

PASSPORTS GIVEN VON BERNSTORFF

German Ambassador in Sorrow at Break.

METHOD OF RETURN PUZZLES

New Austrian Diplomat Shuts Self Up and Prepares to Get Similar Word.

TURKEY MAY SEND RECALL

Berlin Representative Says No Other Course Was Left Open to America.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Having received passports for himself, his family and his suite, together with a note explaining why President Wilson has severed diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany, Count von Bernstorff tonight was waiting for his departure to be arranged by the Swiss Minister.

The Minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, has cabled Berne for formal authority to take over Germany's affairs here, and when it is received he will call on Secretary Lansing and arrange details.

Count Tarnowski in Seclusion.

Count Tarnowski, the new Ambassador from Austria-Hungary, who has not yet presented his credentials to President Wilson, denied himself to callers today, and official confirmation of reports that his government had taken action similar to that of Germany was not obtainable at the Embassy. It is taken for granted that when such action is a certainty relations will be broken with the Vienna government.

Break Not Surprise.

The Ambassador arose this morning with the feeling that before the day was over his diplomatic connection with the United States would end. Shortly after 10 o'clock he received a correspondent of the Associated Press in his study. The Ambassador was busy signing checks for personal bills. He swung around in the chair at his desk.

"Well," he said, smiling and offering his hand, "what do you hear this morning? Am I going to be turned out? No information? Well, I have none either. I haven't heard a word."

As the talk drifted to prospects of peace and the Ambassador expressed the personal opinion that it was not improbable, even if relations were broken off, that the United States might continue efforts in that direction, a telephone tinkled. The Ambassador picked up the receiver, smiling. He was quiet a moment, then the expression on his face changed.

Ambassador's Eyes Moist.

"You say relations have been broken and that the President is going to Congress? Are you sure? Well, maybe that's so. No, I have no comment to make and nothing to say. If this is true I am a private citizen again."

The Ambassador turned to the correspondent and asked that verification of the report he had heard be obtained. This was done and the Ambassador quickly walked into the next room to carry the news to Countess Von Bernstorff.

When he came back into his study his eyes were moist, and he said:

"So it really is true. I'm so sorry. However, as you know, I expected it. I never expected anything else."

Return Is Puzzle.

"There was nothing left for the United States to do. I wonder how I am going to get home. I suppose I will get my passports any time now, but I certainly am not surprised at the action that has been taken. My people in Berlin will not be surprised either. They knew what was coming when they declared unrestricted submarine warfare. However, I have simply been here to carry out the

THE OREGONIAN IS FIRST WITH NEWS

EARLY MORNING EXTRA GIVES DETAILS OF BREAK.

Record for Prompt Assembling and Early Publication of News Is Maintained.

The biggest "story" of the war, overshadowing the sinking of the Lusitania, was the actual break in diplomatic relations with Germany by President Wilson yesterday.

The Oregonian was first to publish this big news happening to Portland. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, while Portlanders were on their way to offices and business places, they were met by the extra, telling in complete detail the news that had been received by Bernstorff, German Ambassador, and of the termination of diplomatic relations over the Kaiser's avowed intent to wage relentless submarine warfare in certain specified zones.

In had been intimated in Friday's dispatches that this break might come, but the President kept his own counsel, and this rumor could not be confirmed until the break actually came yesterday morning.

The news was of the gravest import. The Oregonian was first in the field by its extra, which was a complete, elementary and inconclusive, but complete and authentic.

There was a tremendous demand for the extras, and they were given a wide sale. It was another instance of the Oregonian collecting promptly and publishing in quick time the big news of the world.

OREGON IS WITH WILSON

Governor Telegraphs President That State Is Supporting Him.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special).—Governor Withycombe forwarded the following telegram today to President Woodrow Wilson:

"You may depend upon it that Oregon will stand patriotically with you in any National crisis that may arise. Now is a time for the exercise of sane, sober judgment on the part of the American people. During a crisis like this, agitation and excitement should be deprecated, and the people preserve as far as possible a cool, normal attitude. I am particularly hopeful that the American press avoid hysteria. It is no time for jingoism."

O.-W. R. & N. LINE CLEAR

Two Overland Trains Make Way Through Snow Blockade.

The line of the O.-W. R. & N., which was blocked by heavy snow drifts and slides in Eastern Oregon Friday, was cleared early yesterday and two overland trains, which escaped the last blizzard in Wyoming, arrived in Portland early last night.

The Union Pacific line between Rawlins and Laramie, Wyo., again is blocked by heavy snow, and through traffic is to a late hour last night had been suspended. O.-W. R. & N. officials had no advice when the track would be cleared, but no through trains are expected to arrive in Portland before tomorrow.

