BREAK WITH BERLIN APPROVED IN PEKIN

Lower House of Chinese Parliament Approves Cabinet's Policy, 431 to 87.

WASHINGTON GETS NEWS

Minister Reinsch Reports Complete Severance May Be Expected at Any Time—Dr. Sun Appeals to Lloyd George.

PEKIN, March 11.—The Senate today approved the severance of relations with Germany by a vote of 152 to 37. It is expected that the government will take action to this end tomorrow (Monday).

PEKIN, March 10.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Premier Tuan Chi Jui, accompanied by the entire Cabinet, appeared before the House and Senate today and declared that the Cabinet and the President had decided that China should sever diplomatic relations with Germany. The House approved severance of relations by a vote of 431 to 87. The Senate will vote tomorrow. It is expected to support the Cabinet.

The Premier said the Cabinet would not make a declaration of war without submitting its decision to Parliament.

Government Crisis Averted.

The Chinese Cabinet agreed on March 4 that relations should be broken, but President Li Yuan Hung refused to accept the decision of the ministers and Premier Tuan Chi Jui resigned. Three days later, however, the Premier resumed office after President Li Yuan Hung had agreed to give the Cabinet full power to frame the country's foreign policy, and also on condition that Parliament should vote on the question of a breach with Germany.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Further developments looking to a severance of relations with Germany by China were reported to the State Department today by Minister Reinsch at Pekin, with the prediction that a final rupure might be expected at any time.

Actual Preparation Unconfirmed.

There is no intimation that China is prepared as yet actually to join in the war against Germany, although diplomatic circles here confirm Pekin dispatches saying the entente, led by Japan, is urging the Pekin government to declare war and exchange her large supplies of iron and other war materials for permission to increase her customs duties and postponement of her boxer indemnities. China already has signified her intention of following the lead of the United States, and it has been regarded as probable here that she would hold to that course.

An appeal by the ex-President, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, to Premier Lloyd George, of England, to stop the Allies from trying to bring China into the war, provoked a discussion as to whether drastic action by the Chinese government would be supported by the people or would lead to popular uprising.

Sun Influential in South.

Dr. Sun is realized to have tremendous influence in the South of China.

The possible reviving of the five-power group has been suggested by Japan. It became known today, through an invitation by Japanese bankers to Vice-President Abbott, of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, to stop in Japan on his way to China. Mr. Abbott is going to the Orient to investigate the wisdom of taking up the remainder of $25,000,000 of the $30,000,000 loan on which China has given his bank first option.

China is understood to be opposed to any diversion of this loan from American bankers to an international group.

BRITAIN READY FOR LOAD

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Executive Cabinet of the empire. That is why we have arranged for a representative of India, which has rendered invaluable service to our common cause, to be present also.

Things never can be the same after the war as they were before it. Five democracies from all parts of one empire cannot shed their blood and treasure with a heroism and disregard for the cost which has been beyond all praise without leaving memories of comradeship and great accomplishment which will never die. Of this I am certain. The people of the empire will have found a unity in war such as never existed before. What practical change in the organization of the empire that will mean I will not venture to predict.

World Near Liberation.

We stand at this moment on the verge of the greatest liberation the world has seen since the French revolution. I am certain that the people who have stood together and staked literally everything in order to bring about that liberation are going to find some way of perpetuating that unity afterward on an equal basis. There will be much for them to do. The peace terms will be only the beginning.

After they are satisfactorily arranged we shall have to set to work to build up that ordered freedom and fraternity which is the only security for human peace and progress and which militarism has destroyed, and it is certain that the nations which have borne the burden of the day in overthrowing that militarism will take a leading share in building that new earth which they have made possible by their sacrifice.

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SNAPSHOT OF SEATTLE MAYOR, ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBE.

HIRAM C. GILL.

GRAFT TALE HELPED

Accountant Corroborates the Story Told by Billingsley.

DR. MATTHEWS GETS $1000

Importer Says Fund Given Pastor to Help Clean Up Town and to Investigate Ring—Threat Against Gill Denied.

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prosecutions hanging over me. I spoke of the incriminating nature of the documents which he held and which had been seized by the police when they raided my drug store on Third avenue. Gill took one of the papers and read it and asked me how I thought it would sound if it were read in court. He told me he could order the police to arrest me every day.

Threat Against Gill Denied.

