

EL WILL HELD UP FOR A TIME

Fight to Finish, Says Hollweg Challenge Accepted by Germany Is Staking Everything to Win



Imperial Chancellor in Speech to Main Committee of the Reichstag, Sums Up Germany's Attitude; Says Conditions of Allies Only Accepted by Totally Beaten People.

Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today with Ambassador Gerard, after he had concluded his speech before the main committee of the Reichstag...

GERMANY SAYS ALL SHIPS WITHIN ZONE WILL BE TORPEDOED

No Attention Will Be Paid to Flag or Character of the Craft, It Is Announced.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—A flat statement that all ships within the German barred zone, neutrals included, will be sunk is contained in the German official memorandum handed to the state department last night.

This was revealed this afternoon, when the department made the text public. It said, too, that Germany intends to use submarines to accomplish her purpose.

Germany takes back the freedom of action which she reserved in her note addressed to the United States government May 4 last.

While previous versions said neutral ships would enter the barred zone at their peril, the memorandum is the first statement that "all ships would be sunk."

The note added: "The imperial government is confident that this message will result in a speedy termination of the war, and in the restoration of peace which the government of the United States has so much at heart."

DUTCH VESSEL FIRST SUNK IN "BARRED ZONE"

Five Others, British Steamer Trevean, Belgian Steamer Euphrates and Three British Smacks, Are Victims.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS BITTER IN COMMENT

British Threaten Reprisals as Result of German Stand on Sea Warfare.

By Ed. L. Keen. London, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Two more vessels, the British steamer Trevean and the Belgian steamer Euphrates, were reported this afternoon as victims of the new German ruthlessness.

This makes a total of six vessels so far reported as sunk since the German "barred zone" decree went into effect at midnight.

The Trevean was a steamer of 3081 tons gross, owned by the Hain Steamers group, and registered at Antwerp.

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The Epsilon was a steel-hulled steamer of 111 tons gross, built in Rotterdam in 1913 and owned by the Vrachvaart Maats. Bothnia. She was registered at Amsterdam and Lykboer.

Papers Open Broadside. The text of the note was not received in time for the morning newspapers, but with its appearance in the (Concluded on Page Three, Column Six)

BILL DEMANDS THAT HUSBANDS TAKE CARE OF WIVES AND FAMILY

Only One Vote in Senate Cast Against Strengthening of Non-Support Measure.

Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—The senate with but one opposing vote, went on record today in favor of correcting the joker slipped through the 1915 legislature, amending the non-support law to extend to certain husbands from supporting their minor children.

The senate passed senate bill 157, which repeals the 1915 joker and makes it a criminal offense for any person without just cause to fail to support his wife or female children under 16.

After a short but sharp debate over senate bill 157, by Dimick, the measure was returned to the judiciary committee to make it less drastic.

Senator Dimick insisted on the purpose of the bill was to protect public officials from threats and intimidation by paving and bridge and other contractors who are seeking contracts for public work.

Senators Garland, Pierce and Orton declared the bill was too stringent and would prevent any adverse criticism of public officials who would make the use of the recall a crime.

Speed Bill Losses. Insistence by Senator Smith, of Josephine, that an emergency clause be attached to the bill amending the state traffic laws to require doctors to comply with the speed laws, except when answering emergency calls, resulted in the defeat of the bill by one vote.

Music Circles of Portland Widely Cleft

One Faction Wants Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; Other Wants Handel's "Messiah" at Festival.

Portland musical circles are cleft as to which of two famous oratorios—Mendelssohn's "Elijah" or Handel's "The Messiah"—shall be sung at the musical festival to be held in the new municipal auditorium in June.

Some favor Mendelssohn's work as being more modern; others say to sing it will necessarily bring a double quartet to Portland from the east.

"Elijah" is favored, too, because 1917 marks the seventieth anniversary since the first production, Mendelssohn going to Birmingham, England, in 1847, personally to conduct it.

Another reason advanced in its favor is that it is non-sectarian, inasmuch as Elijah is an Old Testament prophet.

It is said, however, that W. H. Boyer, director of the chorus, personally favors "The Messiah" because he has directed it a number of times and because Portland singers are more familiar with it.

"The Messiah," with the coming of Christ as its theme, was first presented in 1742 in Dublin, having been written by Handel in the incredibly short space of 21 days.

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WASHINGTON OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED IN HIS OFFICE AT OLYMPIA

E. W. Olson, Chairman of Industrial Insurance Commission, Shot Dead.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—E. W. Olson, chairman of the industrial insurance commission, was shot and killed in his office in the capitol building here at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon by A. C. Van Dell, a disappointed claimant for compensation from the commission for injuries he had received. It is believed he may be insane.

Olson was shot through the heart and died instantly. Van Dell was taken into custody a few minutes later.

London Papers Are Bitter in Comment

Editorials and Headlines Give Expression to Feelings—Fall Mail Gazette's Statements Are Typical.

London, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Comment on the German "barred zone" in the London papers is bitter and full of indignation. "This is Germany's supreme apocalypse of horror," the editorial asserted.

