WILSON REVERSES NATION'S SEA RULE

Proposal Made Allies That Neutral Ships Be Unarmed, Even for Defense.

ACCEPTANCE IS NOT LIKELY

More Probably Result of Submarine Attacks Expected to Be Grouping of Vessels, Which Will Sail Under Convoy.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—President Wilson has proposed to the powers that in view of the German pledge to observe the principles of humanity and international law in submarine operations against mercantile craft they assent to a new doctrine prohibiting the arming of merchant ships for defensive purposes.

This action on the part of the President is revolutionary. If it is adopted the policy of the United States in the beginning of its independence will be reversed. American ships in time of peace or war will not be permitted to carry guns to defend themselves against a possible enemy.

Decision Follows Persia Affair.

The decision of the President was made, according to a member of the Cabinet, when the British liner Persia was sunk with a loss of a large number of men, women and children, including a United States consul. The Persia was armed with a 4.7-inch gun, and this fact, it was contended, might handicap the Administration here in making representations to the Central Powers. In the meantime the Administration has come to the conclusion that it can do nothing about the case of the vessel, in vie wof the absence of evidence establishing how she was destroyed.

Prior to the destruction of the Persia the Italian liner Ancona was sunk, with the loss of nine American citizens. The Ancona was shelled by an Austro-Hungarian submarine and had no weapon to defend herself. In order to avoid the same experience, the Italian government ordered the Italian liner Verdi to arm with two three-inch guns. The State Department did not permit that vessel to leave New York except under a pledge in writing from the Italian Ambassador that the guns she carried would be used only for defensive purposes.

Guns Complicate Argument.

The mere fact of the presence of guns, however, makes it difficult, if not impossible, in the view of this Government, for a submarine to operate against a merchant ship. Consequently the latter, which is frail, cannot come to the surface to pay the visit and search which international law requires, and there is thus placed in the hands of the central powers an argument for sinking mercantile ships without warning. On the other hand, it is pointed out that by compelling merchant ships to remain unarmed they place themselves in a condition where their passengers and crew can be treated precisely the same as were the passengers and crew of the Ancona.

The practice of arming merchant ships in self defense has prevailed since olden times. This action was necessary in the days of pirates and later of privateers. In 1815, Justice Marshall, of the United States Supreme Court, declared in the case of the Nereide: "A belligerent (merchant vessel) has a perfect right to arm in her own defense. The Nereide was armed, governed and conducted by belligerents. It is true that on her passage she had a right to defend herself, did defend herself, and might have captured an assailant vessel; but to search for the enemy would have been a violation of the charter party and of her duty."

Status of Crew Defined.

The United States naval war code of 1900 says: "The personnel of merchant vessels of an enemy who in self-defense and in protection of the vessel placed in their charge resist an attack are entitled if captured to the status of prisoners of war."

Germany has always maintained that an enmy merchant ship has no right to resist capture. Dr. George Schramm, legal adviser to the German Admiralty, sought to prove that "from the point of view of the modern law of war there is no legal foundation for the rule allowing a merchant ship to defend itself."

Such a policy was in the interest of Germany, since she realized that in case of war with Great Britain her own vessels would be tied up in ports, while the British mercantile marine, through the sea power of the British fleet, would keep the seas and thereby be open to attack by submarines.

Convoys Probable Outcome.

The first Lusitania note was a step toward the realization of the principles for which this Government has been contending for a long time—the immunity of private property at sea. The position now taken places the realization of that principle out of the question. By proposing that merchant vessels shall not be equipped with guns, American vessels, in case we should ever become involved in war, would be stopped from taking on board a single weapon for use against attack.

It is not at all likely that the allies will consent to deprive their merchant craft of means of defense. The Ancona is too fresh in their minds. What is likely to happen is the return to the old system of grouping merchant vessels together and providing them with convoys. In this event the world, indeed, will have turned back 100 years.

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DEFENSE IS ISSUE

President's Coming Tour Puts Question at Head of List.

MEXICO TENSION RELAXES

Administration Leaders Regard Danger of Complications With Carranza as Averted—Embargo Resolutions Waiting.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—President Wilson's determination to talk to the people of the Middle West on National preparedness has had the effect of restoring that issue as the uppermost subject of interest and discussion in Congress.

For several weeks preparedness has been overshadowed by the Mexican problem and international questions growing out of the European war. Now, however, with the President about to tour the country to arouse the public to military requirements of the Nation, Administration and opposition leaders realize that lively times are ahead on Capitol Hill.

