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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MORE TROUBLE WITH GERMANY

U. S. Believes That She Has Disregarded Her Promises in Submarine Warfare.

Washington Dispatch, March 29.

The accumulation of circumstantial evidence indicating that Germany has engaged upon a campaign of submarine warfare which has no regard for the rights of American citizens traveling on merchant ships of belligerent nationality the Administration considers has created one of the most serious situations which has confronted the United States since the beginning of the war in Europe.

Every agency open to the State Department tonight was being employed in an effort to gather an unimpeachable array of facts regarding the explosion which sank the British Channel steamer Sussex, the sinking of the British ship Manchester Engineer, Englishman, Eagle Point and the Dutch steamer Tubantia, and the alleged firing of a torpedo at the French passenger ship Patria. All of these ships carried American citizens, and all apparently attacked in violation of Germany's recently renewed assurances to the United States.

The next step of the United States is said authoritatively to have been determined upon. Unless Germany, in reply to the inquiries made by the United States through Ambassador Gerard makes some statement to cause the State Department to change its present intentions, it is understood that all the recent aggravating incidents will be combined into one general formidable indictment which will bring the entire subject to a clear-cut issue.

Should Germany admit responsibility for any of the attacks and attempt to satisfy the United States by saying that a mistake had been made, offer to make reparation and to punish the submarine commander, the issue would not by any means be disposed of. It is regarded as certain that the United States would not accept such an explanation as satisfactory, at least until time had shown what punishment actually was meted out to the offending submarine commander and whether any value longer could be attached to Germany's promises.

In the event of Germany disclaiming responsibility to the disasters, the United States will proceed with its investigations to determine to its own satisfaction whether the evidence which now strongly indicates that the Sussex and other ships were torpedoed without warning can be regarded as conclusive proof. With such proof of it the Government probably would act promptly. Officials refrain from discussing what the nature of the action would be.

GETTING BUSY ABOUT PRICE OF GASOLINE

Congressman Wants President to Put Embargo on Exports to Keep Price From Going to 40 cents.

Washington Star.

With the prediction that gasoline for the use of the government itself, in huge quantities, will reach a wholesale price of 40 cents a gallon in the next two months, Representative Schley Howard of Georgia today introduced a resolution authorizing the President to declare an embargo on gasoline, so as to prevent the shipment of American supplies of the fuel abroad. The resolution was written after a talk between Secretary of Commerce Redfield, who presented some startling facts.

At the same time Representative Stevenson of Minnesota introduced a bill to give the federal trade commission the power to fix the price on gasoline and other allied products.

A subcommittee of the mines and mining committee, headed by Representative Van Dyke of Minnesota, is now going over some of the many gasoline-price-reducing bills before it, and nearly every congressman is receiving daily stacks of letters demanding that action be taken before the prices rise to untold heights.

Producers Want Forty Cents.

"I was told by Secretary Redfield," said Representative Howard today, "that the contract price for gasoline for government consumption last year was 11 cents. Now the producers are coming here for contracts and will not listen to any suggestion less than 40 cents."

Forty cents a gallon would be less than the retail price. "What we ought to have," continued Representative Howard, "is action of the sort President Roosevelt took at the time the coal strike was threatening. Coal was scarce, prices were rising and people in dire distress because of the situation. Theodore Roosevelt called President Baer of the Erie down to see him, and told him that if the strike was not settled in forty-eight hours he would send troops into the mining regions and that the United States would take over the mines. The strike was settled in forty-eight hours."

"Crude petroleum is one of the great natural products of our nation. One of its by-products, gasoline, is universally used, and science has not yet discovered an economical substitute for it. A restriction of its use by the exaction of exorbitant prices will effect hundreds of thousands of our people in every walk of life. The gas engine is a great dynamic force in our agricultural, industrial, commercial and social activities."

Continual Rise a Scandal.

