



GERMAN RELATIONS AT CRITICAL POINT

Washington to Reject Counter-Proposals.

CRISIS NOT TO BE FORCED

Discussion May Continue in Absence of Overt Acts.

OFFICIAL TEXT RECEIVED

Secretary Lansing to Go to Cornish to Confer With President.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Study of the official text of Germany's reply to the American note on submarine warfare as it affects neutral rights strengthens the conviction of high officials that a critical point in the relations between the two countries has been reached.

Not only do they feel that the United States must refuse to accept the German proposals for the future conduct of American citizens on the high seas, but the failure of Germany to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania, with the loss of more than 100 Americans, in their view has brought on a crisis the outcome of which it is difficult at present to foresee clearly.

Action Delayed Several Days.

That there will be no action by the United States for at least another week was indicated today. Several days will be required to measure fully the consequences and responsibilities which will be incurred by the American government in framing a policy to meet the situation firmly.

Secretary Lansing will go to Cornish, N. H., within a day or two to confer with President Wilson. He said tonight he would study the note carefully and then communicate with the President.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, intends to call on Secretary Lansing in the course of the week to learn informally whether he can be of any service in the situation. No engagements have been made for a conference, but it probably will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Official Text Arrives.

The official text of the German reply arrived today and was made public. It differed in only a few unimportant words from the Associated Press copy which came from Berlin through the official version was delayed in transmission because of coding. Comparison of the two texts revealed that they were cabled from the same translation and that the Associated Press copy in transmission had omitted a few scattering words which did not alter the sense of meaning.

Responsibility Placed on Germany.

There is no intention, from indications in official quarters, to force a crisis, but in whatever policy is followed the American endeavor will be to place full responsibility on Germany for any subsequent rupture in friendly relations.

Since the Lusitania was sunk on May 7 there has been no violation of the principles for which the United States has contended, unless the mishap to the Nebraska can be included, and in that case the Washington Government has not finally reached a conclusion as to whether a mine or torpedo caused the explosion.

WILSON TO CONSULT CABINET

Next Step Believed Mapped Out in General Way.

CORNISH, N. H., July 11.—In the quiet of Cornish Hills President Wilson since yesterday has been giving careful consideration to Germany's latest note on submarine warfare. He is believed to have mapped out in a general way the next step to be taken by the United States, though there will be no final decision until the situation has been fully discussed with the cabinet.

The note was dispatched from Washington as soon as it was decided today and the President will get into communication tomorrow with Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty regarding the advisability of the former's coming here. It may be that the Secretary of State will make the trip Tuesday or Wednesday and return with the President.

BOMBS SUSPECTED IN MULE CARGOES

WASHINGTON SENDS WIRELESS WARNING TO BRITISH SHIPS.

Action Taken on Strength of Letter Written in New Orleans, From Where Vessels Sailed.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Warning to look out for bombs concealed in their holds was flashed tonight from the naval wireless towers at Arlington to the British steamships Howthhead and Baron Napier, both loaded with cargoes of mules for the British army, which cleared from New Orleans July 8.

Sending of the warning was ordered by Secretary Daniels receiving a telegram from a New Orleans newspaper saying a letter to that paper signed "Pearce" indicated that explosives had been placed aboard those vessels.

The radio message was sent broadcast over the sea, and even if it is not picked up directly by the Howthhead or Baron Napier, some other ship in the neighborhood may relay it.

NEW ORLEANS, July 11.—A letter received by a newspaper here today signed Pearce declared the writer intended to kill J. P. Morgan and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice the British Ambassador, and finish the work of Eric Muenter, alias Frank Holt, who committed suicide several days ago after wounding Mr. Morgan. It warned persons who had friends or relatives aboard the British steamships Howthhead and Baron Napier to watch for reports from those vessels.

The writer declared that it was Muenter who warned passengers on board the Lusitania before that vessel sailed from New York that it would be dangerous to make the voyage on her. It also is declared that Muenter personally called on Charles Frohman and urged him not to take passage on the ship.

OROZCO STILL MYSTERY

Mexican General's Bondsmen Say He Will Appear in Court.

EL PASO, Tex., July 11.—Whether General Pascual Orozco, who eluded civil and military guards several days ago, will appear tomorrow to answer charges of conspiracy to violate United States neutrality laws remained unanswered here today. His bondsmen expressed the belief that he would be in court at the hour fixed.

