



WILSON WOULD ALIGN NEUTRALS

Others Urged to Follow United States' Example.

ANSWER EAGERLY AWAITED

Nations on "Doorstep of Germany" Expected to Hesitate About Acting.

PEACE EFFORT IS RENEWED

Gerard Expected to Go to Holland or Switzerland as Soon as Possible.

BERLIN, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.—Germany today acceded to the American demand for the immediate release of the 72 Americans taken from ships sunk by the raider in the Atlantic and brought to a German port aboard the steamer Yarrowdale.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Besides breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, President Wilson has made a bold strike to range the moral force of all other neutral countries along with that of the United States in the interest of peace.

The President has suggested to all the other neutrals that they break off diplomatic relations with Germany as the United States has done and has instructed all American diplomats in those countries to report immediately how the suggestion is received.

Some Neutrals May Hesitate. The opinion in diplomatic headquarters here is that European neutrals at the very doorstep of Germany, threatened by her military power, will hesitate to take such a step. The effect of the suggestion in other countries is being eagerly awaited.

This was the only known development of first importance which came out of a day of tense waiting which followed the actual announcement yesterday.

News that the American steamer Housatonic had not been sunk without proper warning and that no lives had been lost, dispelled a cloud which threatened the storm to follow the first overt act against the United States under the new war zone order.

The situation as to Austria is tonight unchanged. There is no doubt, however, that diplomatic relations will be broken with her when she announces her intention to adhere to Germany's course.

The President's invitation to neutrals to follow his action was contained in instructions to American diplomats to announce the break with Germany to the governments to which they are accredited.

Formal Order Issued. It was contained in the following order: "You will immediately notify the government to which you are accredited that the United States, because of the German government's recent announcement of its intention to renew unrestricted submarine warfare, has no choice but to follow the course laid down in its note of April 18, 1916 (the Sussex note)."

"It has, therefore, recalled the American Ambassador from Berlin and has delivered passports to the German Ambassador to the United States. "Say also that the President is reluctant to believe Germany actually will carry out her threat against neutral commerce, but if it be done the President will ask Congress to authorize use of the National power to protect American citizens engaged in their peaceful and lawful errands on the seas.

Peace Move Not Abandoned. "The course taken is, in the President's view, entirely in conformity with the principles he enunciated in his address to the Senate January 12 (the address proposing a world league for peace). "He believes it will make for the peace of the world if other neutral powers can find it possible to take similar action.

"Report fully and immediately on the reception of this announcement and upon the suggestion as to similar action."

"Thus it becomes apparent that in the shadow of war the President has not abandoned his efforts for peace, and (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)

4,778,050 MEN ARE AVAILABLE FOR WAR

GREATER NUMBER COULD BE RAISED IN EMERGENCY.

Committee on National Defense Makes Figures Public—Actual Experience Is Basis.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—An Army of 4,778,050 men between 18 and 45 years old fit for military service is available in this country, according to the estimate of an investigating staff of the executive committee of the Mayor's committee on National defense, made public tonight. A still greater number might be put under arms in a serious emergency, according to the committee's report, by the recruiting of older companies, as well as the lowering of physical standards and by the employment of women in occupations now open only to men.

The morbidity, or sickness, rate indicated by researches of the Public Health Service and various insurance companies, as well as the records of physical examination at various recruiting stations, were considered in the investigation. A more reliable method, in the opinion of the committee, is to base the figures on actual experience of other countries where universal military service prevails. Using this method, the committee has calculated that out of 900,000 men reaching military age each year, 650,000 are fit for military service, according to the French standard and 450,000 according to the German standard.

According to the figures presented in the report more than nine-tenths of the force of 1,500,000 trained troops which the war college division of the general staff thinks should be available at the outbreak of war, could be made up from men of 19 and 20 years, if the French standard were applied and men of 19, 20 and 21 years, according to the German standard.

GERMAN REGRETS BREAK. Rev. K. O. Salzmann Reminds Hearers They Are Americans First.

"The present complications between the United States and Germany are regrettable," said Rev. K. O. Salzmann at the regular meeting of the Federation of German-Speaking Societies Saturday night at the German House.

Rev. Mr. Salzmann expressed the hope that the two governments would be able to adjust questions over which the United States had severed diplomatic relations and that actual participation in the war would be averted. He reminded the members that above all they are Americans, and should remain cool and philosophical in the present crisis.

There are 47 societies affiliated with the Federation in Oregon, embracing a membership of more than 6000 persons.

SPAIN PLEADS FOR TIME

Central Powers Are Asked to Give Ships Chance to Return.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A Madrid dispatch to Reuter's says that the Spanish government has telegraphed the central powers asking that the time allowed Spanish ships to return to port be extended.

