

NEWS OF ATTITUDE OF BERLIN HOURLY AWAITED

Advices Are Expected from Gerard About German Reply to U.S. Note

DOCUMENT DELAYED ON WAY TO BERLIN

Some Reports Say That Bernstorff Is Pleased With Tone of Note; Expects Peaceful Solution.

London, May 15.—The Exchange Telegraph company has received the following message from Amsterdam:

"A telegram from Berlin states that the Vossische Zeitung announces that in high government circles in Germany favor submitting the question of the sinking of the Lusitania and the resultant difficulties with America to a court of arbitration."

Washington, May 15.—Suggestions for arbitration contained in today's dispatches were received among officials with the information that such a course was considered in Washington but it was pointed out that it probably would not be satisfactory unless assurances were given in the meantime that the submarine warfare on merchant ships would be suspended.

Officials pointed out that unless this were done more American lives might be lost while the arbitration was in progress.

Washington, May 15.—A cablegram from Ambassador Gerard sent from Berlin last night at 7 o'clock said that he had not then received the American note which had been enabled by way of Rome for delivery to the Berlin foreign office. Officials here expect further advices soon but meanwhile took steps to trace the note and hasten its delivery. American Ambassador Page at Rome cabled that the note had been relayed to Berlin yesterday afternoon over the Italian Telegraph line and officials felt sure that it would reach Gerard today.

With the presentation of the president's note the United States has submitted her case and Germany is expected to make the next move. It is confidently expected that the Berlin government will give the note immediate consideration.

In the meantime in the absence of the president, activity in official circles has ceased, pending possible intimations from Ambassador Gerard concerning the trend of Germany's reply. Discussion in diplomatic quarters of the probable attitude of Germany toward America contentions continued and though Count Bernstorff was still silent some said that he was pleased with the friendly character of the note and confidently hoped for a satisfactory adjustment of the controversy.

Official Washington talks of little else than the note. The practically unanimous approval given it in the editorial comment of the American press, the statement of governors, senators and members of the house was reinforced by an incessant stream of messages from persons of every political party and from a variety of organizations and associations. President Wilson told his callers he was deeply gratified and appreciated the patriotic support that was being given him on every side.

The president appeared somewhat relieved of the strain of the last week. This was due to the fact that there probably would be no further development in the situation until some intimation came from Ambassador Gerard as to how the officials of the German Government informally regarded the tone and requests of the note. Last night the president went away on his yacht, the Mayflower, with members of his family for a quiet trip to New York, where he will review the Atlantic fleet.

In diplomatic quarters there was wide discussion of the note to Germany. Among representatives of the allied powers the document was approved as well as by neutral envoys, many of whom obtained copies from the state department. The German embassy—the one place where it was natural to look for some inkling or intimation of what Germany's position would be—kept silent. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in fact, called on Secretary Bryan with the express purpose of warning him that none of the published stories was true which purported to give anonymous views of the embassy staff to the effect that Germany would refuse to meet the American note's suggestion. He asked co-operation of the state department to prevent the spread of this mis-information, and Mr. Bryan made formal announcement of the refusal.

The German ambassador said later he knew absolutely nothing of the position of his government because he had received no communication and naturally would not until the note itself had been presented. He declined

U. S. FORCES MAY ENTER MEXICO

Landing Parties Will Be Sent From Battleships Into the Yaqui Valley If It Seems Warranted.

TO RESCUE COLONY OF AMERICAN RANCHERS

Three Americans Have Been Killed and One Wounded in Attack Made by Yaqui Indians.

Washington, May 15.—Latest dispatches from American Consul Simpich at Nogales, Sonora, contains information of the casualties attending the attack of Quaki Indians on the American colony near Esperanza. J. K. Donovan, Jack Wilson and W. A. Fay were killed and Z. O. Stocker was wounded.

Reports from Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet, said that a band of 500 Yaquis, well armed, had begun an attack on American ranchers, May 11, and that Donovan and Wilson were killed that day. In the fighting next day Fay was killed and Stocker was wounded.

Navy officials are awaiting a report from Admiral Howard and if conditions warrant he will be ordered to send landing parties from the warships Raleigh and New Orleans, off Guaymas, into the Yaqui valley to rescue Americans.

Secretary Daniels late yesterday ordered the cruiser New Orleans from Manzanillo to Guaymas, Mexico, to join the cruiser Raleigh in rendering any relief possible to the colony of Americans attacked by Indians in the Yaqui valley, fifteen or twenty miles inland. Unofficial advices from Mexico stated that Governor Maytorena, Villa commander in Sonora, already had sent troops to the scene and it is hoped their arrival will have relieved the colonists before the New Orleans reaches Guaymas.

