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GERMANY TO STAND PAT IN LUSITANIA CASE

Under No Circumstances Will Kaiser Admit Sinking of Liner Was Illegal Act—Note to Bernstorff Contains No Authority for Further Concessions—Break Expected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Late today Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, received his government's answer in the Lusitania negotiations...

BERLIN, Feb. 4, via London.—Information reaching the Associated Press today indicates that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The new instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff according to this information contains simply one phrase of the new formulation of the proposed note of regret for the sinking of the Lusitania.

Serious Crisis Arises The view is entertained here that one of the most serious crises of the war has arisen in connection with the Lusitania case...

Concessions Refused Virtually no other difficulties in the way of settlement remain and the new instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff on Tuesday contain merely the new formula by which it is hoped to satisfy Washington without humiliating the country.

Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, under secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview with the Associated Press expressed the hope that the new formula forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff...

Final Arguments in Mohr Trial

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 4.—Final arguments were made today in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman for the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr.

Submarine Ready to Fly Either Flag

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A British official communication says the master of the Harrison line steamer Commodore, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean December 2, has stated to the naval authorities that the ship was fired on without colors being shown by the submarine and that the submarine carried two flags rolled up on its flagstaff.

JAP LINER SUNK, HUNDRED PERISH

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk on Wednesday night in a collision with the steamship Linan and 160 lives were lost.

CANADA'S FINE CAPITOL BURNS; COST 6 MILLIONS

Magnificent Parliament Buildings at Ottawa in Ruins. Swept by Fire Supposed Caused by Bomb—Six Lose Lives in Conflagration—Library Building Saved.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 4.—Canada's magnificent parliament building which cost more than \$6,000,000 lay in ruins today, swept by a fire attributed by some to a bomb or infernal machine.

The known dead are: Mme. Bray, wife of H. A. Bray of Quebec, and daughter of the late George Tanguay of the legislative council; Mme. Morin, wife of Louis Morin of St. Bishop de Beauce, Quebec; Robert Fanning, a waiter; Alph Des Jardins, a Dominion policeman, and A. Des Jardins, a plumber.

William S. Loggie, member of parliament for Northumberland, N. B., is reported missing. The building was erected in 1865. It was stated last night that Frederick F. Pardee, the chief liberal whip in the house of commons, also was missing, but it was subsequently learned that he went to Sarnia, Ont., yesterday morning and that he could not have returned before the fire.

The financial loss is difficult to estimate, but the contents of the building were of great value. At an early hour today it was believed that the parliamentary library in a rear wing had been saved. While the fire was burning soldiers carried out many of its 200,000 volumes.

The parliament building was rated as one of the finest Gothic structures on this continent. It covered four acres on Parliament Hill.

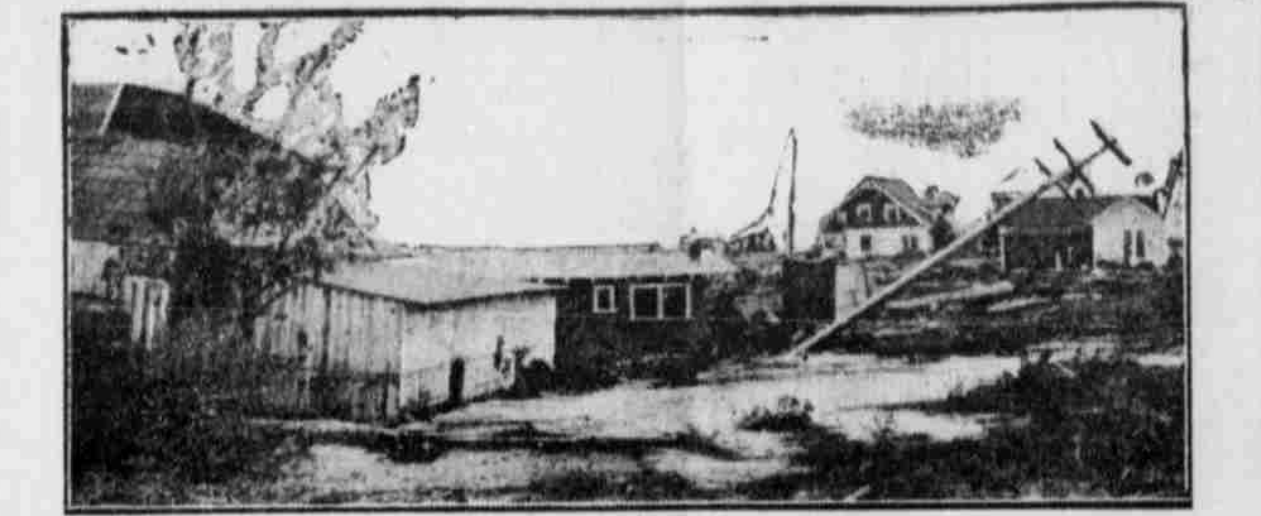
One of those severely injured as a result of the fire is Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, who was burned about the head. Dr. Michael Clark, member for Red Deer, suffered burns about the hands. Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian premier, escaped without injury.

