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PRESIDENT WANTS THAT NEUTRALITY

American Government is Today Grimly Facing the Issue and Preparing for an Eventuality--All German Official Family to Leave With Count Von Bernstorff--American Liner Reached Liverpool in Safety--Austria's Position Not Announced But Believed That Her Note Endorsing the German Decree is Now With the Washington Government.

Berlin, Sunday, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.--Peaceful continuance of German-American relations after the departure of the respective ambassadors at Washington and Berlin in the sense indicated by President Wilson in his address to Congress appears to be very slight, judging by all information. From the highest authority gathered by the Associated Press it is stated positively in the highest political circles that Germany's orders for the conduct of submarine warfare will not be modified; that in Germany the determination to enforce the prohibited zone order was absolute and final, and the only security for ships was in avoidance of the prohibited zone.

Germany, the Associated Press was informed, resorted to this measure after the "shameful rejection" by the entente powers of peace overtures and only after the fullest determination as to the imperative weapon in defense of its threatened interests. Germany cannot relinquish this weapon--the only one promising a speedy end of the war--reluctant as Germany was to take this step.

The government had hoped the United States would see it in this light and was, and is, actuated by no animosity toward the United States in its determination. Germany therefore so the high informant of the Associated Press was informed, is very keenly disappointed and grieved by the terms of President Wilson's messages but the government cannot alter or modify the course which it has determined.

This official added: "We can only hope that American ships and American citizens will avoid the danger zone laid down in the German memorandum."

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 5.--Grimly preparing with an air of conviction that the nation's course will be shaped immutably by the manner in which the Germans make effective their announcement of unrestricted warfare in the new blockade zone the United States government has begun a tense vigil that may be broken momentarily or may be long drawn out.

Despite the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany President Wilson believes that his long struggle to preserve the country's peace has not yet been lost. He still hopes that hostilities may be avoided and that other neutrals will add their voice to that of the United States until a major league representing the moral force of the world will compel a peace in Europe.

Still hoping for peace but taking every possible step to prepare the country for war President Wilson today appealed to Congress to quickly dispose of all routine business, appropriation bills and pending legislation and clear the decks for action to meet any eventuality.

The President wants congress ready to act if it becomes necessary for him to address it again and ask authority to use all the resources of

AT WAR MAY BE AVERTED MAY ENFORCE AN END OF WAR

NEW WAR ZONE BARS AMERICAN SHIPS



batling powers--Falmouth. They must follow a lane along the fiftieth degree of latitude to that port. Another lane is provided for ships to Greece through a lane in the Mediterranean.

to the German declaration of unrestricted warfare had been received officially there is reason to believe that it is now before the government and is being considered.

BRAZIL IS READY FOR SOME ACTION

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 5.--The note of protest which Brazil will make to Germany in reply to her announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare is completed but will not be sent until after there is an exchange of view between a number of South American governments. The Brazilian president is calling a special meeting of the cabinet.

Brazil in Harmony With U. S. London, Feb. 5.--A Reuters dispatch from Rio Janeiro says there is reason to believe that the reply of the Brazilian government to the German announcement of submarine warfare will be in harmony with the United States.

AMERICAN BREAK EFFECTS PETROGRAD

Petrograd, Feb. 4th via London, 5.--The diplomatic breach between the United States and Germany became known here today at noon and aroused general enthusiasm. The consensus of opinion was that the step was calculated to bring an early end of the war. The common opinion of Russian officials was that war between the United States and Germany would follow this break.

THE AMERICAN SHIP PHILADELPHIA SAFE

New York, Feb. 5.--The American line passenger ship Philadelphia arrived at Liverpool at 11 p. m. on Sunday according to a cablegram received by officials of the International Marine company today. The steamer Simland, also an American ship reached Liverpool in safety at 8 o'clock this morning. A cablegram to the officers this morning also states that the ship New York carrying passengers left Liverpool at 5 o'clock Saturday, the first American passenger ship to sail since Germany's new submarine order was issued.

COLD IN STATE WITH SNOW TOO

The State Experienced a Very Cold Snap and Temperature Was Coldest for Many Years.

ZERO WEATHER WAS THE RULE AT ASHEVILLE TODAY

Mountain Metropolis Was the Coldest Place in the State With Weather Below Zero.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 5.--North Carolina last night and today experienced the coldest weather in many years as a result of a wind, snow and rain storm which became general throughout the state.

Asheville with a temperature of 4 degrees below zero this morning was one of the very coldest places in the State. At 8 this morning the thermometer was rising and registering 2 degrees below.

Greensboro with a temperature of 1 degree above experienced the coldest weather since 1898. At Henderson the thermometer was 2 degrees above.

Raleigh experienced the coldest weather of more than fifty years the thermometer registering 6 above zero. According to the official figures the temperature dropped in 30 minutes from 45 to 24 degrees.

GERMAN TROOPS RECAPTURE TRENCHES

Positions on the Somme Front East of Beaucourt Taken in a Counter Attack--German Raid Reported by Paris to Have Been Repulsed. (By Associated Press.) Berlin via Seyville, Feb. 5.--German troops in a counter attack yesterday recaptured from the British the greater portion of trench east of Beaucourt on the Somme front that had recently been lost, the war office announces. The British failed in a heavy attack north of Beaucourt in the afternoon and in a second assault at night.

