# **GERMANY WILL NO**

People Desire to Avoid Hostilities, but Only on Lines of Present Warfare.

RUTHLESSNESS TO GO ON

Submarine Commanders Told to Exercise Discretion as to American Ships, but This May Only Postpone Crisis.

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—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found.

There now is a desire on the part of the authorities and a vast bulk of the people to avoid actual hostility in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such a way. Accordingly, but only in such a way. Accordingly, in structions were given, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, to submarine commanders before they started on their February mission to take the safe side when neutral vestake the safe side when neutral ves-sels, particularly American, were in question whenever possible. Enemy merchantmen, when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral merchantmen were to be warned when such action, in their judgment, was consistent with the ob-ject of the dampaign and the safety of their own ships.

Break Only Deferred.

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also, if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American lives or ships would be regarded as an act of hostility, a casus belli must come sooner or later—probably sooner, on account of the number

of Americans on enemy ships, Moreover, there was the discretion-ary nature of the instruction to subary nature of the instruction to submarine commanders, who were informed that while the careful course toward neutrals was recommended, and desired, they would no longer be subjected to punishment for departing from their former procedure of warning, if they found this advisable. It is considered the only possibility of avoidance of hostilities would result from a modification of its viewpoint by one or the other side, and so far as could be judged from the positive declarations of Alfred Zimmermann, the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other officials before the Associated Press correspondent's departure and other officials before the Associated Press correspondent's departure from Berlin, there was no probability Germany would give way this time or abandon the ruthless campaign now started.

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The committee confronts a situation where it knows it is getting false testimony.

That so much has been accomplished is in no way due to the efforts of the Democratic majority members of the

## Crisis Plain to Berlin.

sociated Press almost on the morrow

complete decision on the situation had not been reached, and the campaign would not be launched until after further consultations with Germany's allowand the reached the reac lies and the receipt of certain information from Count von Bernstorff and Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, respectively German and Austro-Hungarian ambassadors to the United States, on their conception of armad count of the Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, respectively German and Austro-Hungarian ambassadors to the United States, on their conception of armad count of the Country of the Co their conception of armed merchantnd their liability to attack as

The final decision on an out-and-out submarine campaign of a so-called ruthless type apparently was taken at the grand Austro-German conference at German headquarters on the German headquarters of the sample of the terme's but the proposal of Untermeyer's name headquarters of the German headquarters of the proposal of Untermeyer's name headquarters of the German headquarters of the sample of the

was able to advise the State Department of the possible turn in events, even while the echoes of his banquet speech were still resounding. But he preceived no intimation from official sources. Foreign Office officials avoided the subject in conversations with him, and even at his interview with Foreign Minister Zimmermann, the day before the Changellor's official appropriate. fore the Chancellor's official announce-ment in the Reichstag of a ruthless submarine campaign, Herr Zimmer-mann gave him no definite statement

sex trouble, for any negotiations to prevent the crisis or an attempt to stave off the coming break between the two countries. There was no the two countries. There was no chance this time for discussion with the Chancellor or an interview with the Emperor, such as served to save the day at the time of the Sussex note.

Nothing could be done except to report to Washington the developments

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the true status of affairs in America, officials declared repeatedly to The Associated Press correspondent, in-Associated Press correspondent, in-stead of being forced to depend upon alarmist press reports of extreme measures taken by the Washington ad-ministration, the German government would have been in a far different position—far less concerned about necessity of protecting its own interests in a situation, which, as it turned out, had been incorrectly reported.

American Clears Up Situation. Much of the telegraphed press re-ports received, they declare, they had not permitted the German press to re-publish, fearing the effect upon pub-lic opinion, and the cabled advice received by an American correspondent, explaining and clearing up the situa-tion and shown by him to the foreign office was conveyed to the German newspaper offices with celerity, show-ing what importance the officials at-

tached to it.

Though the official viewpoint is that From a neutral cable office it now permission to leave will be granted in due course, the delays in issuing velopment of the present crisis on the military authorizations have pro-

is possible to tell the story of the development of the present crisis on which the most rigid censorship has been applied in Germany.