Secretary Daniels said he had instructed Admiral Howard to investigate conditions in the Yaqui valley on the basis of press reports that several Americans had been killed there.

Under general naval rules the commanders of the Raleigh and the New Orleans would not hesitate to land bluejackets and marines at any port for the protection of Americans or other foreigners in an emergency. The secretary said, however, that no orders for sending an armed party inland would be given by the department until Admiral Howard had reported the necessity of such action.

The warships are sent to Guaymas in the expectation that any Americans in the interior who may be in danger will go to the coast, where they may be taken aboard ship.

"M'LISA," FILMED NEAR HERE, AT PRINCESS TODAY

Much has been said about the picture "M'Lisa," at the Princess today, which is from the story by Fret Hart, and which was largely produced in this neighborhood by the World Film corporation last winter. It will be recalled that Howard Estabrook and Barbara Tennant, together with a large company, were here for several weeks making scenes for this subject. Therefore, there is unusual interest in "M'Lisa" in this city, aside from the fact that it is said to be an unusually fine picture and one of the Shubert attractions.

PICTURE MADE AROUND ASHEVILLE SHOWN TODAY

The Vitagraph company sends one of more companies to Asheville every winter to make feature pictures. Last winter Ned Finley, who is one of the leading producers, came here with a company of Vitagraph players, headed by himself and Edith Storey. They were making a feature picture and in filming one scene Mr. Finley sustained a severe hurt through the capsizing of a boat when it went over a waterfall. The management of the Galax expresses himself as feeling confident that "O'Garry of the Royal Mounted" is the title of the film which Mr. Finley made here when he was hurt. It is the specially arranged subject for the Galax today.

STRIKE AGAINST ITALY'S COURSE

The People of Milan Protest Against Political Events and Troops Prepare Resistance.

IN ROME THE CRISIS SEEMS TO BE PASSING

King Victor Emmanuel Soothes Excited Populace by Refusing to Accept Salandra's Resignation.

Rome, May 15.—A strike has been proclaimed at Milan, Italy, as a protest against the course of political events in Italy. Troops have occupied all the strategic points of the city.

Rome, May 14.—News that King Victor Emmanuel will not accept Premier Salandra's resignation and that Salandra and Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister will remain in power, is spreading like wild fire throughout Rome and creating an excellent impression.

All the people seemed satisfied at so quick a solution of the crisis, it being believed that otherwise serious trouble was inevitable. It was asserted that the people were determined that last night would not pass without such a demonstration of violence as would render their will supreme.

The whole city was in a state of excitement. The shops were closed, bags were hoisted at half mast as a sign of protest against the government's action and the theaters had been requested to suspend their performances, except the Constanzi theater, where a play was given in honor of Gabriele d'Annunzio. The poet was present and made an address of anti-Austrian character.

The entire garrison had been brought out to protect the most threatened points in the city, such as the streets where the Austrian and German embassies and consulates are situated, and the Villa Malta, the home of former Premier Giolitti. The city was divided into four military zones and the keeping of order was entrusted to military authorities.

A riotous crowd during the day invaded the Piazza Montecitorio, in which the chamber of deputies is located, and smashed windows and doors and destroyed everything it came across. The rioters were about to enter the great hall of Sittings, when troops intervened. A few of the demonstrators were wounded.

Members of the chamber of deputies who are followers of Signor Giolitti, escaped from the building. A venerable Garibaldian veteran harangued the crowd, declaring Italy must go to war or the people would bring about a revolution. During the day a circular was distributed asking the people to form in procession and proceed to the Villa Ada, the residence of King Victor Emmanuel, and demonstrate their loyalty to the king, but also express their favor of Italy joining the war.

These circulars caused the forming of processions of thousands of people who waving flags and shouting enthusiastically marched toward the Villa Ada. On the way demonstrators smashed all windows and destroyed the signs of German shops. The police, carabinieri and infantry, and even cavalrymen and artillerymen, charged the procession and closed the streets leading to the Villa Ada. The march, however, proceeded to force the closing of all German shops, placarding them with signs reading, "closed as a national protest." It is asserted that Signor Giolitti when he was received by King Victor Emmanuel, expressed the opinion to the king that Signor Salandra's government, not having been overthrown by parliament, Salandra must remain in power or be entrusted with the task of forming a new cabinet.

Signor Salandra, Signor Marcora, president of the chamber of deputies; Signor Manfredi, president of the senate, and other men high in politics also were in conference with the king during the day.

It is stated that they suggested that Signor Giolitti be entrusted with the formation of the new cabinet alleging that he was responsible for the crisis and therefore should bring about its solution.

Blames United States.

Amsterdam, May 15.—All the blame for the sinking of the liner Lusitania by a German torpedo is placed on the United States by the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, which argues that the Lusitania took no care to avoid dangers, considering that her port of origin was in "living American waters."

