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POSSIBILITY OF U. S. GETTING IN WAR.

Relations Savored and Warning Given Germany that Killing of Americans Means War.

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war.

Similar action is waiting for Austria when she notifies this government that she joins in the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The President made formal announcement of his action to the country and to the world today at a joint session of Congress.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstorff, Ambassador Gerard with all his staff and American consuls, have been ordered out of Germany. All German consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw. That the severance of relations may be complete. German diplomatic interests in the United States have been taken over by Switzerland. Foreign diplomatic interests which the United States had in charge in Germany have been turned over to various neutrals.

Two years of diplomatic negotiation, marked with frequent crises. And attended with the loss of more than two hundred American lives on the high seas, have culminated with an act which in all the history of the world always has led to war. Every agency of the American government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers. These moves are of necessity being kept secret.

With the notice of severance of relations the United States sent to Berlin a demand for the immediate release of sixty-four Americans taken from ships captured by German raiders in the South Atlantic.

At the request of the President, Congress, immediately after hearing his address, began work on new laws framed by the Department of Justice to check conspiracies and plots against the United States which cannot now be reached under existing statutes.

The question of conveying American merchant ships through the submarine blockade has been taken up, and is being considered as one of the next moves by this government.

Neutral governments have been notified of the action of the United States, and have openly been invited to follow its action if the new submarine campaign violates their reports.

The breaking of relations came with a crash, despite the fact that it had been discussed and practically determined upon last night. The President, returning from his night conference with the Senators, determined that a break in relations was the only act consistent with the dignity and the honor of the United States. He worked most of the night preparing his address to Congress.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, it became known that Ambassador Gerard had been ordered home and that passports had been sent to Count von Bernstorff. Although there was no official confirmation of the President's decision until he formally announced it himself to Congress, the knowledge spread rapidly.

Count von Bernstorff heard it unofficially while talking with an Associated Press correspondent. While apparently deeply moved, he was not surprised. His first act was to ask Dr Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, to come to the German Embassy and prepare to take over its affairs. Then he informed his wife, an American-born woman, of the development and likewise told the Embassy staff. His passports were not delivered until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. While the President was addressing Congress, one of Secretary Lansing's confidential assistants called at the Embassy and delivered the passports and a note in reply to the German declaration.

Certain Materials Should not be Used in Home Mixed Fertilizers.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.—"Some farmers will not attempt the home-mixing or fertilizers because they do not know what materials to use to make a suitable combination. Almost any combination is practicable if it is to be applied immediately after mixing, says S. S. Walker, Assistant Chemist to the University of Florida Experiment Station, but if the application to the soil is to be delayed after mixing, some special care must be exercised.

"Such materials as nitrate of soda, muriate of potash, and other crude potash salts tend to absorb moisture and to form hard cakes or lumps. This is especially true when they are mixed with caustic lime or any material containing caustic lime, such as ashes or basic slag. The trouble can be prevented to a great extent by adding to the mixture a considerable amount of muck as a drier. "Those mixtures which will cause a loss of deterioration of plant food through chemical action should also be avoided. When sulphate of ammonia or easily decomposed organic ammoniates such as animal manures, blood, tankage, fish scrap etc., are mixed with materials containing lime there is danger of losing gaseous ammonia. The commonest lime-containing materials are ground limestone caustic and hydrated lime, wood ashes, basic slag, and calcium cyanamid.

"Reversion of phosphoric acid is brought about also by mixing acid phosphate with lime, magnesia iron, or aluminum compounds.

From these statements the belief might arise that lime is a very undesirable material to use. The explanation is that lime should be applied to the land separately, not being mixed with the fertilizer before applying."

Those farmers of North Carolina who desire information in regard to the subject of fertilizers should write at once to C. B. Williams, chief of the division of agronomy of the North Carolina department of Agriculture and Experiment Station, or to B. W. Kilgore, Director and State Chemist.—C. Extension Service.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for testimonials to address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo O. Sold by all druggists 75c.