BIG FUND FOR ARMS ASKED

Senator Thomas Would Provide Half Billion for Preparedness.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senator Thomas today introduced an amendment to the House bill proposing a \$500,000,000 non-interest bearing treasury notes to put the Nation in a "state of naval and military preparedness."

The amendment was read but not discussed. The notes would be payable to persons from whom the Government purchased munitions, could be used to pay taxes and would be redeemable in 1925.

LATE BULLETINS.

GIJON, Spain, via Paris, Feb. 3.—The Greek steamer Helicot has been torpedoed by a submarine. Lifeboats containing the crew of the vessel arrived here today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Tonight President Wilson spent the entire evening alone in his study examining reports and reading of precedents applicable to the present situation.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador, says a Berlin message received at Geneva and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company, saw Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg late last night.

According to a report received in Geneva from Munich, the Ambassador may have an audience with the German Emperor on Monday.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—A dozen men were placed on guard at the State Armory tonight as a precautionary measure. No orders calling out any portion of the state guard had been received at the Adjutant-General's office tonight.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 4.—A cordon of police was thrown around the First Regiment Armory here early today following reports at police headquarters that an attempt would be made to blow up the armory.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 3.—Governor Holcomb today received a telephone message from Secretary of War Baker, it was learned tonight, directing him to take steps to insure the readiness of the National Guard of the state for any orders that might come. The Governor ordered that all armories be guarded.

GERMANS CRIPPLE SEIZED VESSEL

Boilers of Great Liner Spoiled by Crew.

DESTROYER IS SCUTTLED

Vessels Taken at Philadelphia, Boston, Panama and at Newport News.

MEN HELD IN BARRACKS

Navy Department Orders Issued Following Attempts to Destroy Craft.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—The North German-Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which was seized by the United States Marshal Mitchell on a civil process tonight, was found to be crippled beyond possibility of early usefulness, according to an official who assisted in the seizure.

The liner's boilers were said to have been cleared of all water, the fires were burning at top capacity, and countless valves in the engine-room had been mutilated, transferred or removed entirely, this official stated.

Crew Is Removed.

Captain Charles A. Polack and the skeleton crew of 112 men who have made the ship their home for more than two years, had been put ashore and housed for the time being at the immigration bureau. They made no resistance. The German engineers, firemen and others had been replaced by American citizens and 50 men of the city police force had been put on board to protect the vessel from any willful damage.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—An attempt was made today to scuttle the United States torpedo-boat destroyer Jacob Jones by opening several of her sea cocks at the Philadelphia Navy-yard, according to unofficial but reliable reports.

Officials at the yard refused either to confirm or deny the reports, pointing to the vessel from any willful damage.

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T. R. OFFERS SELF AND SONS FOR WAR

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT OF PRES- IDENT IS GIVEN.

War Department Again Asked for Permission to Raise Division of Volunteers If Needed.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Theodore Roosevelt tonight pledged his support to President Wilson in upholding the honor of the United States.

He offered to the country his own services and those of his four sons in the event of hostilities.

Plans for a volunteer army division to be commanded by the Colonel, which his friends have worked on since the sinking of the Lusitania, again have come to the front, and he admitted he had asked the War Department for permission to raise such a body of troops.

"Of course I shall in every way support the President in all that he does to uphold the honor of the United States and to safeguard the lives of American citizens," he said. "Yesterday I wrote to the War Department asking permission to raise a division if war is declared and there is a call for volunteers. In such event I and my four sons will go."

Several thousand men have at various times communicated with Regis Post, who has acted for Colonel Roosevelt in this connection, offering their services under his command, and he was flooded with telegrams today. Among the men who have informed him they would accept commissions under him are John Greenway, of Bisbee, Ariz., and Seth Bullock, of Deadwood, S. D.

WAR ON SEA GERMAN HOPE

Battle Fleet Commander Says Free Path Will Be Won.

BERLIN, Friday, via London, Feb. 3.—Admiral Scheer, commander of the German battle fleet, today telegraphed the following to the Lokal Anzeiger:

"My slogan is that our future lies on the water. However the British sea lion gnashes his teeth, we must and will attack him until a free path on the seas has been won."

HONOLULU IS ON ALERT

Patrols on Wharves and in Harbor Are Increased.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 3.—Extra precautions to guard against violations of neutrality were taken today by Army and Navy forces here.

Extra guards were patrolling the wharves harboring interned German vessels. The United States cruiser St. Louis is patrolling the harbor.