Many towns are protesting against the note of the central powers and have sent appeals to the government to support with dignity the interests of the nation. The administration has prohibited an anti-German meeting which was called at Santander. The consulates of the central powers at Barcelona and the camp of interned Germans near that city are being guarded by the police.

AMERICANS START HOME

Number Leaving England, However, Not as Great as Expected.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A large crowd of homeward bound Americans took the boat train at Euston station this morning. There seemed little apprehension as to any sailing was exempt under the German warning, it being the last one with such exemption.

It turned out that the demands for transportation by Americans desiring to get away from England were less urgent than expected and virtually one after another first-class accommodations on the departing steamer was not taken.

RELIEF SHIPS SUSPENDED

Mr. Hoover Hopes, However, to Resume Work at Early Date.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Operation of all transportation of the Belgian relief commission has been suspended and ships in American, Argentine, Indian and European ports have been ordered to remain there until further notice. Herbert Hoover, chairman of the commission, announced today.

Mr. Hoover hopes operations may be resumed soon and members of the commission in Belgium have been ordered to remain at their posts until otherwise advised.

NEUTRALS' COURSE PUZZLE

Diplomats Wonder If They Will Follow America's Lead.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The question whether other neutrals will follow the American policy with regard to German submarine warfare was discussed warmly among diplomats and other officials here last night when they read the President's address.

Messages from Holland and Scandinavian countries contain no predictions that they contemplate breaking relations with Germany.

HOUSATONIC DULY WARNED BY U BOAT

Provision Is Made for Safety of Crew.

CONTRABAND CARGO ADMITTED

Issue Reduced to Claim for Monetary Damages.

ALL ON BOARD RESCUED

Boats Towed for 90 Minutes Toward Land and Signal Fired to British Patrol Boat, Which Afterwards Lands All at Penzance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The possibility that the sinking of the American steamer Housatonic will become a serious factor in the crisis with Germany apparently was eliminated today by evidence that the attacking submarine acted within international law. American Consul Stephens at Plymouth reported that warning was given and provision made for safety of the crew.

The Housatonic was carrying contraband, any controversy over her destruction is expected to present no more serious issue than a claim for monetary damages.

Case Like That of Frye. If the consul's report is correct, the case apparently falls into the same category as the American ship William P. Frye, destroyed with a cargo of grain early in the war by a raider after her crew had been taken off.

Consul Stephens' dispatch later made public reads: "American steamer Housatonic loaded with a cargo of wheat for the British government, torpedoed by German submarine 12:30, February 2. Vessel warned and total crew of 37 rescued by submarine and towed for 90 minutes toward land.

British Patrol Signaled. "Submarine fired signal to British patrol boat which subsequently landed crew at Penzance."

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The crew of the American steamship Housatonic has been landed at Penzance, England. The Housatonic was warned by the German submarine which sank her, according to John G. Stephens, American consul at Plymouth. Mr. Stephens today sent the following telegram to The Associated Press:

"Total crew of 37 of Housatonic landed at Penzance Saturday. Vessel torpedoed by a German submarine 12:30 Saturday. Warned. Crew towed 90 minutes by submarine toward land."

Crew Has Hour to Leave. When hailed by the submarine the Housatonic was flying the American flag and had the American colors painted on her side, says a dispatch to (Concluded on Page 16, Column 1.)

GERARD SILENT ON LEARNING OF BREAK

BRAZILIAN MINISTER LIKELY TO TAKE OVER AFFAIRS.

Return by Way of Denmark and Russia Probable — Berlin Papers Publish News.

BERLIN, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.—The news of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany was made known here today through newspaper dispatches.

No official information has yet been received at either the United States embassy or the foreign office, so Ambassador Gerard's plans have not been definitely decided. He will probably leave Germany by way of Denmark and return home through Russia, taking the trans-Siberian Railway. It is expected that American interests will be entrusted to the Brazilian minister.

Mr. Gerard was on his way to keep an appointment with Foreign Secretary Zimmermann at noon today when an Associated Press correspondent showed him dispatches giving details of the President's speech. The Ambassador declined to make any comment. He conferred with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg yesterday, but neither official had then any information in regard to the President's decision and their conversation was general in nature. The Chancellor apparently asked Mr. Gerard to call in order to learn if he had any information as to his government's course, news of which had been eagerly awaited here.

SKIPPER DESERTS KAISER

Captain of Vaterland Is to Try to Become American Citizen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Captain Julius Gubar, formerly in command of the Vaterland and now in command of the Pennsylvania of the Hamburg-American line, announced tonight that he desired to become an American citizen. He said he realized this action would mean the forfeiture of his command, but it made no difference to him.

