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PRESIDENT WILSON FACES TODAY CRISIS UNUSUAL IN HISTORY

Will Warn Mexico That Leaders Must Settle or United State Will Intercede

GERMAN NOTE HERE

And it Must Also Be Carefully Considered and Negotiations Will Be Continued

CONDITION CRITICAL ONE

Both Matters Coming up at Same Time Combine to Make a Complication Which is Out of the Ordinary—Country is Attentive

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—

Two international problems, one the crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany, and the other one the determination to bring about an early cessation of the internal war in Mexico, developed for President Wilson today a combination of circumstances hardly paralleled in history.

The President has prepared a statement to be issued tomorrow as a warning to the Mexican factions that their incessant strife had forced the innocent populace to the verge of starvation, and that unless the chief elements came to an agreement to restore order, some other means would have to be found by the United States to accomplish the end.

Are Disappointed.

The official text of the German note has arrived. Officials generally read it with profound disappointment for, they pointed out, it endeavored to obscure and evade the main issue, the question of humanity, involved and sought to interpose a technical agreement on matters of law hitherto undisputed under the universally accepted laws of the nations.

No Safeguard Assured

More important of all, it was noted no attention was given to the request of the United States for assurance that American lives would be safeguarded in the future. The course of the United States government is expected to be shaped by the President, perhaps before the day is over and will be discussed at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

WILL STUDY NOTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—President Wilson went for an auto ride early this morning after reading the newspaper comment on the German note. He had not received the official text from the state department and as his day was broken by an engagement to speak at the Memorial Day exercises at Arlington National Cemetery, he will not begin a thorough study of the note before night.

DEAD BROUGHT OVER

Five of Lusitania Victims Arrive in New York.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Five victims of the Lusitania's death were brought to New York today by the steamer Lapland. The bodies were those of Mrs. Katherine E. Wilby, Mrs. Elizabeth Scowbe, George R. Coppings, W. H. Brown and a man named Dindeny.

MAINE IS HONORED

STATUS TO DEAD HEROES IS UNVEILED AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Traveling and dedication of the Maine Memorial Monument, erected by the government to the dead of the battleship destroyed seventeen years ago in Havana harbor, was the principal feature, aside from President Wilson's address, at Memorial Day exercises, Arlington cemetery, the unveiling was followed by an invocation by Rev. Father Chadwick, chaplain of the Maine.

As a part of the ceremony, Frank Danley Daniels and Jonathan Worth Daniels, sons of Secretary Daniels, and Stephen of Ensign Worth Bagley, the first American officer killed in the war with Spain, raised the ensign to the top of the mainmast of the Maine, which forms a part of the monument.

TO SUPPORT WILSON

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB TAKES ACTION

Send Word to Wilson That People Are With Him in Efforts For Peace

PORTLAND, May 31.—

Resolutions were passed by the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 2,000,000 women, here today assuring President Wilson of the conviction that the "people of every country are overwhelmingly with him in his effort to maintain peace."

GOVERNOR ADVISES

OREGON EXECUTIVE DISCUSSES GRAVE QUESTION

Says That Moderation on Part of All Will Aid Government in Settling Affairs.

SALEM, May 31.—

Moderation on the part of all will aid the government in solving the grave problems arising out of the United States' relations with the nations at war, was the opinion expressed in a statement by Governor Withycombe.

REACH HIGH PITCH

AUDIENCE HEARING PRESIDENT GREATLY ENTHUSIASTIC

Speech is Given at Arlington Cemetery at National Capital Before a Big Crowd.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—

President Wilson roused a large audience at the Memorial Day exercises at Arlington National Cemetery to a high pitch of enthusiasm today by applying the lessons of the Civil War to present day problems. He declared a solemn lesson of war was that the unity of the United States be exemplified in the actions of its people. "Let us think of our duty and the actions that lie before us," said the President. He avoided any direct reference to the present international crisis.

PARADE AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 31.—Civil war veterans marched in review in the Memorial Day parade today. Including other organizations, there were 10,000 persons in line.

CAMPBELL IS FREED

JURY IN PORTLAND FINDS NOT GUILTY OF WHITE SLAVERY

Failed to Believe Story of Woman Who Incriminated Man Here, Says Ben Fisher

J. E. Campbell, arrested here on a white slavery charge and turned over to the federal court in Portland after a preliminary examination was not indicted by the grand jury and is now free, according to Ben Fisher, who has just returned from Portland.

