

GERMANY INSISTS IT MUST HAVE FOOD

Ambassador Hints Warfare on Shipping May Relax if Supply Is Assured.

MOVE RETALIATORY ONE

Washington Admits Its Note Is Open to Construction That Not Even Belligerent Should Be Sank Without Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The importance which the German government attaches to the unrestricted shipment of foodstuffs for its civilian population was emphasized at the State Department today by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who conferred with both Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing. While no formal statement regarding the Ambassador's call was issued by the Department, it was said afterward that he had hinted that warfare on merchant shipping might be relaxed if Germany could be assured of a continuous food supply for her non-combatant population.

The position of the German government, it was explained, is that the proclamation of a war zone and the seizure against enemy merchant ships was simply a retaliation against England's alleged violations of the declaration of London in hindering individual contracts for civilians from reaching Germany. This, according to the German Ambassador, is no less inhumane than the condition imposed on merchant shipping.

Humanitarian Position Taken. Officials admitted informally that the American note to Germany was open to the construction that no vessels, either belligerent or neutral, should be sunk unless previously visited with opportunity given for taking off passengers. It was reiterated that while the rules of international law clearly compelled such steps to insure the safety of non-combatants traveling at sea, the position taken was based largely on humanitarian grounds.

An official who assisted in the preparation of the American note to Germany pointed out that the strong warning tone of the communication was not intended as a threat, but in a spirit of precaution lest the sinking of an American vessel with Americans on board inflame public opinion in the United States to a degree which could not be estimated in advance.

Proof Required by Law. The German Ambassador, it is understood, did not discuss the intentions of his government in connection with the announced campaign on merchant ships, but confined himself to explaining at length the German point of view on the matter. He holds that the United States, in contending for a strict observance of the rights of neutrals, should interest itself in seeing that conditional contraband is not held up on the high seas.

The rules of international law, even previous to the declaration of London, the German Ambassador was understood to have pointed out, require proof that the articles are destined to belligerent forces. He said the German government had revised its laws and also had modified its decrees so that imported foods would not be appropriated by the army. The German government is willing to permit American Consular officers to witness the sale and distribution of such foodstuffs to determine whether or not they actually are reaching the civil population of Germany.

Wilhelmina Case Discussed. The Ambassador discussed to some extent the case of the steamer, the American steamer, seized by Great Britain en route to Germany with foodstuffs. He believes the American Government should take the initiative in the safe delivery of the cargo to Germany. No formal action has been taken by the State Department beyond requesting Great Britain to continue the use of the vessel, which have submitted a brief to the Department, are enabled to discuss the case further here.

The question of cargoes, such as that of the Wilhelmina, which were shipped before the German decree taking over the national food supply, became effective, probably will be covered fully in the American reply to the British note now being transmitted from London and dealing with the general subject of neutral commerce. Most of the communication has been deciphered and it is understood to be full of statistics.

BRITONS REGRET STRATEGIES Reply Concerning Flag on Lusitania to Be Friendly in Tone.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British Foreign Office is preparing a reply to the American note concerning the use of the American flag on the steamer Lusitania. The reply will be forwarded to Washington within a few days, probably before February 15. The British officials never have admitted the German charge that a general order was issued by the British government that British ships should use the flag of neutral states. Neither has the Admiralty confirmed the rumor that the Lusitania was ordered to use the neutral flag.

The position of the British government, as will be set forth in the reply, probably will be that the captains of British merchant vessels had been advised to use neutral flags should an emergency demand such action to save the lives of those on the ships. The note probably will make it clear that no general use of neutral flags has been contemplated or authorized.

The feeling among officials and Englishmen generally is that the American note is entirely friendly. The response will be wholly in the same spirit. Eng-

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GROWERS' COUNCIL O. K.'D

Fruitmen at North Yakima Indorse Central Governing Board Plan. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Independent buyers and shippers of fruit in this city, at a meeting last night, adopted resolutions "heartily indorsing the plan of a growers' council with a central governing board," and unanimously agreed to cooperate in that movement. Attending the meeting were representatives of seven firms prominent