"No one in Congress in either branch desires to interfere with or impede the great prosperity with which this country is blessed, so long

as that prosperity is derived from legitimate profits; but the continual rise in the price of gasoline, arbitrarily fixed by the refineries, has not only reached the limit of endurance, but it is becoming a national scandal.

"The refineries defend their action in fixing the existing and contemplated exorbitant prices by saying that there is an increased demand occasioned by the European war and a decreased production of crude oil. Neither of the statements are true if the various governmental departments, including the Department of Commerce, the Interior Department, the interstate commerce commission (pipe line hearings) or federal trade commission, are to be credited.

"The war in Europe has not increased the exportation of gasoline, but it has decreased.

"The report of another governmental investigation, shortly to be made public, will show that the 'on hand' supply is greater than at any time in the history of the country.

"The legislation I have asked for to meet this situation has been enacted fourteen times by Congress, and approved by four of the great Presidents of the United States.

"The discretion my bill gives to the President to lift the embargo when the price of gasoline is fairly fixed has been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court in a long line of decisions."

THIRTY KILLED IN WRECK

Three Trains Collided Near Cleveland With Terrible Results.

Cleveland (O.) Dispatch, March 29.

With a toll of at least thirty persons dead and forty or more injured, Federal State, and railroad officials began today an investigation into the cause that led early this morning to one of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the New York Central system.

Three trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited, westbound, the New York Central's Palatial Flyer, and two sections of No. 86 known as the Chicago-Pittsburg Limited, eastbound, came together in collision near Amherst, Ohio, thirty-seven miles west of Cleveland.

Reports generally credited were that the first and second sections of No. 86 were proceeding at a rapid rate and at some points were only a mile or so apart. When the second section crashed into the first section, the Twentieth Century plowed into the wreckage of the first two trains which bulged over from the parallel tracks and the three were thrown into an indescribable mass.

The great coaches and engines of No. 86 were toppled over and wreckage was piled thirty feet in the air. Two cars were smashed to junk. Fourteen coaches were overturned.

One Train Emerges Unscratched

The Twentieth Century notwithstanding its impact with the debris from the other trains emerged almost unscratched and proceeded on its westward journey, its passengers uninjured except for a severe shaking up. A pall of fog from Lake Erie had settled down over Northern Ohio and the night was of almost inky darkness. This, with the alleged failure of a tower man to do his duty under the rules, was ascribed by some of the railroad officials as the cause of the wreck. The tower man, it was said, had been without sleep most of the time since Sunday night, his wife being ill and requiring most of his attention when he was not on duty.

A block signal, set suddenly against a train speeding eastward with another train following in the next "block" is thought by some to lie at the bottom of the real cause of the wreck.

A Word For Father.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Of all words in our language there is none more sweet than the word home. What is a home? Home is where love is. Where father and mother agree and live for God and the right. In all well regulated homes there is some one on whom the responsibility of the home should rest. The care of a home is a responsibility. We often hear the word boss or governor when father is addressed, as much as to say, "I don't respect you." While all good people agree that woman should be respected, protected, and defended in what is right by no means should father be abused simply because on him the financial responsibility rests.

When we go to school entertainments we hear "Mother, Mother, Mother," that is all right, but we should think how father toils all day and sometimes part of the night in the store or on the farm or in shop for the loved ones at home, and give him a share of our love and respect. Now boys there is something marvelous in a father's love. When he trusts you with his turnout do you drive too hard? Do you spend the money wisely he gives you?

Mr. Webster said, "To revere a father is to obey him with fear mingled with respect and affection." I think the fear should not only be of correction but of wounding his loving heart.

Will Have a "Fourth." Marshallville Home.

Marshallville will have a Fourth of July celebration climaxing anything yet seen in this county.

To the Democratic Voters of Union County

I will be a candidate for the office of Recorder for Union county at the primary to be held on the 3rd June. Regular announcement to be made later.

at L. FLOW.

