

BERLIN UNWILKELY TO ADMIT WRONG Settlement of Lusitania Issue Without Reference to Merits Probable. REGRET TO BE EXPRESSED

Germany Expected, However, to Pay Indemnity—Negotiations Being Conducted in Secret by Lansing and Embassy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Germany's proposal to incorporate in the settlement of the Lusitania case a reservation of any admission of wrongdoing by her submarines commander is understood to have been rejected by the United States.

A new proposal from the Berlin government is expected momentarily, however, and there is a possibility that the controversy may be closed by the eliminating of all mention of the merits or demerits of the actual torpedoing of the vessel, Germany agreeing to pay an indemnity for the American lives lost, reiterating expressions of regret and calling attention directly or by inference to the contention that she already has given the most effective disavowal by making assurances for the future.

Justification to Be Rejected. If in the new proposition there should be another mention, however, of an attempt to justify the sinking of the Lusitania on the ground that the act constituted a reprisal in retaliation for the British blockade of Germany, that also probably will be rejected.

Because the negotiations by mutual agreement are held to be confidential by officials of the State Department and the German embassy, it had not been disclosed just how far a proposal of this character would go toward a complete settlement satisfactory to both sides, or whether the United States is prepared to insist that Germany shall admit in so many words that the torpedoing of the Lusitania was unjustifiable.

Undesirable Precedent Assured. There are, it was said, numerous objections to accepting a form of settlement which, by going into a discussion of the broad questions involved, might serve as an undesirable precedent in the future.

Officials and Teutonic diplomatic circles remain optimistic regarding the ultimate outcome of the negotiations. Officials, however, do not believe a settlement in which Germany was permitted to reserve an admission of wrongdoing would meet with approval in the United States, while on the other hand it is declared that the opposition in Germany and public opinion there would not approve a settlement which would entail an admission that the commander of the submarine was wrong in sinking the Lusitania.

Good Faith Believed Assured. It is considered in Teutonic circles that the recent assurances regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the Mediterranean, where, because no blockade exists, no reprisals are necessary from the German point of view, contain evidence of the good faith of the German government in regard to the entire subject of submarine operations. It is urged that the same rule would have applied to the conduct of warfare in the North Sea had not Great Britain attempted a blockade of Germany.

Consideration of these contentions, along with the understanding that the United States, except in a humanitarian sense, has no interest in the North Sea operations unless they involve the safety of Americans, has added to the belief that an offer of a settlement somewhat similar to that in the Arabic case might be acceptable.

AMERICANS' MAIL DELAYED Dissatisfaction Reported Increasing in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—(Via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—There is a growing feeling of dissatisfaction among the Americans in Berlin because of the unprecedented delay to the mails from the United States, which, it is asserted, is due to Great Britain's seizure of all central shipments by way of the Holland-America line if not on some other steamer.

James Gerard, the American Ambassador, as ascertained, has been the only American here to receive either letters or newspapers dated later than December 9, his mail having come through undisturbed in the official pouch.

Mail from the United States since the outbreak of the war has arrived in Berlin on an average of from three to four weeks after date of mailing, but the present span of 40 days without mail from the United States is unprecedented.

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Men, Main Floor—Young Men, Second Floor

Ben Selling

Morrison at Fourth



WRITERS DRAW FIRE

Newspaper Men Driven From Hill by Bulgar Cannon.

MIST PIERCED BY FLASH

British Guns Are Easily Identified by Difference in Sound as Mountain Acoustics Magnify Its Impressiveness.

BY JOHN T. MCITCHENON, War Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. (Edited by arrangement.)

SALONIKI, Dec. 6.—We passed a battery of big guns—one labeled in rough letters "Creche la Morte," the other "Boeche la Morte." They pointed rakishly toward the skyline of the next range of hills. Another battery was covered with holly—a nice little Christmas touch—so that the Bulgar aeroplanes could not locate it.

The mountain sides were green with holly and white with patches of snow which the cutting winds had failed to blow away. There were stories that mountain wolves were a constant menace to the benumbed men on outpost duty. A soldier said the cold was so intense that eggs exploded.

Under the lee of an abrupt sloping hillside, our automobiles were stopped and we were met by a couple of French officers.

Capable Officer Meets Party. One looked like D'Artagnan, or as one might suppose the hero of "The Three Musketeers" to look. He was bright-eyed, alert, capable and picturesque—a striking contrast to the French officer detailed as our escort and "with" the best intentions in the world, no doubt, had muddled everything he had tried to do.

He took us to the wrong station, he failed to have the automobiles at the right place, he was conspicuously uninformed on all possible subjects, yet I shall never forget him. A bespectacled, round-faced, rosy-checked man with a mustache, a drooping pipe, a tan o' shanter Alpine cap, and a huge shaggy gray furred short overcoat. It was intimated that he owed his pull with the commanding general to the fact that he is a most excellent cook.

In the face of the hill and along the edges of a narrow little ravine leading up the slope were the dugouts of the soldiers. Many of them looked like swallows' nests in the face of a river bank. Little fires were burning and various pleasant smelling things were cooking.

Hill Where French Charged Is Reached. The D'Artagnan officer led the way up a steep hill. It was a terribly stiff climb, even when one was not burdened with more than an overcoat and a camera. As for charging up this hill, the thought was staggering, yet it was up this hill, the famous Hill 516, that the French soldiers charged and by most desperate fighting succeeded in driving away the Bulgars and occupying this commanding position.

Here they had been since November 1. Their shallow trenches, in some places covered merely to keep out the snow and rain, but in no place sufficient to protect against shell fragments, led up the side of the hill along the crest. These were the advanced trenches.

