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SETTLEMENT IN LUSITANIA CASE SEEMS PROBABLE

Germany Agrees That Reprisals Must Not Be Directed Against Other Than Enemy Subjects—This Is Expression Offered to Take Place of Phrase Containing Word "Illegal."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Germany has agreed that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy subjects. This expression is offered by Germany to take the place of the phrase containing the word "illegal" which was incorporated in the draft of the Lusitania agreement now under consideration.

It also became known that Germany expresses the hope that it may have the opportunity to co-operate with the United States in some action looking toward the freedom of the seas before the end of the war. This statement is taken in high diplomatic circles to imply that the Berlin government sees no occasion to await the cessation of hostilities before settling that issue.

Blockade Inhuman.
Furthermore, the German government refers to the British blockade of Germany as being inhuman, calls attention to the fact that neutral vessels have been affected by the efforts of the British government to starve Germany, and puts forth the contention that the German campaign in the war zone around the British Isles is a justified reprisal.

As has been previously stated, Germany says in the communication that the killing of citizens of the United States was without intent; that the method of conducting warfare in the war zone around the British Isles has been changed out of regard for the long-standing friendship between the United States and Germany and because American lives were lost.

Secretary Lansing today flatly denied that new demands had been made in the Lusitania case at a time when the German government considered the negotiations practically were at an end. He was speaking of the Berlin dispatches quoting the references by Dr. Zimmermann, German under-secretary of foreign affairs, to "new demands."

No New Demands.
"This government," said Secretary Lansing, "has not increased the demands made in the Lusitania case as set forth in the notes of May 13, June 9 and July 19. I doubt if Dr. Zimmermann ever made the statement that new demands had been injected because he must have known it is utterly false."

Secretary Lansing would not discuss Dr. Zimmermann's statement further. When Dr. Zimmermann's statement was published in this country, however, his reference to new demands was taken to apply to a possible construction on the word "illegal" in the proposed form of settlement. The only ground American officials could find for constructing that as embodying a new demand was the possibility that it might be considered applicable not alone to the destruction of neutrals on the Lusitania, but also as to the method by which she was sunk.

He made it known that the state department would consider the situation unchanged.

"Practically Settled."
Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, said after talking with administration officials that his impression was that the Lusitania case was "practically settled."

Administration officials let it be
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TERRE HAUTE OFFICIALS FREED FROM PRISON

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 7.—Edward Holler, Alexander Aczell, Charles Houghton, Joseph O'Mara and George Sovern, former city officials of Terre Haute, Ind., convicted in the election conspiracy case, were released from the United States penitentiary here today, having served their full sentences. All of them by their conduct at the prison earned "good behavior allowances."

FLOODS TIE-UP RAILROAD LINES OF NORTHWEST

Warm Rains Melt Heavy Snows of Cascades—Avalanches Threatened—All Oregon Rivers Brimful—More Rain Predicted and Warnings Sent Out to Prepare.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The weather bureau issued today a warning against probable avalanches in the mountain districts of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and floods on the western slope of the Cascades in Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 7.—On receipt of the flood and avalanche warning, the Great Northern discontinued operation of trains in the Cascade mountains. The Milwaukee and Northern Pacific continue to move trains with extreme caution. Dangerous points are closely watched, the number of track patrolmen having been doubled.

Surprise to Railroads.
The warning came as a surprise to the railroads, which had begun the day with conditions apparently better than for weeks. The temperature at Seattle remains 45, and the snow in the lowlands is melting gradually. The warm wave that has overspread western Oregon is said to be moving north. The melting in the mountains is only slight thus far, but a rise of ten degrees at the high altitudes would set the snow sliding. The amount of snow on the upper slopes is larger than ever before known. It would be possible, with favorable winds, for the snow to vanish peacefully and without damage, but the lateness of the season and the appearance of a warm wave off the coast cause railroad men deep anxiety.

Oregon Streams Rising.
PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 7.—Out of the foothills and the Cascade mountains swollen streams were pouring their flood waters into the Willamette and Columbia rivers today and threatening to bring further damage in the wake of last week's sleet storm. Salem and other Willamette valley towns report small streams out of their banks.