Tour Serves Double Purpose.

Democratic leaders in sympathy with the Presidential views on preparedness are gratified over the purpose of the Chief Executive to take the field, inasmuch as there has been apparent in Congress for some time a tendency to adopt a waiting policy among many members uncertain regardipg the views of their constituents on the subject.

The President's tour, it is believed, will serve the double purpose of bringing out public opinion and stirring up members of Congress.

On the other hand, opponents of preparedness see in the President's trip an opportunity to further their cause by replying to his arguments in the Senate and House.

Uneasiness over the Mexican situation, which stirred Congress for more than a week, has greatly abated and probably will not be revived soon unless noteworthy developments should occur in Mexico. Administration leaders regard the danger of being forced into difficulties with Carranza averted for the present.

Borah Will Defer Demand.

Senator Borah, one of the foremost believers in the necessity of military action in Mexico by the United States, has decided there is nothing to be done at this time. When the Senate foreign relations committee declined to act on intervention resolutions last week Senator Borah had contemplated a motion to discharge the committee from further consideration of the resolutions, but a canvass of the Republicans showed them almost unanimously against such a movement.

Some time during the week Representative Humphrey, of Washington, expects to make a speech assailing the Administration's Mexican policy. It also is probable that President Wilson's reply to the Senate's request for facts leading to the recognition of Carranza, in which a mass of detail regarding Carranza and Mexico will be included, will serve to arouse interest of Congress again. It is probable now that this reply will not be sent to the Senate until the President returns from his Western tour.

Legislation Moving Slowly.

Interest still is apparent at the capital in the European situation, but no legislative action is looked for. Embargo resolutions have been submitted to a sub-committee on foreign relations and no report is expected for some time. With regard to legislation in general, both houses continue to travel slowly, notwithstanding efforts of Administration leaders to speed up the legislative machinery. Committees have been urged to work faster and signs of progress are looked for during the coming week.

The immigration bill, with its literacy test, will be reported this week. Feeling over this measure is high, even in committee, and its appearance on the floor is expected to precipitate heated arguments.

ENGLISH COAST RAIDED

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and out-engined. Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, replied to this criticism in the House, asserting that the Fokker was well adapted to defensive operations, but was incapable of making long flights.

Raid Made After Interval.

Some of the London newspapers were not satisfied with this statement, pointing out that British headquarters reports showed the loss of 16 aeroplanes in a month. It was suggested that Fokker aeroplanes would accompany Zeppelins when the next raid over England was made.

The raids come after an interval of several months, during which England, so far as has been reported officially, was immune from such attacks. The last previous occurrence of this nature was on October 13, when 55 persons were killed and 114 wounded by a Zeppelin attack on London. It has been reported by returning travelers, however, that the Germans have made many attempts since that time at aerial attacks, but that their aircraft were turned back by British aeroplanes.

MEN BREAK SAFE; SEEN

Robbers Bind and Gag Citizen Who Surprises Them at Work.

DUBOIS, Pa., Jan. 19.—W. W. Haven, of Summerville, Jefferson County, works nights and was on his way home from work in the morning when he discovered two robbers in the act of breaking into the postoffice. The robbers held Haven up at the point of a revolver while they bound and gagged him.

Then they drilled the safe before Haven's eyes and blew it up with so much dynamite that the interior of the building was badly wrecked.

The robbers gathered up $100 in money and stamps, forced Haven to accompany them to the outskirts of the village, and then set him free. He spread the alarm at once, but the safeblowers made their escape.

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ALL STAND EQUALLY IN LAW

Right to Preserve Existence Held Not to Justify Unlawful Acts Against Innocent and Unoffending States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A Pan-American "Declaration of the Rights of Nations," prepared by Secretary Lansing and Dr. James Brown Scott, and adopted in executive session by the American Institute of International Law at its recent convention held here under the auspices of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, was make public today by Dr. Scott, president of the institute.

Although the declaration lacks the formal ratification of the 21 American republics and therefore is not an official document, its framers believe that it correctly sets forth the official views of all the American commonwelths. Before the institute was called on to consider it, the declaration was submitted to and approved by the chief authorities on international law in the South American republics, including Ambassador Suarez and Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile. It was unanimously adopted January 6 by the institute, whose membership of 105 is made up of five experts on international law from each of the 21 American republics.

Right to Exist Defined.