To the observer in Berlin, the approach of the crisis had been plainly and definitely evident since the rejection of Germany's peace overtures. Information as to Germany's definite decision to start a sharpened submarine war and even the form it would take, namely, a blockade of specified regions (though the idea of a "prohibited zone" was later substituted for that of a "blockade" at the request of the maval authorities who expected possible formal objections under the blockade are regions) was received by the Associated Press almost on the morrow of the delays in issuing the military authorizations have produced the probe is due altogether to the delays in issuing the military authorizations have produced feeling of apprehension among those Americans who desire to leave Germany now or in case of an actual breaking out of hostilities.

The first act of the German authorities after receiving news of the ruptor of the floor of the House, Democrats, of civilians was to send orders to the floor of the House, Democrats, it is due to edition among those American passports of the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whipple, employed by the committee and to the Republican members of the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the faithful work of Special Attorney Whitple, employed by the committee and to the floor of the House, Democrats, but to receiving news of the rup.

Investigation o sociated Press almost on the morrow of Ambassador Gerard's speech on German-American good relations, delivered at the banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade, early in January.

A week later it was stated that a complete decision on the situation had

Just what results the German experts Another stability to attack as arships.

Mementous Decision Quickly Made.

The final decision on an out-and-out it succeeded in raising the monthly

## Chancellory Regrets Break,

the United States would abstain from interference and give Germany a free hand, a few months would see the end

Source May Not Be Known by

TESTIMONY IS CONFLICTING

Information of Peace Note Traced Brother-in-Lawe Is Member. Republicans Push Probe.

ington, Feb. 11.-The leak investigation committee of the House of Representatives may never succeed in determining positively the official from which emanated the "leak" on President Wilson's peace note of December 20, but it has accomplished much more

leak investigation committee. It has been accomplished in spite of them, and the success that has thus far at-tended the probe is due altogether to

Untermeyer First Wanted.

The rules committee floundered around for a time, and finally decided it was necessary to call in a special atit was necessary to call in a special at-torney. Here Chairman Henry saw his

men, who spoke with evident satisfac-tion of the big tonnage figures re-ported from day to day.

The Nay of the Wison campaign fund of 1916. Baruch, to date, has not been coupled with the leak.

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Navy men have been urging and preaching the unleashing of the submarines for so long, even at the risk of war, that their attitude was a fore-sone conclusion. The Imperial channel or the Break of the prophetic zone had been prepared for the use of the German newspapers.

The Ambassador and the American Government therefore, were faced with the announcement of a fact accomplished when, on the afternoon of January 31. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, promulgated in the Reichstag committee the news that a relentless submarine campaign would begin immediately and read to the committee the text of the memorandum on the prohibited zone and the note to the United States—documents which reached the American embassy only several hours later.

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There was, therefore, no opportunity or occasion, as in the days of the Sustein text of the interference and give Germany a free line for the use of the Sustein the conditions to prevent the crisis or an attempt to interference and give Germany a free line was not until the leak committee tee got into the records of Hutton & Co., of New York, that it found a "hot trail." The committee found that Hutton & Co., and the habit of destroying of ordering rates of the prospect of the sustain and the leaks committee the prospect the prospect of the sustain and the leaks committee the prospect of the sustain and the prohibited zone and the memorandum en the prohibited zone and the note to the United States—document the conditions to the feed to the memoral properties of the feeders of ent, Curtis & Co. were produced. Also, while in New York, the committee found the most important member (for its purposes) of the Hutton firm was ill in the South. A few days later that sick man, George A. Ellis, appeared before the committee in Wash-

Conflicting Testimony Follows. Cherished Illusions Shattered.

Notwithstanding the plain terms of President Wilson's earlier communications, the officials evidently hoped against hope that the inauguration of an unrestricted submarine campaign and took the full responsibility for having sent the message which Connolly had testified he had sent, but about a breach with the United States, for in the days between Von Bethnews of President Wilson's step in breaking off relations they were awaiting word from America with interest (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2)

The whole tenor of the late testing the policy of the late testing to protect is the big question yet to be solved.