Merchants in buildings near the banks of the Willamette in Portland are moving their goods from basements. Within twenty-four hours ending this morning the Willamette had risen 7.9 feet at Eugene. In Portland there was a rise of 1.8, but the crest is not expected here until Thursday, when a flood stage of 18.5 feet is predicted by the weather bureau. This will inundate the lower floors of practically every dock in the upper harbor, and water will seep into the basements on Front street.

Last night 1.55 inches of rain fell at Eugene and 1.02 in Portland. Today spring weather prevailed here, the sun shining bright and the temperature rising to 51 degrees. Traffic was restored almost to normal.

At Walla Walla.
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 7.—Bright sunshine and a temperature of 40 degrees is settling the forty-inch snowfall today, and indications are that there will be rain and higher temperatures tomorrow. This means floods for the valley, and every possible precaution is being taken against high water.

Street cars are not running yet, but schools opened this morning. A heavy rain fell last night, freezing to buildings, wires and trees and causing the collapse of two roofs on large buildings in the business district.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Feb. 7.—It is raining and thawing in the Cascade mountains today. The temperature is the highest it has been for more than a month. Railroad officials stated there is great danger from snowslides and floods.

COLONEL W. P. HEPBURN OF IOWA PASSES AWAY

CLARINDA, Ia., Feb. 7.—Colonel William P. Hepburn, former member of congress from this district, died here today after a long illness. Death resulted from kidney and heart trouble. Besides the widow, a son and daughter survive him.

WINTER



Remarkable Photograph of a Dead Hungarian Soldier in the Galician Snows.

CARRANZA SENDS MORE TROOPS FOR PURSUIT OF VILLA

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—Military and civil officials at Juarez were further informed today of the pursuit of Villa bands in western Chihuahua. According to last reports Francisco Villa was thought to be in the vicinity of Santa Clara ranch with 200 well mounted men.

It was learned that a Mexican Central train left Chihuahua City last night for Juarez carrying a heavy military escort because of reports that the country was infested by bandits.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—Francisco Villa with about twenty-five men is on the defensive in Nidos canyon of the Santa Clara ranch, according to official advices received at military headquarters in Juarez today.

The advices were from General Quivado, who reported from Las Cruces that four days ago he defeated Generals Pedrosa and Jesus Rodriguez, killing ten, capturing ten and securing fifty horses.

General Gavira, commandant at Juarez, announced that Pedrosa and Rodriguez then offered to surrender. Gavira stated that General Jacinto Trevino has ordered 1000 infantry from the south to Chihuahua City to release Carranza cavalry to join in pursuit of Villa.

GERMANS FINE VILNA FOR INCENDIARY FIRE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A fine of 75,000 marks is said by Reuter's Petrograd correspondent to have been levied on the people of the city of Vilna by the German authorities on the ground that the recent great fire there was of incendiary origin. The flames reached the headquarters of the general staff of the German army operating on the front between Vilna and Baranovichi.

REBELS DEFEATED BY YUAN'S FORCES

PEKING, Feb. 7.—The government today announced that its troops had recaptured Ping Shung, northeast of Su-Fu, in the southern part of Szechuan province, and that a general attack upon the rebels at Su-Fu is imminent.

VILLA TERRORIZED MINING CAMP OF GLAUNA, CHIHUAHUA

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—Francisco Villa, the outlawed Mexican leader, terrorized the mining camp of Laguna, Chihuahua, on Monday last and threatened to "kill all gringos he caught," according to Mexican passengers who arrived here early today on the first train from the south in eight days.

Monday last, they said, Villa appeared at the Pielanos mine at Laguna, coming from Canan de El Nido, nearby and ransacked the town, leaving only a small supply of corn.

Upon leaving, they said, Villa made the threat against the Americans.

Wednesday, it was said, Villa reappeared and told the laborers to get out, asserting he did not want any mines owned by Americans to be operated. The Pielagos mine is owned by an Englishman and an American now in Chihuahua City.