"The Kaiser stands the declared proponent of an indiscriminate, brutal slaughter on a prepared plan—even while he is shedding crocodile tears as to further desolation of the war of which he is the prime agent."

An idea of the bitterness with which London newspapers characterize the new submarine frightfulness may be gathered from the following headlines and editorial expressions.

RAIDER ESCAPES AFTER FIGHTING WITH CRUISER

British Cruiser, Amethyst, Damaged, Puts Into Pernambuco, Reporting Encounter With German Craft

BATTLE OCCURRED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Submarine, Report Says, Assisted Commerce Raider, in Clash.

By Charles P. Stewart. Buenos Aires, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—The British cruiser Amethyst has arrived at Pernambuco damaged after a fight with a German submarine and an auxiliary cruiser, according to dispatches from that Brazilian city today.

The encounter, it was said, occurred on January 29, north of Pernambuco. According to the reports received here, the Amethyst said the Germans withdrew from the fight and escaped.

This is the first definite word received tending to confirm a number of reports that the German raider, accompanied by a submarine, "The auxiliary cruiser" mentioned in the Pernambuco dispatches is supposed to be either the original German raider, or one of her prizes, outfitted as a raider.

At the time the raider scare was at its height, Rio de Janeiro quoted one of the survivors of the captured ships as asserting that the raider carried three submarines, about 19 feet in length. Later reports said the raider was acting as "mother ship" to a number of German submarines of the regulation war type.

The Amethyst is a light cruiser of 3000 tons displacement, completed in November, 1903. She carries 260 men and her armament consists of 12 4-inch guns and three three-pounders with two torpedo tubes. The vessel cost about \$1,200,000.

The Amethyst has a speed of 23 knots.

Von Tarnow Will Not Make Any Comment

New Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Reaches United States But Maintains Silence as to New German Note.

New York, Feb. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, who arrived today on board the Holland-American liner Noordam, studied carefully the German submarine note before leaving the ship.

"I am not able to make any comment at this time," he said. "This note comes as a great surprise to me. I feel I had better wait until I get to Washington where I shall spend the night at the embassy."

Count Tarnow spoke of his pleasure at coming to the United States. He denied emphatically that there was any grave scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary.

The ambassador was met by Baron H. Von Sommaruga, secretary of the Austro-Hungarian embassy.

German Press Temperate. Berlin, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—The German press supports the government in its move for a "barred zone" about Germany's enemies and removal of restrictions on naval warfare.

So far there have been no demonstrations. The German people appear satisfied with the decision.

Woman First To Pay Taxes For Last Year

Louisa Rufner on the Job Before 8 This Morning; C. F. Rufner Is Number Two.

Louisa Rufner, of 1423 Milwaukee street, led the procession of taxpayers at the county courthouse this morning. Bright and early she appeared and paid her first half of the taxes for the year 1916.

The payment was in the sum of \$17.12 on improved property in City View Park. The payment was made shortly before 8 o'clock. The property is assessed to G. W. and Louisa Rufner.

C. F. Rufner of the same address was No. 2. E. Lombard of 1277 East Madison street, paying on a lot in Glencoe Park, was No. 3 on the list. Katherine A. Stone of 807 East Everett street was No. 4.

Up to 10 o'clock about 30 persons had paid their taxes. The force of clerks under the direction of E. S. Huckabay, chief of the tax collecting department, waited on the taxpayers promptly. The average time required for a single description was one minute for each taxpayer.

Payments of the heavier amounts are not expected to be made until the period of delinquency draws near. Large estates and corporations can make better use of their money by allowing it to draw interest until the latest possible moment. The average payment in the early hours of the day was for \$37.67, made by T. S. Lawrence of 371 Larch street, on property in Ladd's addition.

FATE OF 'BONE DRY' BILL RESTS IN HANDS OF THE STATE SENATE

Chamber Crowded by Spectators When Consideration of Measure Is Taken Up.

Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—With every foot of space in the senate chamber occupied by interested spectators, the senate at 2 o'clock this afternoon began consideration of the Anderson-Eddy "bone dry" prohibition bill. No doubt of its passage has ever existed, the only question being as to how many of the senators will improve the opportunity to relieve themselves of pent-up oratory.

After passage by the senate it will be necessary for the bill to be returned to the house for concurrence in three small amendments before the bill will be transmitted to the governor for his signature, after which it carries an emergency clause.

Senator Shanks, chairman of the committee on alcoholic traffic, asked the senate for unanimous consent to make one more amendment to the bill, eliminating the requirement that the licensee in possession of a license must have all permits for the importation or purchase of alcohol.

The amendment which was made will permit deputy district attorneys to sign the permits.

Myers Sure Lents Is To Get City Delivery

Extension, He Feels, Will Be Made as Soon as Preliminaries Are Completed—Schow's Indorsement Transmitted.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Postmaster Myers said today that he feels assured city delivery will be extended to Lents as preliminaries are completed.

Senator Chamberlain has transmitted to the farm loan board the Oregon Democratic state committee's indorsement of E. P. Schow for registrar.

Harry J. Spanell Found Not Guilty

San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Harry J. Spanell was this afternoon found not guilty of the murder of his beautiful wife, Crysta, Holland Spanell. The jury deliberated two hours.

