



GERMANY PUTS BLAME ON FOE

Sinking of Lusitania Declared Justified.

VESSEL IS HELD CRUISER

Britain Accused of Protecting Munition Cargo With American Lives.

ISSUE OF FACT RAISED

As to Gulfight and Cushing, Note Says Errors Will Be Paid For.

BERLIN, May 30.—Germany, in its reply to the United States, flatly declares the sinking of the Lusitania to have been justified on the grounds of self-defense. The Lusitania, it contends, carried ammunition to be used in killing German soldiers. It is also contended that the Lusitania was an auxiliary cruiser of the British navy; that she was armed and that she carried Canadian troops, as well as war material.

No indication of desire or intention of abating the submarine plan of warfare is given in the German reply. The note, however, is not framed as a direct answer to the American demands, but is rather an ad interim reply, setting forth that certain facts are first to be decided on before the main issues are discussed by the two governments.

Sparing of Neutrals Intended. The Berlin government takes up first the cases of the Gulfight and the Cushing. It says these are now being investigated, but that it is not Germany's intention to submit neutral ships on the high seas, guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks. When neutrals through no fault of their own are damaged Germany will pay indemnification, she says.

The case of the Falaba also is mentioned, and in this instance it is declared that the captain of the ship is himself to blame because of his efforts to escape and to summon aid.

Destruction of Lusitania Upheld. The declaration that the Lusitania had cannon aboard and was an auxiliary cruiser of the British navy is made strongly. All blame for the destruction of the vessel is placed on the British owners of the vessel, who are accused of attempting "deliberately to use the lives of American citizens as protection for the ammunition aboard and acted against the clear provisions of the American law, which expressly prohibits the forwarding of passengers on ships carrying ammunition and provides a penalty therefor."

The reply says it deems these circumstances "important enough to recommend them to the attentive examination of the American Government."

Early Proposals Recalled. The reply says that final decision on the demands of the United States is withheld until receipt of an answer to the preliminary note, but it reminds the United States that it "took cognizance with satisfaction" of the mediatory proposals submitted by the United States to Berlin and London as a basis for a modus vivendi for maritime warfare.

The realization of these proposals, says the reply, "was defeated, as is well known, by the declinatory attitude of the British government."

Full Text of Note Given. The text of the note is as follows: "The undersigned has the honor to submit to Ambassador Gerard the following answer to the communication of May 25, regarding the injury to American interests through German submarine warfare:

"The imperial government has subjected the communication of the American Government to a thorough investigation. It entertains also a keen wish to co-operate in a frank and friendly way in clearing up a possible misunderstanding which may have arisen in the relations between the two governments through the events mentioned by the American Government.

Cushing and Gulfight Taken Up. "Regarding, firstly, the cases of the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

WHITE STAR LINER ELUDES PURSUER

MEGANTIC OUTRUNS SUBMARINE OFF IRISH COAST

Alarm Caused in Queenstown by S. O. S. Call Is Soon Allayed—British Steamer Sunk With Shells.

QUEENSTOWN, May 30.—The White Star liner Megantic, with a large number of passengers, from Liverpool to Montreal, was chased by a submarine off the south coast of Ireland today but escaped.

Considerable alarm was caused here early today, when a S. O. S. call was received from the liner, reporting that a submarine had been sighted. The first message was soon followed, however, by another saying that the Megantic had outdistanced the submarine and that she was then 60 miles south-east of Cork harbor.

Later a third message was received from the steamer's captain, reporting that he had evaded the submarine, that his ship was well to the westward and that he was proceeding on his voyage with all on board well.

BARRY, Wales, May 30.—The British steamer Tulochmoor, 350 tons, was shelled and sunk by a German submarine Friday night. The crew escaped and landed here. The Tulochmoor was in ballast from Genoa for South Shields. The Tulochmoor, which was 310 feet long, with a beam of 45.5 feet, was built in 1899. She was owned by the Moor Line, Limited, of Newcastle, England.

FOES USE GERMANS' LIGHT

Ruse Employed to Cause Fuse Firing, When Darkness Is Dense.

PARIS, May 9.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A specialist writes from the trenches telling how light is drawn from the Germans when a soldier wants to see "that time it is at night and has no match."

"What time is it?" asked a young recruit of the class of 1914 at his listening post in the advanced trenches. "No had a match and it was too dark to make out the time."

"If you want a light, said a territorial, who had passed the trench, "the position is this: you have only to open a sharp fire on the trenches yonder."

The suggestion was set on, and after a few shots in quick succession a star seemed to open out in the sky overhead. Fearing a surprise attack, the Germans had sent up a fuse to light the position.

"Now you can see your watch," said the territorial, "but don't try the ruse too often."

STEEL MEN DUE TODAY

Visitors From Convention to Take Trips About Portland.

