

INSISTENT NOTE TO BESENT TO BRITAIN

United States Preparing Demand for Modification in Treatment of Mails.

BLOCKADE ORDER OPPOSED

International Situation to Be Taken Up Despite Embarrassment Caused by German Expression as to Violations.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Negotiations with Great Britain regarding interference with mails to and from the United States and interruption of neutral commerce by the British fleet are to be resumed in the near future.

The note now being prepared reiterates the original protest of the United States against the detention and interference with American mails. The reply of Great Britain several weeks ago is considered unsatisfactory by President Wilson. It is understood that the new demand will be more decided in its language than the first.

ASTORIA FRONTAGE BOUGHT

Hammond Lumber Company Pays \$20,000 for 1600 Feet.

ASTORIA, Or., May 15.—(Special)—A deal was consummated today which involves the sale of quite a tract of waterfront in the east end of the city.

GREECE AND ALLIES AGREE

Differences Are Settled and Neutrality Will Not Be Violated.

LONDON, May 15.—The Foreign Office announced today that the outstanding differences between Greece and the entente powers had been settled amicably with the result that there would be no violation of the neutrality of Greece.

CAR CAPSIZES, HURTING 3

Bert Harphan, of Haines, Has Skull Fractured.

BAKER, Or., May 15.—(Special)—As the result of an automobile turning turtle, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harphan, of Haines, and Mrs. Maude Ellis, of Baker, are in Elizabeth's Hospital.

Gompers Indorses Garment Strike.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a telegram received here today by Benjamin Schlesinger, leader of the 60,000 striking garment workers, approves the strike and assures the strikers of the active support of the Federation.

Mrs. Evans Heads King's Daughters.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 15.—Mrs. Anthony H. Evans was re-elected international president of the King's Daughters at the biennial convention here today.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French. PARIS, May 15.—The official communication issued by the War Office tonight reads: "In Champagne a bombardment carried out this morning by the enemy in the region called Le Mesnil les Maisons in Champagne was followed by several simultaneous attacks by small effectives at divers points on this front. All these attacks, arrested by our certain fire, were repulsed by counter attacks, were fruitless.

German. BERLIN, May 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The text of today's German headquarters statement is as follows: "Western theater—The artillery and patrols on both sides have been active in many sections.

Belgian. PARIS, May 15.—The Belgian communication today reads: "The artillery bombardment was resumed this morning with violence in the region of Dixmude. A party which attempted to gain a footing in a trench along the Dixmude front was immediately driven back."

Austrian. BERLIN, May 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The following is the official Austrian report of May 15: "The front—On the northern slope of Monte San Michele. The Italians suffered heavy losses.

Monday's War Moves. LITTLE heavy fighting is in progress in any of the various war theaters.

British. LONDON, May 15.—The following communication was issued tonight: "The French in the Meuse hills to the east of Verdun in a surprise attack have cleared the Germans from trenches over a front of about 200 yards and also have put down in Champagne several German attacks.

Russian. PETROGRAD, via London, May 15.—The Russian official statement issued today reads: "On General Ever's front the enemy attacks places maintains a brisk artillery fire.

Russian Sever Relations. Resentment Shown at Attitude of Teuton Organization Regarding Destruction by Turks of Hospital Ship in Black Sea.

Stockholm, via London, May 15.—According to the Dagens Nyheter, the International Red Cross conference held in Stockholm in the absence of protestants from Germany and Russia, the Russian Red Cross, owing to the refusal of Germany to accept the registration of the Red Cross of the Russian hospital ship Portugal.

Peace Credits Arranged. Chicago Banks to Help French Reconstruction After War.

Chicago, May 15.—Chicago bankers have entered into definite arrangements with French commissioners, it was announced today, to supply "peace credits" covering the sale of American manufactures. The arrangement becomes effective with the end of the war.

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RURAL CREDITS BILL PASSES, 295 TO 10

Measure Similar to That Already Passed by Senate With Some Difference.

OPPOSITION ALMOST NIL

Shipping Bill to Be Taken Up Next, With Likelihood of Early Passage; Democrats Pleased at Speeding of Programme.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Glass rural credits bill providing for a Federal farm loan board and a system of 12 land banks passed the House late today by a vote of 295 to 10. A similar measure already has passed the Senate, and the House will probably be worked out soon in conference.

There are many differences between the Senate and House bills to be adjusted. The Senate measure would capitalize each farm bank at \$50,000; the House's at \$75,000. The Senate would authorize loan associations with unlimited liability; the House would not.

Shipping Bill Is Next. With the passage of the rural credits bill, Democratic House leaders prepared to bring up the shipping bill up for consideration beginning tomorrow.

Chairman Alexander, of the merchant marine committee, expressed confidence tonight that the bill would pass. W. L. Douglas, of New York, identified the United States Chamber of Commerce, who was the first man to speak against the original shipping bill in committee, wrote Mr. Alexander today that he was satisfied with the revised measure.

Democratic members were well pleased tonight over the prospect of cleaning up the legislative programme before the adjournment, as previously planned. It is probable that the Army and fortifications measures and some minor bills will be completed before the convention, and a dividend will be returned on that record until the members return from Chicago and St. Louis.

Mr. Hawley Careful to Say "Widowed Woman." Oregon Member Waves Language with Added Caution Since he Won Recognition as One of Grammarians of House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 15.—Representative Hawley has been obliged to exercise care in framing his speeches in the House of Representatives since he was publicly recognized as one of the leading grammarians of Congress. Only a few days after this distinction was conferred on the Oregon member he spoke for a short time on the bonding feature of the rural credits bill. The subject being a technical one, Mr. Hawley withheld his remarks from the Record for revision.

While he still had the manuscript in his possession, Representative Humphrey, of Washington, accosted Mr. Hawley and said to him: "Hawley, I thought you were a great grammarian, but yesterday, in your speech on a transport which was on board you use the expression, 'widowed woman.' I could hardly believe my ears."

"Oh, you must be mistaken," said Mr. Hawley. "I certainly used no such expression as that, and I venture to say the Record will not bear me out. Let it be remembered, Mr. Hawley still had an opportunity to correct the transcript of his remarks after he had been chided by Mr. Humphrey."

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