

HOLLWEG DENIES DESIRE FOR WAR

Germany Said to Have No Intent to Attack.

U-BOAT WARFARE DEFENDED

Chancellor Says if Clash Ensues Responsibility Will Be on United States.

BLAME IS PUT ON ENGLAND

Unrestricted Use of Submarine Said to Have Been Taken Up to Make Britain Obey Laws.

BERLIN, March 29.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America and does not have such intention now. It never desired war against the United States of America and does not desire it today," was the declaration made by the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a speech in the Reichstag today.

The Chancellor made important declarations concerning Germany's policy toward the United States and Russia.

U-Boat Warfare Defended.

"How did these things develop?" asked the Chancellor in speaking of the relations with the United States. He then proceeded to answer the question by reviewing the causes which led up to the German use of submarines in unrestricted warfare. Declaring that Germany had undertaken unrestricted submarine warfare for its defense, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation, with which it has lived in peace for more than 100 years, if this action warrants an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the burden of responsibility for it."

Desire for War Disavowed.

Concerning German relations with the United States, the Chancellor, whose speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency, the German official news bureau, said:

"Within the next few days the directors of the American Nation will be convened by President Wilson for an extraordinary session of Congress in order to decide the question of war or peace between the American and German nations.

"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America and does not have such intention now. It never desired war against the United States of America and does not desire it today.

Blame Put on England.

"How did these things develop? More than once we told the United States that we made unrestricted use of the submarine weapon expecting that England could be made to observe, in her policy of blockade, the laws of humanity and international agreements. This blockade policy—this I expressly recall has been called 'filial and indefensible' (the Imperial Chancellor here used the English words) by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

"Our expectations, which we maintained during eight months, have been disappointed completely. England not only did not give up her illegal and indefensible policy of blockade, but uninterruptedly intensified it. England, together with her allies, arrogantly rejected the peace offers made by us and our allies and proclaimed her war aims, which aim at our annihilation and that of our allies.

Responsibility Is Shifted.

"Then we took unrestricted submarine warfare into our hands. We had to for our defense.

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10 MEDFORD GIRLS JOIN NAVY RESERVE

MISS BERTHA LOFTUS, OPERATOR, FIRST ON COAST.

Others Enroll for Telephone or Clerical Service in War—Men Enlist as Mechanics.

MEDFORD, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Miss Bertha Loftus, a long-distance operator in the local telephone office, today enlisted in the United States Navy reserve. Miss Loftus is the first woman on the Pacific Coast to enroll for service, and the ninth in America.

Nine other Medford girls enlisted. They are: Miss Florence Whizel, long-distance operator; Miss Mildred Bliton, assistant city librarian; Miss Evelyn Taylor, long-distance operator; Miss Molly Towne, bookkeeper; Miss Gladys Curry, stenographer; Miss Ada Evans, telephone operator; Miss Josephine Clark, telephone operator; Mrs. E. B. Edwards, stenographer, and Miss Bernice Cameron, telegraph operator.

Miss Loftus is 22 years of age, and was born at Lakeview, Or. She enlisted with a rating of electrician, and is available for either telephone or clerical service in case of war.

Today more than 15 men enrolled for service, mostly as mechanics and yeomen.

Recruiting agents for the Seventh Company, Coast Artillery, toured the Rogue River Valley this afternoon, seeking men.

Patriotic week will close Saturday night with a big parade, and mass meeting at the Natorium. The Greater Medford Club and kindred associations are back of this demonstration. Resolutions upholding President Wilson and condemning Harry Lane for his recent stand will be presented for adoption.

TURK WAR CHIEF IN BERLIN

Austrian Ruler's Presence Also Believed to Be for Conference.

BERLIN, March 29.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Official announcements have been made that Enver Pasha, Turkish war minister, who arrived in Berlin Saturday, went to German headquarters, to confer with the German officials including Von Hindenberg and Lindendorf. He later went to the western front to inspect the German troops.

Emperor Charles, of Austria, also has gone to Germany to visit Emperor William. The London Daily Mail says yesterday a conference was to be held to decide whether the policy of the Central Powers toward the United States should be modified so as to avoid war.

82 ENLIST AT DALLAS

City Proud of Company L, and Patriotism Runs High.