Take Hall's family pills for constipation.

Slayer of Norwood Police is Caught in Ga.

Albemarle, Feb. 3.—Sheriff G. D. Blacklock wired a deputy in Albemarle yesterday from Claxton, Ga., that he captured Kirk Furr in that town this morning and would be home tomorrow at 1:48 p. m. with his prisoner.

It is not known how the sheriff learned that the alleged slayer of Policeman W. G. Snuggs was in Claxton, Ga., but he left yesterday for that point, with the result as above stated.

Sheriff Blacklock has made an exceedingly creditable effort since the murder of Policeman Snuggs to apprehend and arrest Furr, and much credit is due him for his untiring and ceaseless efforts to locate this party.

BEAT WILSON VETO ON IMMIGRANT BILL.

House Members, by 285 to 106, Override Present Executive. Will Pass in Senate.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The House tonight overrode the President's veto of the Immigration Bill by a vote of 285 to 106. Party lines were ignored. The measure now goes to the Senate, where Senator Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the committee on Immigration, says it will be passed over the veto by more than two-thirds.

This is the first bill to be passed over President Wilson's veto by either House of Congress.

The Immigration Bill was passed by the House and Senate two years ago and the President vetoed it, but the House failed, then, by a few votes to override the veto.

During Mr Taft's term as President, the Dillingham Immigration Bill, which was much like the present measure, the Burnett bill, was passed by the Senate and the House, and Mr Taft vetoed it. At that time the Senate, where the bill originated, overrode the veto, but the House failed to give the necessary two-thirds vote.

President Cleveland had vetoed a similar bill.

President Wilson vetoed the Immigration bill because of the literary test for immigrants. In returning it to Congress on January 29, the President said:

"I cannot rid myself of the conviction that the literary test constitutes a radical change in the policy of the nation, which is not justified in principle."

Friends of the Immigration bill that passed the House today have been working on it for twelve years. It was framed after a committee, headed by the late Senator Lattimer of South Carolina, went to Europe to study the problem of checking the flow of a certain class of European immigrants to this country.

The immigration bill, in various forms, has been in the White House four times in twenty years. It has passed the House thirteen times and the Senate twelve times. The committee that made the trip abroad eight years ago cost the government more than \$1,000,000.

The forces behind this feature have been determined, and they predict that the bill be called up in the Senate and passed over the veto by a vote of more than five to one. The Senate passed the measure several weeks ago by a vote of 64 to 7.

The present bill excludes cigarrans, persons who have become insane and those likely to become mentally incapacitated. It provides a fine of \$200 for steamship companies that bring over the classes prohibited by law, and requires that deported aliens be given as good treatment on the return trip as they received on the way over.

The literary test was advocated by the labor unions of the country. The leading unions demanded that the provision be kept in the bill. Therefore the bill is a victory for the unions.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

Weather forecast for February

From 6 to 14, fair, with snow northwest, and threatening to rain and snow east and cold.

From 14 to 21, fair, clear cold, with cold rains along and snow flurry.

From 21 to 28, snow, rain and cold, stormy. Some blizzard.

From 28 to March 8, frequent showers along. Some changeable and considerably cold.

February shows cold with some stormy cold winds, snow and rains but last of month cold and rough.

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Union County Leads in Many Particulars.

Monroe, Feb. 3.—The report of the State Tax Commission recently made public shows that Union county leads in many particulars. It shows that the average land assessment in the State is \$8.84 per acre, while Union's average assessed valuation is \$9.22. The same applies to horses and mules, the average being \$80 in the State and being \$83 in Union county. The average assessed value of cows is \$1 more per head in Union and the average tax for State and county purposes in the State is \$1.10 while it is only \$2.23 in this county. The average bonded indebtedness of the counties in the State is near \$10,000, while Union is free of debt and the average valuation of all property per county is exceeded by more than two million dollars in Union county.

A Safe Test.

