

WASHINGTON DOES NOT ACCEPT EXCUSE

Germany's Contention Use of Submarines Prevents Investigation Held Invalid.

VISIT IS INSISTED ON

Position Maintained That Belligerents Are Bound to Use Only Such Vessels as Can Act According to This Rule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Wilson and his Cabinet discussed at length today the danger to American vessels and commerce growing out of the reiterated determination of the German government to wage a warfare of submarines and mines on enemy vessels, disclaiming all responsibility for what might happen to neutral vessels venturing into the new sea zones of war.

Cavases of Cabinet officers later disclosed that the administration regarded the developments of the last few days as of grave importance. Members of the Cabinet declined to predict what would be the course of the United States. Some pointed out that in every serious situation in international affairs much discretion was vested in the President, and that his action would necessarily be guided by the circumstances of each case if any attacks on American vessels occurred.

The delay in receiving the note from Ambassador Gerard was regarded as an advantage in that it had given opportunity for deliberation here and in Berlin.

Apprehension Is Feit. The portion of the note in which Germany disclaimed all responsibility for what might happen to neutral ships, either by submarine torpedoes or mines, produced a feeling of apprehension among some high officials that the present situation was serious.

NEW CAR ROUTE ASKED

FIRST-STREET MERCHANTS SEEK TO HAVE LINE CHANGED.

Business Men Declared Willing to Finance Propositions to Get Traffic to Pass Stores.

PARTY OF 600 AFTER BOAT

Umatilla Man Here to Charter Ship for Cello Canal Pagent.

A. G. Means, of Umatilla, came to Portland yesterday to arrange for chartering a boat for the party of 600 citizens of Umatilla who are planning to participate in the great six-day river pageant that will be held in celebration of the opening of the Cello Canal in the first week of May.

CLUBS FROLIC AT Y. M. C. A.

Made-in-Oregon and Harriman Members Stage Circus.

The employees of the Southern Pacific and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Companies... H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, welcomed the clubs in the auditorium... Charles Slavov, chairman of the Made-in-Oregon Club and W. W. Cotton for the Harriman Club.

SCOTT SWETLAND DEAD

EX-CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS PASSES AT HOME.

Late Manager Vancouver House Was Rated as Prune Expert and Bought Great Lots of Fruit.

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Scott Swetland, who died in Vancouver yesterday.

WESTERN FRONT

Fighting Generally Without Result in Flanders and Northern France.

ATTACKS ARE STOPPED

Both Sides Tell of Repulses to Fore and Germans Assert They Have Inflicted Heavy Losses.

British Claim Gains.

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GERM CARRIER IS HUNTED

Twenty Employes at Maternity Hospital Ill of Typhoid Fever.

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After a song by the Veteran Male Quartet, Mayor Albee, as the guest of the club, briefly commended the spirit shown by the people of Montavilla. H. E. Dickinson told of some of the work of the Montavilla Board of Trade and pointed out the need of a public library building.

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We sell each month over 5000 prescriptions at an average charge of 53c each. This requires a monthly payroll of \$800 and an investment of \$15,000 in stock. Add to these a correct proportion of fixed charges and the net profit is less than 7 per cent. Nor is this all.

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