

WILSON INSISTS ON PRESS GAG; NEW FIGHT NEAR

President's Letter to the House Says Power Is Vital to Safety.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
Washington, D. C., May 22.—(Special.)
—A renewed fight over the censorship provision of the espionage bill and the creation of a political issue on the question will be the result of the president's statement today that censorship "is absolutely necessary to the public safety" and the declaration of the Republican caucus of the house against the proposition.

President Wilson expressed his opinion in a letter today to Chairman Webb of the house judiciary committee, in which he said:

"I have been much surprised to find several of the public prints stating that the administration had abandoned the position which it so distinctly took, and still holds—that authority to exercise censorship over the press to the extent that censorship is embodied in the recent action of the house of representatives is absolutely necessary to the public safety. It, of course, has not been abandoned, because the reasons still exist why such authority is necessary for the protection of the nation.

Fears Mischief by Press.
"I have every confidence that the great majority of the newspapers of the country will observe a reticence about everything whose publication could be of injury, but in every country there are some persons in a position to do mischief in this field who cannot be relied on, and whose interests or desires will lead to actions on their part highly dangerous to the nation in the midst of a war. I want to say again that it seems to me imperative that powers of this sort should be granted."

The conferees on the espionage bill, following the receipt of this letter, practically agreed on the Gard amendment, which the president referred to as "the recent action of the house of representatives." The conferees report probably will be brought into the house tomorrow and may be taken up immediately.

Republicans Oppose Bill.
Practically the whole of the Republican membership of the house and many Democrats, headed by Speaker Champ Clark, will oppose the Gard amendment. The senate, by a decisive vote, has declared against a censorship, and even should the administration have enough power to force the Gard amendment through the house, it may fall in the senate.

Clubaugh Acts on Strike.
Hinton G. Clubaugh, division superintendent of the bureau of investigation, yesterday took steps which he said may end the strike of 200 machinists employed by the Lewis Victor Engine company, 2255 Oakdale avenue, manufacturers of engines for submarine chasers and aeroplanes.

CROSS BATS FOR RED CROSS Herald and Tribune Art Departments Will Play Benefit Game.



GRAND BALL GAME for the PENNANT!

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CUBS PARK SUNDAY MAY TWENTY SEVENTH 1917

ARTISTS of THE TRIBUNE and Herald will engage in a game of baseball at Cubs park on the north side next Sunday for the benefit of the Red Cross. Game will be called at 2 p. m.

The Tribune team will be composed of John T. McCutcheon, Ring Lardner, Sidney Smith, Dom C. Lavin, Garrett Price, Bob Blake, O. G. Lundberg, Henry Koropp, William Donahay, Carry Orr, Raymond Mehrens, Frank King, Herbert Stoops, Cyrus Foy, and Raymond Sisaly.

The Herald's lineup will comprise: E. C. Segar, Bud Willard, D. McCarthy, Hugh Cash, Bill Wisner, Ar-

**S. M. Felton to Direct
Shipment of Army Abroad**
Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago and Great Western railroad, has been selected by the United States authorities to take charge of arrangements for sending regiments of railroad men to France. Mr. Felton some time ago was appointed by the Council of National Defense as adviser to the chief of army engineers in relation to railroad affairs. Mr. Felton yesterday denied he would resign his position to go to France. The government plan is to send 10,000 skilled men to France to operate and maintain the railways behind the lines.

**Master Steamfitters
Give \$1,000 to Red Cross**
The Chicago Master Steamfitters' association in a meeting at the Hotel Sherman last night decided to abandon the annual outing this summer and donate \$1,000, which has been expended for the purpose each year, to the American Red Cross association.

News for William Smith.
Mrs. Ann Smith of Gary, Ind., yesterday asked Chief of Police Herman F. Schuttler to search for William Smith, her husband, who disappeared in November. Mrs. Smith said their daughter, Dorothy, 11 years old, is near death as the result of an operation and their son, Roy, 9 years old, is also ill.