Billingsley denied that he had said at any time that he was going to "get" Gill. Describing an interview with his attorney, George E. Vanderveer, in December, Billingsley testified:

"Vanderveer asked me how much I had told to the Government, and asked me if I was going to tell all. He said it would do no good to get a lot of people in trouble. I told him he was too late; that I had already told everything. I said I didn't feel so bad about the Mayor, because he had caused my arrest last Summer and got me into much trouble, but was sorry for Chief Beckingham and the city detectives."

Testimony Not Shaken.

The morning cross-examination did not shake Billingsley's direct testimony in any way, but amplified it somewhat.

Billingsley was excused at 2:35.

This morning Billingsley was asked whether C. J. Mullen, ex-policeman, had been employed to deliver whisky to Billingsley's drug store. He replied:

"Why, no; he was the policeman on the beat."

"And he didn't deliver whisky for you?"

"No, but he used to drop into the store Saturday nights, like the rest of the grafters, to get his money."

Dr. Matthews to Reply.

Dr. M. A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, today said, after the testimony of Logan Billingsley to the effect that he had given Dr. Matthews $1000 cash to be used in an investigation of local vice conditions with a view to recalling Mayor Gill again:

"I am subpenaed as a witness for Mayor Gill in this trial, and therefore am unable to enter into a discussion of the statement made by Logan Billingsley. This much you may say for me, however, 'I will answer Mr. Billingsley in full when I go on the witness stand.'"

That Dr. Matthews keenly felt the embarrassment of the position in which he had been placed by Billingsley was evident, and he spoke with emphasis. Throughout the inquiry by the grand jury the report has been current that Billingsley had asserted he paid money to Dr. Matthews, but not until today was it made part of any official record, nor was the purpose of the alleged contribution ever explained. It is expected that Dr. Matthews will deny, at least in part, the Billingsley statement.

Recall Movement Supported.

Today's hearing fairly teemed with surprises, sometimes verging on the sensational. Billingsley threw the first bomb when he testified as to the $1000 paid to Dr. Matthews, which was to be used, he said, "to employ detectives to gather evidence of alleged gambling, disorderly houses, police bribery, in short, 'an open town.'"

Such information to be used in a new recall campaign against Gill. The $1000 was to be a payment on account. Billingsley said he never paid any more to the same fund.

The Government sought to develop further its case against the indicted detectives, Peyser, Poolman, Doom and McLennan, by proving that they received money from Billingsley every time they allowed a shipment of whisky to pass from the railway yards to the Billingsley truck.

Attorney and Witness Clash.

The final moments of the cross-examination of Logan Billingsley by Walter S. Fulton, counsel for Chief Beckingham, were enlivened by a sharp passage between attorney and witness. Billingsley took occasion to say he "had not been frightened by Fulton, did not intend to be and proposed to tell the whole truth throughout the trial."

The admission of much of Monday's evidence was contested by the defense. The sixth day of the trial found the numerous lawyers deeply engrossed in the case and ready to retort hotly at the slightest opportunity. Once, when Frederick Bausman, representing Mayor Gill, referred to the time Logan registered in Portland as "Clay Allen and wife," Special Prosecutor Reames said he considered "the conduct of counsel infamous."

Shipments Are Stipulated.

Billingsley left the stand after one of the most thorough grillings a witness has ever had in a Seattle court. He first took the stand last Wednesday afternoon. After this the trial proceeded more rapidly. It is likely the Government will conclude with several witnesses tomorrow.

A stipulation between the Government and the defense which fixes the admitted number of Billingsley shipments entering Seattle, but reserves for the defense the right to show any additional seizure if such evidence is obtainable, was filed.

This, the defendants hailed as a point in their favor, indicating, they said, that the Government was not able to prove as large a number of shipments as Special Prosecutor Reames had suggested in his opening statement.

Mr. Reames told the court the stipulation was to avoid a lengthy examination of many documents and witnesses and would shorten the trial considerably and reduce the cost of the trial to the Government.

VISIONS INTEREST POPE

PARIS CLERGY REPORT MLLE. PERCHAUD'S STORY TO VATICAN.

Archbishop Is Asked for Details—Girl Says She Is Commanded Like Joan of Arc.

ROME, via Paris, March 12.—The Vatican is taking a great interest in the reported visions of Mlle. Perchaud and the command she is supposed to have received instructing her to lead the French armies to victory.

A report already has been received from the clergy in Paris and further details are being asked of the archbishop there.