He was not present at the trial and did not go as a witness but went up afterwards to meet Frank Pray, white slave officer of the district.

The story of Mrs. Milo Doyce, said Mr. Fisher, was not taken whole heartedly by the jury. He said they doubted much of her story.

The day Campbell was arrested here the woman was found on the dock in a drunken condition. She accused Campbell of bringing her here after for immoral purposes and stated that they had been living here and in North Bend for two weeks as man and wife.

A letter was received later by Mr. Fisher from a woman in Albany who said Campbell answered the description of a man she wanted arrested on a similar charge. She was in Portland but failed to recognize Campbell as the man wanted.

W. H. M'BRON returned from Powers, where he has been doing some construction work for the Smith-Powers Company, to look after business here. He will return there tomorrow.

REPLY IS NOT WELL RECEIVED

Newspapers of the United States Make Comment on the German Note

SEEM TO FEEL ALIKE

That Document is Not Satisfactory and Avoids the Main Issues

"IS WORSE THAN EVASIVE"

Is Remark Made by The World Which Sees Signs of Insincerity on Part of Germany—Papers Disapprove Answer Made

NEW YORK, May 31.—The following editorial comment was made on the German note:

New York Times.—The manner in which Berlin receives our representations cannot fail to create a most disagreeable impression in this country.

New York World.—It is worse than evasive. It is insincere, even pettifogging.

New York Press.—Germany's answer will not satisfy public opinion.

New York Herald.—The reply of the government shows conclusively that Germany is most anxious to live at peace with America.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.—No more unyielding reply could have been written with proper regard for diplomatic amenities.

Seattle Times.—Since we have been patient to an incredible degree, nothing will be lost through a concession whereby the diplomatic representatives of the two governments will find out exactly what are the facts.

Portland Oregonian.—It is an evasive plea in extension, and an apparent play for time while an objectionable course is still pursued.

Chicago Tribune.—Germany has succeeded in raising points on which, in consideration of the very advanced position taken by our government with respect to arbitration, we should find some embarrassment in refusing to discuss and perhaps even referring to the Hague.

Louisville Courier Journal.—The German answer to the American note is a quibble.

ROAD TAX CHANGE

CITIES AND TOWNS WILL GET MONEY INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Cook County Commissioners Will Direct Expenditure of Only About 55 Per Cent. of Funds Next Year

Under a new law in Oregon, the cities and towns will levy their own road taxes inside the corporate boundaries and the city officials will determine where it shall be spent.

Under the new law, he says Marshfield and the other towns in the county, will receive all the road taxes on property inside their municipal boundaries and it is optional with the council whether they expend it all inside the city limits or put some of the money in building roads leading into the city.

Under the old law, the commissioners utilized fifty per cent of the general road taxes for a general county road fund, the other fifty per cent being expended in the district where the tax was collected.

South Side Ledge

Hall-Lewis says that Anderson & Klock's have completed the concrete work on ninety-seven of the piling in the new silt boom which is being constructed to prevent the channel under the S-V inlet drawbridge changing and endangering the structure. However, he finds that more piling will have to be driven to protect it as the channel shifts easily and quickly in the fine sand.

Plank Flagstaff Road

He said that he had instructed Road Supervisor Norton to lay some plank to fly up the Flagstaff road. Mr. Norton wanted to get more crushed rock for it but the rock is not obtainable and anyway the new rate of \$18 per car is prohibitive.

Today he is at the Hag-

PRETTY GIRL-GRIEF

JOE SCHILLING WITHDRAWS WARRANT AGAINST GIRL

Medford Hatdresser Returns \$337 Diamond and \$135 Cash—Girl Popular and 19 Years Old

MEDFORD, Or., May 31.—The warrant of Joe E. Schilling, of Myrtle Point, issued here Saturday for the arrest of Helen Bucklaine, or Evelyn Taylor, was withdrawn Sunday. Schilling returned here this morning and said he received back the \$337 diamond and \$135 he gave the pretty 19-year-old hatdresser and movie-show cashier.

