

SPAIN DECLINES TO BREAK WITH BERLIN

Calm, Firm Protest Against Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Is Sent.

NEW POLICY IS DENOUNCED

Nation's Sea Trade Is Stopped, Economic Existence Compromised and Lives of Subjects Are Threatened, Says Madrid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Spain's note, which it is understood, finally declines to accept President Wilson's suggestion that she break off diplomatic relations with Germany, was received today at the State Department, but was not made public.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—The text of Spain's reply to Germany is as follows:

"His Majesty's government has attentively examined the note which Your Serene Highness was good enough to remit to me the 31st of January in which is set forth the German government's resolute intention to interrupt as from the following day all sea-traffic without further notice and by no matter what arm around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the Eastern Mediterranean. I must say that the note caused a very painful impression on the Spanish government. The attitude of strict neutrality which Spain adopted from the beginning and has maintained with loyalty and unshakable firmness gives her the right to expect that the lives of her subjects engaged in sea trade should not be placed in such grave peril.

"It also gives her the right to expect that trade should not be troubled or diminished by such an increase in the extent of the zone in which the Imperial government insists that in order to attain its ends, it must use all weapons and suppress all limitations which it has hitherto imposed upon its methods of naval warfare.

"Even before the Imperial government has set aside these restrictions His Majesty's government had protested, holding them insufficient to comply with the prescriptions of international maritime law. But the methods of war announced by Germany are being carried to such an unexpected and unprecedented extreme that the Spanish government, considering its rights and the requirements of its neutrality, must with still more reason protest calmly, but firmly, to the Imperial government, and must make at the same time the necessary reserves, imposed by the legitimate presumption of ineluctable responsibility which the Imperial government assumes by its policy in view of the loss of life which its attitude may cause.

Extension of Principle Denounced.

"His Majesty's government bases its protest on the fact that the decision to close the road to certain seas completely by substituting for the indisputable right of capture in certain cases a pretended right of destruction in all cases is outside the legal principles of international law. Above all, it considers that the extension in the form announced of this pretended right of destruction to the lives of non-combatants and the subjects of neutral nations, such as the Spanish, is a flagrant violation of the principles observed by all nations, even in moments of the greatest violence. If the German government, as it says, expects that the Spanish people and government will not close their ears to the reasons which have caused its decision and hopes that they will cooperate to avoid further calamities and sacrifices of human life, it will also understand that the Spanish government, while disposed to lend its support to every initiative and support to everything that could contribute to the advent of a peace more and more wished for, cannot admit the legitimacy of exceptional methods of warfare.

Spanish Life Threatened.

"These methods, indeed, notwithstanding Spain's rights as a neutral and her scrupulous fulfillment of her duties incumbent upon her as such, make more difficult and even stop altogether her sea trade, compromising her economic life and threatening with grave dangers the lives of her subjects.

"His Majesty's government supported more firmly than ever by the justice of its position, does not doubt that the Imperial government, inspired by the sentiments of friendship which unite the two countries will find, notwithstanding the severe exigencies of this terrible war, means of giving satisfaction to Spain's claims. These claims are based on the inextinguishable duty which binds a government to protect the lives of its subjects and maintain the integrity of its sovereignty so that the course of nations' existence be not interrupted. For the reasons set out His Majesty's government feels itself fully sustained in its position by reason and law."

Clarkston Chamber Elects.

CLARKSTON, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce of Clarkston has been reorganized, with the following officers: E. J. Bailey, president; Lester Hancock, secretary; Robert A. Foster, Dr. D. H. Ransom and Dr. P. W. Johnson, vice-presidents. The new organization will launch a policy to support the movement for making Snake River navigable the year round. The slogan will be, "An all-year open river to the sea."

Eureka Wireless Guarded.

