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VILLA BANDITS MOBILIZE ON TEXAS BORDER

Way Is Cleared in Senate for Cloture Rule

SUCCESS OF ANTI-DEBATE AMENDMENT IS ASSURED

Democrats and Republicans Overwhelmingly in Favor of Rule Which Will Bring Filibustering to an End; Only Two Opponents Are Found

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Democrats and Republicans of the senate caucus today cleared the way for early modifications of senate procedure so as to make filibusters such as defeated the armed neutrality bill impossible in the future.

The Democrats voted unanimously to support a rule under which debate could be limited by a two-thirds vote, recommended by a conference committee of ten, five representing each party, as the best way to solve the filibuster problem. The Republicans voted 39 to 2 to support the same change.

The resolution embodying the proposed rule probably will be reported to the senate tomorrow for prompt action.

Senators La Follette and Gronna, Republicans, who were among the twelve who failed to sign the manifesto approving the armed neutrality bill, did not attend their party caucus. How much significance is to be attached to that fact neither Republican nor Democratic leaders would foretell tonight, although the Democrats had the distinct impression that the appearance of the rule would be the signal for speeches by them two senators on armed neutrality.

There were a few Democrats who had views different from the large majority, but while they may contribute a few speeches on the subject of changes in the rules, no prolonged opposition is expected.

APPROVAL OVERWHELMING.

In the Democratic caucus there were more than forty senators and with the thirty Republicans who voted for the change, this makes about eight more than two-thirds of the senate. Several senators of both parties are absent from Washington or ill, so that the proportion of those here for the change is overwhelming.

Senators Sherman of Illinois, and France of Maryland, were the two Republicans who cast the negative vote. Senator Sherman declared the Republicans would be put in the position of acceding to it because of the demand of President Wilson in his public statement on the defeat of the neutrality bill and his conference today with Democratic members of the conference committee. Senator France said he opposed any kind of cloture rule.

The amendment provides:

"That if at any time a motion, signed by sixteen senators to bring to a close the debate upon any pending measure is presented to the senate, the presiding officer shall at once state the motion to the senate, and one hour after the senate meets on the following calendar day but one, he shall lay the motion before the senate and direct that the secretary call the roll, and upon the ascertainment that a quorum is present, the presiding officer shall, without debate, submit to the senate by an aye and nays vote the question: 'Is it the sense of the senate that the debate shall be brought to a close?'

TWO THIRDS VOTE ENDS DEBATE.

"And if that question shall be decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote of those voting, then said measure shall be the unfinished business to the exclusion

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Germany Soon Will Publish Some More Terms to Bring Peace

One Feature Will Be Establishment of Army Bases in Belgium

HAVRE March 7.—The German government, according to information received here through confidential agents, is considering the publication of Germany's terms of peace. Under these terms Belgium would be declared independent subject only to permanent German garrisons at Antwerp, Liege and Namur, and to the control by Germany of ports and railways. Belgium under the terms would have no national army but would be policed by a predominate

Wilson Will Take Some Step Within Day or So in U-War

Officially Announced Action Has Been Determined Upon; Four Courses Open: To Arm Ships, Convoy Them, Place Them Under Federal Control, or to Call an Extra Session of Congress

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—New action, latter the calling of an extra session by president Wilson within the next few days in the situation resulting from the German unrestricting submarine campaign was forecast confidently today in administration quarters.

If the form of the action has been determined upon it was not revealed. The possibilities are the arming of American merchant; the convoying of the vessels by warships; the immediate calling of an extra session of congress; and the placing of American ships desiring to pass through the danger zone under government control.

Reports conveyed to the president during the day that the prospects are exceedingly favorable action on his suggestion for a revision of the senate rules so that action can be secured on an armed neutrality resolution are believed to

SHIPBUILDERS PROMISE FULL TIME TO NAVY

Larger Private Plants to Take Government Work at 10 Per Cent Profit; Postpones Commandeering of Shipyards

WASHINGTON, March 7.—American shipbuilders engaged on government work entered into an agreement with secretary Daniels today to accept new contracts at a flat rate of ten per cent net profit and pledged co-operation in rushing to completion the navy's construction program.

