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PRESIDENT WOULD FORESTALL CRITICS

Waiting Period Marked by Moderation.

GERMAN RIGHTS PROTECTED

Hope of Modified U-Boat Campaign Almost Dissipated.

AUSTRIA'S CASE IN DOUBT

Rupture With Vienna Less Certain Than at First—Conference of Neutrals Still Is Viewed as Practicable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—While the United States' stand before the world court of public opinion in the anxious waiting period which will determine peace or war with Germany, President Wilson is determined that there shall be no word or deed to merit a reproach, even from Germany herself.

Nothing is to be done which is not fully justified by the laws of nations and humanity; nothing is to be done for expediency; nothing is to be done which is not legal and just.

Criticism to Be Avoided.

With hope for peace and readiness to meet war if it must be, the President has made it plain to all his officials that the course of the United States, difficult as it is, must be entirely beyond criticism.

To that end, German rights and property in the United States are to have full protection of law and the President wishes every American to forbear from any thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war.

Hope that Germany might at the last moment modify her declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare was almost dissipated today by the news dispatches from Berlin, which gave the word of high German officials that there would be no turning back.

Actual Demonstration Awaited.

With that hope waning, American officials now only wait an actual demonstration of how the new decree will affect American rights. The news of the shelling of the boats of the British steamer Evestone is not now regarded as the feared overt act. It will be thoroughly investigated, however.

Meanwhile, Austria's case still is undetermined. Rupture of relations with Austria seems no less certain than it did, but the situation must go through definite processes before a decision is announced.

Although engrossed in the task of preparing the country for any eventuality, President Wilson has not lost sight of the participation neutrals must have in the terms of peace through definite processes before a decision is announced.

Neutrals' Conference Suggested.

There are intimations of thoughts of a conference of neutrals to reach an agreement on what neutrals may ask when the time comes. It is known that this suggestion is being pressed by at least one of the European neutrals, which has been among the chief sufferers from the war, and it is believed that President Wilson has regarded it with favor.

The first step to place Congress formally on record in support of the break with Germany was taken in the Senate today and is expected to be followed in the House. Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, introduced a resolution endorsing the President's action and it was placed in a parliamentary position to be adopted tomorrow. Republicans have given assurances of their support.

Nation's Resources Studied.

The work of co-ordinating the Nation's resources went steadily forward throughout the day and will be discussed tomorrow at the first Cabinet meeting since the announcement of the break.

President Wilson went to the Navy Department today and conferred with Secretary Daniels on expediting legislation to empower the Government to take over shipbuilding plants, munitions works and factories in case of need. Henry Ford, the manufacturer, offered his great plant to the Government without cost in case of war and volunteered to operate it himself without profit. His offer will be accepted if there be no objection.

From Secretary Baker the President received a first-hand report of what is being done within the Army. By proclamation the President forbade further transfer to foreign governments of ships building in America. It has not been decided to convey such American ships as now are sailing into the war zone and no new regulations as to armament have been made. These two points are to be decided later.

SNOW BLOCKADE IS BROKEN

More Than 50 Trains Detained in Wyoming Running Again.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 5.—The blockade on the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad, which has been in effect since the heavy storm of January 31 closed the tracks, was lifted today.

More than 50 trains which had been held up began moving again this afternoon.

"WAR BRIDES" ARE IN STRONG DEMAND

NEW YORK STOCK TRADERS BUY HEAVILY.

Operations Are Based on Rupture With Germany—Rise Is General—Money Rates Easy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Basing their operations on the assumption that rupture with Germany is calculated to create a broad demand for supplies of all descriptions, traders again bought heavily today of the better known "war brides" and related issues listed on the Stock Exchange.

In the stock market the rise, while general, and impressive as to certain issues, was admirably as to indicate indecision respecting the speculative possibilities of former favorites. Some issues prominent in the feverish trading of the last two years made only small gains and a few others of the same class were under pressure.