Likewise Mexican sympathizers of Orozco and General Victoriano Huerta were found who voiced the belief that Orozco would forfeit his bond of \$200,000. It was practically certain that General Marcello Caraveo, Frank and Ike Alderete, under \$5000 bonds each, on similar charges, would appear before the United States Commissioner tomorrow.

STOCKHOLDERS TO APPEAL

Fight Announced Against Paying of Defunct Bank's Debts.

An appeal to the Supreme Court of Oregon will be taken from the decision of Circuit Judge Morrow Saturday in which the stockholders of the insolvent American Bank & Trust Company, formerly the Bank of America, were held responsible to the company's creditors for \$110,149.04, according to an assertion yesterday by C. W. Miller, one of the stockholders, that the will tolerated, it was said, until steps for the appeal are taken.

Mr. Miller, together with G. W. Waterbury, J. Kneornschild, E. Logan Hays and John E. Davis, was held answerable for \$75,314.04. Judgment was awarded against J. O. Halston, president of the defunct institution, for \$34,300, and against W. A. Currie for \$535.

BLAST OPENS BIG TUNNEL

First Daylight Shines Through Cut at Mitchell's Point.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—First daylight was let through the Mitchell's Point tunnel this morning, when a crew of the Standiford-Clarkson Company discharged a blast. Before the end of the week the big tunnel will have been completed.

AUSTRALIA SETS PRICES

Shortage of Food Supply Leads to Government Regulation.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Confronted with shortages in wheat, sugar, butter and meat, Australia has resorted to government control of prices, according to a report to the commerce department, dated June 7, from Commercial Attache Downs at Melbourne.

16 MEN ROBBED BY TWO

Masked Men Interrupt Gambling Game in Tonopah Saloon.

TONOPAH, Nev., July 11.—Two masked men, each armed with two guns, held up a saloon here early today and secured \$700 from the gambling game they interrupted, from the cash register and from the pockets of 16 men, whom they forced to face the wall with hands up.

The robbers also secured a quantity of jewelry. The robbers overlooked a large amount of money in the saloon safe. They were pursued, but escaped.

FRENCH OVERLOOK PLAIN OF FLANDERS

Commanding Stations on Heights Are Won.

HEAVY ARTILLERY IS ENGAGED

Fighting of 120 Days Costs Germans 120,000 Men.

NIGHT ATTACK DESPERATE

Quarter Mile of Trenches in Souchez Web Is Torn Away—Bloody Battles Rage for Weeks on Short Ten-Mile Front.

ON THE HEIGHTS OF NOTRE DAME DE LORETTE, near Arras, France, July 10, via Paris, July 11.—After battling 120 days for the hilly country between Bethune and Arras, the French forces are in possession of all the eminences looking out upon the plain of Flanders. Lille, Douai and Cambrai all are visible from here.

Every position along the broad national road between Arras and Bethune has been won except Souchez, and last night another quarter-mile of trenches in the Souchez web was torn away. The attack was made under parachute rocket lights, the French burning bluish white and the Germans greenish white, covering the scene of the desperate conflict with a ghastly glow.

Formidable Artillery Used.

The most desperate fighting has been along the short 15-mile front from Arras to Aix Nolette, which began March 9 with the taking of a few hundred yards of trenches on the watershed of Notre Dame de Lorette, where there are the ruins of an old Merovingian military road. Every day since then some section of the German trenches have been taken, lost or retaken.

Each side has been employing formidable artillery, both of small and heavy caliber, the French guns being somewhat the more numerous and served with unlimited quantities of high-explosive shells.

German Casualties Heavy.

A correspondent of the Associated Press today went through five or six miles of the trenches formerly held by the Germans and reconstructed by the French, who now have abandoned them to move forward.

Upward of 100,000 Germans have fallen or been captured in these trenches, according to the French official count, since the second week of March. The French losses, the correspondent was confidentially informed, while serious, have been much smaller than those of the Germans. There are thickets of little crosses made of twigs tied together marking graves between the trenches. Some of these graves have been torn up by the shell fire.

Almost every square yard of this region is marked by miniature craters caused by exploding shells. Spots where shells penetrated the earth with their shells.

COLONEL BLETHEN LINGERS

Physicians Constantly at Bedside of Seattle Publisher.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 11.—The condition of Colonel Allen J. Blethen, editor and publisher of the Seattle Times, is unchanged tonight. Life still is being maintained by the use of stimulants. His physicians are with him constantly.