With Villa was said to be 200 men, well mounted. The passengers declared that February 3, Pablo Lopez, who is said to have directed the Santa Ysabel massacre, with twenty followers rode into Pielagos, a suburb of Chihuahua City, killed four soldiers, stole a number of horses and escaped.

TYPHOID RATED AS ACCIDENT RISK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Classification of typhoid contracted from well water as an accident was upheld today by the United States circuit court of appeals in affirming a decision of the federal district court at Portland, Ore., in holding liable the Aetna Life Insurance company under an employer's liability policy held by the Portland Gas and Coke Company for the inoculation of several men while at work in Multnomah county.

ARIZONA NAVAJOES THREATEN UPRISING

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Angered by the killing of one of their number by white policemen, Indians of the Navajo reservation in northeastern Arizona are threatening an uprising, according to advices received today by Thomas Flynn, United States district attorney.

KITCHENER WILL QUIT WAR OFFICE IS LATEST RUMOR

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Changes of great importance in the direction of the war are contemplated, says the Daily Sketch. It asserts that Earl Kitchener probably will leave the war office. The Sketch says Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, will probably take over active direction of the war without interference, except from the cabinet as a whole, and that a civilian of real ability for organization will become secretary of war.

In event that Earl Kitchener leaves the war office, the Sketch adds, he will undertake work of an important character elsewhere.

BERLIN, via Paris, Feb. 7.—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the sector between La Bassée canal and Arras in northern France and south of the River Somme, German army headquarters announced today.

EXPLOSION DESTROYS TACOMA POWDER MILL

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 7.—An explosion of 1800 pounds of dynamite at the gelatine dynamite mixer house of the DuPont powder plant at Du Pont, near Tacoma, at 11:25 this morning, blew three men to pieces, wrecked property valued at more than \$10,000, shattered windows throughout the huge plant and in the town nearby and rocked and rattled homes miles away.

The dead are: John Bell, 31; Gus Wolff, 31; Nils P. Jess, 32.

All were married. Wolff leaves his wife and two small children, the others leave wives only. The families of all the men live at DuPont.

INDEMNITY CUT DISPLEASES WILSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lansing today told the Colombian minister, Julio Betancourt, that President Wilson had not approved the proposed amendments to the Colombian treaty to cut the indemnity the United States is to pay from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and to make the expression of regret for the partition of Panama mutual by the United States and Colombia.

\$500,000 GIVEN MARE ISLAND TO BUILD WARSHIPS

House Authorizes Immediate Use of Money to Equip Coast Navy-Yard to Begin Building Battle Cruiser—\$100,000 for New York Navy Yard—Dreadnaught Yard Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The house today authorized immediate use of \$500,000 to equip Mare Island navy yard to begin building a dreadnaught or battle cruiser, the first to be constructed on the Pacific coast in a government yard, and authorized expenditure of \$100,000 to enlarge the facilities at the New York navy yard. The senate has not yet acted.

Money Available.
The resolution would transfer \$600,000 of the money already appropriated for dreadnaughts Nos. 43 and 44 for the extension work at the yards. Its passage was specially asked by Secretary Daniels, who pointed out the limited capacity of American shipbuilding yards for construction of dreadnaughts and said that if the naval increases contemplated in the administration's preparedness program were to be carried out it would be necessary to increase the capacity of government yards.

The government yards bid a million dollars under private proposals for dreadnaughts 43 and 44. The \$500,000 will equip Mare Island for the work aside from adding a long-sought dreadnaught yard on the Pacific coast.

The equipment of Mare Island will give the government two major construction yards, the other in New York, and the navy department plans soon to add the Puget Sound, Norfolk and Philadelphia yards to the list.

First on Pacific Coast.

The construction of battleship No. 44 at Mare Island will be the first work done there on a big ship since the old monitor Monadnock was built there. It has been proposed that the name California, now assigned to the dreadnaught under construction at the New York yard be transferred to No. 44 because the ship will represent the first modern capital ship to be built by the government itself on the Pacific coast.