For the most part the buying was of a confident character and seemed to have the support of foremost banking interests. Money rates were comparatively easy regardless of last week's material reduction of local bank reserves.

Coppers served to stabilize the general market. Leather, Industrial Alcohol, shippings and more than a score of miscellaneous unclassified stocks.

BERLIN ISSUES WHITE BOOK

Entire Exchange of Notes With Washington Is Reviewed.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 5.—From an article in the Tagblatt, of Berlin, it is evident that the German government has issued a white book containing the exchange of notes with the United States Government regarding submarine warfare, comprising 26 documents.

It begins with the announcement of the German Admiralty of February 2, 1915, regarding the naval zone of operations, and concludes with the note of May 5, 1916, delivered by Ambassador Gerard to the German Foreign Office at Berlin.

D. A. R. PREPARE FOR WAR

Mrs. Storey, President, Sends Out Call to 95,000 Members.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A call to the 95,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution to organize in preparation for possible war was sent out today by Mrs. William Cunningham Storey, president-general of the organization.

The 1500 local chapters are urged to assemble hospital supplies, classify women as to service and send to Mrs. Storey here the names, addresses and degree of efficiency of not only the members, but of other women who may wish to aid.

COLD KILLS FLORIDA FRUIT

Laden Orchards and Truck Crops Hard Hit by Wave.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 5.—Florida fruit and vegetable growers have been hard hit by the cold wave. Freezing temperature prevailed today as far south as Middle Florida. Truck growers in those sections lost practically their entire crop.

In Orange, Marion, Alachua, St. Johns and other Florida counties, where trees were laden with fruit, the loss has been heavy. Temperatures reported include New Orleans 26 and Jacksonville 26 with a 56-mile wind.

BATTLE RAGES IN MEXICO

Wounded Reach Chihuahua and Carranza General Is Killed.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 5.—Heavy fighting is going on between the forces of Carranza and Villa at a point about 30 miles west of Chihuahua City, according to passengers from Chihuahua who arrived tonight at Juarez. The passengers said 150 Carranza wounded soldiers had been brought into Chihuahua. A Carranza General was also reported killed, who, one rumor said, was General Francisco Gonzales, late commander of the Juarez garrison.

SCHUETZEN CORPS LOYAL

Hoboken Riflemen Offer Services to Teach Marksmanship.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 5.—Men of German blood composing the Hoboken Independent Schuetzen Corps, took steps today to make their loyalty to the United States and their skill as marksmen immediately effective for the defense of the country.

They asked the Board of Education to allow them to teach the 1500 members of public school cadet corps how to shoot.

DEEPER CHANNEL URGED

Senator Jones Offers Amendment to Bill to Dredge Main Ship Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Jones today offered an amendment to the river and harbor bill providing that the channel in the Columbia River between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette shall be dredged to the depth prevailing in the main ship channel from Portland to the sea.

He also offered an amendment for a survey of Black River.

TEMPER OF FOREIGN OFFICE IS PACIFIC

Germany's Release of Seamen Confirmed.

AMERICANS ARE TREATED WELL

United States to Be Kept Out as Long as Possible.

CROWDS ARE NOT HOSTILE

Precautions Taken to Protect Embassy Prove Unnecessary—News of Break Doubtful When First Received.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—A special cable dispatch from Berlin to the Chicago Daily News, dated February 4, confirms the news that 72 American citizens, members of the crews of the armed merchantmen captured by the Moewe II and held prisoners in Germany were released Sunday on presentation of protests by American Ambassador Gerard. This, the first act after news of the break in the diplomatic relations of the two countries, shows the pacific temper of the German Foreign Office. The men were freed on the ground that when they took service they did not know of the German ruling on armed merchantmen.

German Feeling Emphasized. Since the yawrowdale arrived at Swinemunde at the end of December the men have been in the nearby prison camp of Dillman, where they were visited Sunday for the first time by two representatives from the American Embassy. Their release eradicates the most important material for war incrimination now visible and emphasizes Germany's wish to keep America out of the conflict as long as possible.