DALLAS, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—As a result of the great patriotic celebration held in Dallas last Sunday, Company L, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, then only of a strength of 30 enlisted men, will entrain for Vancouver tomorrow morning 112 strong.

Never before in the history of Polk County has patriotic sentiment run so high. Practically every young man in this vicinity who has no one dependent upon him for support has answered his country's call.

The first two squads are composed of six-footers. Dallas is proud of her soldier organization.

EC3-LAYING RECORD MADE

Kentucky Hen Produces for 83d Consecutive Day.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 29.—A woman's record was made here today in the international consecutive egg-laying contest when Lady Walnut, White Leghorn No. 707, laid an egg. It was the 83d consecutive day that this hen has produced an egg. She is owned by Mr. L. Ireland, of Louisville, Ky.

KING CALLS NEW PREMIER

Johan Gustaf Swarts Asked to Form Swedish Cabinet.

LONDON, March 29.—King Gustaf of Sweden has requested Carl Johan Gustaf Swarts, who was minister of finance in the Lindman Cabinet from 1906 to 1911, to form a Cabinet in succession to the Hammarskjold Cabinet, which recently resigned.

This information is given in an exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

ARMY DRAFT BILL PASSED

New Hampshire Legislature Provides for Military Emergency.

CONCORD, N. H., March 29.—Accurate registration annually of all males available for military service is provided for in a bill passed by the Legislature today.

Authority also is given to the Governor and executive council to draft men, even in peace times, to recruit a military unit to full strength.

DOWAGER GOES TO LIVADIA

Ex-Czar's Mother Permitted to Reside in the Crimea.

PRESIDENT SEEKING VIEWS OF PUBLIC

Entire Nation Seems to Want Decisive Action.

CABINET WILL MEET TODAY

Hollweg's Speech Fails to Affect America's Stand.

WAR FEELING NOT LOCAL

Belief Growing That United States Must Aid Entente Allies in Crushing Germany to Assure Future Safety.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—While it is assumed from the defensive measures already taken by the military arm of the Government that President Wilson in addressing Congress next week will ask for war against Germany, or a declaration that a state of war exists, it is known he will speak along broad lines, dealing lightly with incidents leading up to the present crisis.

Officials feel now that the time is past when incidentals should be discussed, and henceforth that only fundamental questions of both present and future American safety should be considered. As a result the President is gathering opinions and suggestions from all sides as to the sort of an address to make in the coming crucial hours.

Hollweg's Speech of No Avail.

The general situation has not been changed by the speech of the German Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, today, according to the view tonight of officials.

Germany, it was said, has attempted consistently to lay the blame for her acts on other nations. On previous occasions President Wilson has taken the position that Germany is in no way justified in carrying on submarine ruses because of the British blockade.

Only complete abandonment of unrestricted submarine warfare could change the attitude of the United States, it has been said semi-officially recently, and press reports indicate that the German Chancellor did not even discuss that possibility.

Cabinet to Meet Today.

The President will meet with his Cabinet tomorrow for the last time before beginning the actual writing of his message to Congress, and therefore it is expected that the German situation will be dealt with very fully. He is hopeful that no time will be lost in organizing the House, so that he may deliver his address as soon as possible after the extra session convenes.

The attitude of both Congress and public opinion is sought in order to represent both as fully as possible. As to the former, the President is anxious not to transgress the constitutional (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

BRAND WHITLOCK AND STAFF HELD

AMERICAN LEGATION AT BRUSSELS IS ISOLATED.

Germans Said to Be Planning to Move Minister and Aides to Germany. Removal Forbidden.

LONDON, March 29.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says:

"Frontier correspondents hear from Brussels that the American legation is completely isolated and under a guard of German police. It is rumored that the Germans contemplate taking the Minister (Brand Whitlock) and his staff to Germany.

"The Americans in Brussels have been notified that they cannot leave Belgium before three months at the earliest."

The dispatch adds that the correspondents have learned that the German authorities in Belgium have warned the relief commission that they will not allow its food barges to go further than Tournai, but that barges for Lille may travel at their own risk. It is said the warning was given in view of the military requirements.

A Hague dispatch March 28 declared authoritatively that the German government intended to ask American officials and relief workers of the American commission for relief in Belgium to submit to a period of "news quarantine," the time not to exceed four weeks, in order to prevent military information from leaking out.

OFFICER ACCUSES BROTHER

Patrolman Wright Has Lad Arrested on Charge of Theft.

