

U-BOATS DESTROY DUTCH FLOTILLA OF 7 VESSELS

Congress Asked to Give Wilson Authority to Use Force

BOURBONS SURPRISED BY SUDDEN MANEUVER

Republican Senator A. B. Fall Forestalls Democrats' Plan to Arm President With Power to Protect Americans

BITTER DEBATE FAILS TO PREVENT REFERENCE

Stone Expresses His Chagrin at Methods of Opposition, but Frankly Admits His Helplessness to Bar Action

GEN. VON LUDENDORFF, BOSS OF GERMANY

General von Ludendorff, Quartermaster-General of German Imperial forces, is virtually dictator of all Germany. Ludendorff is supreme. All the threads, not only of military control, but also of civil administration, and even foreign affairs, pass through his hands. He is said to have urged the ruthless U-Boat warfare.



NEW DIVER RAID MAY FORCE U.S. TO ACTION

Onslaught on Ships Carrying United States Citizens Is Expected to Compel a Definite Move by the President

CONDITION OF HOLLAND GROWS MORE DESPERATE

Dutch Food Situation Serious, but Nation Not in Shape to Protest by Force Against Germany's Blockade Order

Reichstag President Says Germany Nears Vital Point in War

BERLIN, February 22 (by wireless to Sayville, February 24).—The speech by Dr. Johannes Kaempf, president of the Reichstag, at the opening of the session today is reported by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

"We are apparently approaching the decisive struggle in the gigantic war of nations. Magnanimously the German Emperor, together with his allies, stretched out the hand of peace to our enemies. They refused this hand with gibes and jeers. In the face of this rebuke Germany now seizes the weapon of which she desires to make unrestricted use and which has been forged by her energy and her advanced technique. In the solemn, serious hour in which we live we are sure that we shall not lay down this weapon before we accomplish the aim of this war—the defense of our independence and the freedom of our homes.

"As we enter now upon the greatest struggle, we send grateful, admiring greetings to our proud army, to the armies of our allies, to our proud navy, to our unconquerable submarines and their crews, courageous unto death."

48-MILE GALE HITS TOWN AT NIGHTFALL

Woman Tripped and Thrown by Wind Suffers a Broken Arm and Shattered Hip; Second Swept From Feet, Seriously Hurt

TEA GARDENS WRECKED BY FORCE OF THE BLAST

Cliff House Windows Broken, Wires Snapped and Light Systems Are Put Out of Commission, but Farm Owners Rejoice

Dead and Injured In 48-Mile Gale That Swept City

ONE man was killed and two women were injured last night while Old Boreas roared through the streets of the city.

MIQUEL JENINEZ of 11 Roma place either jumped off a street car at Third and Nineteenth streets about 7 o'clock last night, or was blown off by the gale which was howling at the time. He died at the Potrero Hospital a few minutes later. His skull was fractured and he had severe internal injuries.

MRS. SUSIE SNAITH, aged 46, of 875 Minna street was blown off her feet at Sixth and Market streets about 6:30 o'clock last night. She sustained a fracture of the right hip and her right arm was broken. She was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital.

MISS EMMA TOLAND, who lives at the King George Hotel, was knocked down by the wind at Pine and Powell streets last night, and she is at the Central Emergency Hospital with her left hip fractured.

N. Y. HOTEL STORMED BY MOB IN FOOD RIOT

Several Hurt During Disorder at Waldorf-Astoria When Crowd of One Thousand Tries to See Governor Whitman

"BABIES ARE STARVING," IS CRY FROM WOMEN

Outbreaks Take Place Simultaneously in Five Parts of the Bronx and Several Arrests Are Made by the Police

WASHINGTON, February 24.—A resolution authorizing the President to use the armed forces of the United States to protect the commerce, property and lives of the citizens of the United States was introduced in the Senate by Senator Fall, Republican.

Senator Fall's resolution was offered by unanimous consent after a bitter two-hour debate on the international situation in which Republicans disclaimed any desire to withhold support from the President in handling the situation.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS COMPLETELY SURPRISED

The authority to be extended by the resolution is along the general line of that which it has been understood President Wilson would request from Congress some time next week. Senator Fall's action took Administration Senators completely by surprise.

Senator Fall asked that the bill go to the Foreign Relations Committee and Chairman Stone consented after he had objected to the way in which the measure had been introduced.

