

BERLIN'S CHARGES DENIED BY LONDON

British Foreign Office Says Chronology Proves German Assertions False.

INCONSISTENCY IS SEEN

Starvation Charged, When Chancellor Had Asserted Food Was Plentiful—England's Attitude Toward Peace Unchanged.

LONDON, May 6.—Declining to comment on the purely American-German questions involved in the German reply to the American note on submarine warfare, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade and Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in behalf of the Foreign Office, gave the Associated Press today a statement dealing with the charges against Great Britain and Germany's avowed desire for peace. The statement follows: "The reply of the German government to the American note of April 29, respecting submarine warfare, is not a communication upon which any general comment can properly be made in this country, as the question at issue concerns the United States and Germany, and any interference by a third party would be presumptuous.

German Charges Reviewed. "Since, however, the German note contains misstatements of fact respecting the actions of Great Britain, the following observations may not be thought out of place. The German government states that they have so far as is possible instituted a far-reaching restraint upon the use of the submarine weapon solely in consideration of neutral interests and in spite of the fact that these restrictions were necessarily of advantage to Germany's enemies.

Chronological List Is Given. "The Germans maintain that it was owing to the illegal conduct of the British warfare that Germany was forced to resort to her submarine campaign. This is not the first time that the Germans have attempted to justify their submarine warfare on the ground that it is a measure of reprisal against the action of the British government in cutting off supplies from Germany. The following lists of incidents, in chronological order, should suffice to dispose of this plea.

September, 1914.—Dutch vessel Maria, from California for Dublin and Belfast, with cargo of grain for the civil population, sunk by the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

October 26, 1914.—The Admiral Galleani, with 2000 unarmed refugees, sunk by a German submarine.

December, 1914.—Admiral von Tirpitz forebore to adopt of submarine campaign.

January 27, 1915.—American ship William P. Frye, with wheat from Seattle for Queenstown, sunk by German auxiliary cruiser Kormoran.

February 15, 1915.—Declaration by the German government of intention to institute a general submarine blockade of Great Britain and Ireland, with the avowed purpose of cutting off all supplies from these islands. This blockade was put into effect officially February 18, although, as a matter of fact, a merchant ship had been sunk by a German submarine at the end of January.

Trade Measures Enforced Afterward. "It was not until March 11, 1915, that the present trade measures against Great Britain were put in force by Great Britain. Before the enforcement of those measures the Germans had destroyed cargoes of foodstuffs coming to the civilian population of this country; had declared their intention of instituting a system of submarine postage, and had actually submerged merchant vessels without warning.

"As for their pretended tenderness for non-combatants, their slaughter of old men, children, women and girls in Belgium and Northern France, not to speak of the unreported proceedings of their honored ally in Armenia, forever prevent them from being heard in such a cause.

"The German government speaks of many millions of children who, according to the avowed intention of the British government, are to be starved, and who by their sufferings shall force the victorious armies of the central powers into an ignominious capitulation. In this connection it is interesting to recall that at the beginning of last month the German Chancellor made the following remarks in the Reichstag: "I can understand that in 1915 the enemy would not give up hope of starving Germany, but I cannot understand how cool heads can cling to it after the experience of 1915. Our enemies forget that, thanks to the organizing powers of the whole nation, Germany is equal to the task of the distribution of victuals. Our stocks of bread and grain will not only be sufficient, but will leave an ample reserve with which to begin this new year. We have not run short of anything in the past nor shall we run short of anything in the future."

Strange Contradiction charged. "There is a curious contradiction between this statement and the present appeal on behalf of starving women and children. However, presuming that the statement of the Chancellor in the Reichstag was untrue, it is interesting to recall the opinions of two former German statesmen, Prince Bismarck and Count Caprivi, as to the right of a belligerent to cut off supplies from the enemy. In 1885, at the time when the Kaiser's government was discussing the question of the right to declare foodstuffs not intended for the military forces to be contraband, Prince Bismarck made the following statement to the Kiel Chamber of Commerce: "I reply to the Chamber of Commerce that any disadvantages our commercial and carrying interests may suffer by the treatment of rice as contraband of war does not justify our opposing a measure which it has been thought fit to take in carrying on a foreign war. Every war is a calamity which entails evil consequences, not only to the combatants but also to neutrals. The measure in question has for its object the shortening of the war by increasing the difficulties of the enemy and is a justifiable step in

war impartially enforced against all neutral ships.

siege of Paris Cited. "In 1870 Count Caprivi made the following remarks in the Reichstag, in the course of a discussion respecting the question of international protection for private property at sea: "In fact, it may be absolutely necessary to destroy an enemy's trade. The private introduction of provisions into Paris was prohibited during the siege, and in the same way a nation would be justified in preventing the import of food and raw products."

