

OUTLINE OF BECKMANN REPLY IS FORECAST

Germany Expected to Contend Previous Assurances Were for Unarmed Vessels.

COUNTER-ISSUE IS RAISED

United States May Be Asked for Definition of "Defensive Armament"—Lengthy Negotiations Are Indicated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Germany's response to the latest request of the United States for assurances that submarine warfare will be conducted in accordance with established principles of international law is expected here to be a statement that assurances previously given in the Lusitania and Arabic cases had to do only with unarmed vessels, and that the German government must feel certain that its submarines will not be attacked. Furthermore, the Berlin Foreign Office probably will ask the United States for its definition of defensive armament.

Indications of what the German reply may be are gathered from conversations between State Department officials and Teutonic diplomats since Germany and Austria announced their intention of sinking all armed enemy merchantmen after February 29.

Declaration Not Accepted.

The United States today made its first formal declaration that it does not accept as legal the announced intentions of the Teutonic powers, when the State Department sent to diplomatic and consular representatives abroad their information notification that the government would not accept merchant ships have a right to carry defensive armament. The dispatches contained excerpts from newspaper articles setting forth the position of the United States. In this connection, it became known that the Swedish government had instructed its consular officers to advise all Swedish subjects preparing to embark on vessels of the entente allies of the warning given by Germany and Austria.

It is considered certain that the question of defensive armament will be the basis of lengthy negotiations with the central powers, beginning when the reply is received to the message which Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has sent his government.

Formal Note Considered.

In this dispatch the Ambassador transmitted at some length the views explained to him by Secretary Lansing. The response is not expected before the last of next week. It was admitted at the State Department today that the question of writing a formal note on the subject of the conduct of submarine warfare, after the complete German declaration and its appendix have been received, was under consideration. It is certain that Austria will also be supplied with the views of the United States.

Secretary Lansing is clear today that the arrangement under which defensively armed Italian ships had been permitted to leave American ports did not in any way require the United States to accept any principle or tend to establish precedent. He said that the ships had been allowed to sail under a temporary arrangement to meet specific cases, and that in each case the Italian government had assured the United States that the armament would not be used except for defensive purposes.

President Wilson and his cabinet at their meeting today discussed at some length the intentions of the German and the Austrian governments, the position of the United States and the attitude of the entente allies toward the question of the arming of merchant ships. It was agreed that the United States must insist upon receiving complete assurances that merchant ships, whether unarmed or armed for defensive purposes, will not be attacked without warning.

THREE OUT FOR JUDGES

REPUBLICANS ANNOUNCE INTENTIONS FOR CIRCUIT BENCH.

Percy B. Kelly, M. E. Pogue and George G. Bingham are those seeking Jurist Position.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With two circuit judges to elect in the third judicial district comprising Marion and Lincoln counties, three Republicans already have filed their declarations as aspirants for the nomination at the coming primaries. The third Republican to enter the race is George G. Bingham, of this city, who filed his declaration with the Secretary of State today. The other Republicans who have announced themselves are Percy B. Kelly, of Albany, incumbent, and M. E. Pogue, a Salem attorney. I. H. Van Winkle, first assistant attorney general, who has been regarded as a possible aspirant for one of the judgeships, said today that he would not run.

No Democrat formally has filed declaration as a candidate for nomination for judge in this district; but Circuit Judge Galloway announces that he intends to be a candidate for re-nomination and re-election. Whether any other Democrats will be aspirants for nomination appears doubtful at this time.

In declaring his candidacy for Circuit Judge, Mr. Bingham promises to discharge the duties thereof carefully and conscientiously and "endeavor to the best of my ability to administer the law as laid down, recognizing that all persons, be they rich or poor, are entitled to equal protection and equal treatment."

Query, "Want a Shot?" Appeals to Officials.

City Detective John Moloney, After Ready Acceptance, Is Presented With Grain of Birdshot.

"WANT a little shot?" This query has been quite in vogue around the Courthouse for several days past. The generally accepted meaning is "Want a little drink?" Deputy sheriffs, county clerks, constables and rumor has it that even judges have replied "Yes."

John Moloney, city detective, was the most conspicuous victim of trust in fellow-man yesterday. Approached by Deputy Sheriff Beck-

man with the question, "Want a little shot?" Moloney replied, "Don't care if I do."

The deputy led him, with much secrecy, to a vault where many musty volumes of records are kept. "Is this where your blind pig is?" inquired innocently. "Sh-h-h-h," warned the deputy sheriff. He reached for his hip pocket, when Ben Lerner, clerk in Judge Gantebel's court, dove in sight. "Jiggers," whispered Beckman. "Yes, the letter from St. Louis was waiting for me when I came down this morning," declared Moloney, lowering an arm nonchalantly on one of the ancient tomes. "The chief there hasn't a very good lead on the man, but if you follow out the Chicago instructions you ought to have a good chance of landing him."

Lerner Left.

"All right," asked Beckman. "Sure," replied the deputy sheriff. The pocket hidden by his coat—his hand, which he placed tenderly in the detective's hand, as loud imprecations smote the air.

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PRINCE DELAYS HEARING

MISKINOFF DIVORCE CASE IS HELD UP BY BAD COLD.

California Heiress, Defendant in Separation Suit, Refuses to Make Any Comment on Matter.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The trial of the separation suit brought by Prince Alexander Miskinoff against his wife, Princess Aimee Crocker Gould-Miskinoff, Californian heiress, did not begin today as scheduled in the Supreme Court because the Prince was indisposed. The case was set for Monday next.