MILITARY HONOR FOR BURIAL OF NURSE SUNDAY

Leagues Unite for Funeral of Miss Helen Burnett Wood in Evanston.

Miss Helen Burnett Wood, one of the two Red Cross nurses killed Sunday by fragments from a shell during target practice on the ship taking her to France, will be buried at Evanston on Sunday with full military honors. Public funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church in Evanston on Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. D. H. Jones officiating.

The body of Mrs. Edith Ayres, the other nurse killed in the accident, will be shipped direct to her home at Attica, O., where services will be held.

Funeral services for both will be held in New York this evening by the New York chapter of the American Red Cross.

The bodies of Miss Wood and Mrs. Ayres will be shipped to their homes by the war department. In a telegram to Miss Anna Wood last night, the depot quartermaster at New York said her sister's body would arrive Friday morning. Relatives will remove the body directly to Evanston.

Capt. W. A. Moffett, commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training station, will send a detachment of snijackets and the station band to participate in the funeral, and these will be augmented by detachments from the local national guard regiments.

A movement to place a bronze memorial tablet in the Illinois Training School for Nurses, from which Mrs. Ayres was graduated, and another in the Evanston

FATE Letter Tells How Shell Killed Nurses as They Stood in Group.

INTIMATE details of the death of Miss Helen Burnett Wood and Mrs. Edith Ayres and the injury of Miss Emma Matzen were related in a letter received yesterday by a friend of a nurse accompanying base hospital No. 12. It was written on the way of the accident. The letter says that the physicians and nurses were given accommodations of first class passengers, with the best of food, but that the 133 enlisted men, most of them students from Northwestern university, were placed in the steerage and given poor food. Extracts from the letter follow:

"We were all grouped on the upper deck, watching and were so happy and sort of carefree. Then some one said: 'Some one is shot!' I turned and saw Edith Ayres on her face on the deck and Emma Matzen holding her coat where a big hole had been torn. Edith had a temple wound which took her off instantly. Miss Wood, the Evanston nurse, was shot in the heart. Emma had only a flesh wound in the hip and one in the arm. She is all right unless infection sets in. How or why the rest of our little family escaped I don't know, for we were all together in a little group, and the Evanston girl and several doctors stood in another group beside us.

"We were all more or less expecting to be torpedoed, but this accident took us off our feet—coming so soon and from such an unexpected source. Did I tell you that the shell was defective and that it exploded as soon as it left the gun barrel? I've really been unable to ascertain the exact truth, but they say the ammunition was to blame. I understand that the gun had not been tested before."

hospital, from which Miss Wood was graduated, has been started by the Illinois medical reserve corps, headed by Maj. D. A. K. Steele.

It was reported from New York last night that Miss Emma Matzen was doing nicely.

U. S. SHIPS USING SHELLS MADE FOR WAR WITH SPAIN

Daniels Blames Defective Ammunition for Prema- ture Explosions.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
Washington, D. C., May 22.—(Special.)
—The use of old ammunition left over from the Spanish-American war was responsible for the premature bursting of shells fired from the St. Louis, Mongolia and other armed merchantmen, according to a statement issued today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Defective ammunition, however, was not the cause of the accident which killed the two Chicago nurses on the Mongolia. Mr. Daniels stated that all ammunition manufactured prior to 1900 had been retired from use on armed merchantmen and warships prior to the voyage of the Mongolia on which the nurses were killed.

Reports on Defective Shells.
In a report on defective ammunition submitted to Secretary Daniels by Rear-Admiral Earle, chief of the bureau of ordnance, the chief says:

"The development of modern ordnance has been extremely rapid, and the comparative freedom of our navy from serious accidents in connection therewith has been a source of satisfaction to the service, but mishaps with ordnance material cannot be absolutely prevented.

Explosives Vary in Tests.
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