To Probe Origin The origin of the fire can be determined only by an investigation. The fire started in the reading room of the house of commons, and Colonel George Bradbury, a member of the house from Manitoba; Mayor Medrie Martin of Montreal and Constable Helmer, who were standing at the entrance of the library, agree that it was preceded by an explosion which blew open the doors of the library and knocked down persons standing near. They say they believe the explosion was caused by a bomb or infernal machine.

In the reading room were thousands of loose papers, among which the flames leaped with almost amazing rapidity. Smoke rolled in dense volumes out through the doors and into the chamber of the house of commons, where the body was sitting. With the spreading of the alarm...

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AFTER WATERS RECEDED AT OTAY FOLLOWING BURSTING OF DAM



Views of wreckage at Otay, one of the towns caught in the flood following the breaking of the Lower Otay reservoir. The water destroyed a vast amount of property, killing many people. Figure in upper cut in E. M. Capp, mayor of San Diego, in rescue work.

DURAZZO THICE RAIDED BY AUSTRIAN AIRSHIP SQUADRON

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty in a statement issued at Vienna today reports that three airship raids were made on the Albanian port of Durazzo from January 27 to February 1. The statement also announces that bombs were dropped by Austrian aeroplanes on the port of Avlona, which is occupied by Italian troops.

The text of the statement follows: "January 21 the Port of Durazzo was attacked by five Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes. January 27 a raid was made by two machines and February 1 another attack was made by three aeroplanes. Bombs were dropped on the tents of the camp, which is near the city, with destructive success. All the machines returned in spite of a heavy fire from the land batteries and warships.

"On February 2, Avlona was shelled by three aeroplanes. One of our aeroplanes was hit in the motor twice and forced to land on the sea. The commander of the aerial squadron, Naval Lieutenant Konyovic, went down on the water to assist the aviators in the damaged machine. Although the sea was rough, the lieutenant succeeded in taking both officers from the stricken aeroplane. This was done in the face of a violent fire from the batteries at Saseno and while destroyers were approaching at full speed.

BRITAIN DEMANDS APPAM RETURNED TO BRITISH OWNERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Sir Cecil Springs-Rice, the British ambassador, presented a formal demand on the behalf of his government for the return to their owners of the liner Appam, taken by a German prize crew. A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed as the United States practically has decided to hold that the prize is Germany's.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States had decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the case of the Appam, as Germany contends, and all that remained to be decided was the interpretation of the application of the treaty's terms.

The secretary disclosed further that the sole question to be decided by the interpretation was how long the Appam would be permitted to remain in American waters. The treaty guarantees to a German prize the right to come and go freely. If forced to depart, German officials have stated the Appam would be sunk to prevent her recapture by the British.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 4.—A cruiser, supposed to be French, was reported off the Virginia coast some little distance out, shortly after noon today.

TURKS REPORTED FORCED BY RUSSIANS TO FLEE ERZERUM

PETROGRAD, Feb. 4.—The Novos Vremya asserts it has received from a trustworthy source information to the effect that the Turks have evacuated Erzerum, one of their principal strongholds on the Caucasian front.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The official statement given out yesterday by the Austrian war office as received here today is as follows: "A Russian raid against our advanced forces northeast of Boyon failed."

In East Galicia and Volhynia there was pronounced activity on both sides by aeroplanes. A Russian squadron threw six bombs on Buczacz, killing two inhabitants and wounding several others. Another Russian aeroplane dropped a bomb northeast of Luckred, which wounded Russian prisoners."

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Continued and renewed activity by the allied artillery along the Franco-Belgian front is reported in today's statement by German army headquarters. Explosion of a British mine which destroyed one of the mine craters near Huellich which the Germans were occupying was announced as well as partial inconclusive hand grenade operations along the front nearby.

GILLIES CONVICTED FOR FORGED WARRANTS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 4.—John F. Gillies, former claim agent of the state industrial commission, was found guilty today of forgery in the first degree after a trial that has continued for nearly three weeks. It is alleged that Gillies, by means of forged claims upon which warrants were issued and cashed at Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia saloons, collected over \$15,000 for fictitious injuries to persons engaged in the industries of the state.

The loss fell upon the state insurance fund, made up by assessments upon owners of mills, mines, factories, etc.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN PORTLAND AS STORM RESULT

Snow Still Falling, But Situation Improving—Fuel Shortage Adds to Trouble—A Few jitneys Operate at 25 Cents Per Ride—Traffic Still Blocked on Railroads.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 4.—Feeding and warming Portland is hourly becoming a more serious problem. The traction company is gradually opening up its lines, but there is no vehicular traffic on other streets than those opened by the car company. Storm loss is estimated at \$500,000.