Members of the American Iron, Steel and Heavy Hardware Association who have been attending the convention in San Francisco, will arrive in Portland by special at 6 o'clock this morning, under the auspices of the Marsters Tour Company, and will be here through the day.

Under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, arrangements have been made for their reception and entertainment. A sightseeing trip about the city will be one of the features of the day. The visitors will also visit the principal local steel plants.

In the itinerary booklets issued by the tour company, Portland was rated as the most important commercial and most beautiful scenic attraction on the trip.

SUBMARINE CARRIES MOVIE

Germans Film Their Torpedo Attack on Merchantman.

NANTES, May 9.—The captain of the three-master Chateaubriand, of Nantes, sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, declares that a cinematograph operator photographed the different phases of the attack and sinking of the Chateaubriand from the platform of the submarine.

The crew of the General de Souza that escaped from a submarine has also arrived here. Their ship was being towed by the steamer when the submarine appeared. The Homer secured the cable and tried to run the submarine. The latter being obliged to maneuver to avoid the blow, both the Homer and the General de Souza were able to escape, followed by the fire of the submarine. The struggle lasted an hour.

CHERRIANS CHARTER TRAIN

Rose Festival to Be Seen by 100 Club Members From Salem.

SALEM, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—The Cherrians have decided to charter a train of the Southern Pacific Company to go to Portland to attend the Rose Festival June 11. It will arrive in Portland in time for Salem's great bonfire and participate in the parade in the morning parade. A dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, where headquarters have been engaged.

About 100 members of the organization with their families and friends probably will go to the metropolis on the special train.

Bishop O'Reilly to Celebrate. MOUNT ANGEL, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—The Right Rev. Charles O'Reilly, bishop of the diocese of Baker, will celebrate the anticipation of the silver jubilee of his ordination Tuesday, at the Abbey Chapel, by a pontifical high mass. In the afternoon there will be an entertainment in the big auditorium of the college in honor of the bishop. The silver jubilee properly will be celebrated June 30 at the Cathedral of Baker City.

Ammunition Consumption Great. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, May 12.—(Special.)—Between Saturday and Tuesday, May 8 to 11, the British artillery fired 1,500,000 rounds of shells.

VON JAGOW HOPES TO SETTLE FACTS FIRST

Reason for Ad Interim Note Explained.

ORIGINAL OFFER IS OPEN

Submarines Will Cease if Food Embargo Is Raised.

PRINCIPLE IS ASSERTED

German Foreign Secretary Says His People Resent British Attempts to Force Nation to Kneel by Economic Means.

BERLIN, May 30, via London, May 31.—Gottlieb von Jagow, the imperial German Foreign Secretary, today received the correspondent of the Associated Press and outlined the reasons which impelled the German government to send an ad interim note to the United States Government instead of a final and definite reply to the American representations regarding the Lusitania and other ships that have been torpedoed and Germany's submarine policy.

"The issues involved," said Herr von Jagow, "are of such importance and the views in regard to the Lusitania show such variance that the German government believes it essential to attempt to establish a common basis of fact before entering into a discussion of the issues involved."

Basis of Fact Desired. "We hope and trust that the American Government will take the same view of the case and let us know in what points their understanding on the facts differs from the German viewpoint as set forth in the note, and in what points they agree, before looking for a direct answer to their communication."

"The American note, of course, leaves the way open for a preliminary discussion of the situation, as suggested in the German note. I hope that such a common basis of fact, once established, may serve as the groundwork for further conversations."

The minister was unwilling to give a more definite outline or to comment on the suggestion that arrangement might be reached on a basis of an inspection and certification by the American Government of passenger ships not carrying war cargoes, pointing out that he did not feel entitled to anticipate, as the other departments of the government must be heard before suggestions could be definitely taken up or discussed.

Authoritative Statement Suggested. Dr. von Jagow expressed pleasure at the newspaper announcement that American liner steamers were not carrying contraband, but he suggested the advisability of supplementing such (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

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THE Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 73.8 degrees; minimum, 48.5 degrees. TODAY'S—Probably fair; cooler; westerly winds.

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BERRY SHIPPING RENEWED Hood River Product Reaches High Standard of Excellence.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—With the cessation of rains the local strawberry crop has again reached the standard of excellence of former years. Sunday was a busy day for growers, and three carloads of fruit were shipped tonight to the Applegrowers' Association.

The berry season will reach its height in the latter part of the week, and seven carloads of the fruit will be sent to market by local shippers each day.

GERMAN MACHINE GUN FINE Extraordinary Number in Use One of Chief Troubles of Allies.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, May 8.—It is still obvious that the extraordinary number of machine guns used by the Germans is one of the chief troubles of the allied forces. The German weapon is a fine one and in their preparation for war the Germans have trained large numbers of men to its use and have studied its tactics as carefully as they have those of the regular artillery.