He was detained on board his ship tonight, but asserted he would apply to the immigration authorities at Ellis Island tomorrow for permission to take out his citizenship papers.

GERMAN TEACHER RESIGNS

Educator in Vermont Quits Because of Diplomatic Situation.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Feb. 5.—Professor Anton H. Applemann, professor of German and German literature at the University of Vermont, yesterday tendered his resignation because of the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

WIRELESS PLANT SEIZED

Federal Officers Take Over Concern Owned by German Company.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 4.—A commercial wireless plant owned by a German company at Deering, a suburb of this city, was taken over by United States authorities tonight.

GERMAN GUNBOAT IS SET AFIRE BY CREW

Warship Is Burning in Honolulu Harbor.

VESSEL IS LONG INTERNED

Attempts Made to Wreck Machinery in Philippines.

AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION

Geler Remembered for Incident Early in War, When Japanese Battleship Stood Guard to Prevent Escape to Sea.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 4.—The interned German gunboat Geler is burning in the harbor here. She was set on fire by her crew, according to the local authorities.

The Geler, of 4004 tons, was interned here shortly after the war began. She was built at Wilhelmshaven in 1894.

MANILA, Feb. 4.—It is reported that virtually all the machinery and engines of the 23 German steamers lying in Philippine ports have been damaged by their crews. Seventeen of these vessels are interned at Manila, three at Cebu and three at Zamboanga.

Damage Done 36 Hours in Advance. The damage in some cases is said to have been done 36 hours before the first report of the break in the relations between the United States and Germany.

The American squadron has returned to Manila from target practice and is patrolling the bay.

Customs officers have completed their examination of the interned German boats. Nine of them had their engine-rooms wrecked and several had fires burning under empty boilers.

Use of Explosives Feared. Customs launches and naval vessels will act as a patrol guard around the steamers. It is feared some of the German boats have explosives on board, and they may be used in case they are seized.

When the German gunboat Geler put into Honolulu for refuge in the early days of the war her engines were in bad condition, and the craft was in need of general overhauling. She was accompanied by the German steamer Locksun, which vessel has supplied the Geler with coal, supplies and some assistance.

When the Geler was interned the Locksun was declared to be a naval collier or convoy and also was interned. Like other German merchant ships which had taken refuge in Honolulu were not in the interned class.

The Geler was inspected under orders of Admiral C. B. T. Moore, United States Naval commandant in Hawaii, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

SAFE CONDUCT FOR GERMAN WANTED

WASHINGTON TO ASK BRITAIN TO PASS BERNSTORFF.

Ex-Ambassador Denies Self to Reporters for First Time, Embassy Under Guard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Although plans for his coerced departure from the United States still were incomplete, Count von Bernstorff began today the preparation of his baggage and that of his staff for shipment back to Germany. When passports for the embassy staff were handed to Count von Bernstorff yesterday, they were not accompanied by a guarantee of safe conduct through the allied blockade, but the State Department is preparing to secure one from Great Britain.

For the first time since the war began Count von Bernstorff denied himself to newspaper correspondents today on the ground that since he no longer had official standing, there was nothing of interest that he could say.

In addition to agents of the United States secret service stationed in the embassy as a measure of personal protection, three uniformed policemen were on guard today inside.

AUTHOR OBTAINS DIVORCE

Writer of "Glorious Romance" Breaks Own Martial Ties.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Winifred Babcock, author of "Glorious Romance" and many other stories, has obtained a divorce from Bertram W. Babcock, operatic manager of New York. She obtains custody of their three children, the oldest of whom is 13. As Mrs. Babcock testified that she "was able to care for herself and the children and had supported herself for the past 16 years, no alimony was granted.

Mrs. Babcock swore that her husband remained intoxicated for two weeks at a time and when drunk abused and reviled her.

SPANISH STEAMER SHELLED

Another Spaniard and One Norwegian Sunk by Submarines.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The Spanish steamer Fairra, en route for Vigo with a cargo of cement, was bombed by a German submarine. The vessel was badly damaged and one sailor wounded.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Ymer, 112 tons gross, by a submarine. Part of the crew was landed. The sinking of the Spanish steamer Dos de Noviembre is reported in a Retur dispatch from Madrid. One man was drowned.

BELLINGHAM IS ON GUARD

Patrols Surround Armory to Protect Property From Fanatics.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 4.—Guards were posted about the State Armory here tonight on orders from the state adjutant general.

The local commander received orders to maintain a night guard sufficient to protect the property of the state from possible damage at the hands of fanatics.

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