

TERSE NOTE TO GO TO GERMANY

Wilson to Leave No Doubt As to Purpose,

CABINET TO ACT TODAY

President to Issue Statement on Situation in Mexico Today.

GERMAN NOTE TO FOLLOW

Alone, Executive Works Out Problem and Belief Is Action Will Be Sharp.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—President Wilson intends so to shape the course of the United States Government in the international crisis which has arisen as to leave no doubt abroad of the country's purpose not only to speak, but if necessary to act, for the cause of humanity.

Two things were virtually determined by the President today in the solemn atmosphere with which Memorial day enveloped the National capital.

Brief Note Is Decided On.

First, that Germany's avoidance of the larger questions of humanity and the spirit of international law by a technical argument on a hitherto undisputed point in the statutes of nations—the exercise of the right of visit and search by war craft when encountering merchantmen, whether carrying contraband or not—must be met promptly by a note again setting forth briefly the facts as found by investigation of officials here as to the cargo and peaceful equipment of the Lusitania, and reiterating the earnest intention of the United States to hold the German government to a strict accountability for all violations of American rights on the high seas.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has been granted an interview with the President for Wednesday noon, but unless he brings some proposal from his government regarding answering the demands of the United States differently from the one just received from the German Foreign Minister—a circumstance which is doubted in well-informed quarters—the President's course as framed by him in consultation with his Cabinet tomorrow will not be materially affected.

German Statement Due Today.

Second, that notwithstanding the critical situation with Germany, there shall be issued tomorrow the statement which has been in preparation for several days to be communicated to the leaders of all factions in Mexico, serving notice that unless they themselves bring to an early end the deplorable conditions which their warfare has wrought, some other means will be found by the United States in the interest of humanity to save the millions of non-combatant Mexicans from the throes of starvation and further devastation of property.

Tomorrow the President will lay before the Cabinet both questions. The effect of the warning to Mexico, the President hopes, will be the coalition within the next few weeks of the best elements in the southern republic to form a provisional government to which the United States and other countries can accord early recognition.

Mexican Problem Overshadowed.

The tense situation produced by the receipt of an unyielding reply from Germany to the request of the United States for reparation for the 100 American lives lost in the sinking of the Lusitania and guarantees against the destruction of American lives or property in the future overshadowed the Mexican problem as well as all other governmental activities today.

VETERAN, AGED 94, WALKS IN PARADE

CHILDREN BOMBARD LINE AT EUGENE WITH ROSES.

Soldiers of Civil War March 75 Strong to Honor Departed Comrades—No Death Mars Year.

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—"Comrade" B. S. Wakefield, said to be the oldest Grand Army veteran in the United States, took part in today's Decoration day ceremonies. Although 94 years old, he was able to march in the parade and appear before his fellow veterans at the cemetery. He was 44 years old when the war ended, having been a member of Company C, Seventy-first, Ohio regiment.

A feature of the parade in today's exercises was the bombardment with thousands of roses by school children as the 75 veterans marched past. Volley after volley was thrown at them, until they were almost blinded by the shower of petals. Several hundred school children marched in the parade, each carrying an American flag. The parade was headed by the band, and the old soldiers, on foot, were escorted by two companies of the Coast Artillery Corps.

PRINCE, 12, IS SOLDIERLY

Heir to Italian Throne Keenly Interested and Popular, Too.

ROME, May 31.—Crown Prince Humbert, although only 13 years old, is showing a keen and intelligent interest in military affairs, which is winning the affections of the people of Rome.

ZEPPELINS VISIT LONDON

Many Fires Reported, but Are Not Laid to German Airmen.

LONDON, June 1.—The official press bureau issued the following announcement last night:

PIUTES VIOLATING PAROLE

Renegade Indians Quit Reserve; Roam Country, Threaten Whites.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 31.—The renegade Piutes, of Southern Utah, are violating their promise to General Scott to remain inside the reservation, are roaming over the country and making threats against the white inhabitants, according to A. H. Spencer, of the Mexican Hat, Utah, trading post, who arrived at Farmington, N. M., today.

