

GERMAN PLAN IS TO FORCE U.S. TO DECLARE WAR

Russell Declares Germany Is Starving and Interprets Latest Act to Mean That the Men Who Steer the Course of Teutonic Empire Want Excuse to Make to Own People.

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Germany wants us in the world war and will never rest until she gets us there. To stay out will not be in our power. Did you notice that one significant phrase in the German note that the people of Germany are suffering: "Pains and privations that endanger the vitality of the nation." That tells the story. Germany is starving. The thing I ventured to predict to you last summer when I was abroad studying these matters for you has come to pass.

The German people were shy of calories then. To be shy of calories day after day and month after month can mean but one thing, and that is the bump. The clever men that steer Germany's course see the bump close at hand. They had rather be licked by the whole world than be licked by the entente. They are going to save their faces and try to save the dynasty by compelling the United States to come in.

Germany's Object.

It is impossible to translate these notes in any other way. To talk about starving England with a submarine blockade is to talk in one's sleep. You might as well try to blockade it with row boats. Twenty times all the submarines that Germany ever had could not starve England. Every man in Germany that is not a lunatic must know this perfectly well.

"Ruthlessness" as practiced by submarines may sink a lot of ships, drown many crews and kill many non-combatant passengers. It will not end the war nor shorten it. This is a cinch.

Nothing, then, can come of this move except to compel the United States to add itself to Germany's enemies. Whereupon the German government can surrender without disgrace or dishonor or trouble at home. "We beat the entente to a frazzle, but we couldn't beat the whole world, of course."

Besides all which, when it comes to the terms of peace, Germany will fare very much better with the United States sitting at the board. We have no European grudges.

Ships Will Be Sunk.

American ships are going to be sunk, American lives will be lost, legitimate American trade will be destroyed.

No amount of pacific desires will enable us to sidestep these things.

The administration will make no hasty move. But let it be slower than the supreme court and more deliberate than the statue of Buddha, it will come at last to the place where it must strike.

Within three weeks we shall be in the row, sword in hand or placed plainly in all men's view.

And if we go in, we shall end the war.

We need take no stock in the idea that there is nothing we can do. We can do a lot. We are not yet a nation of feeble-minded invertebrates. We have still physical and intellectual vigor, and we have something else.

We are the world's conscience; we have the tremendous force of a moral code and a moral standard.

The mere fact that the United States, after trying everything else, is forced at last to take a stand against jeharism, reaction and Prussian militarism, says good-night to all these forces of evil.

It would mean the triumph of democracy over autocracy, and start the news around the world.

Married

At the elegant home of Judge F. M. Stewart in Eagle Point, Or., on Tuesday eve, February 6, 1917, at 8 o'clock p. m., George H. Wormsley at Eagle Point, Or., and Mrs. Louise W. Whitney of Erie county, Ohio, Esquire Stewart officiating. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present. The happy couple will make their home in the Casey cottage, owned by the groom in Eagle Point. The many acquaintances of Mrs. Wormsley are glad to welcome her to their circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wormsley will be at home to their many staunch friends after the 10th inst. County papers please copy.

U.S. UNLIKELY TO SEND NAVY OR ARMY TO WAR

In Case of War With Germany Activities Would Resemble Those of Japan, Helping With Munitions and Money—Military Steps for Month's Defensive.

By GILSON GARDNER. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—After talking confidentially with the best informed navy and army men in Washington, all of whom refuse to allow their names to be used at this time, I can state emphatically that in case there should be a declaration of war between the United States and Germany, the first military activities and the only activities on the part of this country for weeks and months will be of a purely defensive nature. There will be no sending of the navy to European waters nor any sending of any part of our army to European soil.

Activities Like Japan's.

Our activities will be much like those of Japan, who is an ally of the entente nations.

Japan has not contributed ships or men to the operations in the Mediterranean, the English channel, the North sea or the Irish sea. Japan has busily manufactured munitions of war for Russia.

The United States will be most useful to the allies by making munitions and sending these and other necessities, including food, to France and England.

This country would, of course, employ its navy in conveying ships loaded with these supplies, and in this dangerous work some of the ships would sooner or later run afoul of a German submarine or mine or might even meet a German raider.

Merchant ships under the American flag would follow Great Britain in arming such ships for defense against submarine attack and in every way possible this country would co-operate with the allies to break the German attempt to blockade the British islands and France with its submarines and mines.

The United States has no naval vessels which can be spared to augment the British fleet nor do the British need our vessels except as stated to convey munitions and provision ships.

As to sending men to take part in the fight on the western front, the idea is so remote that at this time officials regard it as fantastic.

Men like General Leonard Wood and General Scott say quite frankly that our army is quite inadequate to our home needs, and no one would think of sending it abroad.

The few men we could now muster would do no good and it would take a year or at least six months to recruit and train a force which would contribute anything to the military operations on the continent.

Mobilize Credit.

If the country is roused by some particularly brutal attack on American shipping and innocent lives are sacrificed, it might be possible to recruit a foreign legion such as Canada has raised and sent, but all this depends upon future happenings.

There are no troops now available for foreign service.

The one thing the United States can do to help the allies most and to hurt Germany most is to mobilize the credit of this country and place it at the disposal of the allies.

If it comes to war with Germany, the one formidable thing congress can do is to appropriate a billion dollars to be raised by bond issue or a heavy increase of the taxes on wealth and appropriate it to the needs of the allies.