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Sunday's report of Germany's underwater beat campaign showed two vessels, the British gleamer Salaga, 3811 tons, and the Greek steamer Vasilissa Olga, 1400 tons, had been sent to the bottom. Then came the contradictory state-ments of F. A. Connolly. First, his firm had sent no messages on the peace

Guilty Believed Hit.

to Firm of Which President's

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

mittee stood with the Republicans and

It may develop that Mr. Lawson knew more than he has been credited with.

Lawson knew that Barney Baruch made a killing in the stock market at the time of the leak. He has been known to be on intimate terms with big men in the Administration, and also to have been the second largest contributor to the Wilson campaign fund of 1918. Beruch to data has not been

Clew Found in Chicago.

ington, and proved to be healthy. His recovery was remarkable—all but his



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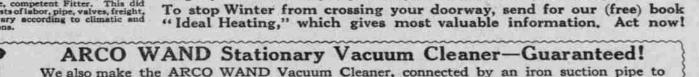


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mony is such as to show conclusively that someone high up is being shielded. As the case stands, the leak is established; it is traced back to Washington and into the office where R. W. Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother, is a member of the firm. Furthermore, it is of record that Mr. Bolling entered that brokerage firm only last October, he never having been in the business before having been taken in with the

Progress of the War.

ousiness" later.

was captured and 215 Germans made prisoners. South of the river, near Pys, other treiches were taken, and German attempts to recapture their lost positions south of Sailly-Saillisel were frustrated by the British guns. Elsewhere along the line trench raids. mbardments and aerial activity have featured the fighting.

There has been considerable fighting There has been considerable fighting in the Austro-Italian zone and in Mesopotamia between the British and Turks. In the Gorfbia sector of the former theater the Austrians are reported to have entered Italian trenches, inflicted heavy casualties on the defenders and captured 665 men. In addition, machine guns, bomb throwers and much war material were taken. Rome admits the occupation of small portions of the Italian front-line trenches in this region, but says they are being kept under barrage fire by the Italians.

In Mesopotamia the British in their operations against the Turks have oc-cupied a new front of more than 6000 yards, pushing back the Turks for a depth varying from 800 to 1000 yards.

In the eastern theater the Germans captured Russian trenches near Stan-isiau, in Galicia, but later were forced to evacuate them, according to Petro-

Unofficial advices are to the effect that Emperor William has called an important conference at headquarters, which will be attended by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chan-

RETURNED EX-NAVY MAN SAYS CONTEMPT IS ANSWERED AMERICANS ARE LEAVING.

before, having been taken in with the understanding he would "learn the iness Steps and Conditions Are iness Stops and Conditions Are Unbearable, In Report.

> HOOD RIVER Or., Feb. 11 .- (Special.)-"As fast as they are able," says ary 13 and show cause why he should Charles Filz, formerly a member of the not be held for contempt because he at-United States Navai Service at Manila, who has just arrived here for a visit with his brother, W. J. Filz, "Ameriwith his brother, W. J. Filz, "Americans in the Philippine Islands are returning to their homes. Up to the time I left Manila, November 15, all outbound boats and transports were filled with Americans, who had their fill of system of trenches to Mr. Filz says that the Filipino, as

Mr. Filz says that the Filpino, as soon as he gets sufficient education and learns how to read and write, feels himself qualified for a political position. The petty political elements of the Islands, he declares, have gained control of affairs, and since America has been too easy with the Islands this is making conditions unbearable. now," says Mr. Filz, "Is made up of the

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Councilman Says Attorneys Advise Attendance After Ouster.

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bigoted natives spoiled by a smattering tended a Council meeting Wednesday of the 'three Rs' and an all-important sense of their official duties. Business in Manila is at a standstill."

night after he had been ousted by the court, I. C. Bridges, Councilman, Saturds niled an affidavit in defense.

Mr. Bridges says he agreed with his attorneys that he should not vote, although he should attend to see that the people of his ward were protected.

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