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TORPEDOING MUST BE DISAVOWED BY BERLIN

Word Comes From White House Semi-Officially That German View of Incident Will Not Be Accepted—Embassy, However, Still Takes Optimistic View of Situation and Bernstorff Makes Appointment to Confer With Secretary Lansing Again—Cabinet Meeting Will Consider the Matter Today

Washington, Feb. 8.—Naught but Germany's absolute admission that the Lusitania torpedoing was illegal, coupled with a disavowal thereof, will be acceptable to this government, according to high administration sources today.

This word came simultaneously with a conference between Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson in the latter's private office. From the conference was expected to result a decision as to the acceptability of Germany's so-called "last word" in the case.

German information was that the Berlin memorandum practically meets the administration terms and that "Germany had left little for the United States to concede." Administration authorities yesterday, however, did not agree that it had gone thus far.

ALL SERENE AGAIN

Washington, Feb. 8.—Official announcement after a half hour conference between Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon was that Lansing had informed the German envoy that the Lusitania memorandum is practically satisfactory, but needs certain changes. This may necessitate further communication with Berlin.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Some of the optimism revealed German circles over the Lusitania situation resented a sharp setback today when a high government official said he could not believe Teuton officials are sincere in their expressed belief that the United States would be satisfied with the latest Berlin proposals for settlement of the case.

Another official in discussing the German attempt to differentiate between the torpedoing of ships and the slaughter of neutrals, insisted that the sinking is neither legal or justifiable, and that the "killing of Americans cannot be separated from the sinking." This party indicated more strongly than ever that it is necessary for Germany to make some admission of the illegality of the Lusitania incident.

It was expected today that if the cabinet considered the latest German memorandum, Ambassador Von Bernstorff would go to the state department this afternoon or tomorrow to learn the result of their decision.

More Hopeful View

Washington, Feb. 8.—The diplomatic situation arising from the Lusitania torpedoing looks very hopeful, the White House said today, following a conference between the president and Secretary of State Lansing.

Abe Martin

MORNING & TUESDAY
VIOLET'S MISTAKE
EXTRA ADDED FEATURES
TROUPE OF ACTING ROOSTERS
NEW HORTONIAN BAND

Who remembers the old-fashioned shoes that held a shine for nearly a day? A new kit of gold fish has been received at the Bazaar.

POT POURRI PARAGRAPHS

Chicago, Feb. 8.—No more fine food for civilian rookies at training camps in the middle west this summer, according to Col. D. A. Frederick, in charge of the central department today. The citizen soldiers will have to prepare their own.

London.—Among the latest treasures added to Princess Mary's collection of war souvenirs is an Austrian officer's "beauty case" with mirror, rouge, brilliants and manicure powder.

Harrisburg, Pa.—One of every ten Pennsylvania farmers has an automobile. The total, \$22,000, is more than 14 per cent of the total number licensed in the state last year.

London.—A Sussex magistrate makes a practice of allowing all game poachers brought before him, four days to decide whether they would like to become "snipers" at the front or go to jail.

Chicago.—W. A. Holbert, Pullman porter on a train running out of here, edits the Pullman Porters' Review between runs. He has a staff composed of Pullman porters who do much of their writing while speeding around the country.

STREAMS RUN FULL IN OREGON TODAY; DAMAGE IS SMALL

Most Acute Situation Is Reported About Pendleton In Eastern Oregon

Portland, Or., Feb. 8.—Every river and stream in western Oregon was running bank full today, but doing little damage.

Worst conditions were reported at Brownsville, where fifty sheep were drowned when the Calapooia river overflowed its banks, broke a small levee and flooded half of the city. In 12 hours this river rose twelve feet.

The Willamette was falling at Eugene today after flooding a wide section of farm land. Lowlands around Salem were under water. Mill creek overflowed its banks, flooding one car-train.

Avalanches In Cascades

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—Small avalanches recurring at frequent intervals in the Cascades, caused grave apprehension in all railroad offices here today.

The Great Northern early abandoned all efforts to route trains over its own tracks on the mountain division and announced that all traffic would be detoured by way of Portland over the Spokane, Portland and Seattle route until the danger is past.