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA SEEMS ASSURED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Austria has not as yet withdrawn or modified her note adhering to the German submarine campaign, it was stated officially today at the state department.

The possibility that a break with Austria also can be averted has practically been given up. Despite some differences in Austria's situation, her strict adherence to the principles enunciated by Germany both in a note to this government and in other communications makes her position practically the same.

Officials who have been hoping that a break might be avoided will give no intimation as to why a definite announcement is not made.

BEAUTIES OF NOBLE BIRTH CONTEST FOR FAVOR OF NEW AUSTRIAN EMPEROR



Top left, Emperor Charles of Austria; right, Empress Zita, his young wife; below, the empress's mother-in-law.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—Women high in the nobility of Austria are contesting the influence of Empress Zita over her husband, the new Emperor Charles, and are reported to be using their beauty and charm to win his favor.

Emperor Charles has taken kindly to the influence of his young empress, and she has infused a greater degree of manliness and forcefulness in him.

That is said to have made for even a greater dislike of the empress among the Hapsburg nobles.

Her mother-in-law, Archduchess Maria Josepha has a further ill feeling against Empress Zita, through her belief that this marriage had been engineered by a woman she dislikes—Archduchess Marie Theresa, a sister of the Duke of Braganza, and widowed stepmother of the new emperor.

Archduchess Marie Theresa had more influence and did more for the late Francis Joseph than the Archduchess Maria Josepha, the empress's cousin by marriage. Marie Theresa was the first woman of the land and this plighted Maria Josepha.

Empress Zita was in an unpleasant position for the first three years after her marriage into the Hapsburg family, but disregards snubs, and lives quietly and happily with her husband.

Archduchess Valerie, the former emperor's favored daughter, has lost favor of the throne through his death and has cause for being jealous of Empress Zita's influence.

Their one hope is finding a way to force themselves into the grace of Emperor Charles. He is young, handsome and might be captivated by the forced charms of his young and innocent wife's opponents.

The women are of high character and refinement, but are aware of their charms and use them, it is said, to win favor with the emperor.

The empress is only 24, while her rivals for influence with her husband are older and more versed in court life.

DOUBLE OUTPUT OF NAVY'S TORPEDOES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Orders were given today to double the output of torpedoes at the Newport, R. I., plant. To make possible additional equipment for the station, Secretary Daniels asked congress to immediately appropriate \$800,000.

Secretary Daniels estimates that the first order at the government's plant will save \$2,000,000, the difference in cost between government and private production.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS BEGIN THURSDAY NIGHT

Evangelistic meetings will begin in the Baptist church Thursday night. Rev. H. E. Marshall, an eloquent preacher and far-famed Bible teacher, is the evangelist.

Mr. Marshall is called "The Billy Sunday of the Northwest." If you hear him once you will want to hear him again.

While these meetings will be held in the Baptist church, they are intended for the good of the whole city and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody who may be able to attend.

A special invitation is extended to all pastors and churches in Medford and vicinity to attend and participate in these services.

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FOREIGN BORN FROM GERMANY PLEDGE LOYALTY

Resolutions Indorsing Action of President in Severing Diplomatic Relations With Germany and Pledging Loyalty to United States Adopted by German-American Alliance.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—Resolutions indorsing the action of President Wilson in severing diplomatic relations with Germany and pledging its loyalty to the United States were adopted by the German-American National Alliance at a meeting which continued in session here until early today. It was also decided, in case of hostilities, to form regiments of German-Americans and to turn over to the American Red Cross funds which the alliance has been collecting for German war relief. The meeting was attended by delegates from twenty-eight states. The alliance is said to have a membership of 3,000,000.

At the conclusion of the session today Dr. Charles J. Hexamer, president of the alliance, issued the following statement:

Indorse President.

"The German-American National Alliance, representing 3,000,000 constituents, has passed a resolution backing up President Woodrow Wilson in handing passports to Ambassador Bernstorff and recalling Ambassador James W. Gerard from Berlin.

"We have also adopted resolutions pledging our services to the government of the United States in case of war. We will fight under the command of President Wilson as our commander-in-chief as loyally as German-Americans fought under Commander-in-Chief Abraham Lincoln in the civil war for the preservation of the Union.

"We will organize German-American regiments and in case of a call for volunteers we mean to show the American people with what readiness and patriotism we will answer a call to the arms for the defense of the flag and the country.

Give Red Cross Funds.

"We have been collecting funds for the German Red Cross and for the German widows and orphans. In view of the present break of relations between the United States and Germany we have resolved to deposit all moneys received for these funds in bank. In case of war we will at once turn over all the moneys we have raised for the German Red Cross and German widows and orphans to the American Red Cross and for the benefit of widows and orphans of our boys who have to give their lives to defend our country against Germany.

"Our delegates feel that we have been greatly misunderstood and unjustly criticized during the war, but if it comes to war with Germany our actions will not be susceptible to any further misunderstanding, for we will back up our American government with our lives and our means. If the present troubles can be settled without war and in a few months everything looks like peace, we may determine again to send our funds for Red Cross and widows and orphans as we have been doing in the past."

WIRELESS STATION FOUND IN BRAZIL

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—At the suburban town of Motheoy, on the bay, five miles east of Rio Janeiro, there was discovered today a wireless telegraph station which was established to communicate with German ships, which are being detained in the harbor.

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