

WASHINGTON READY TO ANSWER BERLIN

Issue Taken on Every Point Raised.

LUSITANIA IS HELD UNARMED

Finding Nebraskan Was Torpedoed Increases Tension.

TECHNICAL REPORT MADE

Preponderance of Evidence Declared to Be That Attack Was Made by Submarine—German Reply Causes Disappointment.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Until the official text of the German reply to the American note concerning violations of neutral rights in the war zone is received, probably tomorrow, President Wilson will reserve comment.

This word came from the White House tonight after press dispatches outlining the German note were received.

It is known, however, that the United States Government is prepared to controvert every one of the points mentioned in the summary of the German position as published here. The press outline conforms with Ambassador Gerard's dispatches of the last few days forecasting the nature of the German reply.

Lusitania Declared Unarmed.

Evidence of an indisputable character was gathered by the Washington Government prior to the sending of the note of May 13 to prove that the Lusitania carried no guns, either mounted or unmounted; that she carried no explosives within the meaning of American statutes and that no British vessels have cleared from American ports for several months carrying guns of any character.

The British Ambassador here is preparing to transmit assurance from the British government that the Lusitania was not armed and that she could not be carried on the naval lists as an auxiliary cruiser unless she were armed and commissioned, the latter change from a peaceful merchantman to an auxiliary cruiser being possible, according to British practice, only in home ports.

Right of Safety Insisted On.

The United States, moreover, holds that the carrying of arms or ammunition or other contraband or a few unarmed individuals who might be prospective soldiers does not destroy the right under international law and humanity of the belligerent merchantman to be visited and searched before being destroyed and the neutral or the combatant passengers transferred to a place of safety.

While the exact phraseology of the German reply is awaited with much interest, there was a feeling of pessimism in many quarters over the reported evasion of President Wilson's demands for reparation for the loss of more than 100 American lives and guarantees that submarine warfare would be so conducted in the future as to safeguard American lives and vessels.

Nebraskan Found Torpedoed.

A grave factor has been added to the situation by the finding of the American commission appointed by Ambassador Page that the American steamer Nebraskan was torpedoed without warning by a submarine. In German quarters the claim was persistent that the vessel must have struck a mine.

Lieutenant John H. Towers, naval attaché, and Naval Constructor Lewis B. McBride, of the American embassy, and

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MRS. HUTCHINSON, OF W. C. T. U., DIES

TREASURER OF NATIONAL BODY SUCCEUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS.

Kansas Woman Stricken While on Visit Here—Operation of Month Ago Is Without Avail.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hutchinson, of Winfield, Kan., National Treasurer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, died last night at 9:06 o'clock at the Portland Surgical Hospital, where she had been lying in bed for several weeks, following an operation more than a month ago for intestinal trouble.

At the bedside when the end came were her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Roberts, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, state president of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Dr. Robert Coffey, who has been in attendance.

Mrs. Hutchinson came to Portland several weeks ago to make preliminary plans to advertise the National convention, which is to be held in Seattle next October. She had been suffering for some time with an intestinal tumor and when she reached Portland her ailment became acute.

Mrs. Hutchinson had long been active in W. C. T. U. affairs and although her home is in Winfield, Kan., she had passed much of her time in Chicago at the national headquarters. Prior to her election as national treasurer she was state president of the Kansas W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Hutchinson's body will be returned to Hutchinson, Kan., for burial.

GOLDEN PHEASANT IS SHOT

Montesano Farmer Discovers Error and Promises to Replace Loss.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—In the belief that he had discovered a new bird for this section Fred Smith, a farmer living near Montesano, yesterday shot a golden pheasant, one of the five pairs imported here from South America, and as a result was subject to a heavy fine. He discovered his mistake by finding a description of a golden pheasant in an encyclopedia. He telephoned the game warden at once and told of his offense.

Smith promised to purchase a pair of birds for the county and as a result was not taken into court.

2 BALKAN STATES RESTIVE

Negotiations Between Roumania and Bulgaria at Important Stage.

LONDON, May 29.—A Bucharest dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says important negotiations are in progress between Roumania and Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Minister to Roumania, the dispatch adds, left yesterday for Sofia, Turkey, according to a report current, has offered to cede Adrianople to Bulgaria.

TRAMWAY STRIKE ENDED

Britishers of Military Age Will Not Get Jobs Back.

LONDON, May 29.—The strike of London tramway employes came to an end today by the issuing of a notice from the strike committee that all the men would return tomorrow.

Many men above the age of military service, who have been employed during the strike, will be retained. All men of military age who went on strike will not be permitted to come back.

BATTLESHIP RUNS AMUCK

Virginia Rams Bulkhead and, Backing Out, Collides With Tag.

BOSTON, May 29.—The battleship Virginia rammed a wooden bulkhead while approaching her dock at the Charleston Navy-Yard today and in backing away ran into and nearly overturned the naval tug Sioux.

The tug was immediately docked for repairs.