JAPAN TO INCREASE ARMY

24,000 Men to Be Added and Three Submarines to Be Built.

TOKYO, May 31.—The budget committee of the House today approved the project to increase the standing army of Japan. The measure provides for the addition of two divisions, or about 24,000 men.

PRESBYTERY NOT TO UNITE

General Assembly Adopts Report Eliminating Possibility.

PONIES TO BE USED IN WAR

Belgium to Replace Gun-Drawing Dogs With Shetlands.

LETTER FROM TRIAL JUDGE AIDS FRANK

Husband Calm on Night of Crime, Wife Says.

PRISON BOARD ENDS HEARING

No Opposition to Commutation of Death Penalty Voiced.

NOTED MEN MAKE PLEAS

Judge Who Tried Case Leaves Letter Saying He Never Was Convicted of Prisoner's Guilt and Recommends Delay.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 31.—Hearing of Leo M. Frank's application for commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment was completed here late today before the State Prison Commission. The Commission's recommendation probably will be transmitted within the next ten days to the Governor, who will take final action on the appeal. No opposition to the application was presented.

WIRELESS BOMB IS HINTED

Possible Cause of Princess Irene Explosion Is Suggested.

LONDON, May 31.—The suggestion has been made in the Evening Standard, by Fred T. Jane, the naval author, that the steamer Princess Irene was blown up by a German wireless device. The Princess Irene, an auxiliary in the British navy, was blown up last week in Sheerness Harbor with a loss of more than 200 lives.

40 SHIP PASSENGERS DIE

Lives Lost in Fire That Destroyed Swedish Vessel.

LONDON, June 1.—The Morning Post Stockholm correspondent says: "Forty passengers have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the steamer Bore at Helsingfors."

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DE PALMA VICTOR IN 500-MILE RACE

Favorite Makes New Record for Distance.

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Car Falter Near Finish and Spectators Hold Breath.

RETURN OF "JINX" FEARED

Winner's Share Is \$20,000—Resta Is Second and Gil Anderson Is Third—Race First Ever Run Without Someone Injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Ralph De Palma won the fifth 500-mile international speedstakes on the Indianapolis motor Speedway here today in the remarkable time of 5 hours 33 minutes and 55½ seconds. The victor traveled at an average speed of 59.84 miles an hour and broke the record for the race established in 1914 by Rene Thomas, who finished in 6 hours 3 minutes and 45.9 seconds.

Dario Resta, who finished second, contested every mile of the way with the winner and the battle of these two pilots was the feature of the contest. Resta never quit trying to head off De Palma and he finished only four minutes after the winner crossed the tape. Resta's time was 5 hours 37 minutes and 34.94 seconds. Gil Anderson was third and completed the race in 5 hours 42 minutes and 27.57 seconds. Out of 32 cars that started, 11 finished, of which 10 received prize money.

De Palma's Victory Popular. That De Palma's victory was a popular one was shown by the demonstration by the thousands of spectators who rose and cheered wildly as the winner finished his last lap.

De Palma drove into his garage immediately after and locked the door. His first words were praise for his mechanic. Enthusiastic friends burst open the doors of the garage and De Palma became the center of hundreds who fought for a chance to shake his hand.

De Palma drove a consistent race. He never was back of fourth place. He wrestled the lead from Resta in the 175th mile. He lost the lead in the 315th mile, when he stopped at the pits, but regained in the 355th when Resta skidded into the retaining wall and was forced to make a tire change. After that De Palma never was headed.

Machine Falter Toward End. De Palma's machine ran perfectly until the beginning of the 495th mile when it showed signs of faltering. Spectators feared that the car would fall him and he would be robbed of victory as he was in 1912, when, with but two miles to go, his machine broke down and he lost the prize he had thought as good as won a few minutes before.

"The jinx is broken," he exclaimed when he was hailed as victor. (Continued on Page 19, Column 2.)