Attention is called today to the treaty of 1799 between the United States and Prussia giving citizens in the event of war nine months in which to close up their business and leave the country, says the dispatch. Germany will probably announce the reaffirmation of treaty tomorrow or the day after.

EARL OF HARRINGTON DIES

Late King's Aide One of England's Largest Landowners.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Charles Augustus Stanhope, eighth Earl of Harrington, died at Elvaston Castle, Derby, this morning.

The Earl of Harrington was 73 years old and was one of the largest landowners in England. He was aide de camp to the King and commander of the South Derbyshire Battalion of the Home Guard.

\$60,000 GRANT CRITICISED

Hood River Residents Say \$6000 Postoffice Would Satisfy.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Chamberlain today received a letter from nine residents of Hood River protesting against the appropriation of \$60,000 for a public building at that place.

They said a \$6000 building would be adequate.

PHILADELPHIA AND FINLAND IN PORT

ONLY TWO AMERICAN PASSENGER SHIPS NOW AT SEA.

Freighter Leaves for Genoa. Sailing of St. Louis Again Postponed, this Time till Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—With the safe arrival at Liverpool today of the American Line steamship Philadelphia and Finland, and the arrival here from Liverpool of the St. Paul, only two American passenger ships now are at sea—the Kroonland, which sailed from Liverpool January 31, and the New York, which left the same port February 3. The Ovesco, an American freighter, left here today for Genoa. Cable messages to officials of the American line in this city told of the arrival at Liverpool of the Philadelphia and the Finland.

Officials of the American Line announced today the St. Louis, detained here since Saturday on account of the international situation, would not sail "before Wednesday, February 7, at noon." No explanation was made by the officials as to the decision not to sail the ship before Wednesday.

"The St. Louis is loaded, and the necessary formalities of obtaining clearance papers have been complied with," said an official of the line. "The ship carries no cargo that can be classed as contraband. There have been no changes in her markings, designating her as an American vessel as suggested in the last German note."

3 SISTERS PLEAD GUILTY

Young Women Fined \$100 Each for Efforts to Get Fabled Will.

MEMPHISVILLE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ethel Moss and Pearl and Ambia Horner, of Portland, the three sisters who made a sensational visit to West Holdup visit to the Alumbraugh home on Chehalum Mountain one night last November in search of a fabled will purporting to involve property in Holland worth a large sum of money, were indicted by the grand jury in session here on a charge of rioting, their case coming up for trial today. The sisters pleaded guilty and were fined \$100 each.

ARMY BILL PUT IN FORM

The Army bill was put into final form in committee today and probably will be called up in the House some time this week. The House will resume debate on the naval bill tomorrow with the hope of passing it during the day.

Senator Overman's espionage bill provides penalties of two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 for any person approaching, entering, or flying in an airplane over any vessel, fort, Navy-yard, or other place connected with the navy.

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CONGRESS HASTENS WAR PREPARATIONS

Aim Is to Be Ready for Any Event.

SPY BILL IS INTRODUCED

New Provisions Are Written Into Army Measure.

COMMITTEES ARE ACTIVE

Anti-Aircraft Guns to Be Made for Protection of Arsenal—Entire Army Staff Permitted to Sit in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Congress began earnestly today to pave the way for legislation that may be demanded by any development in the international crisis.

Still hopeful that the break with Germany will not involve the United States in war, leaders of both parties recognized that preparations should not be delayed, and there was unusual activity in the naval, military and revenue committees, while the judiciary committee of the Senate worked all day on a series of measures relating to conspiracies against the Government.

Senate Will Indorse Action. The Senate, as the co-ordinate branch of the Government having to do with foreign relations, prepared to give its official sanction to the severance of relations with Germany. Chairman Stone introduced a resolution indorsing the President's course and probably will call it up tomorrow for action. There will be some discussion, but a majority of the Republican leaders, consulted before it was introduced, are in sympathy with the resolution and Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, will speak in its favor.