Shortly before noon the Princess and her foster-daughter, Yvonne Gouraud, reached the courtroom prepared for the ordeal of charges and counter-charges. After a wait of 10 or more minutes the Princess became impatient as her husband failed to put in an appearance. Then his attorney explained that the Prince could not be present because of a serious cold, and his plea for an adjournment was granted.

The Princess and her ward left immediately. They refused to make any comment.

BROKEN GLASS KILLS LOVE

College Romance Ends When Wife Shatters Crockery.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A fruit jar broken over her head and the household crockery hurled to the floor by his wife during the daily meals ended the romance of A. Merle Scott and Gertrude L. Scott, according to the divorce suit instituted today in court proceedings here.

Scott met his wife while he was a student at the Oregon Agricultural College. Apparently it was love at first sight. They were married February 27, 1913. After the wedding, Scott alleges, they began housekeeping, while he attempted to continue his college career. He was 18 years old at the time.

FIRST SHIFT IS FATAL

Pendleton Man Killed While Coupling Cars at Pilot Rock.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Tom McManan, 48 years old, a Pendleton man, who on last night began work as a switchman at Pilot Rock Junction, was instantly killed early this morning when he was caught between the drawbars of a locomotive and a boxcar which he was coupling.

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FRUIT MEN CONSIDER PLAN

would include the best ideas of all the parties interested. It is the intent of the bureau office to offer for adoption by the growers and shippers the following provisions as a part of all selling contracts:

Conditions Are Given. "The following provisions must be made a part of all selling contracts, and nothing shall be included in the contract which will in any way contradict or nullify the carrying out of the provisions as enumerated hereafter. The provisions must be placed in the contract in mandatory form.

"1. It shall be provided that each grower shall have the exclusive right and authority to fix the price at which his products or any part thereof may be sold by the selling agent, but that in event the price so fixed shall be higher than the best market price obtainable after offering the same, the selling agent shall in no wise be held responsible for failure to negotiate sales at such prices.

"2. It is further mutually understood and agreed by both parties hereto that it shall be the duty of the agent to co-operate with all like growers in the placing of business in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or Montana, and who handle fruit and produce annually, for the following purposes:

"(a) To secure information as to the conditions of the grading and marketing of the common values of varieties and grades.

Uniform Methods Sought. "(b) To work in close harmony with growers with the aim of securing uniform methods in the harvesting, grading, packing and the physical handling of the fruit from tree to car, and to secure a standardization and enforcement of the grading and marketing rules of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

"(c) To agree upon a date after which no contracts for tonnage shall be entered into in order that the selling agencies may have a reasonable time in which to provide for the sale and distribution of the crop.

"(d) To discuss in conference market conditions and experiences with various mediums used in the markets for the purpose of ascertaining the most efficient agencies and market outlets for the economical performance of their mutual contract.

"(e) To secure improvement in transportation and storage services and conditions.

"(f) To work out definite plans for the development of various domestic

and Canadian markets, utilizing experienced men and the combined resources of the said agents.

"(g) To develop foreign markets along the following lines: (1) To conduct comprehensive foreign investigations for the purpose of knowing trade demands and making reliable trade connections. (2) To see that the fruit is prepared for market so that the grade and pack may be consistent with the best trade demands. (3) To supervise the physical handling of the shipments through to final destination and to secure adequate insurances so that the hazards may be reduced. (4) To secure capable foreign agents to conduct sales abroad. (5) To expand old markets and develop new ones by direct contact and through the solicitation of special agents. (6) To devise ways and means to safeguard and secure prompt collections. (7) To secure adequate transportation facilities by underwriting steamship charters and promoting new fruit trade routes. (8) To pool proceeds of sales in the development of new markets as far as possible according to the varieties and grades over definite periods, so that profits and losses therefrom may be equalized.

Foreign Market Sought. "(h) To develop foreign, Canadian and new domestic markets, contributions of fruit shall be made in proportion to the amount handled by each of the agents participating; returns therefrom shared on the same basis.

"(i) To secure the standardization of agents' accounting records, to the extent that all account sales issued by the said shipping agencies shall be figured on the same basis and in such a manner that they shall be uniform, allowing for comparison to be made by the grower, between the services rendered and prices secured by the different agencies."

In presenting this plan it has been stated that the formation of an exchange in no way presages any radical changes in the status of the selling agencies. On the other hand, it is the intention of the Department of Agriculture to make it very clear that the proposed exchange would provide facilities whereby the selling agencies may carry out the provisions of the uniform contract.

IDAHO FARMERS ORGANIZE Much Interest Is Manifested by Ranchers at Newberg.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With an enrollment of more than 50 ranchers in its classes with many others watching the work, the "pruning school" held in the neighborhoods of Rex, Springbrook and Newberg closed today. Professor W. S. Brown, field horticulturist of the Oregon Agricultural College, was in charge.

In view of the fact that so much interest has been manifested in the work, Professor Brown expects to return in June to give further instruction in summer pruning.

Municipal Cars Taken Off. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Two municipal streetcar lines were taken off lower Market street today, when a permanent injunction against their operation was signed by Judge James M. Seawell in the Superior Court, after more than seven months of litigation.

The English city of Birmingham uses nearly 90,000 penny-in-the-slot gas meters.

ROSEBURG ON WATCH

EFFECT OF SENATOR LANE'S INDIAN MEASURE DISCUSSED.

Abolition of Reservations Would Greatly Enlarge Agency in City, According to Officials.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—If the bill on Indian affairs now being urged before Congress by Senator Harry Lane is passed, Roseburg will become one of the largest administrative offices in Indian business in the United States, according to the officials of the local Indian agency.

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STEEL PLANS ENLARGED

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