Schilling claims he is the victim of practical jokes. The girl is popular and pretty. The arrest was a surprise. Schilling formed the acquaintance and made daily visits to the manicurist and was liberal in his tips to her, Miss Bucklaine, or Taylor, left this city by auto, taking the train at Grants Pass.

FINDS MAN AT DOOR

STRANGER LURKS IN DARK OF ALVA DOLL RESIDENCE

Said At Wrong Address Though Pocket Contained Skeleton Key Police Let Him Go

Returning home from church last evening and about to open the door of his residence Alva Doll heard his wife call him and going quickly to the other door found a man standing on the porch in the dark. He was taken inside and searched. In his pocket was found a skeleton key but no evidence that he had been in the house. The police were called and the man was very closely interrogated but was not arrested.

Asked as to his name the man said it was Johnson and that he was staying at the St. Lawrence hotel. By telephoning there it was found his story was an untruth. He then confessed that it was Harry Burch and that he was staying at the Bay View rooms. He explained that he had been looking for a number and had mistaken the house. Mrs. Doll declares that she heard the front door close and it was that that had attracted her attention to the side porch.

Residents of the west end of town state that there have been prowlers about several places in the last two or three nights. Herman Hillier, who lives toward the end of Elrod avenue says that on Saturday night there was a man on his back porch seeking entrance to the house. He was scared away. Mr. Hillier says that other residents of the neighborhood report similar experiences.

Police Chief Carter stated his belief that the man in question, Burch, had been implicated in some of the performances. He said no arrest was made for the reason that Mr. Doll would not swear out a warrant against Burch.

Burch declared his business to be that of a traveling photographer and that he charges pictures. He had a retort box for the Wane Hosiery company of Detroit in his possession. The police say they will force him to leave town at once.

BREAKWATER SAILS

Fair Passenger and Cargo List on Steamship Sailing Yesterday Morning for Portland

At nine o'clock yesterday morning the steamship Breakwater left out for Portland carrying a good passenger list and freight cargo. In her hold were 700 cases of salmon brought here on the Roanoke from the Wedderburn Trading Company at Rogue River for transshipment to Portland. There was also in the manifest several tons of cheese and butter products from the Coquille Valley.

Those who left on the Breakwater were: Jimmie Cameron, Mrs. Ray Cameron, Mrs. J. S. Stubblefield, Harriet Hansen, Kenneth Marvin, Mrs. J. P. Rutledge, Olive Anderson, Mrs. Louise McArthur, Miss Mary McArthur, Miss McArthur, Arthur Birchfield, Joe Birchfield, Fred Campbell, G. M. Starnum, G. S. Bennett, Ben Levy, Peter Poppon, Margaret Rutledge, T. C. Russell, W. M. Kahan, C. Erickson.

WATERFRONT NEWS

The ferry boat Transit is back on the run today after a brief vacation undergoing repairs and overhauling. Fishermen report that the catch of chad on the Coo's River in the last few days has been very good.

Tomorrow morning the Kilburn is due to arrive in from San Francisco and Eureka on her way north. The steam schooner Saginaw arrived in port yesterday to load lumber.

Rock may be taken out there yet for commercial purposes.

However, an option has been secured by a new quarry owned by the Mackay-Woodenware company near Grants, a mile and a half from Myrtle Point, and the county commissioners at their meeting last week may vote the deal for it a 100 ft up. A sour track can be easily built to it from the railroad, Hall-Lewis says.

DE PALMA IN GERMAN CAR WINS BIG RACE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31.—Italy De Palma, driving a German car, won the fifth annual 500 mile automobile race, breaking all records for that distance. The time 5 hours, 33 minutes and 55.50 seconds. Resta was second, and Anderson, third.

BREAKS RECORD

ADELINE SMITH ON THE DRY DOCK

Arno Mersen, general superintendent of the C. A. Smith Company, received a wire yesterday from San Francisco stating that the damages to the steamer Adeline Smith which struck a rock off Port Orford were continued to puncturing two sheets of metal on the port side of the vessel. The telegram did not say how long the vessel would be on the dry dock, but Mr. Mersen judges it will take not over a week to make repairs.