"I greatly regret that such a bill as this has been introduced at this time," said Senator Stone. "Nevertheless, I see no way of disposing of it except by letting it go to the committee."

The bill would give the President wide authority to protect lives and property of Americans or to authorize American merchant ships to protect themselves against searches and seizures or capture.

RESOLUTION GIVES WILSON FULL AUTHORITY

Senator Fall's resolution points to the deprivations on the commerce of the United States by submarines of the central powers, and authorizes the President "to instruct and direct the commanders of the armed vessels belonging to the United States" to protect American ships and property and "to take, seize or bring into port, or destroy," if unable to seize, any armed vessel of either of the central powers, and particularly of the Imperial German Government, which have committed or are threatening to commit deprivations against ships conveying Americans or American property.

USE OF FORCE MAY BE MADE LEGAL

It would make it legal also for the commander and crew of any merchant American vessel to "oppose and defend against any search, restraint, seizure or attack which shall be attempted on such vessel" by any armed ship of the central powers and to "repel by force any assault or hostility" so committed and to "subdue and capture or destroy" such vessel.

On the Army side the President would be authorized, "in the event of a declaration of war against the United States," or of invasion or of imminent danger of invasion, "discovered in his opinion to exist," before the next session of Congress, to call into service in addition to the regular Army and the National Guard 100,000 men to serve not more than three years or during the con-

Holland Angered by Appalling Result of Submarine Warfare

Germans Flayed Bitterly for Blowing Up Ships Plying in a Peaceful Carrying Trade

THE HAGUE, February 24, via London, 3:30 P. M.—Consternation was caused here by the announcement of the torpedoing by German submarines of seven Dutch vessels, two of which, the Noorderdijk and the Zaandijk, grain-laden and bound for a home port, belonged to the Holland-America line.

The Foreign Ministry today made the following announcement: "When unrestricted submarine war was proclaimed, the Netherlands Government not only protested against it, but insisted that the German Government should take care that no Dutch ships then en route to or from Dutch ports should be victims of the new measure. Germany declared her willingness to do this, but added that it was impossible to guarantee absolute safety."

VESSELS SAIL UNDER GERMAN SAFETY ORDER

The statement says further that the seven ships which have been torpedoed availed themselves of a German offer to sail on February 22; they were to sail together on a westerly course out of the danger zone and then proceed to their destinations. The report then mentions the dispatch received from the Dutch Minister in London announcing the disaster, which adds that the ships were torpedoed without the communication ends with the statement that it is believed all the crews were saved.

While official circles remain gravely calm, there has been an inevitable outburst of deep indignation on the part of the Dutch newspapers at what the Amsterdam Telegraaf calls "a blow in our face and the greatest humiliation to which a neutral state has been subjected."

HONOR OF NATION CONSIDERED AT STAKE

The paper adds: "We confess inability to see how the honor of our nation can further be maintained by protests."

Other less bellicose newspapers reflect hardly less embitterment on the part of the whole nation against the latest example of German ruth-

Dutch Steamships That Go to Swell Divers' War Toll

LONDON, February 24. —Lloyd's announces that the crews of the following Dutch steamers were landed yesterday, their vessels having been torpedoed on Thursday:

Zaandijk	4189
Noorderdijk	7156
Eemland	3720
Jacatra	5878
Menado	5874
Bandoeng	5851
Gaasterland	2247

It was announced late today that of the seven Dutch steamers torpedoed only three were sunk, while the four others were severely damaged, but remained afloat. Those sunk were the Gaasterland, Jacatra and the Noorderdijk.

WASHINGTON, February 24. — President Wilson's plan for meeting the crisis with Germany gave no outward evidence of change today, but there were several developments which appeared to be hastening eventualities.

Another apparent violation of international law was added to the list accumulating from Germany's submarine campaign, which officials believe sooner or later is virtually certain to make necessary further steps by the United States. The onslaught on Dutch shipping reported today strengthened the conviction in official quarters that neutral interests are to be ruthlessly disregarded under the new German policy.

FALL OFFERS ARMED FORCE

In the Senate discussion of the international crisis broke out afresh and a Republican attack on the Administration's failure to take more aggressive measures was followed by the introduction of a resolution by Senator Fall, a Republican, authorizing the President to use the armed forces of the Nation to protect American rights against the German menace.