Mlle. Perchaud, 20 years old, daughter of a farmer of the department of La Vendee, has attracted the imagination of the French by her declaration that, like Joan of Arc, she had seen visions and heard voices commanding her to guide the armies of France to victory.

At present Mlle. Perchaud is living in a Paris boarding-house conducted by nuns.

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NAVY IS PREPARING FOR COAST PATROL

Hundred Fast Scout Vessels to Be Larger Than Motor Submarine Chasers.

ARMAMENT IS KEPT SECRET

Big Shipyard Owners Also Appear Before Daniels With Details as to Capacity—Cruisers to Be Ordered Soon.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Preliminary steps were taken by the Navy Department today toward contracting for the quick construction of 100 or more high-speed coast patrol-boats of a new type for scouting against submarines. At a conference, in which a score of builders were represented, assurances were given that deliveries could be begun within four months.

There was no announcement, but it is understood the contracts will be awarded shortly. Plans prepared for the patrol-boats call for craft 110 feet long propelled by powerful steam engines. Details of their armament and equipment are now being worked out, but probably will not be made public.

Wider Cruising Radius Sought.

They will be more seaworthy and have a much larger cruising radius than the standard "submarine chaser," an 85-foot gasoline motor-boat.

Some of the companies represented in today's conference have turned out large numbers of "chasers" for the British government. They will have to make changes in their plants in order to build the larger boats wanted by the American Government.

Representatives of the major shipbuilders also appeared at the Department in the course of the day, bringing data concerning their corporations and plants for which Secretary Daniels recently asked.

Allotment to Be Determined.

The information is for use in determining the allotment of new construction and also is desired for the guidance of the Government in the event it becomes necessary to exercise the authority granted by Congress for commandeering private establishments.

Secretary Daniels announced that bids for six scout cruisers of the 35-knot type, designed last year, would be opened Wednesday. Contracts for battle cruisers will be awarded soon on the basis of cost and 10 per cent profit already agreed on with the builders.

KAISER ASKS PROTOCOL

AMENDMENT OF 1798 TREATY SOUGHT THROUGH SWISS.

Washington Scents German Plan to Jockey This Country Into Bad Diplomatic Position.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Germany renewed her efforts today to have the United States sign a protocol amending the Prussian-American treaty of 1798 so as to exempt all Germans in the United States from arrest or interference during any period of war and reserving to all German ships in American ports the right to safe conduct to home ports. It is the same protocol that Ambassador Gerard, before his departure from Berlin, refused to consider.

The Swiss Minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, called at the State Department today by direction of the German Foreign Office with a copy of the proposed amendment to the treaty. He was unable to see Secretary Lansing, who was busy with other engagements.

Officials are at a loss to understand Germany's insistence on the reaffirmation of this old treaty, especially as the United States already has announced that it intended to respect the two main conditions as to the security of German property, including German shipping and German nationals in this country, in event of war, while Germany is held to have violated it.

There is a disposition here to believe that Germany is endeavoring to jockey this country into a bad diplomatic situation, forcing it to abrogate the old document. Such action, it is pointed out, might be made the basis for the charge that the United States did not respect the sanctity of treaties, and justification for retaliatory action by Germany.

JAN SMUTS IN ENGLAND

PRIVY COUNCILLOR SAYS EAST AFRICA LOST TO GERMANS.

Remaining Teuton Forces Are Being Driven to Where Portuguese Will Deal With Them.

LONDON, March 12.—Lieutenant-General Jan Christian Smuts, ex-commander of the expedition against the German forces in East Africa and who recently was made Privy Councillor, arrived in England today. Speaking of the situation on the East Africa battlefield, Lieutenant-General Smuts said:

"The campaign in East Africa virtually is ended. After the rainy season in March and April the Germans will be obliged either to surrender or enter Portuguese territory, where the Portuguese are ready to deal with them.

"The operations against the mere remnants of the Germans will be undertaken by native troops I have trained, because I found the white troops were unable, for any length of time, to stand the climate. The natives make splendid fighting infantry and at the close of these operations will be available elsewhere.

"East Africa is enormously valuable and productive. The Germans spent millions in developing it. The mere suggestion that any part of it should be returned to Germany is preposterous. The native population has stood magnificently by us. I shudder to think what would happen if any part of the territory were given back to Germany. All the African colonies would be aghast at the idea, and more of our prestige would suffer materially."

