

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina—Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday. South Carolina—Fair and warmer tonight and probably Sunday. Light frost along coast tonight.

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GERMANY FOR PEACE WITH AMERICA

FLYING STARS AND STRIPES STEAMERS GET READY TO GO

Two American Freighters Will Depart at Once For Europe WILL NOT STRIPE VESSELS' SIDES Managers of Liners Hold Ships Have a Right On the Seas—Both Crews Nearly All American Citizens—Neither Ship Will Be Armed

PUTS ON MUFFLER. (By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—All information with respect to the clearings of vessels at the customs is being withheld. Officials said today that this was being done for the present on orders from Washington.

New York, Feb. 10.—American shipping circles were stirred today by the announcement that two freighters flying the Stars and Stripes would sail immediately for the European war zone. They will be the first American vessels to start from New York for the prescribed area since the beginning of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare.

The Orleans has an American captain, Allan Tucker, and a crew of 35, of whom 32 are citizens of the United States. The Rochester has 33 officers and men of whom two-thirds are Americans. Both vessels have their names and "U. S. A." in large letters on their black sides, but are not striped or marked in the manner prescribed for American vessels by the German blockade regulations. Neither is armed.

"After taking the matter up at Washington, we have decided to allow the steamer to proceed without mounting guns of any kind," said an officer of the Kerr Line. "Any ship flying the American flag as the Rochester does, has the right to trade with a foreign country and we do not anticipate that the steamer will be interfered with."

H. S. Quick, general freight agent of the Kerr Line, announced that the sailings of the line would continue until forcibly stopped.

The arrival of the Baltic, of the White Star Line at Liverpool, removes from the danger zone another British vessel carrying American citizens.

The post-office authorities are considering the advisability of transferring 5,000 sacks of mail from the American liner, St. Louis, which has been held up here all week by the blockade situation, to the British steamship, Cedric, which sails tomorrow for Liverpool without passengers.

Bankers, manufacturers and railway men said today that the reduced number of sailings from American ports was beginning to be felt, although as yet there was no serious congestion of cargoes at the railroad terminals. It was said that many shippers are withholding their goods from the railroads at the point of shipment because they could not obtain the necessary ocean tonnage. The situation is a source of annoyance to banks doing business in foreign exchange and negotiated against exports now tied up. To guard against the loss of interest arising from many prolonged delays some of the largest banks here have sent out letters calling attention to the adjustment of interests must be made on all loans negotiated prior to the date of the steamer sailing.

GERARD TO LEAVE BERLIN TONIGHT, FLASHES CABLE

Ambassador Will Depart With Entire Staff for Zurich

FIFTY AMERICANS WILL BE WITH HIM Swiss Government Will Receive Him With Due Deference—Hollweg Bids Farewell

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—American Ambassador Gerard will leave Berlin this evening for Zurich, Switzerland, with his entire staff and fifty American citizens, according to a dispatch received today at the Swiss legation here from Bern.

Chancellor Said Farewell. London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company to the Hague says it is reported there from Berlin that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg sent his adjutant to Ambassador Gerard on Friday to bid him farewell.

WEATHER MENU. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Moderately cold weather at the beginning of next week will be followed by a general change to higher temperature Tuesday and Wednesday, according to the weekly forecast for the Southeastern States. Except for rain Wednesday and Thursday, generally fair weather will prevail.

MILITARY BILL WOULD REQUIRE ALL TO SERVE

Universal Compulsory Training Act Reported to the Senate

MEASURE SENT TO THE CALENDAR Would Require Six Months Service of Every Young Man at Age of Nineteen Years

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—An universal military training bill was favorably reported to the Senate today by the military affairs committee. Chairman Chamberlain asked that the bill go to the calendar. Senators Thomas, Democrat, and Brady, Republican, reserved the right to submit minority reports.

Primarily the bill provides that all male citizens or those who have declared their intention to become citizens, shall undergo six months' military or naval training the year in which they reach the age of 19 or in the year when they first become liable to such service up to the age of 26. All men receiving such training would be held in army or navy reserve until they reach the age of 28.

