

RELATIONS ARE NOW AT BREAKING POINT

PRESIDENT DEFINES HIS POSITION CLEARLY.

GERMANY HAS ONE ALTERNATIVE

Note to Germany Goes Forward and President Tells Congress of Its Contents.—The Demand to Stop the Illegal Submarine Warfare is Unambiguous, the President Tells Senators Stone and Lodge and Representatives Flood and Cooper, Chairman and Ranking Democratic and Republican Members of Foreign Affairs Committee.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson told Congress, assembled in joint session shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, that he has given Germany a final irrevocable notification that the United States will break off diplomatic relations if her illegal submarine campaign is continued.

A note, America's last word, practically an ultimatum and demanding an immediate reply, presumably, was in the Berlin foreign office as the President was speaking. It was dispatched last night in accordance with the President's plan, to leave it before the German government at the same moment he was addressing Congress.

The President asked no action whatever of Congress. He simply informed it of the accumulation of facts proving that Germany's assurances to the United States are being violated; that the submarine campaign, despite the earnest protest of the United States, is being conducted with renewed vigor, in contravention of all laws of nations and humanity; that he means to sever relations unless it is brought within the law. Diplomatic history of the world shows that such a course is almost certain to be followed by war.

The President's note and his address to Congress are final. They mark the end of diplomatic exchange. A continuance of the long standing friendly relations, the President made clear, depends upon Germany's conduct.

"I have deemed it my duty," the President said in part, "to say to the Imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines, notwithstanding the now demonstrated impossibility of conducting that warfare in accordance with what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the government of the United States is at least forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue; and that unless the Imperial German government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels this government can have no choice but sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether.

"This decision I have arrived at with keener regret; the possibility of the action contemplated I am sure all thoughtful Americans will look forward to with unaffected reluctance. But we cannot forget that we are in some sort and by the force of circumstances, the responsible spokesman of the right of humanity, and that we cannot remain silent

while those rights be in process of being utterly swept away in the maelstrom of this terrible war. We owe it to a due regard for our own rights as a nation to our sense of duty as a representative of the rights of neutrals, the world over and to a just conception of the rights of mankind to take this stand now with the utmost solemnity and firmness.

"I have taken it and taken it in the confidence that it will meet with your approval and support. All sober minded men must unite in hoping that the Imperial German government, which in other circumstances has stood as champion for all we are contending for in the interest of humanity and map recognize the justice of our demands and accept them in the spirit in which they are made."

Note Goes Forward. Washington, April 19.—President Wilson has sent the note to Germany warning her that unless attacks on merchantmen carrying Americans, in violation of international law, are stopped, diplomatic relations will be severed.

The President reveals the facts to Senators Stone, Lodge and Representative Flood and Cooper, ranking Democratic and Republican members of the Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee, at a conference at the White House today.

The President explained that the note practically is an ultimatum, but does not contain a time limit. A demand is made, however, that Germany reply immediately.

The President went over the situation very thoroughly with the committee leaders and told them explicitly he believed the United States could not remain on friendly terms with Germany if American lives continued to be placed in danger by German submarines. He laid before them all information he will convey in his address to Congress. The demand for a stop to illegal submarine warfare, the President told the leaders, is unequivocal.

As the committeemen left the White House they made no effort to conceal what the President told them.

"The address is a very strong one and the note is a strong one," said Senator Stone, after the White House conference. "It puts the next move up to Germany and will bring diplomatic correspondence to a close. It does not necessarily mean a break. It demands that Germany modify her method of submarine warfare and in the last word to be said by this government on the subject.

"The President does not ask Congress to do anything.

"After the message is read and when I have returned to the Senate I shall move that the President's address be printed and referred to the foreign relations committee for consideration."

The members who heard the President outline it did not understand it to be an ultimatum in the sense that the term is technically used, but all considered it to have that effect.

Senator Lodge asked the President about the use of the word "immediately" in that connection, and was told that it meant that Germany should be given an opportunity to receive the communication and to make reply.

Conference Planned. Washington, April 19.—Secretary Lansing today informed Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that he was ready to discuss the submarine situation with him and a conference probably will be arranged for tomorrow.

Yesterday Secretary Lansing informed him he would not discuss the subject.

MR. MORRIS ENLISTS IN CANADIAN ARMY

YOUNG CONCORDIAN JOINS FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE.

HIS FATHER ASKS FOR RELEASE

Mr. Colb Morris, Son of Mr. Z. A. Morris, of This City, Joins the Canadian Army for Overseas Service.—Was Living in Canada, Holding a Position With a Large Mercantile Concern at Yorkton.—Had Attended West Point and, It is Understood, Had Been Promised a Lieutenantcy If He Enlisted With the Canadian Forces.