ITALY AT LAST SEEMS ON VERGE OF ACTION

SHETLAND PONIES TO BE SEEN TODAY

Little Thoroughbreds Will Be Ridden Through Streets This Afternoon.

The Shetland ponies which will be given away by The Gazette-News in its pony outfit contest arrived yesterday afternoon and are being cared for at the stables of Patton, Millard & Stikeleather. They will be ridden through the streets this afternoon so that contestants in the city may have an opportunity to see the chief prizes in the contest. The managers of the contest have inspected the ponies and find that they are in perfect condition, coming up in every way to the claims that have been made for them.

The carts and harness are expected to arrive by Monday and the attractive rigs will then be driven through the streets.

The last published announcement of the standing of the contestants in The Gazette-News's pony outfit contest will be printed on Monday, May 17. Votes to be counted in this standing should be in the office the previous afternoon.

After that the box will be turned over to the judges for the final count, and the declaring by them of the result. The judges will be disinterested business men of high standing, who will make an absolutely fair and correct count of the ballots and statement of the final result.

Everybody will have exactly the same chance. No one can know how you stand after the last publication of the vote. They cannot know how many subscriptions you have taken or how many votes you are holding in reserve till the last.

It is going to take work, and lots of it, to win this pony outfit. Get busy and turn in subscriptions. Do not mind what other candidates are doing or what they may say they do. Do not be lulled. Of course, if they can get you to quit the race, it will be made much easier for them. But what you want to do is to stay in the race and WIN. You can do it.

The boy or girl who has the largest number of votes when the judges open the ballot box on May 18 will certainly get the pony outfit. The one standing second will get the gold watch, and all others will get 10 per cent commission on what they have turned in.

The list of candidates with the standing of each follows:

Miss Emily Blackwood, Asheville	42,450
Jesse Cole Asheville	21,187
Miss Jessie Cummings, Asheville	29,650
Miss Mabel Dockery, Asheville	7,975
Charles Green, Asheville	1,000
Henry Harris, Asheville	215,305
Junius Harris, Asheville	59,210
J. Maurice Jarrett, Asheville	274,317
Lydlay Morgan, Asheville	10,000

District No. 2.

Joseph Clayton, Jr., Brevard, N. C.	8,000
Miss Gladys Christy, Andrews	1,000
Matt Moore Cox, Hazelwood	2,325
Pee Wee Fisher, Hendersonville	35,650
Edward Forest, Hendersonville	97,355
Dwight Hall, Canton	1,000
Miss Edna Gage Morrow, Marshall	3,200
Miss Lavinia Pickelmeier, Sylva, N. C.	22,185
Miss Dorothy Posey, Hendersonville	4,150
Miss Lucy Tom Reeves, Weaverville	227,580
James Secrest, Canton	1,000
Cameron Shipp, Hendersonville	54,305
Miss Margaret Bristol, Morganton, N. C.	5,100
Albert Abel, Waynesville	2,500

U. S. DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS 'TILL MONDAY

The United States District court is not in session today having adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. It is thought that the introduction of documentary evidence is about complete in the Gilbert-Hopkins case and it is expected that the defense will on Monday begin the introduction of oral testimony.

Court was adjourned in order that the lawyers and witnesses for the defendants in this case might spend the morning in examining large maps and drawings showing the locations of the various tracts of land in litigation, and the scene presented in the courtroom resembled a geography class locating boundary lines and points of interest. The lands are located in Cherokee and Graham counties in the Unaka and Great Smoky mountains.

Holmes Bryson and family of Dillsboro motored into Asheville and are visiting here for a few days.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR E. S. DUDLEY

Alleged Real Estate Promoter Charged With Getting Goods Under False Pretense.

TRUNK HELD BY A LOCAL HOTEL FOR BILL

Mr. Dudley Is Understood to Be in Hendersonville, Where He Is Said to Be Operating.

A warrant was issued here Thursday afternoon by Magistrate W. A. James, Jr., for the arrest of Earl S. Dudley, an alleged real estate promoter who has been in the city for several months, in which he is charged by S. Barjak, who conducts a fancy goods store in Grove Park Inn of securing a ladies' sweater coat, valued at \$20, under false pretense.

The warrant has been sent to Hendersonville for the arrest of Dudley, who is said to be in that town attempting to promote other alleged real estate schemes.

Investigation here today showed that Dudley came to Asheville several months ago, claiming that he was just from Jacksonville, where he is said to have been engaged in the real estate business similar to the operations he carried on here.