SUBMARINE WAR IS CONTINUED

Germans Busy Sinking Ships While Reply to U. S. Was Being Prepared

SIX IN THREE DAYS

That Number of Boats Sent to Bottom, While Others Narrowly Escape

FOUR SUNK ON SATURDAY

Russian Ship Mars, British Steamers Spennymoor, Ekhlope, Tullochmoor and Ping Suey, Are Among Victims of Torpedo

LONDON, May 31.—German submarines have been unusually busy while the German Foreign Office was engaged in the preparation of the answer to the Washington note. The last few days provided them with a heavy bag of merchant ships. These included the Ekhlope, 3700 tons, and the Tullochmoor, 3500 tons, sunk Friday in the British Channel.

Saturday the British steamer Ping Suey was attacked twice, but escaped. The Glenlee, 4000 tons, was sunk in the Straits of Dover. In the North Sea the Russian ship Mars was sunk and the losses of the British steamers Spennymoor and Cadeby are also reported sunk. Thus, six large ships were sent to the bottom in three days. Furthermore, the trans-Atlantic liner Morgantie had a narrow escape.

COTTON BOAT SUNK

BRITISH STEAMER DIXIANA DESTROYED BY SUBMARINE

Bound From Savannah, Ga., to Havre and Is Lost Off the French Coast.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 31.—The British steamer Dixiana, bound from Savannah to Havre with a cargo of cotton and steel billets, was sunk off the French coast by a German submarine, according to advices to the agents here. The crew was saved.

WAR NEWS IS TAME

FEW DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS BATTLE GROUNDS

All of the Big Fights Seem to Have Slackened for the Time Being.

LONDON, May 31.—War reports today were marked by a lack of important developments. The Western front engagements are of a minor nature. The French claim some progress at several points. The German attacks around Ypres have slackened for the time being. In Galicia, the Germans announced further progress toward Przemyel. The Italian advance in Austria is still limited to minor engagements, the Austrians not yet offering a decisive combat.

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GERMANY IN THE REPLY MAKES EXCUSES FOR SINKING LINER

TURKS ARE ROUTED

WHEN ATTACKING BRITISH FORCES ARE DRIVEN BACK

Turkish Losses Said to Be Two Thousand While British Lose Only 300 Men

LONDON, May 31.—Heavy fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula resulting in the rout of the attacking Turkish forces is announced in the official statement given here today. The casualties of the Turks are said to have amounted to at least 2,000 and the British losses are given at 300.

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PAPERS OF GERMAN CAPITAL PUBLISH REPLY IN FULL

Little Comment is Made But One Editor Lays Blame on Ship Managers

BERLIN, May 31.—All newspapers of Berlin today published the German government's answer to the Washington communication, but few make any comment. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes the note under the headline reading: "The War." The Bourse Zeitung prints a brief and mild editorial restating that the responsibility for the loss of lives on the Lusitania lies with those who "took on board passengers to use them to a certain extent as hostages against attack."

CAPITALISTS VISIT

COOS BAY PLEASERS GRANTS PASS PARTY ON VISIT

Owners of Irrigation Company, With Wives, Spend Day Looking Over the Vicinity

On a sight-seeing trip, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Sanders, of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, and Robert E. Gant, of Chicago, visited Coos Bay yesterday, leaving this morning by stage for Portland. They were delighted with the bay country, spending most of yesterday afternoon in a machine.

The men are interested in one of the largest irrigation projects in the state. About ten years ago Mr. Cook and Robert E. Gant came out from Chicago and put their money into a mining project near Grants Pass. They built a large dam and big homes. The mining deal proved unsuccessful and the men turned the project into one to irrigate thousands of acres of land. Mr. Sanders, of Grants Pass, then became interested with them.

Most successful was the new turn. The land boomed; it grew big crops and the money that ordinarily would have been checked upon the red side of the ledger still remains on the other side with plenty more added to it.

Had to Coos Bay

Rumors has it that the party of Grants Pass and Chicago are considering a proposition to connect up the Grants Pass Railroad with the Smith-Powers line. However, there is no confirmation of it.

Grants Pass has already built about ten miles of its long proposed railroad to the coast and is now operating a gasoline car from it to the coast via Willitsville. From there, recent reports have it, the plan is to extend the road south to the Waldo mining district and thence along Illinois and Smith River to Crescent City and Eureka. A recent report stated that Twohy Brothers, known as the Southern Pacific railroad contractors, were floating the bond issue for the road.

