyone in this city.

Carlye Blackwell and Ethel Clayton are playing the leading roles in a "Woman's Way." They are both very popular photo players.

"A Woman's Way," Grace George national stage success, needs little introduction if any, to theatre goers; for those who enjoy modern drama will welcome this opportunity to see this fascinating story on the screen. This picture will do more toward enlightening men and women on the subject of happiness than any picture ever produced. Not that the majority of men and women are unhappy, but that the world is ready to accept a new rule for the preservation of marital happiness.

"A Woman's Way" is not a story that preaches, nor is it without plenty of thrills. You will go to see this picture when it comes to your theatre and you will be satisfactorily entertained—and when the show comes to an end, you will take firm hold on your partner's arm, and homeward bound declare to yourself, as did Mrs. Stanton, "That no woman, no matter how clever she is, can take him away from you—without a fight."

The Patriot Monday Night

The Alkrama's Monday photoplay is William S. Hart in "The Patriot." The play deals with an ex-soldier robbed of his mining claim on the Mexican border through cheap political activity, driven to anarchy through the death of his motherless boy, and who joins the Mexican forces in a crazy hunger for revenge. His reformation, through the enforced friendship of an orphan child, affords opportunity for good acting, clever narrative and flag waving and martial music in such volume that George M. Cohan may well look to his laurels. That this combination makes an impression at a time when 25,000 National Guardsmen have been ordered to the border to support something like 100,000 citizen soldiers already there was only logical.

BOY SCOUTS INVITED

The Alkrama has issued the following invitation to Boy Scouts: "You are cordially invited to attend the showing of The Patriot, at the Alkrama Theatre Monday, as guests of the Theatre. Get your pass from Scoutmaster Ford."

MR SPENCE IS IN TOWN

The Rev. H. E. Spence, Sunday School Secretary for the North Carolina Conference is in town and will preach at City Road Methodist Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

WANTED To rent good house with all modern conveniences. Apply to L. E. Tharpe, 319 Hinton Building.

MARKET HOUSE OPENS APRIL 1ST

**STALLS WILL BE RENTED AT
PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUES-
DAY, MARCH 20TH AT TEN
O'CLOCK**

Elizabeth City's market house will open April 1st.
City Manager Commander, will rent the stalls at public auction on Tuesday morning, March 20th at 10 o'clock, giving those renting the stalls the rent for the remainder of March, so that they may move in immediately. Stalls will be rented to the highest bidders.

Betsey Will Have First Chance

Elizabeth City, March 10—Elizabeth City will have the first consideration in the case of a vacancy in the Virginia League, I have been assured of this while on my return trip from Washington through Virginia.

This is the word of hope with which Ted Sullivan greeted Elizabeth City fans today as he passed through the city to his home in Shiloh after his trip to the National Capitol to attend the inauguration.

Has Only Band In The City

Blackwell Memorial Sunday School boasts the only band in the city.

This band has been recently organized and is under the supervision of Mr. L. E. Skinner, aided by Mr. Will Williams.

Each Sunday morning at nine o'clock the band plays for thirty minutes before the formal opening of the Sunday school.

Sentenced to Die September 18th

Eddie Lee, sentenced at this week's term of Currituck Court to die on September 18th, was taken through here by Sheriff Flora to Kaleigh. Lee was convicted of entering a house with intent to commit rape.

U. S. PREPARES WHITE BOOK

**TRACING STORY OF GERMAN
PLOTS FROM BLASTING MUNI-
TION WORKS TO STIRRING UP
COUNTRIES AGAINST UNITED
STATES**

Washington, March 10—As an aid to ally the Pan American movement to crush intrigues on this continent, the government is preparing a record of Germany's sinister moves.

President Better Today

Washington, March 10—President Wilson is greatly improved today and practically recovered from the attack of Friday.

WEATHER OR NO

Tonight, Warner Sunday. Two heads are better than one except on a task or the morning after.

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