Although three submarine disasters in which American seamen were involved were reported to the State Department today only one seemed on first information to constitute an invasion of American rights. American Consuls reported that the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian bark Bleinhelm, each with an American seaman aboard, had been destroyed, but that in both instances provision had been made for the safety of the crew.

SHELLED WITHOUT WARNING

A dispatch from Consul Osborn at Havre, however, said the Norwegian steamer Alice had been attacked and shelled without warning and that Theodore Joseph, an American negro, was among the survivors.

The Alice case for the present takes its place with several others about which the State Department is preparing evidence. President Wilson is understood to be particularly anxious that any request he may make for further authority have behind it incontrovertible proof that such authority is needed to protect American rights.

So far as learned the President did not discuss the international situation with callers today, and at the State Department the arrival of Consul Osborn's dispatch regarding the Alice was the only development of note. In most quarters it is believed there will be no important announcements before Tuesday at least, when Secretary Lansing returns from a three-day vacation at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

HOLLAND HARD PRESSED

Germany's raid on Dutch shipping was given particular attention because it is understood here that the vessels virtually were in the service of the Dutch Government. A serious crisis is expected to result, though it is realized that Holland would be loath to risk consequences of actual hostilities with Germany because most of her canals, comprising her main line of defense, are reported frozen and in no condition to flood the necessary districts. A large body of German troops also is understood to be concentrated on the frontier.

AUTO KILLS TWO AND DISAPPEARS AT FULL SPEED

One Man Also Injured When Rushing Machine Crashes Into Laboring Crew

Speeding at a rate estimated between sixty and seventy miles an hour, an automobile, described as painted black with a yellow top, crashed into a crew of laborers at Thirty-ninth avenue and Lincoln way at 2:55 o'clock yesterday morning, killing two and injuring one.

After bowling over the three men, the chauffeur of the automobile put on added speed, turned off the tail light to escape pursuit and disappeared east on Lincoln way.

CLEARING SAND AWAY

Ten laborers were engaged in clearing the United Railroad tracks of sand drifts brought about by the raging storm.

DEAD

Ghevant Mariani, 50 years old, 31 Brennan place.

Angele Cagnina, 40 years old, 418 Cortland avenue.

INJURED

Joseph Garafa, 37 years old, 2050 Powell street, bruises of body and face, not serious.

Mariani and Cagnina were killed in a peculiar manner. According to Daniel Casey, foreman of the crew, the machine came east on Lincoln way from the beach. Two men were in the front seats. The speed of the car was not diminished as it bore down upon the men.

The automobile was speeding on the inner track when it swerved to the outer rails. Two extra tires, hanging in loose fashion from the rear of the machine, struck Mariani as it swerved. The auto skidded back to the inner rails and Cagnina was struck by the swinging tires. Garafa was struck by the bumper, hurled ten feet, but not seriously injured.

POLICE NOTIFIED

The police were immediately notified. The automobile, according to the police, did not injure the headlights or windshield.

Detectives Richards, Kaimback, O'Connell and Reagan are making a systematic search of public and private garages. The automobile was a seven-passenger touring car. No one knows if the machine contained occupants in the tonneau. According to members of the track crew no working lights had been set out for their protection.

BUILDINGS were stripped of windows, pedestrians buffeted about the streets, two women seriously injured, portions of the town plunged in darkness and shipping on the bay and in the gate waters made almost impossible by a forty-eight-mile gale which brought in the tale of a storm raging from off the seas all day yesterday. The gale reached its climax about 8 o'clock in the evening.

Then came a lull and the streets took on much of their usual Saturday night appearance.

MAN FALLS TO DEATH

One man was killed in a fall from a street car at Third and Nineteenth streets, which may have been due to one of the many gusts of wind loosening his hold.

One woman was tripped by the gale and thrown, with fracturing of the right hip and a broken arm, and a second woman was knocked down by the wind and her left hip fractured.

Old Boreas roared over San Francisco all day with a bit in his teeth.

TEA GARDENS SMASHED

One of the grandest and most awesome sights of years was seen by those who visited the beach. Titanic waves dashed against the bluff which is crested by the Cliff House, and to the buffeting the booming surf sounded a vibrant requiem.

