

OFFICIAL GERMAN DECLARED FRIENDLY

Herr Von Jagow Says Policy of Self-Interest Dictates Peace With Americans.

MASSES ARE RESENTFUL

Reports of Teutonic Intention to Obtain Footing on American Soil, to Exact Compensation or Aid Japan Laughed At.

BERLIN, via London, April 8.—Herr von Jagow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, greeted with laughter statements attributed to the Canadian press and members of the Canadian Parliament that Germany planned annexations on the American Continent after the war.

"How can people invent or believe such stories?" asked the Foreign Minister. "To anyone not entirely blinded by passion it is evident beyond doubt that Germany never pursued such senseless aims and never contemplated doing so. Can one imagine a state of affairs in Europe after the war such that we should have the leisure or a free enough hand to divert our strength and efforts to such a task on the American Continent?"

"Equally ridiculous, though unfortunately this phase has a serious side, are rumors which I understand here and there are current in the United States that Germany, after the war, will take revenge on the United States by pursuing an anti-American policy. It is even reported to America some apprehensive souls in America foresee from victorious Germany an attempt to break down the Monroe doctrine, plant its flag in South or Central America, or even a design to leap upon the United States and crush them in order to attain mastery of both continents."

Reports Declared Absurd. "I need hardly assure you such reports, which from time to time have been set afloat by enemies of Germany in the United States, are so absurd for denial. I need only recall that Germany has never placed itself in opposition to the American principle of the Monroe doctrine."

"Again, I would ask American doubters to remember the attitude of Germany during the war. The present day is a day to remember the interests during the protracted era of disorder, the imperial government at all times stood for the American principle of a free hand in its policy toward Mexico. The Washington Government was not at any time left in doubt as to the attitude of Germany."

"It is unfortunately true that during the war, when the thoughts of every German are bound up with the struggle for German existence against a world-wide coalition and when the attitude of the Washington Government toward Germany was forced, even we think that there might be some basis for stories of an understanding of some kind between Washington and the allies."

German Masses Resentful. "A strong feeling of resentment and bitterness against the United States has sprung up among the masses in Germany."

"Unfortunately, too, there are foolish persons among us who talk darkly and foolishly of 'taking revenge' upon the United States after the war. That attitude, but no responsible official takes or can take such a view. We shall have quite enough to do at home to safeguard our own position in Europe, heal the wounds of the war, restore our industry and business life at home, and regain and build up our foreign trade, without reversing our traditional policy in regard to the American continent and taking on a new and powerful enemy across the Atlantic."

"But what of the recent letter in the Frankfurter Zeitung, signed by a naval officer, proposing even to exact from the United States after the war an indemnity to cover Germany's financial sacrifices; what of the intimations of the possibility of backing up Japan by an alliance in a coming war against the United States?" asked the correspondent. "These statements and others like them that have reached the United States are brought back by every returned German and are not at all exaggerated. The permanent interests of Germany are really and materially involved. The permanent interests of those of the United States. On the contrary, they everywhere require the United States and Germany to be friendly. For this reason reports attributing to the German Government an intention of pursuing an anti-American policy after the war are absurd."

Permanent Interests Cited. "Do enthusiasts and jingoes in your country never talk foolishly, as Herr von Jagow says, 'The policy of a state cannot be dictated by sentiment, cannot afford to allow itself to be guided or swayed in its permanent interests by temporary feelings of bitterness or resentment, but only by issues in which its interests are really and materially involved. The permanent interests of Germany are really and materially involved. The permanent interests of those of the United States. On the contrary, they everywhere require the United States and Germany to be friendly. For this reason reports attributing to the German Government an intention of pursuing an anti-American policy after the war are absurd.'"

"Our emperor long ago saw this necessity for a policy of friendship and co-operation between Germany and the United States and during his reign has worked actively and consistently to improve the relations of the two governments and the mutual understanding between the two nations. No German statesman, conscious of the real interests of his country, could take any other course."

The foregoing conversation occurred and the manuscript was submitted for publication before the delivery by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg of his speech before the Reichstag with its references to Canada.

CLARKE HAS 692 AUTOS Licenses Contribute \$3735 for Road Work in County. VANCOUVER, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—One person in every 40 in Clarke County owns some kind of a motor-driven vehicle, according to reports made by Mrs. May R. Haack, County Auditor.

LATEST OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

German. BERLIN, via London, April 8.—Today's official statement by the War Office is:

"On the left bank of the Meuse Silesian and Bavarian troops took by storm a strong French point of support south of Haucourt. They captured the entire enemy position on the ridge of Termet hill, extending over a width of more than two kilometers. A counter attack attempted early this morning failed completely. Our losses were slight. Those of the enemy, owing partly to the machine-gun fire of some, were heavy. In addition to those, 15 officers and 699 men were captured, including numerous recruits of the class of 1916."

"On the hills east of the Meuse and in the sector south of the Meuse, the artillery was active on both sides. "On the hills east of the Meuse, in the Vosges, a small German detachment came upon an advanced French position, the occupants of which were killed, with the exception of 21 men, who were captured. The enemy's trenches were blown up. "Eastern front.—Russian attacks yesterday were limited to a narrow front in the sector south of Narocz Lake. They were repulsed easily."