The news that Mr. Colb Morris, son of Mr. Z. A. Morris, of this city, had enlisted in the Canadian army for overseas service created much interest here, where he is well known. There was also much surprise expressed at the young man's enlistment, news having been received from him several days ago that he contemplated continuing his work representing a large business house at Yorkton, Canada, this year.

Mr. Morris is not without military training. He attended Davidson College and went from there to West Point Military Academy, where he spent one year. Upon his return he became a member of the North Carolina National Guard and took an active interest in the local organization. He is a well set up young man and is a good athlete, his activities on the diamond as a catcher for Davidson College and later in the Piedmont League being familiar to baseball fans in this section.

From Mr. Z. A. Morris it is learned that his son is a member of the Bull Moose regiment and is stationed at Fort Francis, Ontario. Mr. Morris also stated that it was learned from Mr. Frank Crowl, another young Concordian at Yorkton, that the recruiting officers in that section of Canada had been making strenuous efforts to get young Morris to enlist and, it is understood, had promised to make him a lieutenant if he did so.

Mr. Morris has requested the State Department to get his son released from the enlistment. He received a telegram yesterday from Senator Overman asking for more information on the matter. Owing to Mr. Morris' age, 24 years, it is not likely that a request of the State Department to cancel the enlistment, if one is made, will be granted, the Canadian government holding that the young man is of age and, therefore, has a right to decide whether he will serve in the army or not.

The following dispatch is from this morning's issue of the Charlotte Observer:

Washington, April 19.—A Concord young man, Colb Morris, has given the State Department another problem to work on. He crossed the Canadian border and joined one of the forces preparing for service in Europe. His father is making efforts to have him return to this country and Senator Overman took up the matter with State Department today.

Since the young man has reached his majority it will be difficult, it is said, for this country to secure his release from service. If he had not been 21 the problem would be comparatively easy. Senator Overman was asked to secure all the facts available from Concord.

Excursion to Washington Over the Southern Tomorrow. Many people from Concord and vicinity are arranging to take advantage of the Southern Railway's special excursion rate to Washington for the Easter holidays, the special train with Pullman leaving here tomorrow night at 7:35. Indications point to an unusually large attendance in the national capital on Easter Sunday. The train reaches the capital Friday morning and those desiring can go to New York or Atlantic City to spend Easter Sunday. Tickets are good for return until Monday night.

Note From England Sent to Washington. London, April 19.—The reply of Great Britain and France to the American note, concerning interference with maritime commerce by the entente allies, has been cabled to Washington.

Hughie Jennings is scratching his head over the problem of sending out his pitchers. He finishes the job on several home runs.

RECALL OR REINFORCE IS THE BIG QUESTION

GOVERNMENT AWAITS REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

VILLA CHASE IS AT A STANDSTILL

The General Belief in Washington is That the German Situation Will Have a Big Bearing on the Decision.—Should the United States Break With Germany Troops Will Be Needed at Home as a Matter of Military Prudence and Steps Should Also Be Taken to Prepare for Eventualities in Europe.—Long Report From Funston.

Washington, April 19.—Decision of the Washington government upon the question as to whether the American forces hunting Villa shall be recalled or reinforced for further operations today awaited the receipt of further reports from American officers in Mexico. General Funston already has submitted a lengthy report on the situation and additional advice from him are momentarily expected. Meanwhile indications are that the chase for Villa is at a standstill.

The general belief here is that the German situation would have some bearing upon the pending situation. Should a break in diplomatic relations occur, it was pointed out that the troops now in Mexico would be needed at home as military prudence would require that steps be taken to prepare for eventualities in Europe.

FORD COLLIDES WITH A BRICK BUILDING.

Creating Considerable Excitement for the Evening.

"You must go to bed each night by 9:30 if you hope to improve," was the advice a big town physician gave a young man who consulted him, according to a bewhiskered and oft repeated little story.

"How did you get along," the physician inquired, after a few weeks. "Fine!" responded the young man. "I obeyed instructions to the minute but I did not meet any prominent people."

And, so it is with those Concordians who retire at the early hour of 9:30—they don't see the events that happen along the much boasted highway of white way. For instance, last night at 9:37 a Ford runabout No. 2395 N. C., with Sibly Dorton at the steering wheel and Dr. T. N. Spencer as a passenger, violated all the national and international laws of safety and dashed against the brick wall which divides White-Morrison-Florence Company and York & Wadsworth Hardware Company.

Immediately every Concordian not in-the-go-to-bed at 9:30 class was around and about and almost above the little "Henry" as it stood roilingly and stubbornly against its victim, the brick wall. The gathering numbered 61, and included drug store loafers, street corner loafers, pool room loafers, hotel lobby loafers, ordinary pedestrians, two foreigners, three traveling men, two South Carolinians, one hyphenated American and two workmen.

