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## AMERICAN SHIPS PREPARING FOR DEFENCE

### WILL BE READY TO SHOOT IF ATTACKED BY SUBMARINES—BAGHDAD CAPTURED

#### AMERICANS PREPARE TO ARM VESSELS

Merchant Ships Will Be Ready Effectively to Combat the Sub Menace, Backed by Whole Nation.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 12.—The American government has begun actual preparations to put American merchant vessels in an effective state of defence against the ruthless submarine campaign of Germany against neutral shipping. Special naval gun and gunners will be placed on board every American vessel sailing for the barred zone, and special war risk insurance will be made available. It has been made clear to the shipowners that the entire resources of the United States are ready for instant action should the neutrality of the American vessels be violated by the German submarines, after the warning given the German government by the United States.

#### MORE AMERICANS IN JEOPARDY

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, March 12.—The British tank steamer Pinna, of 8,288 tons, has been sunk by a "Germanine" off the Irish coast. The tanker had a full cargo from the Gulf ports and was sunk without warning twenty miles from land. The crew was all rescued, among which were three Americans.

A wire from London states that the Norwegian steamer Storstad, carrying supplies for the Belgian Relief Commission has been torpedoed. Only thirteen of the crew have been saved.

#### TYPHUS IN BELGIUM

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, March 12.—The sorely stricken inhabitants of Belgium are now afflicted with an outbreak of typhus. The hunger weakened people have not got the stamina to repel the effects on the epidemic. In the town of Brie, eighty deaths have occurred out of a population of four thousand.

#### NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Retail Merchants Association will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, at 8 p. m. in the city hall. Every merchant is specially invited to be present. At least four questions of local importance to each merchant will be discussed. This is the right place to air your troubles, Mr. Merchant. Be there. City hall, Tuesday, March 13, at 8 p. m.

#### THE CRADLE

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, of Amsbury, near Terrace, at the general hospital, a daughter on March 10.

A St. Patrick's Day Concert will be held in the Catholic Hall on Friday evening, March 16th, at 8 p. m. Admission 50c. 60

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#### CITY OF THE CALIPHS FALLS TO BRITISH ARMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 12.—According to the latest advices, Baghdad is now in possession of the British army operating from the Persian Gulf. The ancient city, full of mosques and smells, is forever gone from the sway of the Turk. British Tommies are treading in the footsteps of Haroun-al-Raschid and the jingle of British accoutrements re-echo in the narrow streets, within whose radius took place the scenes recorded in the Tales of the Arabian Nights. Baghdad, situated on the principle trade routes between the East and the Farther East, was the great emporium for trade of all kinds. It is the great distributing centre, the greatest east of Constantinople. Like most Eastern cities, it looks best from afar off. Its towers and minarets showing up on the desert horizon appear to be that of some fairy city, but its romantic appearance disappears on closer acquaintance. The first principles of sanitary measures are unknown to the Turk, and Baghdad has well been termed the City of Smells.

Now that it is in British hands, its importance as a trading centre will grow to even greater importance, and the affect of its capture will be very great on the Eastern tribesmen.

The British forces are now reported to be on the other side of the city in pursuit of the retreating enemy. With the Russians closing in on the north, Eastern Turkestan will be cleared and the Turkish forces will be forced back to Syria and Asia Minor.

The full importance of the capture of Baghdad cannot yet be estimated.

#### GOT FORTY-EIGHT ENEMY SUBMARINES

New York, March 10.—A monster fleet of 500 trawlers from Grimsby, Hull, Leith, Yarmouth, Lowestoft and other North Sea fishing ports, aided by fast destroyers and patrol boats, is guarding the mouth of the English Channel and Irish Sea with many devices for catching and destroying submarines, according to passengers who arrived here yesterday.

One passenger said that when he was at Devonport Dockyard on February 24, one of the Admiralty officials informed him that the German navy was credited with having 100 submarines of all sizes, from the old type of submersible, 90 feet long, to the latest U boat from Kiel, ranging from 195 to 230 feet in length. The result of the defensive moves on the part of the Admiralty was that the mosquito fleet had destroyed or captured 48 by Feb. 16, which caused the big decrease in the number of vessels torpedoed after that date.

Very few of the submarines were captured and taken into port, it was said, as it was too much trouble to raise them. A few were taken on the surface after they had been disabled by bombs from aeroplanes. Others were destroyed by bombs from trawlers after they had been tangled in steel nets.