AMERICAN SHIP OFF FOR EUROPE

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—With the Stars and Stripes flying over her taffrail, the steamship Rochester, owned by the Kerr Steamship Line, which cleared yesterday with a general cargo for Bordeaux, passed quarantine, outward bound shortly after 2 p. m. today. The Rochester is the second American ship to leave this port since the announcement by Germany on January 31 of her new submarine campaign.

TABLED OATES BILL ON MOTION OF HENRY PAGE

Peculiar Situation Presented In House But Page Does Not Recede

HAS SPECIAL BILL FOR HIS COUNTY Formula Measure Put to Sleep Today—Little Doing With Legislature at Weekend

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—Henry Page made the House smile today when he moved the tabling of the Oates education bill and saw it accepted gladly by his colleagues.

The House debated long the question of creating a State board of chiropractic examiners and passed it. It also passed, sixty-five to six, the act establishing the Cleveland-Gaston county line which includes within Cleveland the town of King's Mountain. A new Jarvis county bill, gathering fragments of the Pettit, Sampson, Lee and Hoke, was introduced.

The general attitude of the Senate was against work, and by 1 o'clock Senator Jones, of Buncombe, who does not go home on Saturday, or any other day, was kept busy by motions to adjourn.

BERNSTORFF TO GO NEXT WEEK

Danish Steamer Receives Permission to Convey German Ambassador Away.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—The steamship, Frederick VIII, was given permission by its owners in Copenhagen today to convey former Ambassador von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, according to a cablegram to the Scandinavian American Line's office here.

Later it was announced that the Frederick VIII will sail Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Ready for Departure. Washington, Feb. 10.—Arrangements today were completed for the departure on Wednesday of Count von Bernstorff and his staff aboard the steamship Frederick VIII for Christiania, Norway. The former ambassador and the personnel of the embassy will leave Washington Tuesday night.

KAISER SENDS NOTE TO UNITED STATES IN BEHALF PEACE

THREE MORE SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM BY GERMAN SUBS

Aggregate Tonnage of Day More Than Recorded Yesterday

TWO BRITISH SHIPS AMONG THE VICTIMS

Military Field of Operations Barren of Results, Save for Bids By Daring Airmen

Three more steamers, aggregating 12,258 tons, were reported sunk today by the Germans in their new submarine campaign.

Definite announcement was made of the sinking of two of these vessels, the British Mantola, of 6,826 tons, and the British Lullington, of 2,816 tons. Only the Norwegian Solbakken, of 2,216 tons, is still on the believed sunk list.

The military field of operations was barren of developments of prime importance. Paris reports several successful raiding operations along the French front with violent artillery activity north of Verdun.

An Ennette airplane attack on Zbruggee on the Belgian coast is reported through Holland, German aviators have attacked Dunkirk and Amiens, while a French aviator carried out a successful raid on military objects at Karlsruhe, about 50 miles from the French frontier in Germany, according to Paris.

Another Probably Sunk. London, Feb. 10.—The British steamer, Beechtree, of 1,227 tons gross, is also believed to have been sunk, Lloyd's announces.

GERMAN RAIDER IN HAITIES WATERS

Described as a Very Small Steamship, Carrying a Crew of Twelve

Cape Haitien, Feb. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A German raider was in the waters of this island between January 26 and January 29. She is described as a small steamship with a crew of 12. On January 26 she put in at Puerto Planta, Dominican Republic, to take coal.

VILLA ADVANCING ON JUAREZ.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—Francisco Villa, with 25,000 men, supported by thirty cannon of 65 and 75 millimetres each, and 75 machine guns, is occupying territory vacated by General Pershing, and gradually advancing northward to take Juarez, according to an official communication received here today by John J. Hawes, Villa's representative in New York, from Hipolito Villa, brother of the leader, who is making his headquarters in San Antonio.

