

UNITED STATES DECISION IS NOT YET ANNOUNCED

In Regard To Germany's Threat To Sink Armed Merchantmen--Coming To The Opinion That The Allies Within Rights In Arming Merchant Ships.

(Special to the Whig) Washington, Feb. 16.—What the United States will say or do regarding the German intention to sink armed merchantmen...

Alies Within Their Rights. Washington, Feb. 16.—The United States, it was said by high authority at the State Department today, concedes that the Entente Allies are within their rights under prevailing international law in arming merchant ships for defensive purposes...

SUSPECTED AUSTRIAN GIVEN HIS FREEDOM

Augustus Prager, the young Austrian arrested a week ago on suspicion of being implicated in a plot, as the result of a letter he had sent through the Kingston post office, has been released...

AMERICAN CLUB IN TORONTO BURNED. Man Found Dead in Bed—The Caretaker May Die.

(Special to the Whig) Toronto, Feb. 16.—A ringing shot and the immediate burst of flames in the third story was the commencement of a \$20,000 fire, partly covered by insurance which destroyed the American Club here at 2:30 o'clock this morning...

MUCH MYSTERY ABOUT SHELL CONTRACTS.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Back of the organization and operations of the old Shell Committee and the new Munitions Board there seems to be what Sir Wilfrid Laurier described in Parliament yesterday afternoon as "much mystery"...

STEAMER FOUNDERS.

London, Feb. 16.—The Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 11, bound from Marseilles to Baltimore, foundered in a storm in the Atlantic. Her crew was landed at Plymouth 10-day.

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THE MONTENEGRINS HAVE REVOLTED

At the Ill-usage Accorded Them By the Austrians. Rome, Feb. 16.—Montenegrins in Vasojevic Plava and Gusinje districts, goaded by the ill-usage of the Austrians, have revolted with such vigor that the Austrian authorities have sent to Scutari for reinforcements...

ASKS GOVERNMENT FOR PEACE TERMS.

Members of British House of Commons Seek Information. (Special to the Whig) London, Feb. 16.—No fewer than fifty-five amendments to the address in reply to the King's speech were down for discussion when the debate was resumed in the House of Commons today...

METHODIST MINISTER ENLISTS AS PRIVATE.

Brantford, Feb. 16.—Rev. G. F. Morris, Methodist pastor at Caledonia, has enlisted as a private with the 114th Battalion at Dunnville, and is working for a non-commissioned officer's position...

THE ALLIES RENEW PLEDGE TO BELGIUM.

That They Will Insist Upon That Country's Independence. (Special to the Whig) London, Feb. 16.—The Allies today formally renewed to Belgium their solemn pledge that they will never consent to peace until Belgium's political and economic independence is completely established...

ERZERUM CAPTURED.

(Special to the Whig) London, Feb. 16.—The special correspondent of the Reuters Agency telegraphs that the Russians have captured the Turkish fortress of Erzerum.

TAKE JOYNESE'S VIEW.

Stipulations Effort By Germany To Ford Peace By Summer. New York, Feb. 16.—Take Joynece, former Roumanian minister of foreign affairs, and pro-entente leader, calling to the New York American from Bucharest, says: "I believe that Germany must make a last desperate effort to force peace next summer by a stupendous effort on either the French or Russian front..."

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CLAUDE GRAHAME-WHITE NOT WOUNDED. The famous aviator has denied that he was wounded in France. He has been in London for some time.

TWO SHIPS ARE BURNED

At Brooklyn Under Suspicious Circumstances. They Had Munitions AND WERE IN THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. The Loss is Four Million Dollars—Possible Bomb Plot—The Fire Spread Rapidly.

EXCHANGED PRISONER

TOLD NAPANESE AUDIENCE OF HIS EXPERIENCES. Sergt. Frederick Wells—Lost An Arm—A Woman Sent Up For Trial For Defamatory Libel.

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CANADA'S NEW WAR TAXES ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE

Individual Firms, Partnerships, And Associations, Whose Capital Is In Excess of \$50,000, To Come Under New Tax--All Munition Factories to be Taxed.