BLIZZARD DRIVEN BY GALE

Eighty-Mile Wind Sweeps Dakotas. Storm of '88 Exceeded.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 3.—An 80-mile wind is driving a blizzard worse than that of 1888 east from Moberg. It struck here about 10 P. M. The thermometer dropped 15 degrees in two hours.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

Housatonic Is Destroyed Near Scilly Islands.

NO WARNING GIVEN, REPCRT

Sensation Created at Wash- ington by Attack. Crew Saved.

TWO OREGON MEN IN CREW

Effect Not Determined, as Vessel's Cargo Classed as Contraband of War.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The American steamer Housatonic has been sunk by a German submarine.

The Housatonic was sunk near the Scilly Islands.

The rumor is current that the Housatonic was sunk without warning.

The Housatonic was submerged at noon. All the officers and crew were saved by a British armed steamer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—News of the sinking of the Housatonic created a sensation here.

Effect Not Determined. State Department officials said it would depend entirely on the circumstances whether the incident would affect the present situation.

The ship was carrying contraband and if she was destroyed with proper warning and provision for the safety of her crew or in an attempt to escape, the United States merely would have a claim for damages, as in the Frye case.

President's Words Recalled.

The first effect of the incident in official quarters was to direct attention anew to the President's declaration in his address to Congress today that if American ships and lives were sacrificed "in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable under-

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MR. REAMES IS TOLD TO LOOK FOR PLOTS

FEDERAL ATTORNEY EXPECTS NO TROUBLE FROM BREAK.

Collector of Customs Ordered to Be Ready to Act at Any Time. Aliens Not After Papers.

Instructions to take every precaution necessary to guard against internal disturbances in connection with the developments from the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States, have been received by United States District Attorney Reames, from the Department of Justice in Washington.

Mr. Reames says that he expects no trouble to arise of a serious nature, but he will take every necessary precaution. Provisions against conspiracy and against overt acts against the peace and dignity of the Government are to be made in every way possible.

No immediate interruption of the mail service to the central powers is expected, although if matters develop to a declaration of war it is possible that all communication not only to Germany, but to her allies may be cut off.

Collector of Customs Burke received instructions from Washington yesterday to hold himself in readiness to receive instructions at any time and the Saturday half-holiday was omitted. His interest will be directed chiefly toward the interned German ships in the harbor.

Unlike the foreign residents of San Francisco, the unaturalized Germans in Portland have made no rush to the County Clerk's office to take out first citizenship papers.

First papers, being merely declaration of intention to become a citizen, do not, however, confer immunity from internment in case of war.

MEXICANS SHOUT "VIVAS"

Residents Across Border Acclaim Cause of Germans.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 3.—There was a small demonstration by German sympathizers in Matamoros, Mexico, opposite here, tonight, when a report from Mexico City was published that Germany had declared war against the United States. A small crowd paraded the streets shouting "Vive Alemania" (Long live Germany).

Unusually heavy guards were thrown around the United States Arsenal at Harlingen, Tex., tonight on instructions from the War Department.

SWISS FOOD RESTRICTED

Night Work in Bakeries and Sale of Fresh Bread Forbid.

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 3.—In view of the critical situation created by the German submarine campaign, the Federal Council has decided on a number of measures tending to restrict food consumption.

Among these measures are prohibition of night work in bakeries and the sale of fresh bread.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 41 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees. TODAY'S—Partly cloudy; southerly winds.

Diplomatic Break.

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RELATIONS WITH GERMANY BROKEN

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PRESIDENT WARNS KAISER

Sacrifice of American Lives Means War, Says Wilson in Speech to Congress.

GERARD AND STAFF CALLED

Machinery Swiftly Set in Mo- tion to Check Plots and Guard Property.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war. Similar action is waiting for Austria when she notifies this Government that she joins in the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The President made formal announcement of his action to the country and to the world today at a joint session of Congress.

Passports Handed Von Bernstorff.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstorff; Ambassador Gerard, with all his staff and all American Consuls, have been ordered out of Germany. All German Consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw, that the severance of relations may be complete.

American diplomatic interests in Berlin have been turned over to Spain; German diplomatic interests in the United States have been taken over by Switzerland. Foreign diplomatic interests which the United States had in charge in Germany have been turned over to various neutrals.

Secret Moves Under Way.

Two years of diplomatic negotiations, marked with frequent crises and attended with the loss of more than 200 American lives on the high seas, have culminated with an act which in all the history of all the world has always led to war. Every agency of the American Government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers. These moves are of necessity being kept secret.

With the notice of severance of diplomatic relations the United States sent to Berlin a demand for the immediate release of 64 Americans taken from ships captured by German raiders in the South Atlantic.

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