In many respects the situation has improved. Telegraph and telephone wires are being restored to use, and automobiles, which charge 25 cents a passenger, are beginning to appear on the streets. One train has arrived from the east on the Spokane-Portland main line, while the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company expects to have its eastern line open soon.

Snow Still Falling Although snow continued to fall in Portland today, it was not heavy enough up to noon to impede greatly the work of opening up the lines of traffic.

Telephones by the thousand are still out of commission, and most of Portland is without electricity. The danger from falling wires, poles and trees continues grave, with the added danger from immense icicles which formed last night.

With all the dangers, there have been no serious accidents reported, nor serious fires.

Traffic Still Tied Up

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 4.—The Northern Pacific announced today that it is expected that the track through the Cascades will be open by tonight. A train is due to leave Pasco at 2 o'clock for Seattle. The Milwaukee expects to have its Cascade division open tomorrow. The Great Northern refused to make a prediction.

The Great Northern is feeding seventy-five westbound passengers here and permitting them to sleep in the Pullmans. The Northern Pacific started a rotary west from Cle Elum and hopes to have the main line open as far as Stampede at 2 o'clock.

Damage at Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—No snow worth recording has fallen in Seattle since 10 o'clock Wednesday night and normal city life is being resumed slowly. A dozen street car routes are under limited operation and other streets are being opened to traffic. Aside from the destruction of two wooden churches and the partial demolition of the Catholic cathedral, not much damage was done here by the snow. Three old buildings of the state university have been abandoned on account of sagging under the weight of snow.

Snow is falling over British Columbia, Oregon and eastern Washington, but most of western Washington has escaped. The barometer is lower than yesterday. If any precipitation occurs on Puget Sound it would probably be light snow. The temperature remains near the freezing point both day and night.

The Cascade railroad situation is not so hopeful as yesterday. Heavy snow fell last night, and it is not likely that any of the lines through the Cascades will be opened today. Trains to Portland and Vancouver, B. C. should be able to move on better schedules today. Telegraph and telephone service throughout Washington is greatly improved.

BUCKET SHOPS IN OHIO TOWNS RAIDED

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—Twelve so-called bucket shops in eleven Ohio cities were raided simultaneously today by inspectors of the state banking department and the managers taken into custody on charges of violating the blue sky law and operating fraudulent securities jobbing agencies, according to announcement by Harry T. Hall, state superintendent of banks.

VILLA'S BULLION TRAIN ENCIRCLED BY CARRANZISTS

Troops of De Facto Government Reported to Have Surrounded Bandit Chief Who is Seeking to Cross the Border—U. S. Cavalry Ordered to Arrest Villa if He Escapes.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 4.—General Francisco Villa is encircled by forces of the de facto government and cannot cross the international line, if that be his objective, according to General Gabriel Gavira, commandant at Juarez.

Gavira said Villa is encircled somewhere between Ojo Calientes and Moctezuma. Colonel Manuel Gonzales, who was sent south from Juarez today, reported that he was detaining 150 men at Ojo Calientes to meet bandits which were appearing as the result of the drive of Carranza troops from the east, south and west.

Gavira said he believed Villa with his bullion train was endeavoring to break through the circle of Carranza troops and reach the Bosque Bonito country.

Outlining the campaign to apprehend Villa, General Gavira said that 500 men had been stationed along the border from Juarez to Ojinaga and that half the Ojinaga garrison has been sent inland with Moctezuma as its objective. West of Juarez, he said, 300 men had been placed along the boundary to the Sonora state line.

United States cavalry border patrols have been ordered to arrest Villa and his men, should they escape the Carranza troops.

Wire communication between Juarez and Chihuahua was restored this afternoon.

SCOTT REQUESTS MORE REGIMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army protested to the house committee today that Chairman Hays's bill to increase the regular army enlistment without creating additional regiments was not approved by army officers because it was desirable from every military point of view to organize the army on the basis of tactical divisions. To do that, he said, additional regiments should be authorized to give proper proportions of infantry, artillery and cavalry.

"Is it true," asked Representative Littlepage, democrat, of West Virginia, "that certain army officers are drawing pay from the United States government and at the same time are financially interested in private munitions plants in this country?"

"I imagine so," replied the general, "though there is nothing on file to show it. Probably several retired officers are employed by munition companies. I know no reason why an army officer should not be interested in the manufacture of munitions of war or clothing or anything else."

HIRAM JOHNSON NOT A CANDIDATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Governor Hiram Johnson said here today he would not permit his name to remain on the rolls of the secretary of state of Minnesota as a candidate for the progressive nomination for president in the March 14 primary election. His name was filed yesterday.

"I had already refused permission to use my name as a candidate in Minnesota," he said.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY ATTACHES NEWSPAPER

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 4.—The Morning Tide of North Bend, Coos county, was attacked by the Western Union company for \$177.60 telegraph tolls. The paper appeared this morning, but carried no telegraph.