TAX SUMMARY. Tax of 25 per cent. of net profits of all organized companies and munitions factories in excess of 10 per cent. profits up on capital. Increase of a half cent per gallon on oils, except crude petroleum, illuminating or lubricating oils. Duty of 90 cents per barrel on apples. Former tariff was from 25 to 40 cents. Legislation to be introduced to oblige life insurance companies operating under licenses to invest during 1916 and 1917 certain portions of assets in currency bonds or debenture stock of the Dominion. Insurance companies domiciled outside Canada to invest during the same years in Canadian securities, one-half of the increase in net assets of 1915 and 1916. Government to issue debenture stock repayable in five years of \$100 and multiples thereon. Large portion of money required by Government in future will be raised by domestic loans. Revenue from taxation of profits estimated between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

TO MOBILIZE WOMEN IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Government Scheme to Care For Agricultural Needs of Nation. London, Feb. 16.—The London Daily News gives some details of the Government plans to organize a recruiting campaign for women to till the soil. It is proposed to issue an armlet to women willing to undertake farm work, and that they will be entitled to wear a special uniform. Every village will be canvassed by women's committees, and all who volunteer will be registered and given an armlet and uniform, which consists of a coat, stout boots, skirt and gaiters. These are to be issued at a low price. Already 250,000 women have been withdrawn from the field and agriculture, and it is anticipated that a further 100,000 will be lost to this occupation. Practically only the sheep herders, ploughmen and others who are indispensable will remain. It is essential that an army of at least 400,000 women be mobilized.

OPENING ON SATURDAY.

Not Finally Decided Who Will Command Institution. (Special to the Whig) London, Feb. 16.—It is understood that Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, Kingston, or Lieut.-Col. I. H. Cameron will command the new Government Hospital at Orpington, Kent, Eng. The opening ceremony is to be conducted on Saturday by Royal Law.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Baxter Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Lieut.-Col. E. S. Baxter, 114th Overseas Battalion of Cayuga, died in the General Hospital here yesterday from enteric fever, after an illness of one week. He was a son of the late Hon. Jacob Baxter, at one time Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, and was thirty-two years old.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Hotel to-night. Band at the Covered Walk to-night. See top of page 3, right hand corner for probabilities. Annual meeting Local Council of Women, City Council Chambers, Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Mothers' Council high tea at the Y.M.C.A. in aid of the Boys' Division, Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 6:30.

MARRIED.

MALLEN-McMAHON—in Kingston, on Feb. 15th, 1916, by Rev. Father Halligan, M.A., of St. John's, Kingston, Francis Mallen, both of this city. SHORRITT-CLARK—in St. George's Cathedral, on Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 1916, by the Very Rev. Dean Starr, M.A., D.D., assisted by the Rev. Canon Leitch, C.E.F., M.A., Marie Leitch, only daughter of the late William John Clark, and Mrs. Clara McCallion, both of St. George's. Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., son of the late Hon. William Allan Shorritt and Mrs. Shorritt, Staten Island, N.Y.

DIED.

MYERS—in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, on Feb. 15th, 1916, Teresa, beloved wife of Matthias Myers, of Ardoch, Ont. A solemn requiem mass will be sung at Ardoch for the happy repose of her soul—R.I.P. McALEER—in Bailton, on Feb. 15th, 1916, by Rev. Father Halligan, M.A., of St. John's, Kingston, a funeral from her late residence Thursday morning at 9:30 to St. Patrick's Church, Bailton, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 10 o'clock for the repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. THERIAULT—in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, on February 15th, 1916, Catherine, dearly beloved wife of Francis Theriault. Funeral (private) from the family residence, 11 Concession street, on Thursday morning to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 9:30 o'clock for the happy repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are kindly invited to attend the mass.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS AND WOMEN OF THE WORLD. We are not here to drift, We have hard work to do, Shun not the struggle, God's gift, —The LADY FREEMAN.