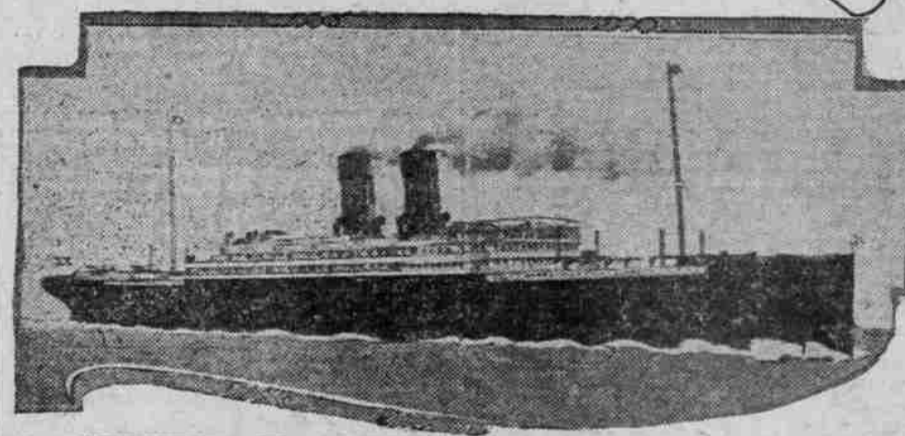
EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 8.—A detachment of 20 soldiers sent from San Francisco went on guard today at the Federal radio station at Table Bluff.

Read The Oregonian Classified Ads.

Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle. The best thing to use is just plain mulified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soap or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Adv.

AMERICAN WIFE OF EX-AMBASSADOR FROM GERMANY, VESSEL ON WHICH THEY WILL GO HOME AND MAP OF PROPOSED ROUTE.



Top—Countess von Bernstorff, Formerly Miss Jeanne Luckemeyer, of New York, American-Born Woman Now a German. Middle—Steamer Frederick VIII. Below—Map Showing How Vessel Will Proceed From New York to Christiania, Norway.

LOYALTY IS SHOWN

German-American Alliance to Fight for United States.

RELIEF FUND IS DIVERTED

Money Raised for German Victims to Go to American Red Cross—German-American Regiments Will Be Raised.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—The resolutions endorsing the action of President Wilson in severing diplomatic relations with Germany and pledging its loyalty to the United States were adopted by the German-American National Alliance at a meeting which continued in session here until early today.

Regiments Will Be Raised.

"We have also adopted resolutions pledging our services to the government of the United States in case of war. We will fight under the command of President Wilson as our commander-in-chief as loyally as German-Americans fought under Commander-in-Chief Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War for the preservation of the Union.

All Misunderstandings Avoided.

"Our delegates feel that we have been greatly misunderstood and unjustly criticized during the war, but if it comes to war with Germany, our actions will not be susceptible to any further misunderstanding for we will back up our American Government with our lives and our means."

MAN 80, FREED OF BLAME

Court Holds Woman of 43 Cannot Get Cash for Breach of Promise.

SEIZED BOAT IS REFUGE

Survivors of Sunken Vessels Tell of Italian Steamer.

CAR BUILDERS INCREASED

Milwaukee Shops at Tacoma Are to Add 75 to Rush Work.

FRUIT INSPECTOR NAMED

Hood River County Employs F. W. Angus on Per Diem Basis.

BOOTLEG BOUNTY IS PLAN

Aberdeen Councilman Would Give Half of Fine to Informer.

Palmer's Survivors Arrive.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Twenty-two American horsemen, survivors of the Italian ship Palermo, sunk in the Mediterranean by a German submarine in December, arrived here today in Spanish steamer C. Lopez y Lopez from Barcelona.

WAR ON WARSHIP GOES AT TOP SPEED

Private Contracts Give Way to Destroyers and Submarines in Yards.

BATTLESHIP IS HASTENED

Baker and Daniels Assure Wilson That All Possible Preliminary Steps Have Been Taken. Congress' Action Awaited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Construction of Navy craft by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, the Fore River Shipbuilding Company and the Electric Boat Company will be speeded up to the limit of the plants. Work on two battleships at Newport News already is proceeding under doubled crews at Secretary Daniels' suggestion and the offers of two other companies to take similar steps met with the Secretary's hearty approval today.

At the Newport News plant it is estimated that the battleship Mississippi, recently launched, can be completed by mid-summer instead of January 1, 1918, as called for in the contract. The keel of the battleship Oregon, which was laid on the slip vacated by the Mississippi instead of a merchant vessel, as had been intended.

Work on Ships Rushed. Representatives of the Fore River and Electric Boat companies called on Mr. Daniels today, offering to push forward the construction of vessels for which they have contracts, setting aside other private work to that end. They were told to go ahead at full speed. The plan is to get the vessels launched as soon as possible, freeing stocks for the new set of destroyers and submarines to be authorized in the pending Navy bill. Details as to the time that can be saved have not been worked out.