Patrolman Wright qualified as a true Spartan last night by informing Sergeants Ennis and Brothers that he suspected his 13-year-old brother, James Wright, of robbing the home of C. O. Young, 275 East Forty-fifth street. The loot consisted of \$5 and a pair of opera glasses.

The sergeants investigated, and later accused the lad of the theft. They say he confessed. The case will be turned over to the Juvenile Court. Mr. Young's house was robbed last Sunday. Patrolman Wright had been told that his brother had part of the stolen goods.

IOWA SUFFRAGISTS WIN

Legislature Submits Constitutional Amendment to Voters.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 29.—The Iowa House of Representatives, by a vote of 85 to 29, today adopted the resolution submitting to the people a Constitutional amendment which would provide for woman suffrage.

The resolution already had passed the Senate.

WOMEN ARE CONDUCTORS

Canadian Streetcars Operated by Maids in Abbreviated Skirts.

MOOSEJAW, Sask., March 29.—Four Moosejaw streetcars were run today by women as conductors today. It is believed this is the first time women ever have served as conductors in Canada.

They wore uniforms with military caps, skirts to just below the knees and leggings.

TONG WAR BREAKS OUT AT ASTORIA

Chinese Is Riddled by Bullets of Gunmen.

PEACE AGREEMENT REJECTED

Coast Cities Lined Up to Stop Battles on Streets.

TONGS LAUGH AT MAYORS

Neutrals, After Failure of Effort to Insure Peace, Go Into Hiding and Oriental Districts of Northwest Are Dark.

TONG WAR CASUALTIES WITHIN LAST TWO MONTHS ON COAST.

February 9—M. Len killed; T. Hokira (Japanese) wounded, in Portland.

February 24—Ham Quong Fong killed in Portland.

March 4—Wo Sang Wong killed in Seattle.

March 6—Five Chinese killed; two fatally injured in shootings that took place in the following cities: San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton and Seattle.

March 8—Fong Hong killed, Leong Quong shot through leg in Portland.

March 13—William Eng killed, Mrs. George (white) accidentally shot through leg, in La Grande.

March 27—Joseph Gue killed in Portland.

March 29—Lum Sun killed in Astoria.

Four bullets, fired by a tong gunman at Astoria last night, sent to death an aged Chinese merchant and reopened the aggravating tong war of the Pacific Coast, just a few hours after 40 neutral Chinese merchants of Portland had vainly sought to bring about peace among the tong men. Mayor Albee had started machinery in the Coast cities to force peace, and the tong men themselves had vented grinning defiance at the Mayor's ultimatum.

The shooting at Astoria occurred about 7 o'clock, and Lin Sing, 68 years old, a canneryman, died as he lay in bed, and the assassin made his getaway, dodging a pursuing patrolman's bullets. It is believed Lin Sing was murdered by mistake, and that Lum Quong, a member of the Bow Leong tong and a roommate of Lin Sing, was the man sought by the assassins.

Astoria's Chinatown was thrown into high excitement for a brief time, and then suddenly went dark, when all occurred. (Continued on Page 14, Column 2.)

TONG CHIEFS TO BE HELD FOR MURDER

SAN FRANCISCO GRAND JURY TO GO AFTER "HIGHER-UPS."

Killings in Several of Northwest Cities Are Believed to Have Been Planned Carefully.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—The county grand jury announced tonight that it would take steps tomorrow to indict for conspiracy or murder the leaders of the warring Chinese tongs whose recent activities have resulted in a number of deaths in different Pacific Coast cities. As the result of an investigation it has been decided that the killings were carefully planned and carried out as the result of a specific order.

The police have been asked to help the grand jury in locating the men who gave these orders. The immigration authorities also have been requested to aid by investigating the records of such leaders as may be arrested, with a view to their deportation as undesirable aliens.

The recent murders up and down the Coast, grand jury investigations have revealed, resulted from clashes over the illicit and organized industries: gambling, importation of Chinese slaves girls, and control of the opium and drug rings.

A man offending the controlling faction in any of these industries is marked for destruction; a price is put on his head and a hired assassin, the hatchet man of yesterday, the gunman today—is put on his trail. If he is killed, the tong to which he belongs retaliates, and an endless chain of murder is forged.