French. PARIS, April 8.—The text of today's official report by the War Office is:

"In the Argonne there has been fighting at Eglise Mortee, where we expended two small mines with success. At Hill No. 285 we have occupied the southern side of a mine crater, created by the explosion of a German mine. "West of the Meuse the Germans last night renewed their attack against our positions south and east of Haucourt. At this latter point, in spite of repeated efforts, the enemy found it impossible to dislodge us. We poured out upon them a murderous fire which caused him heavy losses. "South of Haucourt the Germans succeeded in winning a footing in two small works between Haucourt and Hill No. 287, which we had occupied. "Southeast of Bethincourt there has been continuation of the fighting with hand grenades in the communicating trenches on the road between Bethincourt and Chattancourt, which resulted in some advantage to us. "East of the Meuse there has been intermittent bombardment of our positions. An attack with hand grenades against one of our trenches of the Vanx fort was repulsed by the French fire. "In the Woivre the night passed quietly. "In the Vosges a reconnaissance, in an endeavor to occupy one of our small posts at Lantenfeldkopf, south of Sommerach, was dispersed by our artillery."

The supplementary official report, issued tonight, says: "South of the Avre the fire of our artillery destroyed the Stain Aurin mill, where there was an observatory."

Anticipated revenue of \$500,000,000 from Cancellor McKenna's budget struck by protectionists. The financial interests take a remarkably well, preferring more income tax to more death duties, welcoming it with triumphant satisfaction. The provision for a sinking fund might clear off the war debt in half a century if future Chancellors of the Exchequer practice Spartan virtues. One pleasant surprise in the budget was Chancellor McKenna's explanation that we have large unaided American securities already bought and paid for by the British government. Much confusion prevails in Holland. The mobilization was clearly intended to test the efficiency and preparedness of the army. A serious fall occurred in the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, but later news was more reassuring. The fall in Scandinavian exchanges follows their gold policy, and the result is a premium on exports to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Sweden."

TRADE IS WANTED

British Move Against Economic Conflict After War.

TARIFF PRESS DISTURBED

"Real Peace When Peace Comes" Is Sentiment at Luncheon to Free Traders—Budget Contains Pleasant Surprise.

LONDON, April 8.—(Special.)—The tariff reform press is disturbed by the highly successful luncheon given at Claridge's yesterday to the Manchester free-traders. The presence of Lord Beauchamp and Lord Bryce marked the quality of the occasion, and many important business men testified to the need for an untrammelled trade with Germany and Austria, as well as with all neutrals, after the war. The note was struck that England cannot afford an economic war after the slight is over. Let's have real peace when peace comes, was the sentiment expressed. We will need all the trade we can get. The wonderful resilience of our revenue during the war and an

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ATTACK ON SUSSEX DENIED BY BERLIN

All Craft Have Reported and Foreign Office Formally Announces Result.

INQUIRY HELD COMPLETE

Same Answers to Be Given to American Inquiries as to Englishman, Manchester Engineer, Eagle Point and Berwindvale.

BERLIN, via London, April 8.—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamship Sussex.

When Germany, on April 5, handed Ambassador Gerard an interim note replying to the inquiries of the United States Government regarding the Sussex and the four other steamers, the matter of responsibility was still in doubt, and the investigation is proceeding. The German Foreign Office, appreciating the agitation in the United States over these cases, transmitted an interim response declaring the readiness of the government, should the Sussex prove to have been destroyed by a German torpedo, to make all the arrangements for the payment of compensation.

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Violent fighting is taking place on the Austro-Italian front, the Austrians being on the aggressive in several sectors and reporting considerable successes, with the capture of numerous prisoners.

Three Austrian aeroplanes which were part of a squadron which raided railway stations back of the hostile lines, apparently have fallen victims to the Italians.

Several additional vessels have been sunk in the course of the German submarine campaign, and Paris officially announces the sinking of an Austrian transport in the Adriatic by a French submarine.

SMOOT HITS GARBAGE CAN

"America Has Fattest One in World," Utah Senator Declares.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—"The American garbage can is the fattest in all the world," declares Senator Smoot today, injecting into the discussion on preparedness a plea for preparedness for good housekeeping and better homes.

Senator Smoot urged action on his bill for increased appropriations for home economics, to prepare the girls and mothers of the country for their life duties.

KING'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Albert of Belgium Stays at Front While Officials Celebrate.

HAVRE, April 8.—The 41st birthday of King Albert of Belgium was officially celebrated here today by an imposing manifestation at the Belgian Ministry of War. The ceremony was attended by the members of the Belgian Cabinet and the foreign diplomats accredited to Belgium.

GIRL HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Woman Loses Control and Car Hits Pole, Injuring Companion.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Miss Irene Beard, daughter of E. E. Beard, was driving a touring car on Main street today, when she lost control and the machine struck a telephone pole.

3 MORE BRITISHERS LOST

Nine Firemen Reported Lost When Chantala Goes Down.

LONDON, April 7.—The loss of three more British vessels was reported today by Lloyds. The steamship Brauntun and the schooner Clyde of White-stable were blown up. The crew were saved. The steamship Chantala was sunk. Nine firemen were killed.

AFRICAN CAPTURES GROW

British Take German and Native Troops and Machine Guns.

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