Warlike preparations now virtually are completed at the Navy Department pending the enactment by Congress of the proposed legislation under which the President may commandeer private plants and after that the President's decision to exercise this authority.

Wilson Calls on Secretaries. Mr. Wilson called again today on both Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels in their offices. Neither Secretary would say what subject had been discussed. It is known, however, that both were in a position to assure the commander-in-chief that all possible preliminary steps had been taken to carry out whatever orders he may give if the United States is drawn into the war.

Offers of plants of all kinds and of personnel of the owners and executives continue. To the War Department many of the larger units of the clothing industry have offered their services. Legislation that would Government work or made a military uniform have been placed at the disposal of the Department. The efficient organization of these companies insure great speed in supplying uniforms and other clothing should they be needed.

Munitions Makers Come Forward.

There are few munitions makers who have not come forward, either those regularly in the business or those who turned to making shells and other war material on the day the war broke out. A plan for co-ordinating all such plants already exists and they could be turned to Government work without serious delay.

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Survivors of Sunken Vessels Tell of Italian Steamer.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Statements by survivors of vessels recently sunk show that in one case a submarine operating in the war zone employed a tactic which it had seized as a place of temporary refuge for crews of other vessels attacked and sunk.

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to See Douglas Fairbanks in "The Americano"

The greatest film star of the day in his best production—It may be your last chance to see the \$10,000 a week comedian at regular prices.

COLUMBIA Sixth at Washington

Tomorrow at 3 P. M. Madame Richet Will Lecture To the Women of Portland on Practical Dressmaking. This lecture is FREE to the public and she will explain the various branches of dressmaking that will be taken up in the Spring dressmaking course, which starts Monday. The entire course for Auditorium, Eighth Floor. only \$1.00.

Sipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only

Winding Up the Big Silk Sale With Greater Inducements Than Ever For the Purchase of Fine Black Silks

—Here are splendid silks for everyone, all kinds of black silks. There is nothing harder to find right now, for instance, than a good black silk. And this is an occasion disclosing silk assortments that have never been surpassed by any we have ever presented in the past.

36-Inch Black Taffetas, \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.69 Yard 35-Inch Black Messaline, \$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.39 35-Inch Black Duchess Satin, \$1.49

New Printed Pongee Sports Silk \$1.29 —The most fashionable and the most attractive of all novelty Summer silks that are all the rage at Palm Beach and which will be in greatest favor for Summer.

Imported Plain Pongee 89c, \$1.09, \$1.33 —Every piece of Pongee offered in this sale is of superior quality at the price—imported direct from China, of that fine durable weave that washes like a pocket handkerchief; 34 to 35 inches wide. Second Floor.

Only Two More Days—Then No More of These Fine Belfast Linens

At Less Than Present Wholesale Prices

—Starting with a thousand cloths, we have still about 150 left and in a good selection of sizes. Cloths of linen, union linen, damask and fine cotton, offering you a splendid opportunity of supplying your Spring needs. Don't delay, for the quantity is now limited.

70 by 70-inch Cloths, \$1.45, \$2.19, \$3.45, \$4.75 2 by 2 1/2-yard Cloths, \$3.95, \$5.69, \$6.75 2 by 3-yard Cloths, \$5.75 and \$6.79 2 1/2 by 2 1/2-yard Cloths, \$7.00 and \$9.50

Hemstitched Cloths, \$1.95, \$2.10, \$2.75 —In sizes 67 by 73, 67 by 81 and 67 by 105 inches. 70 by 88-inch Cloths, \$1.79 and \$2.50 2 by 2-yard Cloths, \$3.45, \$4.49, \$4.75

REMnants Of Damask and Odd Half-Dozen Lots of Napkins at Very Special Prices

Today Only Quadruple Silver-Plated Fruit Baskets

—Beautifully pierced with scalloped thread border, heavily plated on nickel silver, will be sold Extra Special at \$1.00

—A limited number only, so we must restrict one to a customer. None C. O. D. and none delivered; no exchanges. Sixth Floor.

Manning, Bowman and Sternau Coffee Percolators

—Six and eight-cup sizes. Just a small sample assortment, scarcely two alike, representing the best machines these famous makers produce. Extra Special \$4.85

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