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GERMAN ABUSE CHARGED

59 EMACIATED YARROWDALE MEN ARRIVE IN ZURICH.

Released Seamen Say They Were Picked Out for Mistreatment, and Given Little Food.

ZURICH, Switzerland, March 11, via Paris, March 12.—Fifty-nine of the Yarrowdale prisoners arrived in Zurich today, somewhat emaciated from lack of food since their arrival in Germany on December 31. They told of severe treatment to which they had been subjected in the German prison camps at Neusterlitz, Dulmen and Brandenburg, where they had been successively interned and where they, as Americans, they said, were apparently singled out from all others.

During their stay in Germany, they reported, they had subsisted on one allowance of soup daily.

There was hardly one of them who at one time or another, they declared, had not felt the flat of a German camp guard, and the squad of five soldiers which brought them to the border had exercised the privilege of abusing them up to the last possible moment.

The men tell of terrible sufferings they underwent during a period of severe cold weather in Germany due partly to lack of fuel but more to the absence of the shoes and clothing, which they had lost. Since their entrance into Switzerland, at Rorshach, they have been royally treated by the Swiss.

The sailors said they were convinced that the raider which sank their vessel was the Ritz, of Bremen. They describe her as a brand-new vessel of about 3000 tons, capable of 13 knots, equipped with one funnel, two masts, one false funnel, four torpedo tubes, seven rapid firing guns and a wheelhouse which was hidden by the sides of the ship. The funnels had a device by which the stripes could be changed at will.

BERNE, Switzerland, March 12, via Paris.—The American legation today applied to the French diplomatic officials to determine whether the Yarrowdale sailors now at Zurich will need passports to travel through France on their way to Barcelona or some other Spanish port, where they can embark for the United States. The Yarrowdale men arrived in Switzerland without a single paper of identification, none having passports when leaving the United States. The legation hopes to obviate the difficulty of supplying each man with credentials.

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Silk Allover Laces in 36-inch width at only	59c	Metal Laces on silk nets, 12-inch at	49c
Metal Laces on Silk Nets, 18-inch at only	59c	Metal Laces on silk nets, 36-inch at	$1.48
Metal Bands and Edges, specially priced at only	59c	Metal Ornaments on sale at 49c, also at	19c

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In order to induce your immediate inspection of the new season's dress goods we have underpriced a fine lot of Wool Velour Coating in an attractive manner. They are of excellent weight, perfect finish, 54 inches wide and are shown in the correct sport colors—the fashionable plain shades.

Tailored Suits Undervalued at $24.75

An interesting assemblage of Suits for street, sport and dress wear, exploiting style features which are promised a wide vogue for Spring. The materials are the finest of serges, wool poplins, Poiret twills, Jersey cloths, gabardines, etc., in navy, mustard, Copenhagen, gray, green, rose and other fashionable shades; also in black and white checks. Styles are too numerous to describe, suffice to say every taste and desire may be suited. Many of the most fashionable models are undervalued for this sale.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company

of California, in the State of California, on the 31st day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital

Amount of capital stock paid up	$ 1,000,000.00

Income

Total premium income	$ 6,146,701.49
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	1,972,794.80
Income from other sources received during the year	93,359.70
Total income	$ 8,212,855.49

Disbursements

Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	$ 2,788,701.29
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year	705,061.43
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	70,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,186,218.11
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	126,473.49
Amount of all other expenditures	563,936.20
Total expenditures	$ 5,390,390.52

Assets.

Book value of real estate owned	$ 1,592,715.14
Book value of bonds owned	8,179,798.54
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	21,759,052.19
Premium notes and policy loans	7,350,568.50
Cash in banks and on hand	1,291,123.46
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	621,607.54
Other assets (net)	554,270.58
Assets, Life department	$ 36,339,131.04
Accident department	2,388,065.54
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$ 38,727,196.63

Liabilities

Net reserve	$ 31,585,380.00
Total policy claims unpaid	181,171.58
All other liabilities	3,720,038.00
Liabilities of Life department	$ 35,296,585.58
Liabilities of Accident department	1,313,065.54
Total liabilities exclusive of surplus of $1,117,543.50 and capital stock of $1,000,000.00	$ 36,609,651.12
Total insurance in force December 31, 1916	$171,913,618.00

Business in Oregon for the Year

Total risks written during the year	$ 158,876.00
Gross premiums received during the year	101,468.83
Losses paid during the year	88,558.00
Losses incurred during the year	86,496.00
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1916	$ 2,377,720.00

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