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are strongly recommended by Salisbury people. Mrs. J. L. Hunter, 122 N. Ellis street, Salisbury, says: "Several years ago my kidneys caused me a lot of annoyance. My back ached and I felt so weak that I could hardly get about. In the morning I could not get out of bed. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills did me good and after taking several boxes, my back felt as strong as ever and my kidneys acted regularly."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Hunter had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Ground Hog on His Job.

The ground hog is certainly on his job and is giving a good account of himself. He started things on time Friday morning and has kept us on the jump ever since. Last Thursday afternoon the thermometer, standing at about 65 began to drop and Saturday morning it had descended to four degrees above zero. Sunday morning the temperature was left hanging around 48 degrees, but it soon took a tumble and before ten o'clock that night in addition to a lot of high winds, some rain, snow and sleet, it was again near zero. As Venus will say, "If any one can beat that for weather, trot out your ground hog."

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

Every Exit to the Port of New York Closed.

New York, Jan. 31.—Orders were issued to night to the torpedo boat stationed at Quarantine to preserve neutrality, not to permit any vessel, either neutral or flying the flag of one of the belligerents, to pass out tonight.

The order applied not only to steamships but to tug boats. Several tugs which passed Quarantine early in the evening before the order was given were compelled to return to port. The purpose of the order was not disclosed.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Bile, Purifies the Blood and Cleans up the Whole System. 25 cents.

PRESIDENT WILSON NOTIFIES CONGRESS.

Grim-faced and Solemn as He Faces Congress Makes Utterance Heard 'Round World.

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson kept himself in seclusion during the morning except for a brief conference with Secretary Lansing, until he left the white house for the capitol shortly before 2 o'clock.

In preparation for the history-making event, the Senate and House has assembled in the hall of the latter body. Justices of the Supreme Court and members of the cabinet were present, and the diplomatic gallery was packed, principally with neutrals.

As usual, a committee of congressmen met the President and escorted him to the speaker's dais. The whole body rose and cheered as the President, grim-faced and solemn, took his place and began reading the document which is being heard 'round the world.

Briefly he reviewed how last April the United States warned Germany after the destruction of the Sussex that unless the Imperial government declared and effected an abandonment of that sort of submarine warfare the United States would have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether. Then he quoted from the German reply which gave assurance that no ships would be sunk without warning and provisions for safety of passengers and crew.

He recounted the provision the German government attached, which in effect reserved to itself the right to recant its promises if the United States did not secure relaxation of the British restrictions on commerce, and then quoted from the reply of the United States which refused to consider a conditional pledge, and gave Germany final warning that it could not entertain or discuss any such suggestion.

"The President did not refer to the long list of submarine operations which have been conducted in violation of the Sussex pledges but proceeded at once to the new war zone order which became effective February 1.

When he told how the German proclamation left nothing for the honor and dignity of the United States, but a break in relations and that he had ordered passports sent to von Bernstorff and a recall to Mr Gerard, the assemblage broke into a cheer in which Republicans and Democrats alike joined. More applause greeted his declaration that only an over act could convince him that Germany intended to violate American lives and rights, and there was prolonged applause and cheering when he concluded by announcing that should American ships and lives be sacrificed "in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understanding of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity," he would again appear before congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

Soon after count von Bernstorff's passport arrived United States Secret Service men threw a guard about the Ambassador and his suite to make certain that the hospitality of the United States is not violated while he remains on American soil. The status of count Tarnowski, the Austrian ambassador, was undecided, although he called at the State Department to arrange for presenting his credentials to the President.

The news of the torpedoing of the American steamer Housatonic coming almost before the President's words in congress had died away created a tremendous sensation but it does not necessarily constitute such an invasion of American rights as the President said he would meet by asking congress for additional authority to act.

Will Not Convey St. Louis. Washington, Feb. 7.—The American liner will not be given convey if she decides to sail for England through the German submarine zone, it is announced at the State Department today. It is understood that the government is acting on the policy that Americans have an inalienable right to traverse the high seas and that the German submarine blockade is illegal.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Your druggist will refund money if PAIN EXTRACT fails to cure any case of itching, burning, itching, or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives relief and rest. 50c.