The machine gun requires tactics of its own, and some military experts say that it takes two years to train a man thoroughly in its use.

Russia Employs Detectives. Defectives were employed by the Russian government, and for two weeks have been guarding the Hazel Dollar. Walter R. Thayer, local representative of the detective agency guarding the steamer, said tonight he believed an infernal machine had been concealed among the cases of dynamite stored on the scow, with the expectation that the explosive soon would be placed aboard the steamer.

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\$40,000 DAMAGE IS DONE TO WINDOWS

Seattle Plate Glass Wrecked by Explosion.

DYNAMITE SCOW IS BLOWN UP

Wide Scope of Territory Is Set to Trembling.

INCENDIARY IS SUSPECTED

Fifteen-Ton Dangerous Cargo Billed for Russia Destroyed and Official Scouts Accident Idea. Watchman Thought Dead.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 30.—Fifteen tons of dynamite, stored on a scow anchored in the west waterway, said to have been awaiting shipment to Russia, exploded at 2 o'clock this morning and caused damage estimated at \$40,000 to plate-glass windows in Seattle. An unidentified watchman who is supposed to have been guarding the dynamite is missing and doubtless was killed.

Roy Lillico, manager of the Lillico Launch & Towboat Company, who had supervision of the explosive, said he had hired the watchman Saturday without learning his name to take the place of two men who previously guarded the scow in a launch, but who had been sent to Tacoma for a tow.

Accident Theory Sounded. The cause of the explosion has not been determined, but Port Warden Payne is of the opinion that it was not accidental.

The explosive was brought to Seattle from San Francisco on the steamer F. S. Loop, May 13, and was transferred to the scow upon the steamer's arrival. Mr. Lillico said the explosive was awaiting the arrival of a steamer to take it to Russia.

The explosive was to be shipped to Vladivostok on the steamer Hazel Dollar, now loading army supplies at Tacoma. It became known tonight that two weeks ago the Russian Consul in San Francisco received information that an attempt would be made to blow up the Hazel Dollar before she left port.

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COUPLE SEASICK IN SEA WEDDING

YOUNG TOUPOUS FOLK ELOPE; TIES KNOT.

ence R. Altree and Blanche M. Bateman Board Ollie S. and Are Married on Ocean.

NEWPORT, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—Cupid played another prank with love, when he led a young couple, Lawrence R. Altree and Miss Blanche M. Bateman, of Toledo, to elope this afternoon and get married at sea. This was the first marine marriage performed off Newport, and Captain Louis Carner officiated on board the launch Ollie S. nine miles off Yaquina Bay.

Friendly zephyrs blew, mermaids played about and two coast-wise steam schooners passed the Ollie S. as Captain Carner pronounced the participants man and wife. The bride is just 18 years old, and was graduated from Toledo High School this month. The bridegroom, who is 21, was graduated two years ago from the same school, which they attended together and where the romance was commenced.

The crafty skipper, who had smuggled some rice and old shoes on board, distributed the rice and ran the shoes up the flagstaff, an unmistakable engagement.

All went well until the return voyage was commenced, when the bride became quite seasick, and the bridegroom, unused to the rolling of a ship, himself became too dizzy to render much assistance to his spouse.

M. POINCARÉ TEETOTALER French President Says It Is Easy to Comply With "Drys" Request.

PARIS, May 30.—Raymond Poincaré, the President of the French Republic, today, replying to a request made by the National Anti-Alcoholic League, sent through his secretary the following letter:

"You ask the President of the Republic to follow the example of other heads of states and make an agreement to abstain from all spirituous liquors during the war. That is an engagement the President takes willingly and without difficulty, not only for the duration of the war, but even afterward. He never drinks alcoholic liquors."

TEACHERS PREFER TANGO Marriage and Wanderlust Add Desires at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—Marriage and the lure of the tango, one-step and other enticing capers of the fantastic toe, to say nothing of wanderlust, have combined to change the Ashland schools, many members of whom resigned with the close of the present term.

Several are to wed. Others quit because the School Board held that dancing at a social given to further civic improvement was naughty and so advised the teachers who indulged. A few just wanted to seek new locations.

SERBIANS TO AID ITALY Belgrade Says Reorganized Army Is Ready to Take Offensive.

GENEVA, Switzerland, via Paris, May 30.—News from Belgrade says that the Serbian army has been reorganized and is taking the offensive to aid the Italians.

The Swiss government decided today to mobilize the first and third divisions of reserves, numbering about 70,000 men.

Sunday's War Moves AROUND the great fortress of Przemysl a mighty battle still is raging. The Austro-German armies are making a supreme effort to cut off the stronghold and free these armies for operations against Italy and the allies in the West.

Although great human sacrifices are being made, their progress lately has been extremely slow, as the Russians have had time to bring up large reinforcements of both men and heavy artillery.