A measure prescribing heavy punishments for espionage, framed by the Department of Justice, was introduced in the Senate and at the request of Secretary Baker the House military committee wrote into the annual Army appropriation bill a special appropriation for anti-aircraft guns at arsenals, and a provision removing all limit from the number of Army General Staff officers who may be stationed at Washington to work out war problems.

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ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.



ORDERS OF OREGON TROOPS UNCHANGED

WAR DEPARTMENT SAYS MEN WILL BE SENT HOME.

Action of General Funston in Holding Other Guard Units on Border, News to Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 5.—The War Department has not changed and does not contemplate changing its order of a week ago directing Battery A and Troop A of the Oregon National Guard to return to Oregon.

Adjutant-General McCain says it is expected the order will be carried out as quickly as the Oregon troops are relieved by regulars.

General Funston's order of today, detaching the Maryland troops at El Paso, was issued without knowledge of the War Department officials in Washington.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 5.—After the South Carolina and Tennessee units stationed here had already entrained today for home, an order was received from General Funston by the quartermaster's department suspending the return of all state guard troops.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Feb. 5.—Orders which would have caused the Second Virginia Infantry, First Oklahoma Infantry and Fourth South Dakota Infantry to move to their home stations were recalled today, according to announcement at Fort Brown.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 5.—Entrainment of Batteries A and C, Alabama Field Artillery, preparatory to leaving tomorrow for home, was stopped today on orders from the War Department.

BOSTON HAS GERMAN RUSH

Many Men Off Tied-Up Ships Seek American Citizenship.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—On this, the first court day since the diplomatic break with Germany, there was a rush of German citizens to announce their intention to obtain American citizenship.

Twenty men, most of them former members of the crews of German vessels tied up in this port, sought to qualify for naturalization papers.

The applications of all but one were accepted. This man said he would have to think over the question of renouncing the sovereignty of the German Emperor.

BRITISH WIN FROM TURKS

Artillery Now Controls Mouth of River Opposite Kut-el-Amara.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The British forces on the Tigris have now established themselves west of the point where the Hal River joins the Tigris, immediately south of Kut-el-Amara, where their artillery controls at short range the mouth of the Hal River opposite Kut.

British attacks on Saturday resulted in the capture of Turkish trenches to a depth of 400 yards on a 550-yard front, the War Office reported today.

SWISS REMAIN NEUTRAL.

BERNE, via Paris, Feb. 5.—It is semi-officially stated that Switzerland, in reply to President Wilson's note, will decline to depart from the line of strict neutrality, which is a vital principle of Swiss policy.

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AMERICAN KILLED BY U-BOAT'S SHELL

Boats Bombarded as Crew Leaves Ship.

CAPTAIN IS AMONG SLAIN

Five Killed When Another Unwarned Steamer Is Sunk.

RELIEF SHIP ALSO LOST

Cargo of Wheat From Argentina Goes to Bottom of Belgian Coast, Whether From Torpedo or Mine Is Not Known.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The British ship Tale of Arran, of 1913 tons, has been sunk by a submarine, two of her crew being wounded by shell fire, Lloyd's Shipping Agency announced today. The British steamer Evestone, of 1791 tons, also has been sunk and the captain and three members of the crew killed and one wounded, says another agency announcement.

The Danish steamer Lar Kruse, employed by the Belgian Relief Commission, was sunk off the Belgian coast. She carried wheat from Buenos Aires. She was a vessel of 1460 tons. It is not known whether the sinking was due to a mine or torpedo.

The Russian four-masted bark Garnet Hill, of 3272 gross tons, is believed by Lloyd's to have been sunk.

American Seaman Is Killed. It is officially announced that Richard Wallace, an American seaman, belonging to Baltimore, was killed in the shelling of the boats which left the sinking steamer Evestone.