UNEARTHS PLOT AGAINST CUBA

Alleged Discovery of Plans to Overthrow the Cuban Government.

(By Associated Press.) Havana, Feb. 10.—Atrelio Hevia, Secretary of the Interior, notified the civil and military authorities at an early hour this morning that he had received advices of a plot against the government involving civil and military officials. It is reported that one or more army officers have been arrested. There is great activity in police circles.

A serious political crisis has existed in Cuba since the Presidential election last November. President Menocal was opposed for re-election by Dr. Alfredo Zayas, leader of the Liberal party, and on account of contests in the provinces of Santa Clara and Oriente, the issues of the election are still in doubt.

A couple of weeks ago a decision of the Cuban Supreme Court threw Santa Clara into Dr. Zayas' column and apparently assured his victory. This decision was bitterly resented by followers of President Menocal, who have refused to concede victory to the Liberals and are pinning their hopes on the new election ordered in Oriente, which will be held at the end of the present month.

According to La Discusion, a Havana newspaper, the Liberals asked President Wilson to intervene in the Oriente re-elections, but the request was refused. There has been no confirmation of this report.

In the campaign preceding the November election there were serious disorders in various parts of the island, during which several people were killed and wounded. President Menocal was forced to call upon the military authorities to aid in preserving order and feeling between the two factions ran very high, a condition which, according to subsequent dispatches, has materially altered.

ONE SUBMARINE SANK TEN IN ATLANTIC

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(Via Sayville, Feb. 10.)—A German submarine has returned from the Atlantic where she sank ten steamers of an aggregate tonnage of 19,000, the Overseas News Agency says. In addition she sank in the North sea, a British steamship of about 3,000 tons, the British trawlers Shamrock and Thistle and two other trawlers, one British and one French.

BANKS HAVE MILLIONS MORE THAN REQUIRED

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$164,458,750 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$1,010,790.

Desires Two Governments to Get Together to Prevent War Breaking

LIKELY SENT THROUGH SWISS OFFICIALS

No Intimation That Germany Will Modify Her Submarine Campaign—Swiss Minister By Request Seeks Information On Prussian Treaties

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Germany is understood here to have addressed to the United States a note suggesting that the two governments discuss ways and means of preventing actual war between them.

While information regarding the channel through which the communication was addressed is lacking, it is probable that it is being forwarded by the Government of Switzerland. Germany is understood to have made it clear that although diplomatic relations have been broken she greatly desires that peace be maintained. Preliminary outlines regarding the communication do not indicate that it carries with it any suggestion that Germany may modify her submarine warfare. However, the whole communication is said clearly to invite this government to make suggestions regarding steps it thinks might prevent war.

In connection with the coming communication, information obtained here is to the effect that while Germany is arranging for her new campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare, certain German diplomats in various parts of the world were informed that while "military necessity" prevented the granting of a period in which neutrals might adjust their maritime in this very care would be exercised that neutral passenger carrying ships would not be subjected to unwarned torpedo attack.

The Swiss minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, in charge of Germany's diplomatic interests in the United States, was today requested by the Berlin foreign office to ask the State Department for an affirmation of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828.

The German Government made a similar request of former Ambassador Gerard, which he referred to the formal diplomatic channels. The treaty provides that in the event of war between Germany and the United States citizens of each country in the other shall have nine months to close up their affairs and depart in safety. It also gives guarantees for property.

CALL TO CHURCHES FOR DAY OF PRAYER

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 10.—A call to all Christian people for the observance of Sunday, February 18, as a day of prayer for the President and Congress and all people engaged in war, was sent out today by the legislative and administrative committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.



S.S. ST. LOUIS & P.A.S. FRANKLIN. The announcement by Secretary of State Lansing that the owners of the American steamships St. Louis and St. Paul could do as they see fit about arming their ships to resist attacks of German submarines has caused the P. A. S. Franklin, of the International Marine, under whose flag the boats were cancelled of the sailings and it is likely that the ships will be immediately armed.