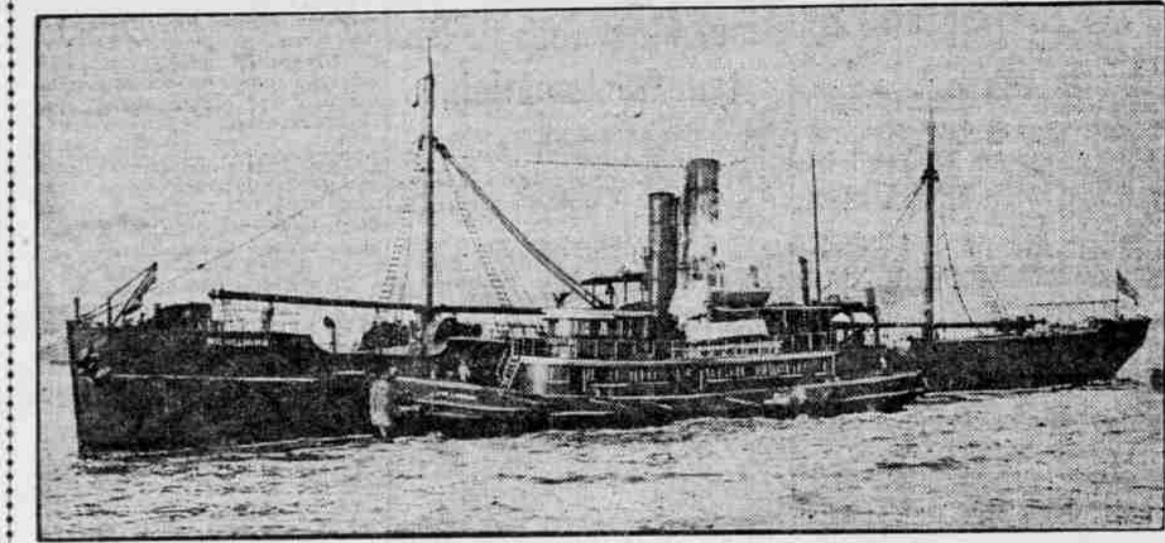
WARNING GIVEN AFRESH

GERMANY AMPLIFIES ORIGINAL NOTE AS TO WAR ZONE. Vessels Entering Prescribed Area in Same Position as If They Sailed into Battle.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 13, via London, Feb. 12.—The German Legation again has warned neutral vessels against entering the war area around the British

war ports and have justified the use of neutral flags on merchant vessels. "Moreover, according to a reliable source, a great number of British merchantmen have been armed in order to destroy German submarines by shells or by ramming them. Thereby, these ships lose their character as merchant ships and become war vessels. "Germany, therefore, is again obliged urgently to warn all neutral ships against entering English Coast waters after February 18, as from that date the German Admiralty will prosecute the war with all means at its disposal against British war ports and British armed merchant ships. "Neutral vessels which are then still within the war zone will run the same risks as if they pursued a course through sea battles between England

AMERICAN SHIP CARRYING FOOD TO GERMANY WHOSE CARGO HAS BEEN FORMALLY SEIZED BY GREAT BRITAIN.



WILHELMINA AS SHE APPEARED ON SAILING FROM NEW YORK JANUARY 22.

on Commission Row. It was stated after the meeting that all the other independent buyers and shippers of the valley would have opportunity to join in the resolution by signature.

WIDOW SUES CLERGYMAN

Woman Says Rev. G. H. Richie Promised to Wed; Asks \$10,000.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 5.—Dreams of a cosy home, either in Akron or in the South, and remembrances of automobile rides, dinner and theater parties and frequent calls, which she alleges, were crumbled and fell today for Mrs. Zella M. Gilbert, who began a breach of promise action against the Rev. George H. Richie, of Cleveland and Akron. Mrs. Gilbert, who is pretty at 36 years old, asks \$10,000 heart balm. She obtained a divorce from her first husband and her second husband died three years ago. As she expected, she said, to be a bride for the third time on February 2.

Mrs. Gilbert conducts a rooming-house at Akron and is active in business. She has been a successful real estate agent, rent collector and until recently had charge of a grocery store. "I dreaded all this notoriety, but there was nothing left for me to do," she said tonight. "I disposed of all my property on Mr. Richie's promise to marry me, and I have no reason to believe that he would not keep his promise."

Richie denies the allegations made by Mrs. Gilbert. "Money is at the bottom of it all," he said.

AMNESTY GIVEN COREANS

Japanese Authorities Grant Freedom to Would-Be Assassins.

SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 12.—Amnesty was granted by Japanese authorities today to Baron Yun Chi-Ho, a former Cabinet Minister; Yan Ki-Tak, formerly connected with the Korean Daily News; An Tai-Kog, Im Chi Chong, Yi Sung-Hun and Kk Kwan-Pin, who, in July, 1912, were sentenced to six years' imprisonment for an attempt to assassinate General Terachi, Japanese Governor-General of Korea.

The trial and conviction of these Koreans two years ago attracted considerable attention on account of the allegation that certain Koreans had been subjected to torture in building up the case against the accused men. The sentences of six years imposed by the Tai-Ku court were commuted in October, 1912, by the Supreme Court of Korea.