Some Large Hogs.

C. D. Krimminger, the champion hog raiser in South Rowan, has come to the front again and has broken his past record, killing a thoroughbred Poland China hog on the 12th of January that weighed 984 pounds net. About five years ago he killed a thoroughbred Berkshire that netted 848 pounds, in 1914 he killed a Poland China pig 18 months old, 704 pounds, in 1915 he killed a thoroughbred Poland China hog, 895 lbs. This shows what can be done with good attention to thoroughbred hogs in Rowan. What a contrast between the improved stock of today and the razor-back or pipe roter of fifty years ago. When a hog weighed 250 pounds it was considered very large.

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are rice, a d boxed milk. Other foodstuffs, especially apples and bananas, also grahah bread and whole wheat bread promote movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

Interesting Events Taking Place.

It now appears that the sinking of the American steamer Housatonic Saturday by a submarine was not an illegal act since she carried a contraband cargo of wheat, warning was given and the crew saved.

Officials today heard with considerable satisfaction the report that the German government had ordered the immediate release of the American sailors taken from British ships by the German raider in the Atlantic, as demanded by the United States. This action interpreted in some quarters as an indication of a conciliatory attitude since formerly Germany had maintained these men were legally prisoners of war, having accepted service on armed belligerent merchant vessels.

The State Department is making efforts to get a guarantee of safe conduct from allied powers for Count von Bernstorff to return to Germany with his staff, and preparations were under way today to turn over affairs of the embassy here to the Swiss minister.

In accordance with orders from the navy department, the German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich interned at Philadelphia were seized early Saturday night and their crews imprisoned.

Constipation Makes You Dull.

That draggy, listless, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation. The intestines are clogged and the blood becomes poisoned. Relieve this condition at once with Dr King's New Life Pills; this gentle, non-gripping laxative is quickly effective. A dose at bedtime will make you feel brighter in the morning. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

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PNEUMONIA SEASON AT HAND.

State Board of Health Advises Every Precaution Against It.

"Pneumonia as a cause of death is about a top notcher," says the State Board of Health, as it ranks third and is outclassed only by tuberculosis and organic heart diseases. It is a seasonal disease and we are now in the midst of that season. During the winter and early spring season pneumonia is greatly on the increase and causes about ten percent of all death.

"One of the most predisposing causes of pneumonia is the presence of other diseases, especially those diseases producing a debilitating effect. Such diseases might be mentioned as colds, gripe, bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases. Debility developing from any cause increases susceptibility, therefore it is important that all functions of the body be kept in good working order and that resistance be kept as high as possible. "Resistance is lowered by over-exercising, lack of exercise, lack of fresh air to live, sleep and work in, lack of regular sleep and relaxation, and irregular living habits. Excesses of all kinds decrease resistance and predispose to pneumonia. Excessive heat, worry, fatigue and undue exposure to cold are factors predisposing to pneumonia.

Alcohol has been called by the United States Public Health Service "the handmaiden of pneumonia."

"It is a well established fact that pneumonia is a germ disease. People sick with pneumonia should not be visited for two reasons: Their chances for recovering will be better without visitors, and the chances for the spread of the disease will be reduced."

A Hint to the Dead.

If people, past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

Dairy Schools for Iredell and Rowan.

Dairy schools were held in Rowan at Oak Grove school on February 1, and at the Patterson school on February 2nd. At Amity, Iredell county, February 3rd.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved.

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of gripe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limes up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle today. At all druggists, 25c.

Commissioners Adopt Socialistic Doctrine.

As was to have been expected the board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday adopted the socialistic doctrine of an all-time health officer and appropriated \$1000 of good democratic tax-money to put it in effect for one year. It is expected that Salisbury and other towns in the county will do something to this so as to make the job worth while.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous.

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for coughs, croup, whooping and colds. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 50c.