



GERMANY MOVES TO PREVENT WAR

Steps Taken to Open Discussion With U. S.

WASHINGTON IS NOT WILLING

Officials Disinclined to Negotiate While U-Boats Operate.

MOTIVES ARE SUSPECTED

Berlin Thought to Be Making Effort to Gain Time—Tentons Said to Be Willing to Guarantee Americans Safety.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Germany has taken steps to open a discussion with the United States of means of preventing war between them.

In seeking an exchange of views on the subject, however, it is not understood that the Berlin government has proposed any modification of its ruthless submarine campaign and officials here say they cannot enter upon such discussion while vessels continue to be destroyed in violation of international law.

Safeguards May Be Promised. The new move is understood to be predicated upon a willingness on Germany's part to discuss especially the safeguarding of American ships and American lives on the seas and backed by a renewed expression of the desire of the German government to prevent the diplomatic breach from leading to actual hostilities.

Just how American interests are to be safeguarded if the German war zone proclamation is to stand, however, and whether any specific means of preserving peace between the two nations is included in the communication has not been revealed.

Play for Time Suspected. Because of the delicacy of the situation, in fact, all officials refuse to discuss it in detail or even to indicate through what channels the communication was addressed to the American Government.

What may be the ulterior motive back of the step also is a matter of speculation. In some quarters there is evidently a feeling it is merely a play for time, designed to postpone any further action by the United States until the starvation blockade against England either has succeeded or failed.

Elsewhere there are suggestions that there may be behind it a sincere desire to make sacrifices to preserve peace between the United States and Germany and may come as a response to the appeals understood to have been sent abroad by pacifists in this country.

Preparations Go Ahead. In any event, there is no evidence that President Wilson is contemplating any other course than vigorous preparation of the Nation for the eventualities which he warned against in his address to Congress if American rights are violated.

Up to tonight no official evidence had been received to show that the feared overt act had been committed. Aside from the new German communication interest in official circles centered chiefly in the course of Berlin officials in placing obstacles in the way of the departure of Ambassador Gerard.

Great resentment has been aroused here over this incident, but officials have indicated that as soon as the Ambassador is safely out of Germany they will be disposed to consider the matter closed.

Although definite information regarding the channel through which the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)

SOLDIERS SPEEDING HOMEWARD AT LAST

OREGON AND WASHINGTON MEN LEAVE CALEXICO.

Troop Train, in Two Sections, Expected to Reach Vancouver Tuesday or Wednesday.

WITH THE OREGON TROOPS, ON the Border, Calexico, Cal., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The Oregon and Washington troops left here tonight for Vancouver Barracks, where they should arrive next Tuesday or Wednesday. The troops went aboard at 7:30 o'clock, after 10 days of waiting. The horses were loaded just before the troops went aboard.

The Oregon Cavalry was the first to report ready, the men getting through their loading in time to sit about camp several hours. The troop train is expected to return to Portland about 10 o'clock. Battery A is in the first section, with the flat and stock-cars. The Oregon Cavalry, Washington Cavalry and Washington Signal Corps are in the second section, followed by their stock.

Captain White was assigned before departure to command of all the troops on his train regardless of state distinctions.

All the men are in good health and spirits, no one being left behind in hospital. Not all of the A. troops will return to Portland. Some have been transferred and will be mustered out here. In Troop A they are: Sergeant Tibbals, the troop clerk, and a former employe of the Portland Gas Company, and Bugler Edward Davis, who will join his family at Los Angeles. Others had put in for a discharge on the border, but the War Department issued an order refusing to grant discharges that had not been requested prior to January 29.

JAPANESE AND WHITE WED S. Murasaki and Miss Bessie Laughlin Marry at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—S. Murasaki, 34, a Japanese, and Miss Bessie Laughlin, 23, a white woman, both of Bend, Or., were married here today by Elder A. D. Skages, a retired minister of the Christian Church, whose residence is opposite the Courthouse. The couple was accompanied by Dr. Morimoto, another Japanese, who acted as witness.

The bridegroom gave his occupation as a real estate dealer; the bride as a housekeeper. The groom was born in Japan, the bride in Michigan.

GIRLS ARE FIFTH TWINS Healthy Youngsters Born at Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lieble.

The fifth pair of twins born in Portland this year are girls. They arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Lieble, 709 East Eighth street North, February 3 and both are "doing nicely."

The fourth pair were boys, born to Arley O. Sweeney, 202 1/2 Jefferson street, January 29. The Lieble twins are both fine youngsters, according to Dr. P. P. Fisch, who was the attending physician. They have not been named yet.

WAR REFERENDUM URGED 3 More Resolutions Appear Calling for Vote by People.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Three more war referendum resolutions similar to one introduced yesterday by Representative Calloway were presented in the House today by Representatives Sherwood of Ohio, Bailey of Pennsylvania and Buchanan of Illinois.

They all provide that there shall be no declaration of war except when the people approve it by a referendum vote.