MEXICO'S CHASERS HELD

Government Stops Shipment of Two Craft Built in Illinois.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Two submarine chasers built by an Illinois company for the Mexican government and ready for shipment, have been ordered held by the United States officials at Washington. The president of the company which built the boats said today the boats had not been commandeered, but simply ordered held.

Each submarine chaser is 76 feet long and the building required 120 days.

T. R. IS ENJOYING HUNT

Cruise for Devilfish Brings Fine Health to Colonel.

DANVILLE, Va., March 29.—Theodore Roosevelt is in fine health and enjoying a successful hunt for devilfish, said a telegram received here today.

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DEPARTING TROOPS PARADE AT NOON

Portland Gets Chance to Cheer Regiment.

MOVE TO VANCOUVER FOLLOWS

Commissioner Baker Asks to Have Schools Dismissed.

650 RECRUITS YET NEEDED

Colonel May Greatly Pleased at Way Men Are Enlisting—Out-of-Town Companies Will Pass Through City Today.

A parade through the downtown streets will precede the departure for Vancouver, Wash., today of the Portland companies of the Third Oregon Infantry.

Led by Colonel John L. May, the troops, with full field equipment, will leave the Army barracks at noon. The line of march will be as follows:

From the Army barracks, Tenth street, thence south to Washington, to Third, to Morrison, to Sixth, to Burnside, to Tenth, and thence past the Army again to the North Bank Depot, where the troops will entrain for Vancouver Barracks.

Parade Details Arranged.

Details of the parade were arranged at a conference yesterday between Colonel May, commanding the regiment, and George L. Baker, City Commissioner. An escort of police will precede the troops, and the regimental band will play.

Commissioner Baker urges that all patriotic citizens turn out, line the streets and cheer the soldiers as they march through the city preparatory to the mobilization at Vancouver.

"We should make this one of the greatest demonstrations in the history of the city," said Commissioner Baker. "The very least we can do, it seems to me, is to line the streets and show our young soldiers that we are behind them and appreciate what they are doing for us and for their country."

School Dismissals Asked.

Commissioner Baker attempted to get in communication last night with members of the School Board, to ask that as a measure of patriotism they have the schools dismissed in the morning in time so the children may come down to view the parade.

He was unable to reach the directors last night, but will take up the matter with them the first thing today.

"I have no doubt they will accede to the request," said Commissioner Baker. "As a matter of patriotism, we want every school child in the city of Portland to be down to cheer the soldiers."

Regiment to March in Parade.

The Portland companies of the Third Regiment that will march in the parade are Companies B, C, D, E, F, G and H, the headquarters company, which includes the band, supply company, sanitary detachment and machine gun company.

Mobilization Complete Tonight.

All the companies of the Third Oregon will be mobilized by tonight at Vancouver Barracks, in accord with the recent order from the Western Department, United States Army.

The up-state companies are coming through Portland on special trains from their home towns. They will stop here only long enough to be transferred from the Southern Pacific to the North Bank road and taken on to Vancouver that line.

Company A of McMinnville, will arrive at the Union station on a special train at 10:35, and shortly afterward will depart for Vancouver.

Company K, of Corvallis, will leave that town in a special train at 8 o'clock. At Salem it will join Company L, of Dallas, and Company M, of Salem. The three companies will come to Portland by the Southern Pacific, stopping at Woodburn en route to pick up Company I, of that town. All four companies are scheduled to arrive at the Union Station here at 11:50 o'clock.

Colonel May to Command.

They will not wait for the Portland companies, but will continue with only such delay as is incidental to transferring their cars to the North Bank tracks, to Vancouver.

Colonel May will be ranking officer at Vancouver Barracks pending the arrival of Colonel John L. Hayden, United States Army, from Seattle, who has been designated to take command of the First District of the Western Department, embracing the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, with headquarters at Portland.

At Vancouver Barracks the troops of the Third Oregon will be quartered better equipped than they were at Camp Withycombe during the mobilization for Mexican service.

Instead of having to live in tents, sleep next to the wet ground and be subject to weather conditions generally, they will take the quarters formerly occupied by the Twenty-first United States Infantry, which is now on the Mexican border. They will have warm barracks and good quarters.

Recruiting to Continue.

The work of recruiting will be continued at Vancouver until the Third Regiment is brought to its full war strength of 2000 enlisted men.

Reports received by Colonel May at 6 o'clock last night from every company. (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