GUNS DAMAGED IN AMERICAN FORTS

ATTEMPT AT DESTRUCTION ON PUGET SOUND REVEALED.

Fortifications' Hidden Batteries at Worden Are Photographed Also by Mysterious Visitors.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 31.—An attempt to put the big guns out of commission at Fort Worden and Fort Flagley, guarding the entrance to Puget Sound, was made several days ago, it became known tonight, and as a result all visitors have been barred from the forts in this district.

It is reported that breach blocks of four guns were removed and the loading mechanism damaged. At least one of the forts have endeavored to keep the matter secret.

The discovery followed a report that Fort Worden had been photographed in details by persons who had surreptitiously entered the grounds. The photographs gave the relative location of the big guns and the hidden batteries.

It is said that the War Department, hearing of the photographing of the forts, sent two secret service men here to investigate. It is reported they found no trouble in gaining entrance to the batteries and subsidiary stations connected with the defenses.

Up to the time of these discoveries automobiles with sightseers were permitted to visit the elevation where the batteries are located, but new orders have been issued forbidding any person to visit the batteries without a special permit from the commanding officer, and such permits will be limited, and those who receive them will be accompanied by a guard.

AQUITANIA SEEN AGROUND

Britain's Largest Ship Reported on Shoal in Mersey.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Passengers on the steamship Lapland, in today from Liverpool, said they had seen the Aquitania aground, the largest British ship ever launched, which was commandeered early in the war for use as a transport, on the rocks in the Mersey. At the offices of the Cunard line here it was said that no information had been received of any mishap to the Aquitania.

According to the passengers, the ship was surrounded by lighters and she appeared to have taken in a quantity of water, as she had a bad list.

The passengers said they had been told that the Aquitania left Liverpool May 19 or 20, carrying troops to take part in the campaign in the Dardanelles. While still in the harbor, the passengers said they were informed the ship ran on a shoal. The troops were taken off, they said, and the work of lightening the cargo was then begun.

POSTCARDS GIVEN AWAY

United States Sets Precedent by Distributing Stamped Postals.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—The United States Government broke a precedent today by beginning the distribution of stamped postals without charge of postage to visitors at the Government's model postoffice at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

It was required that the cards be addressed immediately and sent through the postoffice.

WAR GAS DISABLES MANY

British Casualty Report Shows Effectiveness of German Munition.

LONDON, May 31.—The effectiveness of the gas employed by the Germans on the western front is indicated by the latest British casualties list made public today.

Of the Second Battalion of Lancashire Fusiliers, 402 men are reported to be "suffering from gas poisoning."

Among the receiving party were noticed Mrs. Samuel Sneath, of Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Harry L. Keefe, Walthill, Neb.; Mrs. Eugene Reilly, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. W. B. Walker, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. C. H. McMahon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. William E. Andrews, Washington, D. C.; Miss Lulu E. Stearns, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Francis D. Everett, Highland Park, Ill.; William P. Harker, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Mary G. Hay, New York; Mrs. Frank White, Valley City, N. D.; Mrs. William B. Young, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Robert Burdette, of Pasadena.

Assisting were Mrs. R. J. Mann, Mrs. F. L. Thompson, Mrs. Julia Marquam, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Mrs. C. S. Smith and Mrs. Rose Selling.

Several Serve in Tea Garden. In the tea garden those in charge included Mrs. A. H. Breyman, Mrs. R. M. Tuttle, Mrs. W. J. Kerr, Mrs. J. H. Cook, Mrs. Edgar B. Piper, assisted by Mrs. John Manning, Mrs. W. T. Foster, Mrs. E. E. Covert and Mrs. E. H. Baker.

ALL OREGON GREETED NOTED CLUB FOLK

Elaborate Reception Itself Is Epochal.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HERE

Business of Council to Open This Morning.

MORE DELEGATES ARRIVE

Interesting Visitors Coming From All Sections of Country—Sidelights on Various Leaders Show Many Sides to Life.

