

Wilson Sends Kaiser Ultimatum; America's Last Word Spoken!

CARRANZA NOTIFIES UNITED STATES TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN AT ONCE

SUBMARINE WARFARE SHALL BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY OR AMERICA WILL REGARD GERMAN NATION AS UNWORTHY OF TRUST

Kaiser Must Bend or Relations Will Be Snapped—Wilson Intimates That Germany Has Lied—Submarine Disasters "Singularly Tragical, Unjustifiable and Constituting Terrible Example of Inhumanity of Warfare Which Commanders of German Vessels Have Conducted," Says President in Quarter-Hour Address to Congress—His "Duty to Inform Germany Policy Must Change or United States Must Break Off Relations"

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, April 19.—"Unless the Imperial German government should immediately declare and effect the abandonment of the present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels, this government will have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the government of the German Empire altogether," the President told Congress this afternoon. The conclusion of a fifteen-minute address.

"This decision has been arrived at with the keenest regret. The possibility of the action contemplated I am sure, thoughtful Americans will look forward to with unaffected reluctance."

This was the President's ultimatum to Germany. It is considered as final.
MR. Wilson cited the German announcement of February 15, declaring its intention to destroy enemy shipping, the American protests which charged Germany with "ruthless disregard of assurances and wanton, unjustified wholesale sacrifice of lives of non-combatants, both passengers and crews," of the Sussex, Climax, Lusitania, and Arabic, among the ships attacked were unarmored.

"No limit of any kind has been set on the indiscriminate pursuit of the destruction of merchantmen of all kinds and nationalities," said the President. The "roll of Americans who lost their lives in ships thus attacked and destroyed has grown until the ominous toll mounts to hundreds. The latest and most shocking instance, the destruction of the Sussex stands for this, like the Lusitania case: singularly tragical, the unjustifiable, and constituting a terrible example of the inhumanity of the submarine warfare which commanders of German vessels have conducted. I had hoped against hope that the German government would prove its assurance in good faith. The facts are now susceptible of but one interpretation. It is painfully evident that the use of the submarines to destroy enemy property is incompatible with the principles of humanity, long established, and the incontrovertible rights of neutrals, sacred immunities of non-combatants. My duty is to inform the German government that if its policy continues the United States must break off diplomatic relations."

Responsibility Confronting President.
Washington, April 19.—America's place in the history of the world war was likely to be determined when the President appeared before Congress this afternoon. What he would say only Mr. Wilson knew beforehand. He gave no one advance information. The galleries were crowded.

There is little hope that Germany will meet the demands. Ambassador Von Bernstorff is still hopeful of a peaceful settlement, however. There is some belief still that he will give Germany another chance.

The Mexican situation also is acute. The President and Secretary Baker were informed in an official report from Funston today that the Carranzistas had failed to aid in the Villa hunt.

The disagreement of the House and Senate over the Army and Sugar bills also is up to President Wilson. He has his hands full. The Senate Army bill's passage is considered an indication that Congress and the country are ready to back the President whatever is undertaken. Ranking members of the foreign relations committees conferred with Mr. Wilson this morning. A serious calm prevailed throughout Washington. It was considered improbable that the President would break off relations without an ultimatum first.

Note Virtually An Ultimatum.
Washington, April 19.—President Wilson's note to Germany, serving notice upon the Imperial Government that it must stop the submarine campaign immediately or diplomatic relations will be broken off, was sent as an ultimatum.

TRIAL OF PARTELLO WOMAN EXPECT'D TO BE HELD THIS P. M.

Postponed From 10 o'Clock. Burial of Stein, Victim of Revolver Shot Fired by Her — No Ante-Mortem Statement by Man, Said

The preliminary hearing in the case against Margaret Partello, now charged with the shooting of Harry Stein, who died in Parrott Memorial Hospital early Tuesday, was postponed from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. today. The inquest is expected to be held tonight at 8 o'clock. It is not believed that new evidence will be secured to offset the woman's self-defense story, in effect that Stein had kicked and beaten and advanced on her with a drawn knife before she shot him, on the night of March 29. She may secure bail by habeas corpus.

The funeral of Stein was held this morning shortly before 11 o'clock, interment being in the Jewish cemetery. Stein was a member of the local Masonic and Woodmen of the World lodges, and the Fire Department, and members of those organizations attended the funeral. Gentle friends sat up with the remains during the night.

According to Aaron Adler, who will administer upon Stein's estate, the young man was not very well off. Mr. Adler believes that aside from a \$1,000 insurance policy most of the personal property, about \$2,000 and considerable of it in collectible accounts, will go to creditors. The insurance money, he states, will go to a sister, Miss Rosa Stein, in Russia. Stein has an uncle in New York, but the relative was not here for the funeral.