San Diego Death List

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 8.—A complete checking up today by coroner Otto Marsh showed 17 persons lost their lives in the recent deluge in the Otay, La Jolla, Mission and San-Pasqual valleys. Ten bodies have been recovered and seven persons are missing.

Lumber Mills Close

Granite Falls, Wash., Feb. 8.—All camps and lumber mills are shut down here today on account of snow and high water. During the last 24 hours 41 inches of snow fell.

Farmers Are Alarmed

Auburn, Wash., Feb. 8.—Rising water today caused many farmers in the Green river valley to drive their stock into the hills.

OMNIBUS BILL MAY BE PASSED BY MAJORITY

Democratic Leaders Considering Bold Stroke of Policy

MEASURE WOULD COMBINE ALL IMPORTANT MATTERS

Government and Armor Plate Trust May Indulge In Contest

Washington, Feb. 8.—Passage of the most important democratic legislation in a single "omnibus bill" is the daring political strategy democratic leaders today are considering. The house ways and means committee will meet Thursday to consider the proposal as presented by Representative Gardner.

Enactment of an "anti-dumping" clause in the trust laws, in order to prevent without competition from Europe at the end of the war.

Retention of the sugar duty. Repeal of the tax on mixed flour. Leaders plan to increase the whiskey tax 15 cents a gallon and change the cigar tax from the basis of numbers to that of value. These moves would raise \$25,000,000. It is estimated, thus replacing \$35,000,000 of stamp tax scheduled for repeal.

While the increased tax on whiskey is bound to meet with concerted opposition from many liquor interests, leaders are inclined to believe that such a move would be more popular than the stamp tax. "Dry" members will give such a plan their ardent support, while other members are likely to support it from the standpoint of political and economic expediency.

After Armor Plate Trust

Washington, Feb. 8.—The government and the armor plate makers are preparing for a fight. The senate naval committee has already recommended passage of the bill for government manufacture of armor plate, but this will not pass without a struggle, leaders said today.

Oregon State Fair Dates, September 25-30

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—At the 16th annual meeting of the North Pacific Fair association Saturday, Frank Meredith, of North Yakima, was elected president, and Portland, Ore., was chosen as the next place of meeting, January 12, 1917. Other officers elected were T. S. Griffin, Spokane, vice-president, and John W. Pace, Seattle, secretary and treasurer.

Following fair cities were scheduled: Vancouver, B. C., exhibition, August 12-19; Southwest Washington fair, August 28 to September 2; Spokane Interstate fair, September 4-9; Grays Harbor county fair, September 4-8; Walla Walla county fair, September 11-16; Baker, Ore., fair, September 11-16; Thurston county fair, September 12-15; Washington State fair, North Yakima, September 18-22; Boise, Idaho, fair, September 18-22; Pendleton Bound-Up, September 21-23; Royal Agricultural and Industrial exhibition, New Westminster, B. C., September 25-30; Oregon State fair, Salem, September 25-30; Utah State fair, Salt Lake City, October 2-7.

Battling Against Floods

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8.—Though levees at Arkansas City continue to slough reports here today indicated that the hundreds of men battling to fix were likely to win out. Efforts are being made to send relief into flood stricken districts.

This being leap year, isn't it up to the girls to buy valentines?

TOO EARLY TO JUDGE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF FORD EXPEDITION



LAMAR TOOZE.

"It is too early to determine whether Henry Ford's Peace Expedition is a failure or a success," said Lamar Tooze, student representative of the University of Oregon on the peace mission, in an interview today. Mr. Tooze arrived in Salem this morning directly from New York and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Tooze. "The practical results that have ensued and will ensue by reason of Mr. Ford's attempt lie wholly in the future. I am firmly convinced that up to the present time the expedition proper accomplished all that it set out to accomplish. As I understand the program, the two primary purposes of the expedition proper were, first, to attract world-wide attention to the cause of peace; and in the second place, to enlist the support of the neutral countries of Europe, both active and moral. Judging by the newspaper comments in all countries visited, not always favorable it is true, the expedition attracted the desired attention; the fact that each country that was visited sent a representative to the expedition fulfills the second object of the trip. It is now up to the neutral conference, composed of five unofficial representatives each from America, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland to demonstrate the efficacy of the plan. All of the other steps, in my opinion, have been satisfactorily covered.