CARRANZA'S GAUGE REGARDED AS LOST

Idealist No Longer Is Viewed As Moses.

TURMOIL BREWS, IS BELIEF

Leader Declared to Be Tool of Crafty, Scheming Clique.

SOME PLANNING GET-AWAY

Those Close to Mexican Administration Expect Uplift at Any Time—Much Fighting Thought to Be in Store Even Yet.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 29.—(Special.)—Foreign residents in Vera Cruz with few exceptions believe that the constitutional cause, headed by Carranza, is lost. There may be many months of fighting ahead, it is believed, but it is the contention of these students of the Mexican situation that the idealistic successor of the dreamer Madero is not the Moses who is to lead his chosen people from the wilderness of rapine and pillage into which the Mexican struggle for "liberty" has degenerated.

Carranza, they say, has become merely the figurehead of a crafty and scheming clique of Latin-American statesmen, whose interests and ambitions lie along the line of personal aggrandizement and profit.

Opinions Are Questioned.

The Administration at Washington takes the position that these foreign residents are biased, that consequently their opinions are untrustworthy. That they have seen much and suffered much, however, is unquestionable. Here is the statement of a man who has lived in the country for 18 years:

"The real heads of the constitutional movement are men who surround the first chief. They are able and unscrupulous, energetic and adroit, shrewd and cunning.

"Carranza believes himself at the head of a great reform movement and that belief is encouraged by these men who are about him. They need such a man as Carranza for their own purposes.

Carranza Mere Figurehead.

"I saw the old man when he first took the field. I saw him in Saltillo with his 200 ragged and-beat-down men, when he rode through the streets with the light of idealism in his eye, hailed as the legitimate successor of Francisco Madero.

"Carranza is a mere figurehead. If he should win—which I think he cannot—he would still be the figurehead, because he would still be 'necessary.' 'Personally an honest man, he has no idea how bad some of his followers are.

"Carranza will stay and will endeavor to do the right thing as long as he is permitted to do so, but the others will continue to deceive and flatter him, and will continue to grind out the worthless paper money now being distributed until enough gold has come to them to enable them to head for the Mecca of most educated Mexicans—Paris."

"Smash" Regarded Near.

Several things are due to happen in Mr. Carranza's capital, however, before any of this prophet's predictions come to pass. Underneath the apparently untroubled exterior of events, turmoil is brewing. When the "smash" is to come and exactly how only can be guessed, but it is sufficiently near, in the opinion of the informed, to make advisable a readjustment of views and

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BERLIN ASKS FIRST TO AGREE ON FACTS

Reply Now on Way Defers Main Issue.

AMERICAN LAW SCRUTINIZED

Point Made of Ammunition on Board Lusitania.

NOTE STRONGLY PHRASED

British Accused of "Protecting War Shipments" With American Passengers—Gulfight and Cushing Attacks Mistakes.

BERLIN, via London, May 29.—The German reply to the American note, sent after the sinking of the Lusitania, was signed by Herr von Jagow, the Foreign Minister, last night and delivered to Ambassador Gerard today for transmission to Washington.

The note expresses Germany's regret for injuries sustained by Americans as a result of submarine and aeroplane attacks and offers compensation in cases in which Germany is found to be in the wrong.

As indicated previously, the note defers a direct answer to the questions raised by President Wilson pending a further exchange of views. Germany desires to establish whether the Lusitania was a defenseless merchant ship or was being used for the transportation of war munitions and soldiers, on which unsuspecting passengers were permitted to take passage to safeguard the war materials.

Time in Palma Case Intended.

The American representations regarding the torpedoing of the British steamer in Palma, in which an American citizen lost his life, are answered with the statement that it was intended to offer ample time for the passengers and crew to leave the ship.

The action of the captain in attempting to escape, however, necessitated more summary action. Given then, the commander of the submarine granted 10 minutes for those on board to leave the vessel and subsequently extended the time to 23 minutes before sinking the ship.

Germany expresses regrets for the "unintentional attacks" on the American steamer Cushing and the Gulf-light. The Cushing was attacked by German airmen in the North Sea and the Gulf-light was torpedoed off Scilly Islands.

Compensation Offered When Wrong.

Germany disavows any intention to attack harmless neutral craft. She offers to pay compensation wherever she is found to be in the wrong and to refer doubtful cases to The Hague for a decision.

The passages in the American note concerning a possible disavowal by Germany of intent to sink the Lusitania and the discontinuance of her present practices of submarine warfare are not mentioned specifically in the reply. The note says that pending the reply of the American Government to the German assumptions of fact regarding the real character of the Lusitania and her cargo, no attempt will be made to answer the demands contained in the American communication.

Assumed Facts Outlined.

These assumptions of fact are as follows: The Lusitania was built as an auxiliary cruiser; and subsidized and carried on the navy lists as such. She carried, according to German information, two guns mounted and concealed below decks.

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Saturday's War Moves

THE battle for the fortress of Przemyel, in middle Galicia, remains the outstanding feature of the war in Europe.