The declaration, it is said, embodies the institute's conception of only elemental national rights and will be further considered at the next meeting of the institute in Havana next year. It contains five primary sections which were fashioned with the United States Declaration of Independence in mind as a model and which read as follows:

"1. Every nation has the right to exist, to protect and to conserve its existence; but this right neither implies the right nor justifies the act of the state to protect itself or to conserve its existence by the commission of unlawful acts against innocent and unoffending states.

"2. Every nation has the right to independence in the sense that it has a right to the pursuit of happiness and is free to develop itself without interference or control from other states, provided that in so doing it does not interfere with or violate the just rights of other states.

"3. Every nation is in law and before law the equal of every other state composing the society of nations, and all states have the right to claim, and, according to the Declaration of Independence of the United States, to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them.

Internal Jurisdiction Complete.

"4. Every nation has the right to territory within defined boundaries and to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over this territory and all persons whether native or foreign found therein.

"5. Every nation entitled to a right by the law of nations is entitled to have that right respected and protected by all other nations, for right and duty are correlative, and the right of one is the duty of all to observe."

Additions and legal citations supporting the various articles of the Declaration supplement the Declaration itself. For example, the United States Supreme Court decision on the Chinese exclusion law is quoted in support of the right to preserve itself against encroachment. "It matters not," said this decision, "in what form such aggression and encroachment come, whether from the foreign nation acting in its national character or from vast hordes of its people crowding in upon us."

Relative magnitude of nations is held in British Admiralty decision to create no distinction of right.

CARRANZA AVENGES DEATH

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lone sentry and a chorus of dog-barks.

The sentry growled that "the prisoners had been shot and buried."

The machine raced back to the cuartel general, where a drowsy corporal, roused from slumber on the floor, declared the Durans were to be shot at 5 o'clock by the provost guards.

Bugles were sounding reveille and dawn was just breaking when the prisoners, bound and ready, appeared to take their place before the adobe wall, where hundreds have fallen since civil war began in Mexico nearly six years ago.

Bandits' Eyes Unbandaged.

As the two faced the rifles of the firing squad, with eyes unbandaged Bernardo shouted:

"Watch and see how Mexicans die. If I had a rifle," he added, "some of you would go with us."

There were no Mexicans present except the soldiers and officers in charge.

Bernarddo, the elder of the Mexicans, was 24 years old and Federico was 22. The latter gave a tintype picture of himself to a soldier to be sent to his parents at Santa Rita, N. M. Bernardo gave his hat as a present to a policeman who embraced both prisoners as they left the curtel for the execution grounds. Just inside the cemetery gate the party halted for a last word with the bandits.

Murder Is Confessed.

"We want to hurry up and have it over," said Bernardo in a growl, answering the question of an American. "There is nothing to say except that I killed the American and am willing to die. We thought the Americans were try to rob us and that they were armed. The peace officer with them had no warrant to search our place. But hurry up and have it over."

Captain Alfredo Ortiz, commanding the firing squad, offered Bernardo a bandage for his eyes. He refused.

"I want to see," he said.

"I want to die as my brother dies," staid Federico, who braced himself against his brother and said:

"We are bad men; we killed the American; we should die."

Captain Artiz shook hands with the prisoners and embraced them. Then he stepped back and gave the orders to aim and fire.

The captain stepped to the bodies and fired one shot through Bernardo's head. A shot also was fired into the head of Federico and the American spectators hastened back to this side of the border.

FUTURE WARS PICTURED

WOMAN SAYS MODERN STRUGGLES WILL BE PROLONGED.

Mlle. Ioteyko, First of Sex to Lecture at College of France, to Explain Effects of Fatigue.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—For the first time in its history, a woman is to deliver lectures at the College of France. Mademoiselle Ioteyko will begin on Monday a course on the effects of "Fatigue on the Motor Functions."

The lecturer is a Pole, who for 15 years has been head of the psychophysiological laboratory of Brussels University. She collaborated with the Pole, Ivan Bloch, known as a pacificist, in researches to determine what would be the conditions under which a future war would be fought, the results being published some years ago. In this publication she declared:

"The future war will be one of sieges and entrenchments. It will be impossible, without immense losses or greatly superior numbers, to make frontal attacks. Losses in officers will be considerable. Decisive victories will be rare, for the vanquished will immediately take up fresh positions, prepared in advance. Given equal forces, a modern war will last much longer than wars in the past."

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