Mr. Barjak stated to a Gazette-News reporter today that Dudley came to his shop last Monday and after viewing a ladies' sweater coat said that he wished to take it out to see if his wife liked the color. Mr. Barjak said that Dudley told him he was engaged in the real estate business and had an office at the Battery Park hotel. He let Dudley have the coat, he said, but not hearing anything from him he decided Thursday to take out the warrant and sent it to Hendersonville with instructions for Dudley's arrest.

The management of the Lanaren hotel, at which Dudley made headquarters when he first came to Asheville, stated today that he owed a board bill there of something over \$200 and that his trunk and many of his personal belongings were being held. He left the hotel several days ago.

Dudley attempted to promote the Kenilworth property while here and had advertisements in the local papers regarding the property there and other pieces of property in the city. When newspaper men approached the Kenilworth Development company in regard to these advertisements it was stated that Dudley was only selling property on a commission and had no official connection with the company. Failing to receive pay for advertisements carried in this paper by Dudley, The Gazette-News today filed suit against him, through Marcus Erwin for the amount due the paper for advertisements. It is also understood that he owes a bill to a local stenographer for work done.

The Associated Press will be requested to secure any information it may be able to get regarding Dudley's operations in other sections, it being understood here that he has operated in Jacksonville and in New York state.

A message this morning from Hendersonville stated that Dudley was in that town this morning and that he was attempting to promote real estate schemes there. It was stated that he was negotiating for the handsome Norton home at Flat Rock, to be used as a private residence and the figures named were \$50,000. It was also stated that he was trying to sell the Kentucky Home, one of Hendersonville's leading hotels, which is owned by Mrs. Groover, at a price said to be \$37,000.

An officer stated here today that several days ago he arrested Dudley on charges of passing worthless checks, drawn on local banks, but after his arrest the amounts of the checks were made good.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT FOR PICTURE AT MAJESTIC

Large crowds saw the comedy picture, "Tillie's Punctured Romance," at the Majestic during the opening week of the new policy. So pleased were the audiences, states the management, that numerous requests were entered for a return engagement. When it was shown before the management states that a price of ten and twenty cents had to be asked due to the heavy cost of the films but that today the five and ten cent prices will hold, as the rental is less.

Polite Fiction.

London, May 15.—The American government knew, says the Manchester Guardian, "that the suggested innocence of the German government was polite fiction."

London Believes Italians Are on Point of Breaking Triple Alliance by Taking Sides With Allies.

RUSSIAN SITUATION PERCEPTIBLY BRIGHTER

Austrians Reported to Have Been Routed in Bukovina and Germans Checked on the Baltic.

London, May 15.—After having been deluded by a series of chimerical crises, the British public has come to the belief that Italy is really at the point of a momentous decision in her relations with Triple alliance. Unofficially, it is leared that the Italian government has denounced the alliance and that news of that step failed to produce any further concessions from Austria; and this, with the resignation of the Italian cabinet, led London to the belief that a final break might be expected at any moment.

President Wilson's note to Germany is dividing editorial attention with the Italian crisis. Unanimous gratification is expressed over the American communication. The only criticism consists in regret that one paragraph of the note testified to the belief of Germany's observance of humane rules of warfare in the past.

London observers believe that the Russian situation is perceptibly brighter in spite of the fact that the Austro-German victory in West Galicia is becoming more and more obvious. Confidence in Russian strength is maintained because of Grand Duke Nicholas' ability to deliver counter strokes as shown in the East Galicia fighting and in Bukovina where the Austrians are reported to have been routed and to be in retreat along a front of 60 miles.

It is reported also that the Russians have checked the Germans in the Baltic provinces.

MISS EDNA BLOMBERG WINNER OF CONTEST

Large Attendance at Recitation Contest at the Asheville High School.

In the recitation contest at the High school last night Miss Edna Blomberg was the winner of the gold medal offered by Robert Goldstein of the faculty.

A large number of friends and patrons of the school attended the exercises over which Miss Mabel Rothrock of the faculty presided. The judges were Mrs. T. J. Harkins, Mrs. V. L. Stone and Allen T. Morrison. Mr. Goldstein presented a red carnation to each of the ten girls who competed for the prize.

The program was as follows: Miss Edna Blomberg, "The Soul of the Violin"; Miss Althea Lyda, "Lady Clare"; Miss Alice Adams, "Papa's Letter"; Mary Ray, "Death of Paul Dombey"; Miss Rhea Barnard, "Cradle Song"; Miss Frances Jones, "Brother Wolf Says Grace"; Miss Cille Littman, "A Second Tidal"; Miss Helen Williams, "Little Muriel"; Miss Mary Grady, "Bobby Shaftoe"; and Miss Mable Ashworth, "The Martyr Maiden."

The many Asheville friends of Governor Jarvis will hear with great pleasure that his condition is reported as much better.