Stein made no statement before death which could be used for evidence against the Partello girl, it is said.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS OFFER FOR BONDS

Stacy & Braund of Toledo Will Give Par, Accrued Interest and Premium of \$2,000, Delivery Not to Be Made Until Fall, for Extra Paving Issue—Another Block to Be Asphalted

City Council at a special meeting Tuesday night formally accepted the bid of Stacy & Braund, Toledo, O., bond brokers, for \$275,000 worth of City of Kinston extra paving bonds, the concern offering par and accrued interest and \$2,000 premium. A good faith check of \$3,000 will be required of the concern. Municipal officials, however, have utmost confidence in the Toledo men; they have purchased bonds here before. The forfeit deposit is a matter of form. As told in The Free Press two or three days ago, the city is supposed to have suggested such a bargain to Stacy & Braund. It will be September or October before the bonds are delivered.

A petition for the paving of Vance street for a block in front of Parrott Memorial hospital was granted. Bids will be received on May 1 for street paving work agreed upon since the last contracts were let. It is rumored that still more petitions, calling for the paving of several blocks, are being prepared against the May meeting of the Council.

Do you enjoy seeing your neighbors driving out in their car? Perhaps! But you would enjoy a car of your own much better. All that is needed is some of your spare time.

SHAW HASN'T GIVEN UP HOPE BRINGING LYNCHERS TO TRIAL

Subpoenas Issued for Another Hearing Here On Saturday

STATE MEANS BUSINESS

"Will Accomplish Something" Before He Quits, Declares Solicitor—Eight or Nine Greene County Persons Are Summoned

Solicitor Henry E. Shaw today admitted that subpoenas had been issued for eight or nine persons in Greene county, requiring them to appear at a second hearing into the lynching of Joseph Black, to be held here Saturday. The witnesses are members of the coroner's jury who viewed the remains of the negro, taken from the jail here several weeks ago, and shot to death somewhere between Kinston and Maury, and "others."

"Persons are ridiculing my attempt to bring to trial members of that mob," Colonel Shaw said. "without stopping to consider that the law makes the investigation and further action if possible, my bounden duty."

"I have not given up the effort, and shall not until I accomplish something," he declared. He would not say that he had secured any "likely" evidence.

DEPARTM'T JUSTICE CLAIMS ARREST IGEL FULLY WARRANTED

German Was Not Connected With Embassy Until 1915, Says—Welland Plot In Previous Year—Would Have Been Immune, Said

(By the United Press)
Washington, April 19.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff conferred this afternoon with Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing ordered the return of papers seized from Wolf Von Igel, at New York. The embassy requested the release of Igel. Von Bernstorff considers the case equal in importance to the Sussex affair.

New York, April 19.—The arrest of Wolf Von Igel, former secretary to Captain Von Papen, and seizure of papers alleged to reveal the Welland Canal dynamiting plot, have assumed the nature of international complications. If Igel was attached to the German embassy when the alleged crime was committed he is immune. The Justice Department today alleged that the crime was committed in 1914, while Igel was not attached to the embassy until 1915.

WIDOW'S BODY FOUND; POLICE SEEK A BLACK

(By the United Press)
Philadelphia, Apr. 19.—Mrs. Nellie Sweeney, a widow was found dead today. The body was mutilated. The police are seeking a negro tenant.

COMMISSIONERS DO NOT ACCEPT FED'AL OFFER FOR HIGHWAY

Decided Today Not to Appropriate \$50 Per Mile for Maintenance Under Expert Supervision of Morehead City-Tenn. Road

The Board of County Commissioners, after twenty minutes' deliberation this morning rejected the proposal that Lenoir county donate \$50 per mile for maintenance of the Central Highway under Federal supervision for a year. The proposition was advanced Saturday by State Highway Commission and United States Office of Roads representatives stopping off here from a tour of inspection of the ocean-to-mountains highway. Provided several of the counties clubbed together, dividing the expense at the rate of \$50 per mile for their respective links, the United States would furnish an expert for a period of one year to supervise upkeep of the road for the distance through the contributing counties, the Commissioners were informed.

The acceptance would cost Lenoir county between \$1,100 and \$1,200, the commissioners estimated. The county also would have to furnish everything that it now does—men, material, animals and machinery—except the engineer, according to members of the board. At the call of the Federal supervisor convicts, no matter what work they might be employed on, would have to be transferred to the highway, and inconvenience might be caused sometimes. The county can maintain the road satisfactorily at less expense, commissioners think.

The Board's action virtually kills the proposition for Eastern Carolina.