#### SIR SAM IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, March 12.—According to reports, Sir Sam Hughes, as a representative of the British army, came to New York to confer with the United States army officers. On being interviewed, Sir Sam insisted that he came on personal business, but finally admitted that there had been a conference.



BRITISH ADVANCE DURING THE PAST WEEK.  
The shaded line represents the British Gains.

#### THE LLOYD GEORGE POISONING CASE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 12.—The trial at the Old Bailey in London of the four persons accused of conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Arthur Henderson was concluded on Saturday. Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her daughter, Mrs. Winnifred Mason, and the husband of the latter were found guilty of conspiracy to murder. Mrs. Wheeldon was sentenced to ten years, Mrs. Mason five years and her husband, Albert Mason, to seven years penal servitude.

#### OFF TO FIGHT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, March 12.—The members of Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole who have been marooned for two years within the Antarctic circle, have now reached Victoria. They are on their way to offer their services in their country's cause. They had to tell of many trials and hardships endured for the two long, weary years, with nothing but a gramophone and an encyclopedia to pass the time. The gramophone records certainly saw some service, and having no other mental pabulum, the assimilation of the encyclopedia has caused the returned members of the expedition to bristle with facts.

#### MINISTRY CALLS FOR POLICE WOMEN

London, March 8.—The Ministry of Munitions has sent out a call for 300 women for police duty in the areas in which government work is being done by women. Already there are 700 applicants.

The women police are given a training of about three weeks. They are taken out in small parties to the various police courts where they learn the elementary particulars as to how offenders are brought before a magistrate, how a case is presented, how evidence is given, etc. Other instruction is given as to how to deal with the questions of cruelty to children and especially the working of the factory acts. Their own drill is an important matter as they are taught how to walk and how to wear their uniforms with authority.

#### HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Commonwealth, belonging to the Booth Fisheries, Ltd., has arrived with 20,000 pounds. The Pioneer, also arrived with 20,000 pounds, and the Arctic has 15,000 pounds. The temporary car shortage, thanks to the energetic endeavors of the G. T. P. officials, has been overcome, meantime. The G. T. P. staff say that they are doing all in their power to obtain the prompt return of refrigerators.

#### WIRELESS PLANT AT MEXICO CITY

Washington, March 10.—Information has reached the government from a semi-official source that through the perfection of a powerful wireless telegraph plant in Mexico City direct communication between the Mexican capital has been established with Germany. Officials realize that if confirmed this news is of great importance, and an investigation has been ordered.

Through connection by way of Mexico City with the land telegraphs leading into the United States, Germany would be able to secure complete exemption from the censorship now imposed by the American government at the wireless stations at Sayville and Tuckerton, and by the British and French governments in their control of the Atlantic cables.

Far-reaching possibilities thus would be opened for the violation of American neutrality, or even the menacing of the national safety in the critical situation existing. Sea raiders and submarines might be directed, and full information concerning the departure of ships from American ports furnished. German agents in this country might keep in close touch with Berlin, and in case of war even more serious results might follow.

From the semi-official sources information has reached Washington that secret meetings are being held by Germans in Vera Cruz and Monterey to determine upon uniform action by Germans in Mexico in the event of an outbreak of war between the United States and Germany.

#### "MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY" STAR AT THE WESTHOLME

Tonight the Westholme screens a photoplay of great moment, featuring a great all-star cast, headed by Vivian Martin, the famous and bewitching beauty, and Sidney Brasey, the unique butler of "The Million Dollar Mystery" fame. Mutt and Jeff, the world's greatest tragedians, in their side-splitting antics are there with the funny stuff. The orchestra programme, as usual, will be well worth coming to hear for itself alone.

#### SUN AND TIDE

Tuesday, March 13th.  
Sun rises.....6:56 a. m.  
Sun sets.....6:24 p. m.  
High water.....3:7 a. m. Ht. 20.5  
Low water.....9:21 a. m. Ht. 5.5  
High water.....3:35 p. m. Ht. 17.5  
Low water.....9:24 p. m. Ht. 7.8  
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

The Lodge Valhalla of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America will give a whist drive and dance in K. of P. Hall Thursday, March 15th, at 8:30 p. m. Tickets 50c. Come and enjoy yourself. 62

