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PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT WILSON AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS NIPPED IN BUD BY TIMELY ARREST

HOBOKEN, March 7.—A wholesale bomb plot, which had for its fiendish object the assassination of President Wilson and other high officials of the government, was frustrated by the timely arrest of the leader of the nefarious enterprise in the person of Fritz Kolb; a German subject, last night, by government secret service operatives. Kolb, who is the leader of a small group of Germans, has been under suspicion for several weeks past, because of his outspoken antipathy to the American government. Secret service operatives followed him to his room in an obscure hotel in Hoboken late last night, placed him under arrest and made a vigilant search of the premises. In the room, hidden away in a well-concealed place, were found several bombs and a quantity of high explosives used in the making of bombs. When taken to police headquarters, Kolb is said to have confessed that he had intended to go to Washington today and "get the president and other high officials." He is a boastful fellow and seems not to comprehend the enormity of his contemplated crime. Secret service men are today employed in rounding up Kolb's alleged accomplices in the plot.

ITALIANS MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS ON TYROLEAN AND EAST FRONTS

BERLIN, March 7.—Reports from Vienna, received in Berlin today, admit that the Italian troops have made important gains on the Tyrolean and eastern fronts, against the opposing Austrian forces.

BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE.

LONDON, March 7.—The war office today reports that the British troops in France have made gains against the German forces on the Ancre front, northwest of Iries.

DR. GRAYSON'S NOMINATION IS AGAIN SENT TO THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, for rear-admiral in the medical corps of the United States navy. The senate refused to confirm this nomination at the last session of the congress, Senator Jones, of Washington, republican, leading the fight against the appointment. Grayson is the personal physician of the president and, if possible, the chief executive proposes to push his confirmation through. If the senate fails again to confirm the nomination, Grayson will be given a recess appointment.

PRIVATE GETS FIVE YEARS IN PEN FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO ENEMY

MINNEAPOLIS, March 7.—Paul L. Scharfenberger, a private in Company L, First Minnesota Infantry, national guard, has been sentenced to serve five years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, for furnishing military information to Germany. Scharfenberger was tried by court martial at San Antonio, Texas, regular army officers sitting on his case.

SOWERBY, DEMOCRAT WINS OVER RECK, REPUBLICAN, IN THE FIRST

JUNEAU, March 7.—With all the large precincts but two reporting, Isaac Sowerby, democrat, is elected representative over John Reck, republican, in the special election held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John G. Heid. Sowerby is elected by a large plurality over his opponent. The democrats regard his election as an endorsement of the delegate contest, and the position assumed by the democratic senators in the senate deadlock.

JUNEAU EMPIRE.

LABOR IS RECOGNIZED IN THE DECISIONS HANDED DOWN BY THE HIGHEST TRIBUNAL IN THE LAND

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The United States supreme court handed down a notable list of decisions yesterday, included in which are the following:

Upholds the Washington state industrial insurance act;
Upholds the New York state compulsory workmen's compensation act;
Upholds the Iowa state workmen's compensation code;
Ruled against Wernerhorn, the German reservist, accused of dynamiting the international bridge near Vanceboro, Maine;
British claimants of the German prize ship Appam at Newport News, won their suit to regain possession of the vessel;
The cargo clause in the tariff law granting five per cent discount in duties on imports brought to this country in American bottoms, is annulled on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

HOUSE ORGANIZES AND READY FOR BUSINESS, BUT SENATE REMAINS IN DEADLOCK, UNABLE TO PROCEED

JUNEAU, March 7.—(Special to The Times)—The senate of the Alaska legislative assembly is hopelessly deadlocked through inability to elect a permanent president. Three roll calls, taken yesterday afternoon, show that Senators Sulzer, Roman and Aldrich, democrats, and Sundback, republican, are lined up against Senator Heckman, Sutherland, Gaustad and Hubbard, Wickersham republicans. Aldrich is the candidate of the democrats and Hubbard is the candidate of the republicans. Hot words passed between Sulzer and Sutherland, in a debate on a motion to adjourn, which was lost. Finally the senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, to allow a committee to draw up a set of resolutions offering the aid of Alaskans to President Wilson in any emergency that may arise growing out of the international trouble. The senate convened at 4 o'clock, passed the resolutions, and then adjourned until 2 o'clock today.

House Organized.

