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COMMENTS ON THE BREAK.

American Leaders Almost to a Man Approve But Hope For Peace.

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"I do not see how the President could have done otherwise," Senator Overman declared, "since Germany violated the promise in reply to his note after the sinking of the Sussex last summer. The message and the severance of diplomatic relations do not mean war. While it makes the situation tense, I agree with the president it might avert war. Germany has no right to say where we shall go on the high seas. I hope and pray to God we will never be called upon to declare war. It is up to Germany. She can avert it if she will.

"But for this act she might have taken it for granted that she could do anything with impunity. Now she knows she can't. Congress will hesitate, of course, before declaring war. It will not be done unless Germany commits some overt act that would compel us to do so in the name of the flag, integrity and welfare of our country—unless for our sacred honor it becomes necessary to do so.

"I heartily approve of it," Senator Simmons said. "There is no other alternative for this government. I do not believe that there will be war between the United States and Germany unless, in carrying out her programme, she disregards the rights of this government by sinking one of our ships or destroying an American life in violation of law."

Majority Leader Kitchin said: "I don't see how we could have done or said less under the circumstances. I am gratified that he gave Germany a clear chance to avoid conflict."

A dispatch from Santiago Chile, says the breaking off of relations between the United States and Germany, although expected, has caused a great sensation among all classes. The attitude of the United States is approved. Between the chancelleries of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, there has been an active exchange of communications. Financial circles are much excited.

A Rome, Italy dispatch of the 4th says: Up to noon today the American Embassy had no official confirmation of the rupture of relations with Germany. The Ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, visited the Foreign Minister, Baron Sonnino, and had a long discussion with him on the situation.

Experienced statesmen remarked with reference to the severance of diplomatic relations:

"What America is giving us is moral support and fraternal sympathy which encourages us to feel certain of final victory."

The news from the United States has caused great enthusiasm throughout the country. The entire Italian press expresses gratification in having the United States on the side of the Entente, which it declares is the "side of law, liberty and honor."

Theodore Roosevelt: "Of course I shall in every way support the President in all that he does to uphold the honor of the United States and to safeguard the lives of American citizens," he said. "Yesterday I wrote to the War department asking permission to raise a division if war is declared and there is a call for volunteers. In such event I and my four sons will go."

Leaders in Congress, without regard to politics, expressed freely their approval of President Wilson's course and of his address.

Vice President Marshall said:

"If the President has to deliver the other address he spoke of, you will find the sentiment of the country has crystallized behind him on the address he made today. The American people is an easy-going people, but when it gets its back to the wall it will fight.

"I don't believe the President could have said or done less and I am gratified he did not do or say more. He has given Germany the last clear chance to avoid conflict with the United States. All true Americans hope it is a chance she will take."

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee: "I think there are two things we should do now as far as it is possible—keep our heads level and our mouths closed."

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee: "I most thoroughly approve and cordially support the President in giving the German Ambassador his passports and in recalling our Ambassador from Berlin."

Speaker Clark: "I do not think there is going to be any war. I do not think the Germans will blow up any of our ships. I think the President stated the conditions exactly."

Republican Leader Mann: "I do not see how the President could do any less. I am very glad he did not propose to do any more."

Senator Kern, Democratic Senate leader: "I believe the American people are behind the President to a man, and Congress certainly is."

Senator Gallinger, Republican leader of the Senate: "Of course if Germany sinks an American ship or takes an American life, we shall have to fight. But we should view the situation calmly, dispassionately and hopefully. The President's message was admirable."

Following are some of the comments on the President's action in breaking diplomatic relations with Germany.

Governor Bickett: "North Carolina is a conservative State. Our people love peace and hate war. It is the curse of the nations. We had hoped that the warring governments of the world would respond to the plea of our President and enter into a compact that would insure permanent and universal peace. The reply of Germany to this plea for peace is a deliberate invitation to further strife. When the German government delivered its note of Jan. 31 it knew then as well as it knows now that diplomatic relations would be severed. The President could not have done less without obliterating every trace of our national honor. We deeply hope that Germany may yet stay her hand, but if American lives are to be wantonly destroyed, then our people, as one man without respect to race for politics, will uphold the President in whatever action he may take to preserve the honor and safety of the nation.

Prefers Chamberlain's.

"In this course of a conversation with Chamberlain Medicine Co's representative today, we had occasion to discuss in general way the merits of their different preparations. At his suggestion I take pleasure in expressing my estimation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have a family of six children and have used this remedy in my home for years. I consider it the only cough remedy on the market, as I have tried nearly all kinds."—Earl C. Rose, publisher Hamilton County Republican-News, Syracuse, Kan.

William Jennings Bryan On Crisis.