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ROBBERS EVADE PURSUIT

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LIVINGSTON, Mont., July 11.—Lieutenant Colonel L. M. Brett announced today that the pursuit of the two robbers who held up a stage train in the Yellowstone National Park last Friday would be continued indefinitely. The men so far have evaded pursuit. Soldiers visited many camps in the park today.

The robbed tourists spent today at Norris and will leave the park tomorrow at Yellowstone, Mont.

POPE PRAYING FOR PEACE

That "Evils of Bitter War May Turn for Better," Is Plea.

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DEMAND IS VOICED FOR CONSERVATIVE

Republican State Leaders Can Be Counted On.

SENTIMENT IS CRYSTALLIZING

Borah and Cummins Choice in Progressive States.

ROOT FOLLOWING GROWS

Burton of Ohio and Weeks of Massachusetts Also Strong—Party Factions Uniting, With Anti-Extremists in Charge.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(Special.)—A canvass of Republican sentiment throughout the country shows that Republican state leaders are virtually agreed the 1916 Presidential candidate should be conservative.

The surprising feature of the canvass is that this sentiment seems to be especially strong in states where Progressives have been most active during recent years. Republican factions appear to be melding together, with conservative Republican leaders taking charge.

In the progressive states like Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin there is demand that the candidate to be named shall be acceptable to the Progressives, and incidental to this demand is found sentiment for Ellihu Root.

Borah and Cummins Strong.

First choice in Progressive states is either Senator Borah, of Idaho, or Senator Cummins, of Iowa. The latter seems to be strong in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Washington and Montana. Senator Borah's strength is more widely distributed throughout the country. He is the choice of the Progressives of New England, in the South and most of the Rocky Mountain states. Wisconsin is waiting on Senator La Follette, as it is not known whether he will again be a candidate. Cummins has strong support in this state.

Scattered throughout the country, but confined in localities, there is support for Representative Mann and Senator Sherman, of Illinois; Fairbanks, of Indiana; Senator Smith, of Michigan; P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania; Governor Whitman, of New York, and others.

Sentiment Is Crystallizing.

About three leading candidates—Ellihu Root, Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, and Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts—sentiment seems to be crystallizing, except in the South, where the policy of "watchful waiting" appears to have been adopted, the leaders being ready to fall in behind some powerful candidate from the Northern states.

Senator Weeks is strong with banking and business interests throughout the country, and it is conceded he will get the solid support of the New England states. He has a following also in Maryland, in some of the Southern

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Sunday's War Moves

THE check which the Russians have imposed on Archduke Joseph Ferdinand's army in Southern Poland and the additional strain which this has placed on the German General von Mackensen's army to the right has postponed it is believed in military circles of the allies, the threatened German offensive in the west, and there is now a possibility that the allies will be the first to take the offensive. In support of this it is pointed out that the attacks by the German Crown Prince's army in Woerwe, which the German press announced was the beginning of a general move forward, have ceased, and the fighting that is going on all along the western front consists of artillery engagements and a few isolated attacks and counterattacks by infantry, which make little or no difference in the positions of the opposing forces.

The British, according to the French report, have repulsed a German attack. The German reports, however, allude to this as a British attack, and Berlin says it was repulsed with considerable loss. The French and German reports are generally contradictory in respect to what fighting has taken place, but from the trend of them it is believed that neither side has attempted anything of a decisive nature, and it is believed that it may be weeks yet before they do.

So far as the Germans are concerned military observers assert they are bound to carry out their offensive against the Russians until there is some decisive engagement, such as the capture of the Lublin railway, which, it is asserted, would have been in their hands before now if the Austrians advancing toward the city had not been driven back.

Reports from neutral sources are to the effect that to make good their efforts against the Russians the Germans are moving troops which were intended for the western front to the east. To certain extent this is confirmed by the statement in the Russian official report that reinforcements have reached Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, and that General von Mackensen also began an offensive which, however, broke down under the Russian fire.

While the military critics are still undecided whether the Russians will make their stand on their present lines or fall back to the Bug River, thus abandoning the fortresses of Ivangorod and Warsaw, it is agreed that the counter-attack which they have developed has postponed, for a time at least, the necessity of any further retirement.