Without the grandeur and awe were not without material aspects. So great was the force of wind and wave that the Japanese tea gardens at the Cliff House were flattened and reduced to a clutter of debris.

STONE KIOSK BLOWN DOWN

The stone kiosk just below the Cliff House was hurled from its base and smashed to bits. The stabbing wind, backed by blinding sheets of rain, smashed in the upper windows of the Cliff House, but the heavy plate-glass of the lower floors withstood the recurrent shocks.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the gale which swept over the Pacific moderated, but at 8 o'clock last night it freshened, touching telephone wires as a mighty hand on a colossal Aeolian harp.

Of a sudden the electric lighting wires snapped—and the beach resorts were in total darkness.

DINE BY CANDLE LIGHT

Mrs. Douglas Crane, manager of the Cliff House, had thoughtfully laid in a large supply of candles. With the snuffing of electric lights, candles twinkled, and several large dinner parties were enjoyed without the usual brilliant lights.

"The wind was awful this afternoon and night," said Mrs. Crane last night. "Several women, who braved the gale to watch the breakers from the observatory, literally were knocked down and rolled over like so many tinpins. It required the service of several of our employes before the women could be dragged inside the Cliff House. Really, they were flattened against the concrete walls by a gale which held them there as though they were glued."

The Hunter's Point and Bay View districts were in darkness last night, when high-tension electric wires in the Hunter's Point dry dock, owned by the Union Iron Works, were torn out for their protection.

BROKER, BURGLAR FIGHT GUN DUEL IN DARK ROOM

Eight Shots Exchanged as Householder Routs His Opponent in Marin

Christian A. Miller, broker and prominent in the Marin Golf and Country Club, engaged in a revolver duel with a burglar or would-be assassin at his home in East San Rafael early yesterday morning. Although eleven shots were exchanged neither Miller nor his assailant was injured. The latter escaped.

Shortly after midnight, Miller says, he found a man prowling about his greenhouse.

DUEL IN DRAWING-ROOM

"When I called to him," Miller told Sheriff Keating, "he ran and I fired three shots after him. About 2 o'clock in the morning I found the same man trying to get in through the French doors leading to the living-room. I crawled behind a big davenport and opened fire on the supposed burglar. With the first shot the burglar crouched behind a pillar and fired two shots point blank at me. He then turned and ran as I sent several more shots after him."

Immediately after the shooting Miller telephoned Sheriff J. J. Keating, who organized two posses, one led by himself and the second captained by Under-Sheriff Charles Redding.

EIGHT SHOTS FIRED

The dozen officers in the two squads surrounded the Miller home and kept up a systematic search until daylight without finding a trace of the fugitive.

An inspection of the Miller living-room showed that eight shots had been fired during the second encounter with the burglar. Five shots had been directed across the veranda through the French doors and screens from where Miller lay behind the davenport, and two shots had been fired into the wall over where Miller lay, from the opposite side of the room.

The two shots attributed to the burglar, however, had been fired from inside of the room, according to Sheriff Keating and Under Sheriff Redding.

Miller explains this by saying that the French doors were opened by the burglar, who, after firing two shots into the house, slammed the doors shut and disappeared.

Mrs. Miller remained above stairs during the entire fray, and could not assist the officers in solving the plot that Miller believes was an attempt to assassinate him.

Miller experienced another queer battle with a highwayman about two years ago, which was never solved to the satisfaction of the officers. Miller has offices in San Francisco. He is prominent in Marin county society.

NEW YORK, February 24.—

Rioting was resumed simultaneously in five different parts of the Bronx tonight. Stands in several markets were overturned. Reserves were called out and made several arrests. The rioters said they were members of the "Anti-High Cost of Living League."

NEW YORK, February 24.—A crowd of approximately 1000 persons, mostly women, who had attended a mass meeting in Madison Square to protest against the high cost of food, stormed the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel today, shouting they were starving and demanding to see Governor Whitman.

DEMONSTRATION STARTED AT WRONG HOTEL

When informed the Governor was not there, but at another hotel, they refused to believe it and started a demonstration, which necessitated calling out police reserves. Several persons were injured in the disorder that followed. Four arrests were made.

A speaker at the Madison Square meeting had asked how many persons would be willing to go to the hotel. Several in the crowd who took this as a signal to march started away, and

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