

## ENEMY AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY FRENCH GUNNERS

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPEECH TO THE SENATE CREATES A FURORE

**His Action is Discussed by the Leading Newspapers---Copies of the Speech Sent to U. S. Diplomats---Some Terse Comments by Roosevelt.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Congress and the diplomatic corps, recovering somewhat from their bewildered amazement of yesterday, set themselves today deliberately and with varying emotions to consider action on President Wilson's address to the Senate submitting the results of his moves for peace in Europe and outlining the conditions under which he believes the United States would enter a world league for permanent peace.

The President asked the Senate for no action. He merely laid before the "counsel associated with him in the final determination of the country's international obligations what he has done and his views of the duty of the government in the days that are to come when it will be necessary to lay afresh and upon a new plan, the foundations of peace among the nations."

Copies of the address already are in the hands of American diplomats abroad for delivery to the foreign offices of belligerents and neutrals, and upon the nature of its reception there may depend whether there is going to be any more protracted discussions of peace in the near future.

#### The President Eagerly Awaits the Opinion of Americans on the Course He Has Championed

After summarizing his note to the belligerents, the reply of the Central Powers to meet their antagonists in a peace conference, and that of the Entente stating the general terms, what the President had to say about the immediate situation as expressed to the Senate, is: "We are that much nearer a definite discussion of the peace which shall end the present war. We are that much nearer the discussion of the international concert which must thereafter hold the world at peace."

While the President is looking to Europe with the most profound interest for the effect his pronouncement may have upon the governments and peoples of the warring nations, he awaits with equal eagerness the verdict to be given by the American public after mature deliberation upon the course he has championed before the world.

#### Colonel Roosevelt Thinks Speech Was Made to Conceal Ignominy and Shirking

OYSTER BAY, Jan. 23.—Labelling President Wilson's address as a grandiloquent promise "made in an attempt to conceal the pitiful ignominy and shirking" of the present administration, Colonel Roosevelt tonight took issue with the peace argument voiced Monday afternoon before the Senate.

Colonel Roosevelt said that until an emphatic stand is taken by the American government against the Belgian deportations, any statement about our "stand for righteousness in the nebulous future is both ridiculous and insincere."

#### Leading Newspapers Generally Commend President Wilson for Stand He has Taken

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Excerpts from newsjagers on President Wilson's speech follow:

New York World: "Our own belief is that President Wilson has enunciated the broad principle of liberty and justice upon which alone a durable peace is possible and under which the democracy of the world can ultimately come into its own."

New York Sun: "What Mr. Wilson is sworn to do is prescribed by the constitution. He is sworn to execute faithfully the office of President of the United States and to the best of his ability to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States. He is not sworn to execute faithfully the office of 'president of humanity.'"

#### New York Newspapers Think Wilson Has Removed the Obstacles to a World Peace

New York Times: "By one bold stroke President Wilson removes the obstacles to world peace guaranteed by the world

### SUSPICIOUS STEAMER WAS SIGHTED

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Jan. 23.—The American steamer Marin, trading between Santo Domingo and Porto Rico, which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Ponce, reported having sighted a suspicious steamer.

The stranger was seen in the vicinity of Vieques Island, otherwise known as Crab Island, about 13 miles east of Porto Rico.

### Liberal Senator Dies in the West

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 23.—Senator Davis died this morning at 3.30, following a period of unconsciousness lasting since yesterday afternoon.

Heart failure was the immediate cause of death.

#### PERSONAL

Mr. George Babbitt, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at St. Andrews, is in the city visiting relatives.

Miss Edith Emms left by the Valley Railway this afternoon for Lake George to take charge of the school there.

Mr. T. Albert Linton, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

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Mr. E. R. Machum, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. M. L. Sturgis, of Montreal, is among the commercial men at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. S. L. Lowther, of Toronto, is registered at the Queen.

over which our peace league folks have been wrangling. The President makes it clear that the only sort of peace the people of America could join in guaranteeing would be one that embodies the principles of the American government. By its very terms this might exclude it from a world league for peace, but the President will have the overwhelming support of the American people in declining to commit our government to any guarantee of European dynastic or national armament with which we could have no sympathy."

#### Hyphenated Opinion.

The New York Staats Zeitung says: "Upon the principles enunciated by the President yesterday must be based the only saving peace that can come to the world, and the only peace to the permanence of which the American people can willingly loan their support."