Virtually all of the larger private plants in the country were represented in the conference. The builders, who have been netting from twenty to thirty per cent on merchant steamers, said they were willing to turn to government contracts at ten per cent as a patriotic duty and the secretary, on his part, agreed to protect them from undue loss. As a result, for the present at least, the government will not consider exercising the authority given by congress to commandeer plants.

DANIELS TO ALLOT WORK.

The next step of the department will be to call upon builders not engaged in government work to undertake such tasks as they are equipped to carry out. For the most part this will consist of building submarine chasers and possibly some destroyers. An understanding also will be sought to prevent yards doing private work from drawing men from those with navy contracts.

The companies represented today will furnish secretary Daniels not later than Monday with schedules of all commercial work in their yards or for which they have contracted. Details of the capitalization of each concern, its fixed charges, material contracts, plans of plants and yards, growing possibility of enlargement, and number of employes will be included. A definite statement of the amount and kind of additional government work that could be undertaken with an estimate of what might be accomplished in the year's time also will be submitted by each builder.

Secretary Daniels said the subjects to be covered in the statements would supply all information a prospective purchaser of the plants would require. It would be valuable in determining the wisest way of placing contracts for new ships and would be essential should it prove necessary in the end to take over any establishment.

STEEL PLANTS TO AID.

The department had been in correspondence with steel makers and other manufacturers who supply material for navy ships. Similar assurances of co-operation are expected from them. Mr. Daniels said he hoped to interfere with commercial building just as little as possible, but that nothing would be allowed "to stand in the way of supplying the navy with ships and munitions as rapidly as is possible."

Another element of the speeding up program is the task of securing labor. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and a member of the national defense advisory commis-

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NEW HAMPSHIRE DENIES WOMEN RIGHT TO VOTE

CONCORD, N. H., March 7.—A bill seeking to extend to women the right to vote for presidential electors was defeated today in the house of representatives 208 to 153.

Still Hope That Legislature May Finish in Time

Quickening of Pace May Save Appropriation Bill From Failure

(By Associated Press)

PHOENIX, March 7.—Such rapid progress was made today that there is a prospect that the business of the legislature may be completed within the statutory time. At the least, it is thought that all the essential bills can be passed by working until Saturday night, two days without pay. The senate practically disposed of the general appropriation bill this afternoon and will send it back to the house tomorrow morning. The amendments by the senate committee on appropriations were generally accepted in that body.

Likewise, the county classification bill from the senate was accepted by the house with few changes this afternoon. All efforts to amend it were met by the objection that if any changes were made the whole bill would be so deranged that it would be impossible to pass it at this session.

The executive budget bill which had been passed by the senate on Tuesday was brought into the house but a minority prevented its immediate consideration under a suspension of the rules. The house passed a bill for the location of the state highway by the way of Swanton, Yavapai county. Bills passed in the senate were:

Amending the law for the taxation of nonresident lands of stock.

Providing for permitting rights of way for highways over the federal domain.

Amendment of the law with reference to the rights of aliens, permitting refugees from Mexico to hold real estate.

A house bill to prevent discrimination against men of municipality was defeated.

The senate in the committee of the whole amended the Roberts bill for the creation of a commission of state institutions and reorganized its personnel. The amendment removes the law reference library from the control of the commission. It is possible that the educational institutions will also be exempted. Both houses are holding sessions tonight.

PORTO RICO SUGAR WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 7.—With one exception the sugar companies of Porto Rico are experiencing strikes of their employes. The Fajardo sugar company has signed an agreement granting a minimum pay of $1 for an eight hour day.