RACE FOR THE 40,000 EXTRA VOTE COUPONS

Now at Its Height—Saturday Promises to Produce a Leader — Contestants Need Your Support Right Now—Today

The Honor Roll has passed by, but the contestants still turn in good reports. Miss Glenn Sugg has shown by her good reports that she is a real active candidate for one of the Maxwell touring cars. Mr. H. L. Pate of LaGrange, route 3, also continues to turn in his good reports. Mr. Pate is a worker. Never a day goes by but what he accomplishes something. True it may be that his reports are not always large, but in the end when they are added together the results will be most promising. Other contestants who are doing exceptional work are Miss Della Hyatt of Kinston, Miss Allie Delle Gaynor, Mrs. E. A. Best, Miss Sadie Walker of Kinston, Route 5, Miss Roberta Aldridge of LaGrange, Route 5, Miss Laura Robinson of Deep Run, Miss Victoria Bursell of Kinston, Miss Jamie Hardy, Miss Nannie Stanley, Miss Dora Diamond, Miss Lena Grady, Mrs. Jay Smith of Leon and Mrs. Della Gooding of Kinston, Route 7. The struggle is about evenly divided between the two districts, neither one seeming to have the advantage. Look Out for Changes.

In very few contests are the candidates so evenly matched. The standing each day changes very slightly owing to the efforts of every candidate. The majority of the contestants advance each but the advance seems to be uniform all along the line. It would appear that by the end of the week this condition would (Continued on Page Six)

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR ORDERED TO TELL WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT ARMY WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED SOUTH OF BORD'R

Villa Is Dead and Pershing's Object Fulfilled, Claim of De Facto Administration; American Army Officers Ridicule Reports of End of Bandit—General Scott Hastens to Line By Baker's Order—New Revolution Will Be Started If Forces Are Called Out, Department of Justice Agents Watching Diaz, Believe — Not Enough Soldiers On the Frontier, Texas Militia Is Prepared and Await Emergency Orders

(By the United Press)
Mexico City, April 19.—The Mexican ambassador at Washington has been instructed to demand the immediate withdrawal of American troops, says an official statement. The government claim that the Villista bands have been broken up.

General Scott Goes to the Border.
Washington, April 19.—Chief of Staff Scott leaves today for San Antonio to confer with Funston over the Mexican situation. Secretary Baker is said to have requested Scott to go to secure accurate information.

Americans Deny; Mexicans Reassert, Villa Dead.
(By E. J. CONKLE, United Press Staff Representative)

El Paso, April 19.—Department of Justice agents are investigating the activities of Diaz. They expect a new revolution when the Americans withdraw. Army heads ridicule the Villa death report. Carranza officials at Juarez insist that the confirmation is positive.

Texas National Guard Ready.
San Antonio, April 19.—Twenty-three hundred additional troops recently concentrated at Columbus have been sent to aid Pershing. The border guard has been depleted. The Texas militia is ready to be called.

SIX MEN HURT WHEN STAGE AT SAWMILL FELL THIS MORNING

Six men were hurt when a scaffold, used in building operations, fell at the Kinston Manufacturing Company's plant in Southwest Kinston, this morning shortly before 10 o'clock. G. W. Parker suffered broken ribs, scratches, bruises and an injured ankle. A. T. Parker of 311 East Gordon, son of G. W.; I. J. Sparrow and Harry Davis, white, and Edgar Phillips and Andrew Day, colored, were bruised or suffered flesh wounds. The men were given medical attention by Dr. I. M. Hardy. The stage fell about 15 feet.

PENDER AND DUPLIN WANT ATTORNEY-GEN. FOR GOVERNOR, SAYS

Pender and Duplin counties are for Bickett, in the belief of Mr. Jas. A. Powers, just back from a visit in those counties. Mr. Powers attended a township Democratic meeting from which nearly every man went away bearing a Bickett badge. He is confident that the lawyer candidate has the advantage of Daughtridge in that section.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH REPLIES TO BLOCKADE PROTEST ARE ON WAY

(By the Eastern Press)
London, Apr. 19.—The British reply to the American blockade protest is en route to Washington, it is officially announced. Also going forward is a supplementary French note.

STRIKERS RIOT IN A NEW YORK TOWN TODAY

(By the United Press)
Hastings, N. Y., April 19.—Sheriff Wiesendanger asked for three companies of State militia following a clash of two thousand munitions strikers and commuters today. Several shots were fired, but no one was injured.

MAN KILLED WHEN CAR CAPSIZED; ONE HURT

(By the United Press)
Paterson, N. J., April 19.—Harold Smith, 26, was killed and Albert Reese injured when an automobile overturned here today.