GERMANS CONTINUE ATTACK

Petrograd via London, Feb. 5.--The Germans are continuing the attack in the north, the war office announces, but have had no progress. German Raid is Repulsed. Paris, Feb. 5.--South of the Somme a German raid near Barleux last evening was repulsed the war office announces. The French made several incursions in the German line without suffering losses. Otherwise the night was calm on the front.

BOMB UNDER COLLECTOR MALONE'S DOOR STEP

Washington, Feb. 5.--Customs Collector Malone at New York reported to the treasury department today that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE SHIP YARDS AND MUNITION PLANTS

Washington, Feb. 5.--President Wilson at a conference with Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels discussed the expedition of legislation to empower the government to take possession of ship yards and munition plants and other facilities for hurrying the work of preparedness if it becomes necessary.

OFFICERS OF GERMAN STEAMER IN CUSTODY

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 2.--Federal officials representing the Navy Customs Service and the Department of Justice began a joint inquiry into the sinking in the harbor here yesterday of the German steamer Liebenfels, which had been tied up here since the war began. Meanwhile, Fred C. Peters, collector of the port, took formal charge of the steamer, and her officers, including Captain Klattenhoff, were taken in custody by W. V. Howard, inspector of immigration.

Officers of the Liebenfels have steadfastly refused to say publicly what caused her to sink.

Beef is going up, but magnates of the diamond say bond will be cheaper than ever next year.

: WILL LEAVE TOGETHER :



All German Officials to Leave U. S. Together Via Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 5.--Arrangements have been made for all German consuls and officials in the United States to accompany Count Von Bernstorff and the German embassy staff. The whole party--about 500 in number--will probably leave and go by way of Cuba through Spain to Germany.

MRS. THOMAS C. MCCOY IS DEAD OF HEART LEAKAGE.

Asheville, Feb. 4.--Mrs. T. C. McCoy died suddenly this afternoon at her home on Park avenue, death being due to heart leakage. Mrs. McCoy was the wife of Thomas C. McCoy, well known in Republican politics in North Carolina, and for several years engaged in internal revenue work. She is survived by her husband and several children. A son, Halliburton is a medical student at the University of Virginia. The burial will be here tomorrow.

GUARDSMEN WILL BE RECEIVED BY UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICER

Upon Arrival at Their Home Town the Companies of the States Guard Will be Taken in Charge by an Army Officer and Will be Held in Regular Form for Orders.

SOME DETAILED POINTS.

Taking up the thread of the German-American break where left off Saturday when the Post went to press and filling in the gap between 4 p. m. Saturday and this afternoon there is little real interest to record. The President in his speech before Congress on Saturday afternoon laid the whole matter before Congress, told that body that he had broken off with Germany and was recalling Ambassador Gerard from Berlin. [The President was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm. He was given cheer after cheer, and Republicans joined with Democrats in endorsing the stand and in hearty support of Mr. Wilson.

United States army officers will meet the several companies of infantry composing the North Carolina guards now en route home and take charge of them. The companies will not be mustered out, but will be held in due form and will report daily to the armory. The guardsmen are today on their way home and will be distributed to the home towns at once. Company L, of Concord, is expected home Tuesday or Wednesday and an army officer is on hand to take charge of the company. High Point was advised by telegram on Sunday that the company from that city was leaving Little Rock en route home and would be home Thursday. An army officer is in the city to take charge of the company. Hickory is expecting her company at the same time as the others arrive and an army officer is there today to take charge of the men. Other companies making up the regiment will, of course, be similarly received and handled. Undoubtedly the National Government proposes to hold the men in line for any need that may develop.

PERSHING AT HEAD OF 10,000 LEAVES MEXICO.

Columbus, N. Mex., Feb. 5.--Major Gen. Pershing rode out of Mexico at 10:15 o'clock this morning at the head of more than 10,000 soldiers of the American punitive expedition.

BUREAU PROMISES LOWER TEMPERATURE

Present Cold Spell Due to a Storm Which Developed Suddenly Saturday Night Over North Central States. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 5.--Another severe cold wave has overspread all sections of the country east of the Rocky Mountains except Southern Florida and New England. It follows a storm which developed suddenly Saturday night over the North Central States, advancing eastward and was central and severe this morning over Connecticut.

The temperature will be lower tonight, the weather bureau officials predict, in the North Atlantic States and extending to Southern Florida. The report on Sunday indicated that the American steamer Housatonic had been sunk without warning and a number of Americans drowned, proved to be exaggerated. The ship was warned and the crew was rescued. Congress is aroused to a patriotic pitch and is behind the President to a man and ready to carry out an emergency measure that the conditions of the day may require. Congress is ready to act quickly to meet any emergency. Henry Ford is in Washington and in a conference with the President it was said to offer his plant at Detroit to the government in case it is needed and desired. The whole nation has responded to the act of the President and is enthusiastically back of him in the position taken and in the preparation to meet any emergency that may arise.

VIRGINIA VS. WEST VIRGINIA.

Old Dominion Given Permission to Institute Proceedings Against Her Neighbor for Collection of Big Amount. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 5.--Virginia was today given permission by the Supreme court to institute mandamus proceedings against West Virginia toward enforcing early payment of about \$14,000,000 decreed to be West Virginia's share of Virginia's 1861 debt.

The court ordered West Virginia authorities to show cause by March 6th why the mandamus writ should not issue.

PARK BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, Feb. 5.--The Senate today passed the House bill to establish a national park on the battlefield of Guilford Court House, North Carolina.



GEN. JOHN D. PERSHING