Eight people helped get the "Henry" off the sidewalk. Two at each rear wheel, one at the steering wheel, one at the crank and one at each front wheel. With the combined efforts and ingenuity of the eight the machine finally rolled back into the street its speed, however, being considerably slower than when it took the sudden dash against the wall.

Gh. yes, it ran—it's a Ford, don't you know? No, no, the wall was not seriously damaged.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN LANSING AND BEENSTORFF.

At 11:30 O'clock This Morning, at the Request of the Ambassador.

Washington, April 19.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, will confer with Secretary Lansing at 11:30 this morning. The engagement was made at the Ambassador's request.

It was revealed that the Ambassador went to the State Department not to discuss the submarine situation but to make another formal demand for the return of papers which the Department of Justice agents seized from Wolff von Igel, private Secretary to Captain von Papen, the withdrawn military attaché, in New York yesterday.

The Department of Justice has practically decided to hold von Igel unless the State Department specially demands his release on the grounds that the crime he is charged with was committed a year before he became a diplomatic agent.

ANOTHER BIG PAVING CONTRACT IS MADE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING.

NO EXTENSION OF STREET CAR LINE

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Held Last Evening to Consider Paving Petitions.—West Corbin to Be Paved to the Depot, South Union from Ford Avenue to the End of the Street Car Line and All of Bell Avenue.—Street Car Company and Officials Clash Over Extension of the Street Car Line, and No Change Will Be Made.

The board of aldermen last night ordered South Union street paved from Ford avenue to the end of the car line; West Corbin street from Union to Depot, and Bell avenue, and awarded the contract to R. M. Hudson Paving Company.

An effort was made to get the street car company to extend its line on South Union as far as Tribune street but it was not successful. Manager Hole, of the street car company, was present and declined to grant the request, stating that the revenue present and prospective, did not justify the extension.

Mr. G. Ed. Kestler offered to see that a park in that section was donated provided the street car company would make the proper extension. Manager Hole, however, stated that a park was not a paying proposition and the company had several now they would like to get rid of. He added, however, if a park was built and operated and then it showed there might be traffic toward it the street car company would consider building an extension.

Alderman Hoover was of the opinion that the town had been very good indeed to the street car company and that the company should make the extension. In fact he wasted no words in stating that if the company would not make the extension it should be required to pave the section of track now in use with vitrified brick, which costs much more than the concrete in use on the other section of the street car line. Also he added that the company finance its own paving separate from the city.

This motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Isenhour stated that he did not think the town wished to retaliate by making the street car company use brick but that he did think the extension should be made.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS.

Interesting Meeting Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. V. A. Means was a most gracious hostess on yesterday afternoon when she received the members of the Music Study Club at her home on North Spring street. Lilacs and butter cups, artistically arranged, lent a pretty touch of spring time to the music room, where the guests assembled.

Giacomo Puccini, the successor of the great Verdi, and his charming opera "Madame Butterfly," the first modern Italian opera studied by the club this season was enthusiastically discussed in anticipation of the opera season at Atlanta.

Mrs. I. T. Davis gave the story of Madame Butterfly, and Mrs. Earl H. Brown told of the first appearance in America of Tamaki Muria, a real Japanese Madame Butterfly, who is singing the Puccini heroine with the Boston Opera Company.

The lovely musical programme was carried out as follows: Piano solo: "It is Night," Mrs. V. A. Means.

Vocal: "Some Day He'll Come," Miss Janie Patterson.

"Duet of the Flower," Misses Ridgeway and Patterson.

"Butterfly's Death Scene," Miss Janie Patterson.

Finale, Mrs. Means.

Following the programme an elegant lunch was served. Ten members were present.

GENERAL SCOTT GOES TO SEE GEN. FUNSTON

PLAY THIS EVENING.

Living Pictures of the Orient at the Marsh Theatre.

This evening at the Marsh Theatre at 8:30 o'clock the people of Concord will be given a great artistic treat. Under the able direction of Mr. James Carroll Wrenn, a beautiful entertainment in the form of living pictures from the Orient, will be presented. It is impossible to describe the beauty, the brilliancy, the gorgeousness of this production, which for richness of coloring, beauty of stage setting, magnificent costumes, artistic dancing and superb acting has never been surpassed in Concord. Each part down to the very smallest will be able impersonated and from the first to the last the production is thoroughly artistic in every detail. True to the name the stage setting will be a scene of Oriental beauty and splendor, this effect being achieved by the use of vivid hued draperies, Turkish rugs, tapestries, antique vases and candelabra, making a gorgeous background for the strictly Oriental costumes of the performers. An orchestra, with Miss Janie Alexander Patterson, as the able director, will furnish music throughout the evening. The program is as follows:

Orchestra. Relshazzar's Feast. Trio: Praise Ye the Lord. The meeting of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Orchestra. The Ten Virgins (with the impressive singing behind the scenes of Tenyson's words, "Too Late.")