"These older German authorities were right. The truth is, all war is cruel. But those who have scattered death and destruction among combatants and non-combatants by their Zeppelin bombs and submarine torpedoes; who by their poisoned gas and high explosive shells have maimed, tortured and slain millions of the best and bravest of their fellow creatures, are presuming too far on the toleration of mankind when they complain of such a comparatively humane method of warfare as blockade.

Which Is Truth? Asks Earl. "Of the German peace overtures, if such they are to be called, I will say little. It was only in last December that their Chancellor declared that we believed it to be in our interests to attribute falsely to them peace proposals. Yet the German government say that twice within the past few months Germany has announced before the world her readiness to make peace. Which is the truth?

"It may be that the Germans want peace. If so, it is so because they fear defeat. It may only be that they want to appear peaceful. For us it matters little, our attitude, in any case, is unchanged. We drew the sword unwillingly. We shall sheath it gladly. But we should be untrue to our trust if we should be betraying civilization. If we abandoned our task until we have re-established in Europe the supremacy of law, the annuity of treaties and the right of all nations, great and small, to live their lives, to fulfill their destinies free from the intolerable menace of Prussian militarism."

REV. G. N. EDWARDS QUILTS

OREGON CITY PASTOR WILL READ RESIGNATION TODAY.

Minister Prominent in Young People's Work to Become Missionary at Billings, Mont.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—When the congregation of the First Congregational Church assembled this morning for the regular preaching service it will be called upon to hear the resignation of the pastor, Rev. George Nelson Edwards, who leaves soon for Billings, Mont., to enter upon field missionary work for his denomination.

Rev. Mr. Edwards has been in Oregon City since November, 1911, as pastor of the local Congregational Church. For more than 10 years he has been a resident of the Pacific Coast, coming here from Connecticut, after graduating from Union Theological Seminary of Harvard and Wesleyan universities. He has been especially interested in young people's work in the church, reorganized the Christian Endeavor and developed the Sunday school along graded lines. During his pastorate he has spoken at various conventions and institutes on this subject and led in the bringing about of the establishment of a gymnasium in his own church, carried on the Boy Scout work and other boys' clubs, as well as conducted hikes.

In conjunction with Rev. Hoard N. Smith, of Jennings Lodge, the Rev. Mr. Edwards worked out the first Federated church organization, a union of the Congregational churches of this vicinity, including Oregon City, Jennings Lodge, Parkdale and Clackamas, which adds much to their strength and fellowship.

The resignation of Mr. Edwards will become effective May 23, at a club meeting has been called for next Thursday evening to take the necessary action.

2500 ELKS EXPECTED HOQUIAM LODGE PREPARES FOR WASHINGTON REUNION.

Clambake at Pacific Beach, Excursion and Street Dance Will Feature Entertainment.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Reports being received by the Hoquiam lodge from Elks of various parts of the state indicate the annual convention of the Washington State Elks Reunion Association here August 17-19 will be the largest ever held in the state by the order. Hoquiam Elks are preparing to entertain at least 2500 Elks and their wives during the convention. The attendance at last year's convention at Bellingham was about 2000.

A large number of the lodges have organized Hoquiam clubs, according to word received here. These are made up of the Elks who have signed up to make the Hoquiam trip. The organization of these clubs is being promoted by the officers of the state association and by the Hoquiam committee in charge of arrangements for handling the convention and visitors, which is headed by Frank H. Lamb.

Among the big entertainment events planned for the visitors will be an excursion and clambake at Pacific Beach, street dance on the pavement of one of the downtown streets, and an automobile excursion to Lake Quinalt for those who come in autos and stay over for the Sunday following the convention.

Rush to Nushagak Reported. SEWARD, Alaska, May 6.—Persons arriving at Seldovia from Kamleshak Bay, on the west coast of Cook Inlet, report that the old-timers in that region are hastening to Nushagak River, lured by reports that two men have located along that river a lead of oxidized gold quartz running \$2.50 to the pan.

Be Careful in Using Soap on Your Hair. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for it is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh-looking, bright, lustrous, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Adv.

DRUGSTORE RUINED AS OWNER PLEADS

Fine Seattle Establishment Is Wrecked by Police—Damage May Reach \$10,000.