There has been heavy fighting north of Arras, where the French continue to make progress, the Germans now admitting their occupation of positions at Abbeville. This, however, is a small affair compared with what is going on around Przemyel.

The Germans and Austrians, with an enormous weight of artillery, continue to fight desperately in an effort to encircle the fortress, which already is reported to be under bombardment. Their armies on the east, to the north of Przemyel, however, apparently have received a check. The Russians, after driving them back across the San, in the neighborhood of Sienawa, have turned their attention to the forces which crossed the river to the north and south of Jaroslau and have been delivering furious attacks. All of these, the Austrians and Germans say, they have repulsed.

Southeast of Przemyel the Teutonic allies are meeting with more success, but the progress is not so rapid as it was a few days ago, and the communication to Lemberg, which was reported to have been severed, is still intact.

At the other end of the line, in the Baltic provinces, heavy fighting also is in progress, with the fortunes ebbing and flowing, neither side being able to make any important advance. Those operations, which originally were classed as a raid by the Russian military critics, are being more seriously considered and larger forces are being sent to meet the German invaders.

Except for their admission of the evacuation of Abilain, which they say was carried out without the knowledge of the French, the Germans say they have repulsed all attacks along the western line. The same assertion is made by the French, who also say they have made further progress, so the situation does not seem to be much changed.

It is not expected that the French will make any marked advance at one time, for they are attacking strongly fortified positions, which have to be taken one by one in the face of innumerable and cleverly concealed machine guns.

Outpost fighting continues along the whole front of the Italian-Austrian frontier.

It is reported from Bucharest that important negotiations are under way between Roumania and Bulgaria, but the nature of these has not been divulged.

German submarines are still busy in the waters around the British Isles, the latest victim being the British steamer Ethiope, which was sunk Friday. Sixteen of her crew are still missing.

INJURY DELAYS WEDDING

Caldwell Singer Hurt Internally by Fall Day Before Planned Marriage.

CALDWELL, Idaho, May 29.—(Special.)—Hurt internally by a fall the day before he was to have been married, Austin Westrope, a well-known Caldwell singer, lies in St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

The accident occurred when Mr. Westrope missed his footing on the stairway at the store at which he is employed, Miss Elvira Chamber, of Caldwell, is the young woman to whom Mr. Westrope was engaged.

92 COWS BRING \$100,000

Prize Herd at Exposition Bought by California Ranchowner.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—A prize herd of 92 cows, on exhibition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition by a dairy company, was sold today to C. H. Owens, of Stockton, Cal., for approximately \$100,000. The price a head ranged from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2000. Unofficially it was said that one cow brought \$2000.

The herd will be taken to Owens' ranch at Farmington, Cal.

NOTABLE VISITING CLUBWOMEN DINE

Sunshine and Roses Galore Greet More.

NATIONAL OFFICERS GUESTS

While Leaders Labor, Others Enjoy Trips Over City.

MRS. R. J. BURDETTE HERE

Noted Clubwoman Declares She Has No Time for Woman Who Is Not Useful in Sphere of Influence and Can Say, 'I Earn My Way.'

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES. Glorious sunshine, roses galore and a hospitable welcome awaited the clubwomen who arrived in Portland yesterday to attend the biennial council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Board meetings occupied the time of the president, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, and her officials, but the other delegates were left free to take auto trips and enjoy the day informally.

The dinner party at the Hotel Benson, with the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs as hostesses to the visiting National officers, was the first big event—the forerunner of the gathering that will commence with a large reception in the Hotel Multnomah on Monday night and continue for the greater part of next week, with meetings in the White Temple.

One of the delightful and interesting women to arrive yesterday was Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, of Pasadena. In a natty white tailored suit, she alighted from the train, bright and bubbling with enthusiasm and ready to be charming and obliging to everyone. At the hotel, within two minutes, she had won the hearts of clerks, the manager, the bellboy and all the reception committee and had greeted with warm friendliness her old-time friends among the General Federation officers.

All Women Should "Earn Way."

"We are all working women, or we ought to be," said Mrs. Burdette. "I have no patience with a woman who can't do something useful in the world. If our hearts are full of love, we will want to be useful. It may take sacrifice, but nothing worth while is gained without sacrifice." Mrs. Burdette speaks from wide experience in work that has been worth while, and those who know her know that she has won her place by ability, by thoughtfulness of others and by that certain something termed "personal charm." She organized the state federation of California, was second president of Ethel, of Los Angeles, and is a member of many important boards in her home state. Through her instrumentality several clubhouses have been built in California.

One of her sons, who is now a business man in Los Angeles, was with the Los Angeles Times, but resigned just a short time before it was dynamited, and his mother is still remembering to be thankful of the fact that he escaped the catastrophe. Mrs. Burdette has been in Portland several times and is a great friend of Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the Oregon Federation. Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of Tiffin, O., vice-president of the General Federation, was the center of many admiring friends yesterday afternoon when an incoming train brought clubwomen

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SPEAKING OF WATER HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