NEGRO CAPTURED BUT LOST

Lancaster Man Wanted For Murder Was Found Near Guess But "Burned the Wind" While Being Taken In.

Page Land Journal.

It will be recalled that John McIlwain, the negro employee of the Lancaster Cotton Oil Mill, without provocation, shot Mr. Ernest M. Watkins, the superintendent, Saturday night, November 6th, and that six days later, after a brave fight for life, Mr. Watkins died at the Fennel Infirmary. The negro escaped in the darkness as soon as he had fired the fatal shot and though every effort was made to capture him he eluded the vigilance of the officers.

McIlwain was captured about a mile from Guess Thursday afternoon about sunset by Messrs. C. L. Melton, C. L. Cullledge and C. W. Arant. He is wanted in Lancaster for the killing of a white man who was superintendent of an oil mill last fall. The negro escaped and had been in hiding since that time. He had been with Isaac Rorie near Guess since before Christmas and had started a crop. He had been staying very close and few people knew there was such a negro in this section. It seems that he went to Alfred Blakeney, who is said to deal in witchery to some extent, and asked him to get him out of trouble, saying that he had been in trouble in Georgia. Alfred reported to the authorities that this must be the negro wanted in Lancaster, and his location and arrest was easy. The men who arrested him pretended to be bird hunting and were able to get right upon him before their purpose was known. The negro had been plowing and was on his way to the house. He was taken in an automobile and carried as far as C. W. Arant's home, where preparations were being made to carry him on to Lancaster when Policeman Melton turned him loose to fasten a gate.

The negro dashed away in the darkness and escaped. Mr. Melton chasing him and firing one shot in his direction. Blood hounds were brought from Columbia and started on the trail Friday morning. The dogs followed the trail about four miles to the home of Remus Gregory but no further. Gregory was thought to have aided McIlwain to escape by carrying him in a buggy. Another negro was tracked and caught in the afternoon near Jefferson but was found to be the wrong one. The reward for McIlwain has been increased to \$600 by relatives of the murdered man. McIlwain gave his name as Jim McKenzie.

Mr. Crayton Kelley, son of Mr. Butler Kelley of Lanes Creek township received his discharge from the army on the third day of March and enlisted in the navy at San Francisco on the next day. He had not served the full four years, but purchased his discharge and went into the navy. His address is San Francisco, Cal., U. S. N. T. S.

Mr. John Jordan was run over by an automobile at Chesterfield Saturday and badly bruised and rendered unconscious for several hours. The automobile was driven by Miss Nell Melton.

Want a New Building at Unionville

Correspondence of The Journal.

Unionville, March 30.—Mrs. Jennie James has returned from Kansas, where she visited her sister, Mrs. James Watson.

Mr. Iven Williford of Bostic, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williford last week. He moved his interest in the manufacturing plant to Bostic yesterday. New machinery will be purchased and the plant run on by Messrs. J. Ashley Price and J. Vernon Mullis.

Miss Ruby Tomberlin is seriously ill with diphtheria at this writing. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery to her accustomed health.

Dr. H. L. Price of Oakboro, and brother, Mr. "Bill" Price of Palmersville, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Price.

Misses Merab Stamey and Lillie Presson spent the week-end in Monroe with relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. Ashley Price will be glad to learn that she was able to be moved from the sanatorium, where she has been some time, to her brother's Mr. John Long, Tuesday.

Misses Sarah Boger spent a few days in Charlotte visiting her friend, Miss Grace Baucum, this week.

Tuesday night the patrons of the high school here met to discuss plans for obtaining money for the purpose of erecting a new school building. The following persons were appointed as a committee to decide on a plan for getting the money and also the size of house required: Messrs. D. A. Price, L. S. Griffin, H. M. Williams, E. G. Faulkner, and Dr. A. D. N. Whitley.

Our efficient principal, Mr. J. T. Yeargin, spent Saturday in Monroe on business.

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