EVENTS ON TODAY'S PROGRAMME.
10:00—Opening at White Temple; addresses of welcome; responses; address of Mrs. Pennybacker, president; luncheon, served by women of White Temple for those who wish to remain in meeting place.
2:00—Art, music and information departments report.
4:15 to 5:30—Conferences.
8:00—Organ recital, Mrs. Leonard Fisher Whipp; address by William T. Foster, president of Reed College.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES. With due formality the mid-biennial council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the first gathering of its kind ever held in the Northwest, opened last night with an elaborate reception in the Hotel Multnomah.

Stipule bows and evergreens from the hillsides, interlarded over ceiling and wall space in the magnificent ball-rooms and tea garden, transforming them into a woodland glade, while stately peonies and choice roses added a touch of delicate coloring. This attractive setting formed an ideal background for the handsomely-gowned women who were numbered among those in the receiving line and among the hundreds of guests who assembled in honor of the officers and visiting delegates of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The entire mezzanine floor was at the disposal of the clubwomen and their friends. Receiving with Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker and the members of the board and chairmen of committees were Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Frederick Eggert and Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, chairman and vice-chairman of the social committee; Mrs. Henry Russell Albee, wife of the Mayor; Mrs. John P. Volmer, president of the Idaho State Federation, and a long list of women of distinction.

Successfully had Mrs. Eggert arranged the details of the reception that no club or organization had been slighted. Every organization that comes under the scope of federated clubwork was represented and sister organizations, too, were remembered.

Notable Women Met. The notables stood in line in the ivory room, where each guest was introduced. In the Japanese tea room, where refreshments were served, there was a bevy of representative women assisting and an equally charming group waiting to extend further cordialities in the assembly-room. Throughout the evening orchestral music added to the air of safety.

Among the receiving party were noticed Mrs. Samuel Sneath, of Tiffin, O.; Mrs. Harry L. Keefe, Walthill, Neb.; Mrs. Eugene Reilly, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. W. B. Walker, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. C. H. McMahon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. William E. Andrews, Washington, D. C.; Miss Lulu E. Stearns, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Francis D. Everett, Highland Park, Ill.; William P. Harker, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Mary G. Hay, New York; Mrs. Frank White, Valley City, N. D.; Mrs. William B. Young, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Robert Burdette, of Pasadena.

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Among others invited to assist in the dispensing of hospitalities were: Mrs. James Withycombe, wife of the Governor; Mrs. Robert C. Hunt, Albany; Mrs. Rita Thomas, Amity; Mrs. E. C. Ward, Ashland; Mrs. C. B. Lamm, Ashland; Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Aurora; Mrs. Edward Burke, Baker; Mrs. Naomi Ferry and Mrs. F. V. Frazer, Fairview; Mrs. J. H. Heustis, Beaverton; Mrs. Julia Byrd, Burns; Mrs. Harriet A. Longston, Coquille; Mrs. B. Scholfield, Corvallis; Mrs. Lewis Wilson, Corvallis; Mrs. Katherine Scovell, Cottage Grove; Mrs. George F. Geringer, Dallas; Mrs. C. S. Allen, Canada; Mrs. E. E. Bean, Eugene; Mrs. Minnie Washburn, Eugene; Mrs. W. F. Osburn, Eugene; Mrs. E. J. Strayer, Eugene; Mrs. Nellie B. Leonard, Eugene; Miss Ruth Guppy, Eugene; Mrs. T. J. O. Thacher, Forest Grove; Miss Mary A. Barnham, Forest Grove; Mrs. C. J. Bushnell, Forest Grove; Mrs. C. H. Clements, Grants Pass; Mrs. Charles Cleveland, Gresham; Mrs. J. D. White, Haines; Mrs. William H. Stewart, Hillsboro; Mrs. J. J. McMahon, Harborside; Mrs. A. L. Page, Hood River; Mrs. H. P. Davidson, Hood River; Mrs. C. H. Caster, Hood River; Mrs. Jean

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