North of the fortress the Russians appear to be more than holding their own, but on the southeast the Austrians and the Germans say they have made further headway and now command with their artillery the railway between Przemysl and Grodek, which runs just south of the main line between Przemysl and Lemberg. From the latter town the Russians draw a large portion of their reinforcements and supplies.

The battle still is undecided and hopes run high in the allied camps that the Russians will be able to hold their lines until the advance of the Italians and the strengthening of the Anglo-French army compels the Germans to withdraw part of their armies from Galicia.

In the West there has been considerable fighting along the Yser Canal, where the French report the occupation of German trenches and the vicinity of Neuville-St. Vaast, where the French made an advance of about a quarter mile.

The German official statement says that after a 10-hour artillery attack to the east of the Yser Canal the allies were repulsed.

Another steamship, the Tulochmoor, has been sunk by a German submarine, while considerable alarm was caused yesterday by the report that the White Star liner Megantic, bound from Liverpool to Montreal, with many passengers aboard, was being chased. The liner, however, escaped.

POLITICAL BEE IN CLUBBOON BUZZING

Women of Federation Here for Council.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS START

Georgie A. Bacon, of Worcester, Mass., Often Mentioned.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD

Mrs. Solomon Hirsch Hostess to Visitors at Luncheon—Many Enjoy Auto Ride Around City. Council Reception Tonight.

The political bee is beginning to buzz, gently 'tis true, but it buzzes, nevertheless, among the women of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The council meeting that will open here with a reception in the Hotel Multnomah tonight will be an occasion when matters of wide interest to the clubs of the country will be discussed and weighed.

New plans of organization and work will be suggested. But definite action will be left to the biennial session which will be held in New York City in 1918. No officers are elected this year, but in the meantime the workers are looking ahead. The question is being whispered, "Who will be the next president? What names will be put up for election at that great meeting a year hence?"

Miss Bacon Is Mentioned. The name that is heard from many is that of Miss Georgie A. Bacon, of Worcester, Mass. Miss Bacon is a second vice-president of the General Federation and a woman of acknowledged ability. She is unable to be present at this council, as her father is seriously ill, and her co-workers say that her counselings will be greatly missed.

Another woman suggested for presidential honors is Miss Mary Garrett Hay, of New York. She is in Portland now and is a general favorite, with ability and charm as her assets.

The clubwomen who are guests in Portland enjoyed yesterday in different ways. The board was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, the delegates went for auto trips, and at 5 o'clock there was a Memorial day service in the Hotel Multnomah. Dr. Luther B. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational Church, gave an eloquent address in which he held up as the ideal of the future, universal brotherhood of man, peace for all nations, and a United States of the World as one country.

Musical Programme Given. Mrs. Evans presided and Mrs. Warren E. Thomas was in charge of the music and played the accompaniments for the quartet, including Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, Joseph P. Molder and Tom J. Zan. They sang two appropriate selections and Mr. Zan contributed a solo.

At the conclusion of the service Dr. Dyott paid tribute to the splendid work of the women, and Dr. Mary Thompson, the "youngest clubwoman," aged 96 years, was introduced. Mrs. Pennybacker did not attend the service.

The general federation board met again last night and will hold conference today. The reception tonight at the Multnomah will be for clubwomen and their husbands or invited men. The business sessions will begin promptly at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Governor Whitcomb, Mayor Albee and Mrs. Evans will give the short addresses of welcome, to which Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, the vice-president, will respond.

Mrs. Hirsch Is Hostess. The luncheon at which Mrs. Solomon Hirsch was hostess was in every particular a delightful affair. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, the president of the General Federation, Mrs. E. Stone and a few other prominent women were guests. The handsome residence at St. Clair and Washington streets was gay with the blossoms of many flowering plants and an atmosphere of hospitality prevailed. The table was centered with pink gladiolas, and each place was marked with a corsage bouquet of pink sweet peas and maidenhair fern.

Covers were laid for Mrs. Pennybacker, of Austin, Tex.; Miss Anna Johnson, of Ohio, who represented Mrs. Samuel E. Sneath, vice-president; Mrs. Harry L. Keeffe, of Waltham, Neb.; Mrs. Eugene Kelley, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. W. H. Williams, of Lapeer, Mich.; treasurer; Mrs. C. H. McMahon, of Salt Lake; Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Francis D. Everett, of Highland Park, Ill.; Mrs. William P. Harper, of Seattle; Miss Mary Garrett Hay, of New York; Miss of the Idaho Federation; Mrs. E. M. Blumauer, a member of the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women; Miss Hirsch and the hostess.

Husband Accompanies Delegate. Mrs. A. H. Hildreth, president of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, is one of the fortunate few who is traveling with her husband and so she doesn't need a "colonel" to look (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