POSTMASTERS ARE NAMED

Appointments to Offices in Oregon Made by Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—The following Oregon postmasters were appointed today: Allegany, Jesse J. Ott; Bly, Clara Taylor; Brockway, Israel B. Nichols; Brooks, John Cary; Divido, Annie J. Barker; Gravel Fort, Fred Moser; Kent, Walter H. Bennett; Kingsley, Otto Buskirk; Klamath Agency, Orville Elliott; Knappa, Ernest E. Hufstater; Lampa, James L. Bean; Looking Glass, Samuel R. Blabin; Mayger, Louis Fluhrer; Mullino, Charles T. Howard; New Era, Jennie Dustin; Prosper, Gerda Pedersen; Rex, Henry L. Peters; Rio Grande, Wesley A. Bean; Sams Valley, Mary E. Gardner; Sodaville, Ebenezer R. Fox; Sver, James M. Larson; Timber, Nicholas Bangs; Twickenham, Joseph K. Wesley; Vida, Francis E. Clayton; Waldo, George W. Eider; Worden, Henry L. Vett.

More Coke Ovens in Operation. CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Announcement was made by the H. C. Erick Coke Company here that 12 additional coke ovens had been fired during the day, adding 2325 ovens to the company's active list in the Connellsville region during the first half of February.

Twenty Payment Life Policy

Matured in the Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. Name.....Frank Aldritt Residence.....Lincoln, Nebr. Amount of policy.....\$2,000.00 Total Premiums Paid to Company.....1,238.00 SETTLEMENT Total Cash paid Mr. Aldritt.....\$1,776.28 And 20 Years' Insurance for Nothing.

as well as in the waters of the North Sea, with the exception of British waters and German bays, neutral shipping will not be endangered by the measures, the German Admiralty is adopting."

Liquor Advertising Enjoined. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 12.—Chancellor Chapman today granted the

state a temporary injunction restraining the Montgomery Advertiser from printing liquor advertisements. The case was brought to test the new law prohibiting such advertisements in all papers circulating in the state.

Linn County Towns to Get \$76,991. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A total of \$76,991.22 will be collected on the 1914 tax roll of Linn County in the form of city taxes alone. Albany will receive \$51,220.12; Lebanon, \$17,244.25; Harrisburg, \$3,904.71; Brownsville, \$2,252.59; Halsey, \$1,257.45; Sweet Home, \$219.96; Sodaville, \$104.22.

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For Young Men
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Phegley & Cavender

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PORTLAND'S FURNITURE FEAST CONTINUES UNTIL THE BIG NEW HOME IS READY.

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TO FIFTH AND OAK STREETS—THE MAP
SHOWS—THEY'RE REMODELING FOR US NOW!

THIS BIG HOMEFURNISHING STORE WILL BE "RIGHT IN THE HEART" OF THINGS—DURING THE REMOVAL THE GREATEST VALUES PORTLAND HAS SEEN WILL BE LINKED WITH THE MOST LIBERAL OF TERMS

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For the Only Range That's Fully Insured

With every Monarch Malleable Range we give a guarantee in writing to replace the firebox or any part of the range FREE that cracks, warps, breaks or burns out within five years from date of purchase.

Your Old Stove Part Payment

GO-CARTS

A SALE OF DISCONTINUED LINES—NOTE THE PRICES

\$ 6.25	Heywood, collapsible, black enameling, light....	\$3.75
\$ 8.75	Lloyd Collapsible Cart, tan enameled.....	\$5.95
\$11.50	Lloyd Collapsible Cart in black enamel.....	\$8.90
\$11.50	Gendron Collapsible Cart, black enamel.....	\$7.95

Mission Plate Racks

HALF

\$7.75 Plate Rack \$3.90
\$7.50 Plate Rack \$3.75
\$6.50 Plate Rack \$2.75

\$3.25 Plate Rack \$1.65
\$1.25 Plate Rack \$0.65
90c Plate Rack .45c

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\$99 Bicycle Wilton 9x12 Blue, slightly used, but in fine condition... \$29

\$37.50 6x12minster Green Bordered Carpet, 8 feet 3 inches by 12 feet 6 inches... \$16.90

\$21 val. 11x14 green or 20c red, yard... \$2.75

\$11 val. rug, 8 feet 9 inches by 6 feet, worth new \$20.00... \$2.75

Bordered Brussels Carpet, 2 1/2 val. 11x14, green, red... \$5.95

New Body Brussels Bordered Green Carpet, 3 feet 9 inches by 12 feet... \$8.75

\$21 val. 11x14 green or 20c red, yard... \$4.75

4 Feet 4 Inches by 6 Feet Bordered Brussels Carpet, red... \$4.95

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Here's a splendidly constructed Solid Oak Library Table with drawer; a massive Morris Chair that fairly radiates comfort through its loose brown cushions; a handsome Oak Rocker, upholstered in Spanish leatherette; an Arm Chair to match rocker; an artistic Solid Oak Bookstand, with magazine holders, and a Genuine Brussels Rug, 9x12 feet.

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