Warships at New Possession. ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Feb. 10.—The United States cruiser Olympia and the gunboat Machias arrived here today under special orders. It is expected that the warships will remain in these waters for a considerable time.

U-BOATS ADD 7 TO LIST OF VICTIMS

Total Tonnage of Day's Losses 22,381.

BRITAIN LOSES 4; NORWAY 3

25 Americans on Steamer Japanese Prince, Torpedoed.

HARDSHIPS ARE RECOUNTED

German Submarines Increase Activities and Day's Totals Show Gains, Both in Number and Tonnage of Victims.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Seven vessels, with a total tonnage of 22,381 tons, were added to the list of victims of Germany's new submarine warfare, according to today's reports. Four of these were British steamships and three Norwegian.

The total harvest for the U-boats for the day was one greater than that of yesterday, while the tonnage was much increased over yesterday's reports.

Mantola Is Largest. Following were included among the vessels reported destroyed today: British steamship Mantola, 6826 tons gross. All the passengers were reported as saved, but seven Lascars, members of the crew, were listed as missing.

British steamer Japanese Prince, 4986 tons. This vessel left Newport News January 24 with a cargo of horses and general cargo. There were aboard 25 white American muleteers.

Members of Crew Missing. Norwegian steamer Ellavore, 2760 tons. The captain of this vessel was landed, but the mates and 11 members of the crew are missing.

Norwegian steamer Havard, 1190 tons. Norwegian steamer Solbraken, 2616 tons gross. British steamer Beechtree, 77 tons gross. The vessel was torpedoed and the crew landed.

British steamer Lullington, 2816 tons. The Lullington's crew was landed. Mantola Is New Ship. The Mantola was a steamer of 6826 tons gross, built at Greenock in 1915. The Solbakken was a steamer of 2616 tons gross. She sailed from Buenos Aires on January 3 for Cherbourg. She was built at Middleborough in 1925.

Lloyd's today announced the previously reported sinking of the Norwegian ship Storakog, two members of the crew of which were landed, the captain and the remainder of the crew being kept prisoners on board the submarine.

Start Made Before New Order. The British steamer Japanese Prince, owned by the Prince Line of Newcastle, left Newport News on January 24 for Southampton. She was 296 feet long and built in Sunderland in 1911.

The Norwegian steamer Ellavore was last reported as leaving Barcelona on January 13 for Naples. She was owned in Farsund and built in Newcastle in 1929. She was 222 feet long.

The Havgard, according to latest reports, arrived in Lisbon December 31 from Cardiff.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 10.—The British steamer Japanese Prince, reported sunk, had on board 20 white American muleteers, according to the British Vice-Consul here. The steamer carried a mixed cargo of horses and (Concluded on Page 6, Column 3.)

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DISCOURTESIES TO GERARD RESENTED

Detainment at Berlin Not Understood.

INQUIRIES ARE DISREGARDED

News From Zurich Indicates Homeward Trip Is Begun.

ALL TO STAY ON PAYROLL

Party Said to Be En Route to Swiss Frontier, Where Arrangements Are Under Way to Transport All to Spain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Germany's delay in permitting Ambassador Gerard and other American officials to leave the country has aroused deepest resentment here, especially in view of the steps made to arrange all possible conveniences for the homeward trip of German officials in the United States.

A dispatch today from American Minister Stovall at Bern, Switzerland, said he had been informed Mr. Gerard would leave the German capital tonight, arriving at Zurich tomorrow.

The Minister said he had arranged to meet the party at the frontier. When the State Department closed for the day, however, it was said no further word had been received.

Subject May Be Dropped. It was disclosed at the Department that an inquiry regarding the delay had been addressed to Mr. Gerard through the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin. Officials have indicated, however, that once Mr. Gerard and his party are safely out of Germany, the United States probably will consider the incident closed.

Officials are confident Germany has had in its possession from the start the fullest information as to the courtesies granted former German officials and the rights admitted to German property in this country. This information has been sent daily both through the Swiss legation here, representing German interests, and the Spanish embassy in Berlin, representing American interests. Plans for Count von Bernstorff's departure, the decision not to seize German war-bound ships and other developments have been detailed.

Bernstorff Gets Courtesies. The intimation that Mr. Gerard was being detained because Count von Bernstorff was not allowed to communicate with his government was indignantly denied here, Secretary Lansing declaring "every facility and convenience" had been placed at the German Ambassador's disposal.

The United States, officials declare, has gone out of its way in this crisis to respect international law and diplomatic courtesy. The original message of recall to Ambassador Gerard, on the other hand, was sent him direct both by cable and wireless, but no record has ever been received as to whether he received the wireless message and no date given for his receipt of the cable message. Subsequent messages to him have gone through Ambassador Willard at Madrid.

No Word Sent From Berlin. No word has been received from the Spanish Ambassador in Berlin since he took over American interests there after the break. A dispatch from Ambassador Willard at Madrid, received today, said the Spanish Foreign Office up to yesterday had received no word from the Ambassador as to whether he had actually taken over American interests in Germany, though Ambassador Riano here has formally notified the (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

Yesterday in the Legislature.