(a) Jephtha's daughter. (b) Jephtha's vow. (c) Then dance of Jephtha's Daughters and her maidens. (d) Jephtha's return and the sacrifice.

Orchestra. Young Moses in Pharaoh's Palace. Queen Esther denouncing Haman before King Ahasuerus. Orchestra. Delilah's dance before Samson. Orchestra.

The sale of tickets for this beautiful entertainment so far has been very successful. A full house is greatly desired and expected both tonight and tomorrow night. Only 25 cents is charged. Come and spend a pleasant evening and help a worthy cause.

THE STOCK MARKET.

German Situation Reflected in Weakness of Market Today.

New York, April 19.—Wall Street's grave view of the latest aspects of the German controversy was reflected in the weakness of stocks at today's opening. Specialties of all descriptions, but mainly the war issues, were lower by one to three points with a break of 19 points for Bethlehem Steel. There were wide openings in some of the more popular stocks, notably United States Steel, whose first offering consisted of 4,000 shares at a decline of a point. Standard stocks showed some resistance to the heavy selling which was augmented by liquidation from interior points. Secondary prices were confusing, some stocks making slight recoveries, while most other manifested increased weakness.

TODAY'S PROGRAM OF FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Election of Officers and Speech by Secretary Redfield Chief Events.

Wilmington, April 19.—Election of officers, the concluding business session and the address tonight by Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, formed today's program of the Eighth Annual Convention of the National Fisheries Commissioners in session here. The delegates this afternoon were given an excursion on the Wrightsville Beach Sound and tomorrow will spend the day on a trip to Fort Caswell and the Cape Fear river fish hatcheries.

Both sides in this momentous conflict are marshalling all their available forces for the parliamentary struggle over Sir Edward Carson's motion for universal military service. Strong whips are out and all the members of the house of commons serving at the front have been granted leave to remain in London until a division is taken.

Political gossip tonight centers mainly around minister of munitions David Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill and the possibility of Mr. Lloyd-George succeeding Mr. Asquith as the head of the government.

CHIEF OF STAFF LEAVES FOR BORDER TONIGHT.

DETAILED TO GO THERE BY BAKER

The Trip, the Secretary of War Announces, is For the Purpose of Getting Information.—He Will Spend Several Days with General Funston and Then Return to Washington.—Statement of the Secretary Commends General Funston and the Work of His Troops.—No Change Anticipated in the Border Command, the Statement Adds.

Washington, April 19.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, will go to San Antonio, Texas, tonight by order of Secretary Baker, in order to get accurate information as to the situation on the border and in Mexico.

Secretary Baker issued this statement: "General Scott leaves for San Antonio this evening at my request. He will spend several days with General Funston and return. The trip is made solely for the purpose of getting accurate information as is possible for the use of the Department. General Funston remains in full charge of affairs of his Department, including the expedition into Mexico. He has the full confidence of the War Department and his disposition has the Department's entire approval."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Unsettled Early Today Over European Situation.

New York, April 19.—The cotton market was unsettled early today owing to renewed nervousness over international politics and after opening at a decline of 4 to 7 points active months sold about 12 to 14 points net lower under liquidation. Trade interests were again buyers on the decline, which carried May contracts off to 11.90; July 11.90 and October to 12.14, or about 11 to 14 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 11.90; July 12.03; October 12.22; December 12.36; January 12.42.

HICKORY DAILY RECORD BUYS HICKORY DEMOCRAT.

Editor Farrabee's Paper Purchases Weekly Paper.

Hickory, April 19.—Tomorrow afternoon the Hickory Daily Record will announce the purchase of the Hickory Democrat. The Democrat will be continued as a weekly paper by its new owners but the plant will be consolidated with that of the Record.

Grave Cabinet Crisis in England.

London, April 18.—That a grave cabinet crisis exists is undeniable, but according to authoritative statement tonight, no resignations, either ministerial or military, have yet been tendered, and it probably will be several days before the crisis is ended.

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Service and Quality Counts. Ice is no good to you if in my storage room, you must have it in yours. I get it there on time winter and summer. Phone me your regular order. Use coupon books, they save time, worry and money. Quick delivery by trucks and wagons. A. B. POUNDS. Ice - Co.

REV. J. E. ABERNETHY. Beginning Monday evening, April 24th, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Monroe, N. C., will preach twice a week at Central Methodist Church during a series of meetings. Mr. Abernethy is one of the strong men of the Methodist Church. His eloquence, intellect, and his preaching is of unusual force and convincing power. He has held successful meetings in Atlanta, Durham, Greensboro, and many other cities. Central Church is very much pleased to have him here, and the pastor and church members are all united in prayer for his success.