There is no confirmation of a reported Italian victory on the Corco axis, but dispatches from Rome say the Italian troops are making good progress in their work of capturing the mountain around Trieste, which they hope to take before beginning the advance on the city itself, thus avoiding a bombardment of the town, which is largely inhabited by their compatriots.

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KING COUNTS ON FLEET

BRITISH CONFIDENCE IN OUTCOME OF BATTLE EXPRESSED TO JELICOE.

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CITY IS SHRINERS' FOR LIVELONG DAY

Fez-Wearers Come With Bands and Gaiety.

ALL ARE GREETED ON ARRIVAL

Auto and Boat Trips Provide Principal Entertainment.

MUSIC ENLIVENs FESTIVITY

One Party Taken Up Columbia by Steamer, Another Along River Highway by Motor and Change Is Made at Onocota Gorge.

All that was necessary was a red fez. That was enough to throw down the proverbial bars of restraint to the wearer in Portland yesterday.

And the wearers of such were most numerous. They seemed to crop out with the dim dawn of the early twilight, along with the lark and the morning-glory.

First on the horizon were the brightly colored fezes—usually worn at a jaunty angle on the back of the head—with the mystic symbol "Al Kader" lettered across the front. That betokened the fact that the wearers lived in Portland, and that he was a member of the Portland temple of Shriners.

Incoming Trains Met.

As a rule when one of those Al Kader fezes appeared on the streets along about breakfast time it was headed in the direction of the railroad stations.

About the time the averages of the morning were rolling over in bed for his customary Sunday morning snooze, another great crop of fezes appeared. They bore strange symbols in the place of the familiar "Al Kader" and all day long these straggle about, with their unfamiliar symbols kept pouring into town.

All Points Represented.

Feet of all came the Rajahs from Reading, Pa.; they followed the Pyramids from Bridgeport, Conn.; the Helios from Dallas, Tex.; the Abdallahs from Leavenworth, Kan.; the Isis from Salina, Kan.; the El Korahs from Boise; the El Kalahs from Salt Lake City; the Tangiers from Omaha; the El Jeholohs from Denver; the Jerussalems from New Orleans, and scores of individual fezes, conspicuous because their symbolic letterings were unlike any of the others in the great group. These individuals represented the "stray" wearers who are proceeding to the mighty Shrine convalesce at Seattle alone and in unorganized force.

But whether they came alone or in organized force they did not escape the vigilance of the Al Kader police, who were determined to provide ample entertainment for all of their kind who wandered this way.

Entertainment is Provided.

The entertainment took the form of automobile rides through the principal scenic sections of Portland in the environs, with a meal served whenever meal time came and wherever the tourists happened to be.

Nearly every visiting fez wearer was accompanied by a charming feminine relative, gaily dressed and usually adorned with a wonderful assortment of badges and emblems collected at previous stops along the route, and not infrequently carrying attractive pennants proclaiming her particular temple of shrinehood and the city in which it has its home.

Band Events Reading Temple.

Rajah Temple, with a party of 250 men and women, went little time after arriving at the Union Station soon after 7 o'clock. They went directly to the Multnomah Hotel, where they had breakfast and were ready at 9 o'clock for the sightseeing excursions that the Al Kaders had planned for them. The Al Kader band and uniformed patrol and an industrious committee headed by E. J. Jaeger escorted them from the station to the hotel. Automobiles were there to ferry all the visitors. This party went on the move all day. They returned to the hotel for lunch, but started soon thereafter for a trip out the Columbia River Highway.

At Onocota Gorge they exchanged places with the Denver and Omaha groups and returned to Portland late in the afternoon by steamer. They left at midnight on the final leg of their transcontinental tour to Seattle.

Connecticut Delegation Large.

Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn., brought on its special train a large party, including nearly 100 women.

The Al Kader band and patrol moved back from its trip to the Multnomah with the Rajahs in double-quick time and formed another escort for the New England visitors when they escorted to the Oregon Hotel where they departed in mid-morning for the automobile tours through the West Side business district. Their trip landed them at the automobile club at noon where luncheon was served on long tables under the trees. They continued up the highway after lunch and reached Onocota Gorge in time to join the Rajahs on the down-river trip on board the Dallas City.

With pennants flying and band playing the big 14-car special of Neila Temple of Dallas rolled into the North bank station at noon. It was a live bunch—this Dallas delegation. They had a patrol in neat military attire and a band that made the echoes ring according to the crew.

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