Off across the valley on an opposing range of hills were the Bulgar trenches, while along the skyline were the Bulgar batteries, which very soon were to begin their work.

We were marched along the trenches, our group prominent on the mottled hill and snow background. It must have been an inviting target for the Bulgar guns, for there was a sudden realization that a shell was coming toward us.

For some time there had been a steady roar of shells as they droned back and forth between the two opposing mountain ranges, but they had not been bursting near enough to be startling.

Shell Explodes Near Party. The French batteries behind us and at the right had been actively shelling and the sound of their shells passing through the air had become familiar. Also we could identify the British guns, but this was a new sound and we knew that it was headed for the crest of Hill 516, where we were grouped.

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ACTION IS AVOIDED

Democrats Fail to Pass on Mexican Resolutions.

BORAH TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Idahoan Makes Canvass to Gauge Sentiment Toward Motion to Discharge Committee if It Continues Policy.

HOMES OF WEALTH RAIDED

(Continued From First Page.) Wood Lumber Company and of the Northwest Aero Club. As a member of the Aero Club, Mr. Boeing stands for preparedness—preparation for war. He spent \$10,000 recently in Los Angeles for an aeroplane in which embryo aviators are taught to fly at the Aero Club's headquarters. He is an enthusiastic aviator for himself and is prominent in the club and social life of the city.

One Stock Worth \$3000. The home of D. E. Skinner, president of the Skinner-Eddy Steamship Company and of the Port Blakely Lumber Company, was raided this afternoon and a stock of liquors worth about \$3000 confiscated by deputy sheriffs.

Mr. Skinner's residence is at 725 Fourteenth avenue North. The concern of which Mr. Skinner is president recently began building a large shipyard here.

No Arrests Are Made. In each instance the great stocks were removed and will be held pending hearing of the cases. No arrests will be made.

It is said to be practically certain that today's raid will result in hotly contested legal battles attacking the dry law from the standpoint of raids on private residences and particularly that feature of the common law granting a householder extraordinary rights in his premises.

Rumor has it also that further residence raids are in prospect, directed against the homes of officials of various clubs.

W. E. Boeing is on an extended Eastern trip and has been absent since December 15. He is expected to return February 1.

At the home of Mr. Skinner the search occupied a considerable length of time and resulted in the finding of one barrel of gin, one barrel of whisky, one barrel of bottled beer, several cases of assorted bottled goods, two dozen quarts of rye whisky and two dozen quarts of Scotch whisky.

Mr. Skinner was delivering an address upon "The Merchant Marine" at a luncheon of the Seattle Real Estate Association when a note was handed him informing him his home was being raided. He angrily denounced the police, thinking it was they who were making the raid instead of the Sheriff, and declared he had ordered his servants to destroy all liquor, smash the bottles so the law officers could not hold orgies on fine wines at his expense.

The prohibition law permits persons to keep in their own homes not more than two quarts of spirituous liquors and 12 quarts of malt drinks.

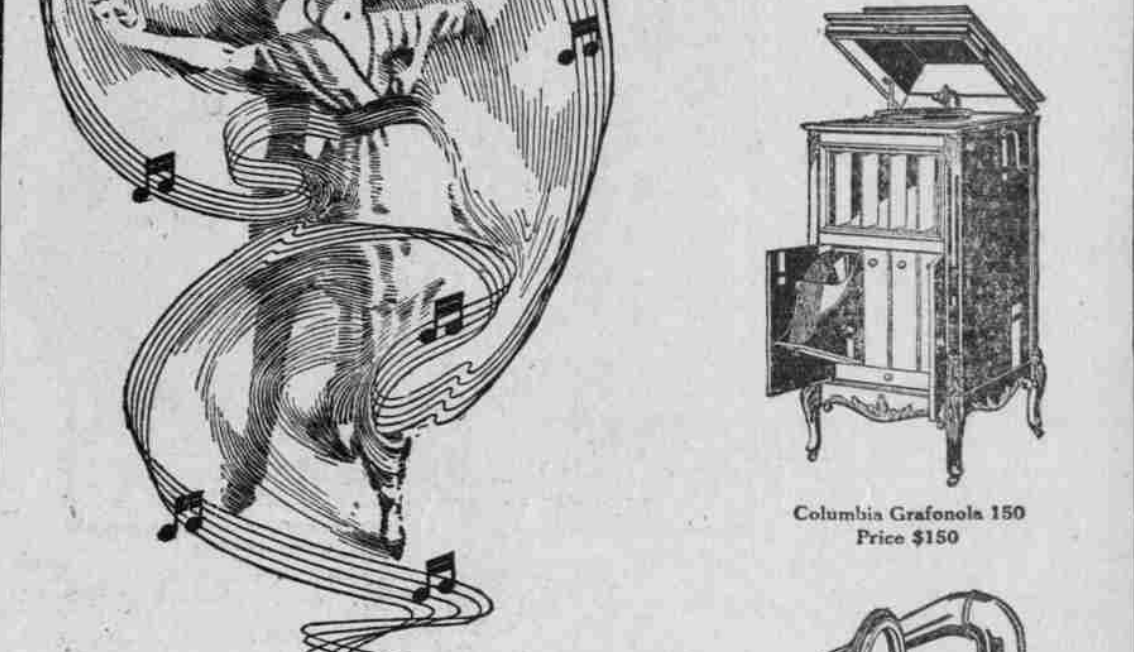
Rhode Island probably has the youngest "red man of the revolution" in Henry A. Burlingame, aged 70, of Pawtucket.

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