LIQUOR VIOLATION CHARGED

Civil Suit Against Mayor and Police Chief Announced—Promise to Close Within 24 Hours Is Ignored.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—The J. J. Kelley drugstore, at 1313 First avenue, and the adjoining soft-drink establishment, also owned by Kelley, were wrecked about 11 o'clock this morning by a squad of police armed with sledge axes, hammers and picks. Damage estimated at about \$10,000 was wrought by the wrecking crew, whose work was witnessed by several hundred people, who jammed the sidewalk and overflowed into the street.

Grover E. Desmond, of the law firm of Ryan & Desmond, attorneys for Kelley, announced that a civil suit to recover damages would be brought immediately against the Chief of Police and Mayor Gill.

In less than three-quarters of an hour after the first squad of police had entered the place the drugstore and the soft-drink place had been reduced to ruins. The only things left intact by the police were a collection of valuable paintings worth approximately \$50,000, which hung on the wall. Chief of Police Beckingham and Lieutenant Charles Dolphin, who was in charge of the destruction, had agreed to save the paintings before the wrecking crew started their work.

Kelley literally begged on his knees to spare him 24 hours to close his place, but the police turned a deaf ear to his pleadings. Kelley promised Lieutenant Dolphin that he would close the doors and not let another customer enter if the police would give him the opportunity. He said that he had given up his lease on June 1, but was willing to close immediately.

It was after Kelley had been arrested on a charge of violating the dry law, and was going to the police station in an effort to have Chief Beckingham halt the plans of the wrecking crew, that Lieutenant Dolphin ordered the work begun. Sledge axes were wielded right and left. A pick was sent through the big plate-glass mirror behind the bar, and the broken pieces crumpled on the floor. The bar, recognized before January 1 as one of the best in the city, was sawed into pieces. With one swoop a sledge a row of bottles behind the bar were smashed.

Chief Beckingham said that he was carrying out the orders of his "boss and lawyer," Mayor Gill.

Mrs. Freda Leonard Released. Although convicted by a jury of arson, a crime punishable by from three to seven years in the penitentiary, Mrs. Freda Leonard was released from the County Jail on her own recognizance yesterday by Circuit Judge Morrow. There were two reasons for this. One was that Mrs. Leonard is 50 years old, and the District Attorney is not opposing a movement to obtain a parole for

her. The second is that she has been in the County Jail since March 28, when she was arrested. Sentence will be pronounced next Saturday.

LAD HILL CLUB ELECTS

Every Member of Commercial Organization Is Farmer.

LAD HILL, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—The Lad Hill Commercial Club at its regular meeting May 2 elected officers as follows: A. D. McCully, president; J. J. Tauffest, vice-president; Cleave Heater, secretary; John Sovey, treasurer; Frank Schmidt, sergeant-at-arms; C. H. Ives, Henry Reiffe, John Sovey, Frank Kiser and J. J. Tauffest, directors.

Lad Hill is a prosperous farming district in Clackamas and Yamhill counties, where the two counties join at the intersection of the Willamette River. The Lad Hill Commercial Club was organized a little over a year ago and probably has the distinction of being the only commercial club in the state whose every member is a farmer. The organization has built a \$1200 community clubhouse which is all paid for, obtained better roads, secured a new voting precinct and numerous other advantages for the community.

SCHOOL CONTEST IS KEEN

Miss Dorothy Parsons Chosen Vanity Fair at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Miss Dorothy Parsons, daughter of Mrs. Mabel H. Parsons, of Eugene, has been selected in the Vanity Fair contest as the most popular young woman in the Eugene High School student body. The contest, which closed Thursday, was an event of the year with the factions in the school, which had each selected a candidate.

Miss Parsons was the candidate of the A. O. U. Club. Politics at the high school are at the boiling point, with Leslie Schwering and Hugh McCallum as candidates for president of the student body.

SALEM MAY DAY HALTED

Willamette University Programme May Be Held This Week.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—On account of the rain which fell yesterday and during the day today the entire Mayday programme has been called off and will be held the first good day next week. The junior play held last night was attended by a large crowd, who voted it as the best amateur production ever given in the city. The 1917 Willamette annual year book, made its appearance today.

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We urge all skin sufferers who have sought relief in vain, to try this liquid wash, the D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema. All skin diseases yield instantly to its soothing oils. Its ingredients, oil of sweet almond, olive and glycerine, has been used by doctors for years in the cure of the skin. The liquid form carries these healing ingredients down through the pores to the root of the disease.

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