Short Route To Powers

According to Coos Bay parties who are familiar with the project, the line connecting up the Smith-Powers road at Powers and the Grants Pass railroad at Willitsville can be built easily. It is claimed that there is a good pass through the Rogue River mountain chain and with a little tunneling, an easy grade can be obtained. The distance is said to be something over forty miles. Besides tapping valuable timber, it would open up the Squaw Basin coal tract.

Have Power Site

According to Mr. McLain of Grants Pass who is here, the party was now looking up the power site project on the South Fork of the Coquille. A few years ago, Mr. Anderson of Grants Pass, who discovered and filed on the water power site, was here trying to finance the project. Mr. McLain was informed that the proposal was to develop this water power site and string a high power wire to the Rogue Valley to utilize it. He did not understand that there was any railroad project connected with it.

Owing to the heavy rains and bad roads, the party did not make the trip to the power site but said that they would return next month or in July to inspect it. The syndicate owns two big water power and irrigation

GERMANY IN THE REPLY MAKES EXCUSES FOR SINKING LINER

Justifies Action in the Lusitania Matter on the Grounds of Different Charges

SAY SELF DEFENSE

Is Ready to Pay Damages When Errors Are Made and Neutral Ships Lost

NOTE IS NOT FULL REPLY

Not Framed as a Direct Answer to the United States But Sets Forth That Certain Facts Are to Be Decided Before Main Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—The official text of Germany's reply to the American note justifies the sinking of the Lusitania on the following grounds:

The vessel is declared to be an auxiliary cruiser of the British navy. The charge is made that she carried a cannon mounted and concealed below decks.

That Canadian troops were included among the passengers. Ammunition was in the cargo to the amount of 5,400 cases, is held to have been intended to destroy the lives of German soldiers.

The vessel's owners charged with deliberately using the lives of American citizens as a protection for an illegal cargo.

The quick sinking of the vessel is attributed to the explosion of the ammunition.

The passengers, otherwise, says the note, probably would have been saved.

Summarizing, the German government "believes that it was acting in justified self defense" in "destroying ammunition intended for the enemy."

Will Pay Damage

The American embassy had already been informed, says the note, that the German government has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by submarines or aviators. If neutral ships suffered through German submarine warfare, owing to mistakes in identification, it is a question only of quite isolated cases, which can be attributed to the British government's abuse of flags. The note says where the German submarines sunk neutral ships it is ready to express regret and pay damages, and this applies to the Cushing and the Gulfport.

About the Falaba

The note tells of the efforts of the submarine captain to give the passengers of the Falaba time to leave the ship and of being compelled to shorten the time on account of the Falaba's calling for assistance, and attempting to evacuate. In conclusion, the note recalls that Germany took cognizance with satisfaction of the proposals submitted by the United States to Berlin and London for modus vivendi for conducting maritime warfare, but these proposals were rejected by Great Britain.

Not Full Reply

No indication of intention of abating the submarine warfare is given in the German reply. The note, however, is not framed as a direct answer to the American demands, but is rather an ad interim reply, setting forth that certain facts are first to be decided upon before the main issues are discussed by the two governments.

DYNAMITE GOES OFF

Explosive Was on Barge in Harbor And Was Intended for Russia, It is Said

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—Inspections of the buildings today caused the estimates of loss in Sunday morning's mysterious dynamite explosion on a barge in the harbor to be increased to \$139,000. All over the city buildings were more or less damaged. The dynamite, it is said, may have been intended for Russia.

projects, supplying electricity for Grants Pass, Medford, and Ashland, and other towns, in addition to being interested in irrigation and mining projects.

The party had letters of introduction from J. W. Perkins, the Kootenai railroad booster, to H. J. McCowan, Judge Cooke and L. J. Simpson, but as they had to cut their stay here short, they were unable to see any of the parties.

MRS. J. J. BURBRIDGE and family have arrived here from La Grande to join Mr. Burbridge, who preceded them here several months ago.

JULIUS LARSON expects to go down in the morning to the North Jetty and investigate the possibility of setting the donkey engines out of the Clearemont at extremely low tide.