Asheville, Feb. 7.—Just before leaving here for his winter home in Miami, William J. Bryan, who came to Asheville yesterday to consult an architect about building his summer home here, gave the following statement to local newspaper men regarding the present crisis in the relation with Germany. "The president, in his noble appeal to the belligerents has asked that they forget the bitterness engendered by the killing of more than 6,000,000 of human beings and the expenditure of more than \$50,000,000,000 in money, and come together in an honorable peace. If we can expect such an exhibition of virtue by them, are we not in duty bound to measure up to the standard which we have set for them?"

"There are several alternatives from which to choose. First, we can postpone until the war is over the settlement of any dispute which cannot now be settled by peaceful means; second, we can keep American citizens off belligerent ships; third, we can refuse clearance to ships of the United States and other neutral countries carrying contraband and passengers on the same ship; fourth, we can withdraw protection from American citizens who are willing to jeopardize the nation's peace by traveling as seamen with contraband on American or neutral vessels; fifth, we can, if necessary, keep all American vessels out of the danger zone for the present just as the mayor of a city keeps citizens in their homes when a mob is in possession of the street; sixth, Congress which has exclusive power to declare war, can submit the declaration to a referendum vote, making exception in case of actual invasion.

"Other alternatives are likely to be suggested. We cannot depend upon precedent to meet an unprecedented situation. The most important thing is that the officials at Washington shall know that the people at home protest against entering this war on either side, with its frightful expenditure of blood and treasure, that they are not willing to send American soldiers across the Atlantic to march under the banner of any European monarch or to die on European soil in settlement to surrender the opportunity to render a supreme service to the world as a friend of all and peacemaker when peace is possible."

Soon Over His Cold

Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y., has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with cold for two or three weeks. I doctored him and used various cough medicine but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."

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Supervision of State Schools.

J. M. Downum, in Greensboro News.

In regard to the supervision of the state schools, I would suggest the appointment of a non-partisan commission of experienced teachers and expert business men. The business part of the schools is a very vital part and should be looked after closely.

The commission should to a large extent have charge of the business of the school. This would include, of course, the purchasing of all supplies for dormitories. When buildings are to be erected it would be the business of this commission to consider the location, secure plans, have the buildings erected and furnished according to the particular needs, grounds beautified, and so on.

They should see to it that the salaries of all teachers are equalized in schools of similar grades, and it would be wise to give some reasonable assurance of permanence to the position when the work was satisfactory. This idea of permanence would secure a better class of teachers.

They should regulate the course of study so that all schools of similar grade should have not only a similar but the same course of study, thus unifying the grading that equal requirements would pertain in similar schools. And while the legislature is working on a standard for teachers they should fix it, sufficiently high and then grant to those who reach the standard permanent license to teach in any county in the state.

The commission should provide for the exchange of teachers in those schools when they saw that they could thereby improve the work of the schools or increase the efficiency of the teachers.

The appointment of this commission would give our school system a tone of unity and harmony that it does not now have, and save to these many thousands annually, as purchases could thus be made in large quantities at a much lower cost.

Boone N. C., Jan. 31.

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Different Kinds Of Coughs.

Coughs lead to different kinds of coughs—"drycough," "winter cough," la grippe cough, bronchial cough, asthmatic cough, and racking, painful cough to raise choking phlegm. Enos H. H. Paoli, Ind., writes: "I continually coughed, could hardly sleep. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me, curing my cough entirely."

Inactivity Causes Constipation.

Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and listless; your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the congested intestines without griping. A dose before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c, at your Druggist.

Dogs Don't Worry, Why Should Man?

The Public Health Service of the United States gave out recently the following as the cause of neurasthenia and kindred diseases of the strenuous life:

So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

The New York World, in quoting the above, says that dogs worry more or less about the moon and that no notice is taken of the insomnia in cats. It is true that dogs show no concern about where the next bone is coming from, and the fact that man does worry over that fact and the necessity of keeping a permanent roof over his head, says the World, is the reason he has advanced where the fox and dog and squirrel have not. The World further says:

"Worry enabled man to emerge from his cave dwelling, and worry, different only in degree but not in kind, established him in steam-heated flats and luxurious mansions. If he ever wants to return to conditions of life under which he will brother to the birds and boon companions with the dog, he has only to give up worrying and rely on Providence or chance or a fortuitous course of circumstances to provide his home and lodging place.

No doubt it would be better for many Americans if the government could benevolently regulate worry as it regulates monopoly. But for the mass of mankind, care and fretting and anxiety are the price they pay for comfort and progress and life itself, and to deny them this exercise of their nervous energy would be to reduce them to a brute.

Signs Of Good Health.

Bright eyes, clear skins, alert brains and energetic movements are signs of good health. You don't have them when digestion is impaired and fermenting, decaying food clogs the intestines. Foley Cathartic Tablets set you right. Act without pain, griping or nausea. Too-stout persons welcome the light feeling they bring. Sold everywhere.

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Spring Colds Are the Worst

They lead to catarrh and pneumonia. They weaken the entire system and leave it unable to resist the sudden changes. They interfere with your digestion and lessen your activity. Neglected they soon become that dread disease known as systemic catarrh. Don't neglect them. It's costly as well as dangerous.

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