The house perfected its organization yesterday by the election of Luther C. Hess, democrat, of Fairbanks, as speaker; A. H. Zeigler, democrat, of Juneau, as chief clerk, Thomas Williams, democrat, of Juneau, sergeant-at-arms, and Millard Murane, of Nome, messenger. After the appointment of a committee to consider applications for clerical help; another to notify the governor and a third to notify the senate of the organization of the house, adjournment was taken, in respect to the memory of Representative John G. Heid, of Juneau, who died in February.

JUDGE JENNINGS MAY RENDER HIS DECISION IN THE CONTEST TODAY

JUNEAU, March 7.—Judge Jennings has under consideration the mandamus writ in the delegate election contest and will probably render his decision some time today. Attorney General Grigsby made an extended argument in behalf of the contestant, Sulzer, maintaining that the Australian ballot system, provided for by the last session of the assembly, was mandatory. The canvassing board was not represented by counsel, but filed a comprehensive answer to the writ of mandamus, which seeks to compel the board to issue a certificate of election to the democratic candidate.

ANOTHER REPORT.

JUNEAU, March 7.—Judge Jennings took the delegateship contest under advisement late yesterday afternoon, when Attorney-General Grigsby, and Attorneys Hellenthal and Winn had completed their arguments in favor of Sulzer, the democratic candidate. The canvassing board filed an answer to the mandamus writ, admitting the facts alleged in Sulzer's application. No attorney appeared in behalf of the canvassing board. Judge Jennings asked the assemblage in court if anyone present desired to make an appearance for Delegate Wickersham, but nobody answered. Secretary Davidson, for the canvassing board, appeared and said the board had no intention to act in the matter, further than making the answer that had been filed with the court, and was prepared to follow the decision of the court in the issuance of the certificate of election. He asked that a decision be rendered as soon as possible.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY HOLDS THAT BELLIGERENT NATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WAR MEASURES

VIENNA, March 7.—Austria-Hungary's reply to the United States' inquiry with respect to the submarine campaign, which was made public today, says, in part:

"Whatever attitude the Washington cabinet may take as to individual questions raised here, the Austro-Hungarian government is essentially in accord with the American government in regard to the protection of neutrals against endangering their lives, but maintains that neutral subjects will have to bear themselves all losses they may suffer by entering territory where warlike operations are taking place. The principle that neutrals should enjoy, in war times, advantages of freedom on the seas, refers only to neutral vessels, and not to neutral passengers aboard enemy vessels."

The reply further contends that belligerents are entitled to decide for themselves what measures should be taken against an enemy in the matter of sea traffic.

BI-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION IS BEING DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A bi-partisan organization in the house of representatives, with Champ Clark as speaker and committee memberships and patronage equally divided as between the democrats and republicans is being discussed by democratic and republican members, who are remaining in Washington in anticipation of an extra session of the congress. It is now almost certain that an extra session will be called by the president, if the senate will amend its rules so that action may be taken on important measures. The bi-partisan organization planned is for the purpose of preventing the five independent members of the congress from holding up public business and attempting to dictate as to how the house shall be organized.

MODIFICATION OF SENATE RULES FAVORED BY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A modification of the rules of the senate, urged by President Wilson, to prevent further filibusters like the one that killed the armed neutrality bill and other important measures in the last senate, has virtually been agreed upon by a conference committee. The committee was composed of ten senators, five republicans and five democrats, selected by respective party caucuses.

PRESIDENT FAVORS CLOTURE RULE.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Wilson has entered the fight for cloture rules in the senate in all earnestness. Immediately after partaking of breakfast today, he summoned Senators Reed, Owen, Walsh, Swanson, Hoke Smith and James to the white house for a conference as to how to conduct the campaign. A fight will also be made against Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, in an effort to defeat his reappointment to this important chairmanship, because he aided LaFollette in the fight against the president's armed neutrality bill, which met defeat.

TONG WARS SIMULTANEOUSLY START IN THE COAST CITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Tong wars started simultaneously yesterday afternoon in San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, San Jose, Portland and Seattle. Five Chinese were killed outright, three were fatally wounded and three slightly wounded in the fights that occurred in the several cities, according to information received here.

PACIFIC COAST DEFENSE LEAGUE IS HEADED BY TACOMA BANKER

TACOMA, March 7.—Chester Thorne, a prominent and wealthy banker of Tacoma, has been elected president of the newly-formed Pacific Coast Defense league. The league is for the purpose of assisting the government in all possible ways, in the event of war with Germany.