Battleship No. 43 will be laid down at the New York yard next September, as the present California is off the ways there and No. 44 will be laid down at Mare Island probably about the same time.

TEIPER ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER OF MOTHER

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—John Edward Teiper was arraigned in the supreme court here today on a charge of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper, his mother, who with Teiper's brother, Frederick C., was killed on the Orchard Park highway a week ago last night. Motion for bail was denied and Teiper was committed to jail until Wednesday.

The charge was made before Justice Marcus as a committing magistrate. Edward R. O'Malley, counsel for Teiper, demanded an immediate examination, but District Attorney Wesley C. Dudley asked that it be deferred until Wednesday. The court granted a continuance until Wednesday.

TEUTONS CONCENTRATE FOR SALONIKI ADVANCE

MILAN, via Paris, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Athens to the Secolo says that French aviators report continued concentration of adversary forces on the Greek frontiers. German reinforcements are advancing from Uskup to the northwest of Ghevgell. Fresh German regiments have arrived at Monastir and Austrian forces are concentrating around Trhevikovo. A Bulgarian division, says the dispatch, finally has left Kustendil, moving southward, and the transfer of heavy artillery from Nish to the Bulgarian frontier is confirmed.

KEATING ASKS COMMISSION ON CHILD POVERTY

Thousands of Children Suffering Slow Starvation, Growing Up Mental, Moral and Physical Weaklings—First Requisite of Preparedness Declared to Be a Healthy People.

By GILSON GARDNER.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—An inquiry by an expert commission into the causes and cure of child-poverty in its relation to national efficiency and preparedness is proposed in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Edward Keating of Colorado.

In preparing the resolution, Congressman Keating has had the assistance of Judge Henry Nell, the "Father of Mothers' Pensions." Judge Nell contends that the basis of any military preparedness is "Feed all the children."

"Thousands of children are suffering slow starvation in this country," said Judge Nell today, discussing the Keating resolution. They make a class that create a rotten piece in the national life. They are not only unfit to fight in an army, but they are so low in vitality that they are unable to feel loyalty, patriotism, love of home and cannot be depended upon. The first requisite of an army is healthy people. German success is largely due to the fact that her children are well nourished, and child-poverty, which prevails in this country and England, is almost unknown in Germany.

Child Poverty Prevails.

Representative Keating's resolution recites that "proper preparation of our country for national defense demands the creation of conditions favorable to the birth and growth of healthy and sane men and women; and recruiting officers of the military and naval service of the United States have reported that more than 50 per cent of the young men applying for enlistment are defective physically or mentally, or both, and officers connected with other departments of the federal government have reported that widespread child-poverty prevails in our country; and child-poverty, which may be defined as insufficient food and clothing and habitations detrimental to human life, is certain to produce weak, defective and delinquent adults, and this in the richest country in the world, blessed with abundant natural resources and a power of production unequalled in the history of the human race. Child-poverty and the consequent increase of unfit adults in the United States are due to conditions within the scope of legislation and present a problem which should engage the attention of the congress of the United States."

Asks a Commission.

For these reasons Mr. Keating's resolution proposes "That the president of the United States appoint a commission of seven to inquire into child-poverty, its extent and its effect on the manhood of the nation, its effect on the military and naval power of the nation and to make recommendations for legislation to abolish the conditions which produce child-poverty and delinquent and defective adults." The commission is to include three surgeons, one from the army, another from the navy and one from civil life.

"Eight hundred million dollars was spent in the United States last year to maintain institutions for dependents and defectives," said Congressman Keating when asked about his

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COLORADO 12 DAY BLOCKADE ENDED

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 7.—A twelve-day blockade of railroad traffic in southwestern Colorado was lifted today. Delayed and regular traffic over the Denver & Rio Grande moved out of Durango and Alamosa. The line over Cimbre Pass was cleared of drifts from six to thirty feet deep last night, ending the longest stoppage of traffic over this road for several years.