#### CHANGE OF EMPERORS WANTED IN GERMANY

"If the fortunes of war are finally decided against the German Empire, then every one will awake to the fact that, in her own interests, the Hohenzollerns absolutely must, voluntarily or compulsorily, be relieved of their imperial functions." Such is one of the statements contained in the pamphlet recently published in Germany and promptly suppressed by the government there. It continues: "A mere glance at the newspaper articles of our enemies makes it obvious that in the Entente countries governments and people alike feel a deadly hatred for the present German emperor. It is against the Kaiser and his son that the most venomous attacks are directed. They are held responsible, not merely for the outbreak of the war, but also for all those acts of war about which our enemies assert that they are justified in complaining. This being so, how can anyone still believe that Britain, France and Russia will ever consent to negotiate with the present principle personages in Germany—that is to say, with William II. and his son?"

"We should remember the magnanimity with which Napoleon abdicated his position of Emperor, in order to enable his country to conclude peace and to obtain more lenient conditions from the victor. Is William II. capable of making such a sacrifice for the German nation as Napoleon made for the French nation?"

I am convinced that the Entente countries will be willing to resume peaceful commercial relations with a Germany which has rid herself of the Hohenzollerns. It would no doubt even be possible to approach the subject of colonies. If it were possible by a change of dynasty to give the Entente a guarantee that the influence of this party has once and for all been set aside and that the much desired 'place in the sun' will be no longer interpreted as meaning that everyone else is excluded therefrom, but in the sense of all sharing it alike, then a Greater Germany might emerge from this calamitous war."

This pamphlet, of which the above are extracts, shows very clearly the trend of thought of a large portion of the population of the German empire, but not including the Prussians. From this it seems to be realized that the Hohenzollern ideas and the further progress of Germany are incompatible. Just as France and Napoleon had to separate, so will Germany and William. It is interesting to note that this was written in Bavaria, the one part of Germany where the people have the freest constitution, and where the voice of the people is paid most attention to.

#### ATTENTION OF LADIES

We have received a consignment of spring suits and coats that is well worth while coming down town to see, no matter what the weather may be. Prices of the suits run from \$20 to \$42 and the coats from \$12 to \$27. No two are alike and we will order no duplicates. They will be on view for a few days only and will then be returned. If desired, we will put aside any of these on payment of a small deposit.

This is a rare opportunity to get the season's latest in a wide variety of choice and at very reasonable prices.

H. S. WALLACE CO., LTD.

Annual Concert in Methodist Church, Monday, March 12th, at 8 p. m. Tickets 25c. 61

#### ADVANCE BY THE BRITISH CONTINUED

In the Ancre Region the British Forward Movement Carries For Three More Miles—2 are Captured.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 12.—The advance against the retreating Germans was continued today for more than three miles on the Ancre front. The village of Arles has been attacked and captured from the enemy. The neighboring defences to the northeast of Grandcourt have also been taken and the enemy ejected. More than one hundred German prisoners were captured and with them fifteen machine guns. The Germans are fighting stubbornly in their retreat, but the pressure of the British never relaxes.

Paris, March 12.—To the south of the Ancre the fire from our batteries exploded an enemy munitions depot near Lechelle St. Aurin. Artillery fighting in the sectors of St. Hilaire, Legrand and Maisons de Champagne is going on in a very spirited manner. There is no infantry activity, the state of the terrain owing to the general thaw, making the movement of troops very difficult. The bombardment on the remaining part of the front is of an intermittent character. Our special anti-aeroplane guns have brought down an enemy aeroplane.

#### GETTING UNDER WAY IN THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Victoria, March 12.—This week promises to be a very busy one in the Provincial Parliament. Among the matters on the agenda for the week are, the new regulations to govern the civil service, the establishment of a superannuation fund, irrigation problems, arrangements for the completion of the P. G. E., and proposals for the establishing of the sugar beet industry.

#### VERY BUSY TIMES AT THE COLD STORAGE PLANT

With that perverseness which sometimes shows itself in human affairs, after waiting for weeks for supplies of herring to be frozen for bait, supplies are coming in faster than they can be handled. The freezing plant at Seal Cove is working to its fullest capacity, and has been all last week. It is reported that the Cold Storage people have had a scow load for themselves waiting to be frozen since Tuesday last, and up till Saturday, owing to the immense arrivals, it had been found impossible to get round to it. And the herring are still on the run.

The Baptist ladies will hold a 15c tea at the home of Mrs. Hal Peck, Fifth Avenue, next Wednesday, from 3 till 6 p. m. 61

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