"The real work of the expedition will be started when the neutral conference meets. No one can predict with any degree of certainty as to the results that will follow the efforts of the conference.

"There is one thing certain. And that is that the personnel of the American membership is of the highest calibre. The American members as selected by the delegates are: Mr. Ford, William Jennings Bryan, Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Joseph Fels and Dr. Charles F. Aked. The first three are too well known to require any statement as to their ability. Mrs. Fels is the widow of the late Joseph Fels, the Philadelphia soap manufacturer and is well known in Europe because of her social work there. Her acquaintance with European conditions will be a true advantage to the conference. Dr. Aked, although a former British subject, is broadminded and will not let his past allegiance interfere with an unbiased view of the European situation. The conference will draw up proposals of peace to be presented simultaneously to the belligerent nations with the hope that all will agree sooner or later upon some proposal or part of a proposal.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday, "unsettled, probably rain; colder east portion tonight; south to west winds.

WOULD YOU KNOW ME?

MIGHTY BATTLE OF WAR FLEETS IS IMPENDING

Rumors From Dutch Sources Indicate Germans Are Ready

DASH OF WARSHIPS FROM STRONGHOLD IS EXPECTED

Dreadnaughts Said To Be Equipped With New 17-Inch Guns

London, Feb. 8.—That a mighty battle is imminent in the North sea is believed here today.

Dutch rumors that the Germans are preparing for their long expected dash constituted the basis for such belief when coupled with seemingly corroborative reports from other sources. It is reported that the German navy has the Belgian coast had withdrawn and taken refuge in the Kiel canal, where Germany's war dogs have been held in leash for most of the war. Moreover, leaves of absence for all officers are reported to have been cancelled.

At the same time Copenhagen reports said there is extreme activity at Breda and that the German ships are about to venture forth and risk an engagement. Four Zeppelins and a flock of Taubes have reinforced the air flotilla at Kiel and it is assumed that these will accompany the warships should they make their sail.

Vague rumors that the Germans planned to attempt a startling coup reached London before the English liner Appam was bagged by a German commerce raider. Since then, almost every Berlin dispatch has contained similar rumors.

Germany, according to the stories here, has laid well her plans for a long delayed venture on the seas. Her dreadnaughts have been equipped with 17 inch guns, while her Zeppelins have been fitted so they can shoot torpedoes from the air, preparatory to challenging the British navy.

At the same time, England has not been unmindful of the possibility of a sea raid, and to this end has been on careful guard. Any venture on Germany's part, navy men say, will find England's mighty fleet ready.

Refuse German Currency

London, Feb. 8.—German consuls in Holland are refusing fee payments in German currency and instead are insisting on gold or Dutch currency at the rate prevailing before the war. This was said by a Reuter dispatch today to be due to the depreciation of German credit.

An Amsterdam Message Reported That Berlin Is Considering Adding Two More Sealess Days to the Week because of a shortage of foodstuffs, while it is reported that Germany soon will forbid importation of luxuries, as a further step toward economy.

German Air Squadron Bails

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 8.—A German air squadron has attacked the station at Poperinge, and British camps between Poperinge and Dixmude, said an official announcement today. British fliers engaged them, but the Teuton fliers escaped safely.

Kitchener May Resign

London, Feb. 8.—Munitions Minister Lloyd-George and Lord Derby, head of the recent politician recruiting campaign, were mentioned today as possible successors to Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, if the latter resigns. No authoritative confirmation of rumors that he will quit are obtainable, however. If he does resign, it is likely he will go to Egypt or Mesopotamia to direct important operations there.

Germany Not Worried

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The probability that the allies will attempt a fresh offensive on the western front in the spring is causing critics here no anxiety. The newspapers today recalled that other offensives had collapsed, and they suggested that a new drive would meet with a similar fate.

Forty Turk Vessels Sunk

Paris, Feb. 8.—Russian torpedo boats sank forty Turkish sailing vessels and bombarded three naval construction yards on the Anatolian coast, according to dispatches today.

Prince Oscar Injured

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 8.—Prince Oscar, fifth son of the Kaiser, was slightly injured by being struck on the head and thigh by a shrapnel, said a semi-official announcement today.

Co-operative creameries in Oregon are to co-operate. They ought to or else quit saying they do.

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