POSTMASTERS ARE PLACED UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RULE

Appointments of First, Second and Third Class, in Future, Under Order of President, Will Be Made After Holding Competitive Examinations

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Postmaster General Burleson today announced that after April 1, the appointments of all postmasters of the first, second and third classes would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the senate as in the past, but in making selection the president will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names of the head of the lists.

Whether the civil service commission, under which fourth-class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations has not been determined.

The president's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil service classification under which all vacancies, whether caused by resignations, removal or death, will be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of the four-year term, beginning with their last appointment and will then, it is understood, have to undergo the competitive test.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the capitol, where scores of members were in their offices preparing to leave for home. The order was roundly denounced because some of the Democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to put combined Democratic and Republican support in a politically uncertain house.

One member suggested that the order would put many Republicans in office, as many of the new active assistant postmasters are Republicans retained by the Democratic postmasters and and still another wanted to know what would happen

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Grand Jury Will Be Told Today of German Spy Plot

Hindoo "Physician" and German Chemist Held for Conspiracy

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 7.—Department of justice officials were preparing today for presentation to a federal grand jury tomorrow of evidence concerning the German spy conspiracy in this country.

Important documents arrived by messenger from Washington which, it was believed, would further connect Dr. Ernest Sekunna, a German chemist, and Dr. Chandre Chakraberty, a Hindoo "physician," with Wolf von Igel, attache of the German embassy, who sailed with Count von Bernstorff after indictments against him had been dismissed. Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty, according to the police, confessed that they had plotted under direction of Von Igel to invade India with military force by way of China.

It was disclosed that on February 28 Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty filed in the county clerk's office here trade style certificates to operate under the names of the Oriental Society and the "Oriental Kitchen," as well as to conduct a monthly magazine, which, it was represented, would be devoted to "art, science, literature, politics and commerce, especially as India, China, Japan, Persia and Turkey," and be known as the Oriental Review. Headquarters of the Oriental Society and the "Oriental Kitchen" were to be in the city.

In searching the quarters of the two men, the authorities announced they had found a letter written in code which indicated Dr. Sekunna had been in communication with persons in Berlin, Petrograd and Paris. As near as they could learn, they added, the letter pertained to a nerve preparation. Dr. Sekunna, police declared he was the shining agent here. Agents of the department of justice pointed out, however, similar accusations on the part of German spies had been found to be false. Then the operate without attracting undue attention.

Treason Committed Says Berlin, Frankly Admitting Conspiracy

"Was Duty of Imperial Government to Make Enemies for America"

BERLIN, March 7.—The Overseas News Agency today made public the following official statement concerning Germany's plan to have Mexico engage in war with the United States if the United States should not remain neutral after the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany:

"The decision to begin the unrestricted submarine war after having been taken, an actual conflict with America had to be considered by reason of its previous attitude. The facts have proved that the surmise was justified for the American government immediately after our notification concerning the barred zone broke off diplomatic relations and, moreover, requested other neutral powers to join in this course of action. In anticipation of this possibility it was not only the right, but also the duty of the government, to take measures in time to counter balance the arming of an additional ally on the side of our enemies.

"The imperial minister at Mexico was therefore instructed about the middle of January to offer an alliance to the Mexican government and to arrange the details in case the United States should declare war against us. The minister was expressly charged by instructions to take no steps with the Mexican government before he had obtained absolute certainty that war had been declared by the United States.

"It is not known by what means the American government acquired knowledge of the instructions, transmitted by secret ways to Mexico. It seems that treason—and treason it probably is—has been committed at American territory."

REYNA ESCAPES; MOUNTS OF PURSUERS INFERIOR

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 7.—Because of the poor condition of the horses on which his force of 200 cavalrymen left Magdalena, Sonora, ten days ago, General Arnulfo Gomez gave up his campaign against Colonel Francisco Reyna, who has succeeded to the western part of the Alder district for Villa, according to Americans reaching here tonight from Sonora.