#### The Boston Globe.

The Boston Globe says: "What the road to peace needs is a half-way house. President Wilson's speech to the Senate is an attempt to build one. Together with the Allies' note to President Wilson, it has frustrated Germany's attempt to discredit the Allies by a peace feint. Exorbitant as they are, the Allies have stated terms. The President has, in a sense, stated our terms. This leaves the Teutonic powers the only ones who have not come out in the open."

#### A Pro-British Paper.

Providence Journal: "The mountain has brought forth a very small mouse. What single thought is there in all this cornucopia of words that was not fully stated, in an infinitely more direct and honest form by Mr. Balfour several days ago? President Wilson beckons the bleeding and suffering nations of the world towards him with his schoolmaster's cane and delivers a prize oration on the millenium, while civilization and the liberty of the world are battling for life in the shambles of a hundred bloody fields."

#### A Sympathetic View in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 23.—President Wilson's address to the Senate is printed in full by all the morning papers and comment as a whole is sympathetic but skeptical.

#### The Sinking of a Danish Steamer.

London, Jan. 23.—The Danish steamship Klampenborg, 1,785 tons, gross, has been sunk, according to an announcement today at Lloyds Shipping Agency. The Klampenborg was 265 feet long and was built at Newcastle in 1889.

### Danish Steamer Fired on By Rio Janiero Fortress

**Attempted to Steal Out of the Harbor Without Clearance Papers---Had on Board a Quantity of Provisions and Explosives Secured From German Ships.**

RIO JANEIRO, 23.—The Danish steamer Hammershus was fired on last night by the guns of the fort at Santa Ornin and halted, while trying to put to sea secretly after receiving a quantity of provisions, and, according to the correspondent, a large quantity of explosives, from the German ships anchored in the harbor. The Hammershus entered the port at ten o'clock last night and dropped its anchor close to the German ships. It took on board a large number of cases and then attempted to leave port.

The movements of the ship were observed from the fort, and it was signalled to stop. The signals were ignored until two cannon shots were fired, when the Hammershus halted and was boarded by the port police. The police compelled the steamer to anchor in the neighborhood of some Brazilian warships, where it is being kept under surveillance until an investigation can be carried out by the proper authorities.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—There was rather violent cannonading between the Oise and the Aisne last night, the War Office announced today. Elsewhere along the front in France quiet prevailed.

The statement also says: "One of our airplanes yesterday brought down a German airplane, which fell in our line near Navarin farm. In the region of Montmedy another German machine was subjected to machine gun fire at close range by one of our airplanes and was crushed as it fell to the ground within the enemy lines near Amel."

### President Wilson's Latest Outburst is Not Regarded Favorably by the London Press

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Standard refers to President Wilson's speech as astounding, and speaking of German claims of victory and the Emperor's letter to the King of Wurtemberg, continues: "In other words, mediation is premature, and if persisted in could be interpreted only as a desire to help the party which already claims to have won. Moreover, it is not clear by what title, legally or morally, President Wilson assumes that he has any right to shape the destinies of the European continent. He did not protest against the infringement of the Hague conventions. He has never expressed the smallest sympathy with the sufferings of France, Belgium, Serbia or Poland. We have heard his voice raised on behalf of suffering humanity only since Germany seemed virtually on the decline. It is really very hard to see what locus stand the United States can claim in this matter."

### Parliamentary Leaders of Central Powers Express Confidence in Outcome of the War

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Confidence in the strength of the Central Powers was expressed by speakers at a dinner given in Berlin to the presidents of the Teutonic powers' parliaments, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and several of his colleagues were present at the dinner. Dr. Karl Helfferich, German secretary of the interior, referring to the Entente's reply to the peace offer, said: "Our enemies must learn to understand that among us there is no military caste, but a great national army which, despite all, will hold on and be victorious by virtue of the divine right of existence of our people and their inexhaustible strength and readiness for sacrifice."

#### A SUBMARINE EXPECTED.

New London, Conn., Jan. 23.—A small tug entering the harbor early this morning with lights arranged in a numerical manner close to the water, gave rise to a report that a big German submarine had arrived, and it was not until daylight that the report was found to be untrue. Rumors that the Deutschland or a sister submarine soon would be here have been prevalent lately.

#### Gerard Makes Inquiry.

Berlin, Jan. 22, via London, Jan. 23.—U. S. Ambassador Gerard today made formal inquiry at the foreign office as to whether any Americans were among the neutral prisoners of war on board the steamer Yarrowdale, discussion of peace in the near future.