ONLY one more week remains of the present session of the Oregon Legislature. Both houses will adjourn sine die next Saturday night, February 17, the 40th day of the 40-day session provided, by the State Constitution.

The two houses adjourned last night until Monday, after disposing of many bills. When the Senate cleaned up its calendar early in the evening, it had passed 30 bills and killed three others, as its day's work.

The only really important measure of the whole gist of 33 bills passed and killed by the Senate was the Rogue River fishing bill, which prohibits commercial fishing with seines and set nets in the Rogue. Gill-net fishing is still permitted.

This bill, which had already passed the House, passed the Senate with 24 favorable votes and only 5 against. It affects especially the salmon industry operated by the Macley estate, which has more than \$250,000 invested.

A companion bill, lengthening the commercial fishing season at Grants Pass on the Rogue, also passed.

The House held three long sessions today, winding up the week's business with a meeting that continued until late in the night. Every bill on the day's calendar was disposed of and the desk was cleaned before adjournment. A special train left here at 11:30 to take the late workers to Portland.

Among the important bills passed by the House were Senator Olson's boom bill, making all logging streams in the state common carriers and placing them under jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; Representative Crandall's bill enabling schools to establish military training; Laugaard's to provide a drainage district in Portland and another measure by Laugaard straightening out the incongruities in the county road code.

The House recalled from the Senate the two anti-cigarette bills, passed on Thursday for the purpose of effecting a compromise. It is probable that the radical Sweeney bill will be toned down so that adults will not be prohibited from buying or smoking cigarettes. Strict prohibitions will be made against the use by youths under 21 years of age. Representative Sweeney is agreeable to the change.

The bill increasing the license fee on salmon packed in the Columbia River from 4 cents a case to 5 cents a case was passed by the House.

LETTER CAUSES FIRE RUNS Woman Tries to Make Postbox of Alarm Station.

A woman, identity unknown, tried to mail a letter at Twelfth and Morrison streets last night and she unwittingly picked out a fire alarm box. The resulting signal brought a mass of equipment running to the scene of the supposed fire.

The woman disappeared and the crowd that gathered hopefully to see a real blaze was doomed to disappointment. The firemen trumpeted the apparent back to the firehouses mumbling words.

40 Bills Are Acted On. The debate on this measure enlivened what otherwise might have been a dull afternoon. The House worked hard on its heavy calendar and disposed of an aggregate of 40 bills. The boys felt like more work when they adjourned at 6:30, so decided to come back tonight at 8 o'clock with the intention of cleaning up the desks for the big grind next week.

One of the most important pieces of constructive legislation proposed at this session went through the House this afternoon—Senator Olson's boom bill. It had only one negative vote.

Streams Made Common Carriers. The measure, in brief, makes every stream in the state a common carrier and places it under jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. The Commission is authorized to fix the rates at which logs shall be carried and boom companies must operate under a franchise. Even the smallest concern or private individual can carry his logs to tide water on precisely the same basis as the big corporation.

Representative Bean, who opposed similar legislation at previous sessions, spoke earnestly in support of this bill. He declared that it had been honestly and carefully drawn and that it would serve the best interests of the state. He wanted the members to give it a fair trial. Representatives Forbes and Rowe spoke for it.

Cigarette Bills Tabled. After two days of reflection on its conduct in passing the Sweeney bonedry anti-cigarette bill on Thursday the House today recalled the measure and laid it on the table. The bill will be (Concluded on Page 9, Column 4.)

TRAINING BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

Military Science Is Optional in Schools.

ARMS ARE TO BE PROVIDED

Authority for Organization Rests With Governor.

SMOKING BILLS HELD UP

Streams of State Made Common Carriers and Fee Is Required for the Transportation of Logs From Mills to Market.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Military training in the high schools of the state is authorized in Representative Crandall's bill which was passed by the House today with a big affirmative vote.

The military course is not to be compulsory, however, on part either of schools or of students. It is to be subject, though, of suitable credit on the same basis as other studies and in an amount to be determined by the Board of Education.

Governor Must Grant Authority. The Governor is made head of the military training department. All schools that establish it must apply to him for authority. No company of cadets can be organized with fewer than 20 members or without a suitable instructor. At least three hours a week are to be set aside for the work.

The state is authorized, too, to furnish the several companies with rifles and other equipment. This bill was under lively discussion for several minutes before it came to vote. Representatives Tichenor, Mackay and Mueller, all veterans of various American wars, supported it. A number of others inquired into its various provisions but offered no strong opposition.

60 Bills Are Acted On. The debate on this measure enlivened what otherwise might have been a dull afternoon. The House worked hard on its heavy calendar and disposed of an aggregate of 60 bills. The boys felt like more work when they adjourned at 6:30, so decided to come back tonight at 8 o'clock with the intention of cleaning up the desks for the big grind next week.

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ILLUSTRATES SOME PROMINENT SUBJECTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS.