Spanell will be placed on trial at once for the murder of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew C. Butler, U. S. A., who was shot and killed while riding in the Spanell automobile with Mrs. Spanell.

Counteraction of Mové, Asquith Hope

London, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—"It is impossible to dispute the gravity of the situation," declared former Premier Asquith today, addressing a meeting at the Hotel Avalon. He was speaking on the new German blockade order.

"But with the navy supplementing such other measures as the arming of merchantmen and acceleration of new tonnage, we may hope to counteract it," he added.

Kills Companion, Then Ends His Life

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—A murder and suicide were revealed today when the bodies of Percy V. Kub, a bartender, and Mrs. H. B. Freeman, a widow, were found in their room at the Hotel Avalon. They had been dead at least 24 hours. The couple had been living at the hotel for three weeks as Mr. and Mrs. Perry. Police said Kub had deserted his wife after meeting Mrs. Freeman.

TAX JUST GRAFT IS MADE LAW BY SMOOTH TRICK

John P. Rusk Tells How Discredited Newspaper Publication Bill Was Sneaked Through in Final Hours.

LAW ONE WHICH COST MULTNOMAH \$30,071.24

Same Newspaper Lobby Is Working to Perpetuate "Easy Money."

Delinquent tax advertising in newspapers was abolished in Oregon in 1907.

The legislature of 1909 passed a bill restoring the graft, but it was vetoed by Governor George E. Chamberlain in the following message:

"This bill provides for the publication of taxes which may be delinquent upon real property in the several counties of the state. This law also entitles upon the taxpayers such a heavy expense that it was deemed best to repeal it.

"I cannot see that any good can come of the reenactment of the law, but on the contrary it will be instrumental in entangling additional burdens upon the taxpayers of the state, and I therefore return the bill to you herewith with my veto."

The legislature of 1911 reenacted the law providing for delinquent tax publication of the delinquent lists.

Ten years ago the Oregon legislature, in response to strong demand from the people, wiped from the statute books the act legalizing newspaper advertising of delinquent taxes. Four years later, in the closing hours of the 1911 session, a bill was rushed through reenacting the old law, under which Multnomah county was robbed in a single year of \$30,071.24 for publication of delinquent tax lists.

Living in the past upon the history of the graft bill in the 1911 legislature by Honorable J. P. Rusk of La Grande, who was speaker of the house, the Oregon legislature, in the Journal, Mr. Rusk writes as follows:

"Speaking of laws to 'root' public funds is a great Oregon example of a law that the law now under public discussion, which requires publication of delinquent tax lists, and is it possible?"

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CLACKAMAS PEOPLE FORK OUT TAX LIST GRAFT TO 2 PAPERS

Taxpayers Asked to Pay Two to Four Times Legal Rate to Courier and Enterprise.

Clackamas county has paid its share of the shipping tax graft for publication of delinquent tax lists. It has been paying all the way from two to four times the rates charged other large advertising in the Oregon City Courier and the Oregon City Enterprise for several years past and there are circumstances which suggest a discussion in the business of extorting from the county all that it could be made to pay.

The two papers raised their rates in 1916 attempting to charge five cents a line, but the increase was too great and they are finally obliged to compromise on four cents a line. The Courier received \$852.80 and the Enterprise, by an interesting coincidence, also received \$852.80.

Wasted Over \$200. The total paid to the two papers for this delinquent tax advertising in 1915 was \$294. In 1916 the amount was \$1650, and if the papers had succeeded in raising their rates...

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German Watchers Held Up For A Time

Department Issues Or- fusing Passports to Threatened to Ves- driving in "Zone."

INSTRUCTIONS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SECRETARY LANGING HAS DRAWN UP COMMUNICATION TO BE FORWARDED WITHOUT DELAY BY U. S.

Summation of the United States to Germany, April 18, 1916. "If it is the policy of the imperial government to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines without regard to what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course. Dispatches to the imperial government should now immediately declare and affect an amendment to the present method of submarine warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels, the government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether."

The German government notes the United States have refused to accept the German naval force which is the following order:

In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and detention of merchant vessels, recognized by international law, such vessels, within and without the territorial waters of the United States, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives unless these ships attempt to escape or offer resistance."

Germany's New Declaration. "The imperial government hereby also forbids to do away with the restrictions which until now it has imposed upon the use of its fighting means at sea."

By Robert J. Bender. Washington, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—President Wilson is about ready to announce this government's answer to many's warning of future unrestrained naval warfare.

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Whatever Outcome, Whether U. S. Is Involved or Not, It Is Beginning of End.

By Karl H. von Wiegand. New York, Feb. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Dark days are before dawn. Often the situation is today, it may not be so tomorrow. Germany's proclamation which has led the world in general and our own States in particular, marks the beginning of the end of the war.

Germany's playing East Card. Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Solf, colonial minister, and into the time I left Germany, Hindenburg and Ludendorff had all along opposed ruthless submarine warfare against neutrals. Not that they did not consider it justified as against the suffering of Germany's women and children and other non-combatants.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Withholding an expected announcement of this government's contentions in the crisis with Germany, Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon refused to comment in any way on the situation.