CATTLEMEN AT EL PASO WATCH ROPING STUNTS

EL PASO, Texas, March 7.—The members of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's association, in place of the regular afternoon session today attended an exhibition of roping and other frontier sports given by cowboys.

U. S. TROOPS HURRIED TO FT. HANCOCK TO STOP RAID

Juarez Commanders Sending 700 De Facto Soldiers to San Martin Ranch to Engage Outlaws; Belief Is Villistas Want Ammunition

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Texas, March 7.—A motorized machine gun company of the Thirty-third machine infantry, commanded by Captain Crusdman, has been sent to Fort Hancock, Texas, to protect that town from a possible Villa raid.

The machine gun company was rushed there following the aeroplane trip across the border by Captains Dodd and Brown, in an army aeroplane from the Columbus, N. M., aviation headquarters today. In addition to the motor machine gun company there is a company of infantry and a troop of cavalry stationed at Fort Hancock.

The Villa troops, numbering approximately 400, have been at the San Martin ranch for three days and forty of the band came to the San Jose mine, only nine miles across the border from Fort Hancock, yesterday to buy supplies at the mine commissary. They paid cash for those supplies and did not molest the Americans working at the ranch.

SMUGGLING, BANDITS' AIM.

However, the residents of Fort Hancock, which is fifty-three miles southeast of El Paso, appealed to Brigadier General George Bell Jr., commander of the El Paso district, for protection when a raid from the Mexican side of the line. Army officers here believe the Villa troops at the San Martin ranch have come to the border to smuggle ammunition for Villa and that no raid will be attempted along the border, although every precaution is being taken by the army officers against such a possibility.

Mining men having property south of the border near the San Martin ranch, arrived here today with confirmation of the reports that the Villa rebels were at this ranch in force. One American said he had talked with the Villa commander but declined to give his name.

Villa partisans here were responsible for a report today that a demand had been made upon General Murguia for the surrender of Juarez, but this was denied at the Juarez military headquarters.

DE FACTO TROOPS SENT

JUAREZ, March 7.—General Jose Cardenas Murguia and General Pablo Gonzalez left here today for the San Martin ranch with a column of de facto cavalry and with machine guns acquired in automobiles and a battle between the Villa forces known to be in the vicinity of the San Martin ranch, fifty miles southeast of Juarez is expected tonight or tomorrow.

A command of 150 cavalry left Juarez late yesterday for the San Martin ranch, General Murguia and General Gonzalez took one hundred men with them and another column of 200 troops was scheduled to leave Juarez tonight to reinforce the two commanders from the garrison here.

A force of 250 men will join these troops at Zacatecas, Guadalupe and other outposts along the Rio Grande and General Murguia is expected to have 700 men when he reaches the ranch rendezvous of the Villa troops.

WAITED TO CONFIRM RUMORS.

Rumors that three was a Villa command at the San Martin ranch were received here yesterday but it was not definite known the rebels were there until last night when a telephone message from El Paso informed General Murguia of the presence of the bandits. The garrison commander immediately ordered a cavalry command sent down the river road to Guadalupe and from there to the vicinity of the San Martin ranch to act as a scouting force to locate the rebels and keep the Juarez headquarters informed.

As soon as it became known today that the Villa troops were massing at the ranch General Murguia organized the motor machine gun corps and with General Gonzalez left in an automobile.

Colonel Rojas Juarez chief of staff to General Murguia organized the third column and prepared for its departure tonight.

23 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK OF A TOTAL OF 2528

LONDON, March 7.—An official statement today says that 23 British merchant vessels were sunk by mine or submarine during the week ending March 4. In the same period three British fishing vessels were sunk.

Twelve British merchant vessels were unsuccessfully attacked during the week. The number of merchant vessels of all nationalities of more than 100 tons net arriving at United Kingdom ports during the week was 2,528. The number sailing was 2417. These figures are exclusive of fishing and local craft.

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