

GERMAN REPLY EVADES ISSUES

And Is Disappointing To
Official Washington—
Situation Serious

The following is the text of Germany's reply to the American note concerning the sinking of the Lusitania.

"The undersigned has the honor to submit to Ambassador Gerard the following answer to the communication of May, 15, regarding the injury to American interests through German submarine warfare:

"The Imperial Government has subjected the communication of the American government to a thorough investigation. It entertains also a keen wish to co-operate in frank and friendly way in clearing up a possible misunderstanding which may have arisen in the relations between the two governments through the events mentioned by the American government.

Case of Steamers Cushing and Gulfight.

"Regarding, firstly, the cases of the American steamers Cushing and Gulfight. The American Embassy has already been informed that the German Government has no intention of substituting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by a submarine of submarine or aviators. On the contrary the German forces have repeatedly been instructed most specifically to avoid attacks on such ships.

Suffering Submarine Attacks Due British.

"If neutral ships in recent months have suffered through the German submarine warfare, owing to mistakes in identification, it is a question of quite isolated and exceptional cases, which can be attributed to the British government's abuse of flags, together with the suspicious or culpable behavior of the masters of the ships.

"The German government in all cases in which it has been shown by its investigations that a neutral ship, not itself at fault, was damaged by German submarines or aviators, have expressed regret over the unfortunate accident and, if justified by conditions, have offered indemnification.

"The cases of the Cushing and the Gulfight will be treated in the same principles. An investigation of both cases is in progress, the result of which will presently be communicated to the Embassy. The investigation can if necessary be supplemented by an international commission of inquiry as provided by article III of the Hague agreement on October 18, 1907.

"When sinking the British steamer Falaba the commander of the German submarine had the intention of allowing the passengers and crew a full opportunity for a safe escape. Only when the master did not obey the order to heave to, but fled and summoned help by rocket signals

did the German commander order crew and passengers by signals and megaphone to leave the ship within ten minutes. He actually allowed them twenty-three minutes time and fired the torpedo only when suspicious craft were hastening to the assistance of the Falaba.

Assumption That Lusitania Was Armed.

"Regarding the loss of life by the sinking of the British passenger steamer, the German government has already expressed to the neutral governments concerned its keen regrets that citizens of their states lost their lives.

"On this occasion the Imperial Government however, cannot escape the impression that certain important facts, having a direct bearing on the sinking of the Lusitania may have escaped the attention of the American government.

"In the interest of a clear and complete understanding, which is the aim of both governments, the Imperial Government considers it first necessary to convince itself that the information accessible to both governments about the facts of the case is complete and in accord. The government of the United States proceeds on the assumption

that the Lusitania could be regarded as an ordinary unarmed merchantman. The Imperial government allows itself in this connection to point out that the Lusitania was one of the largest and fastest British merchant ships built with government funds as an auxiliary cruiser and carried expressly as such in the 'navy list' issued by the British Admiralty.

Practically All British Ships Are Armed.

"It is further known to the Imperial Government from trustworthy reports from its agents and neutral passengers, that for a considerable time practically all the more valuable British merchantmen have been equipped with cannon and ammunition and other weapons and manned with persons who had been especially trained in serving guns. The Lusitania, too, according to information received here had cannon aboard which were mounted and concealed below decks.

"The Imperial Government, further, has the honor to direct the particular attention of the American government to the fact that the British Admiralty in a confidential instruction issued in February 1915, recommended its merchant shipping not only to seek protection under neutral flags, and distinguishing marks, but also while thus disguised to attack German submarines by ramming. As a special invitation to merchantmen to destroy submarines the British government also offered high prizes and has already paid such rewards.

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"Bright Eyes and Wild Hearts of Our Northern Woods"



Personal experiences such as come to but few men constitute the main portion of "Bright Eyes and Wild Hearts of Our Northern Woods," by Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins, on the first day of our Chautauqua. This lecture is "different." It is unlike any other illustrated lecture ever given.

It must not be imagined that the lecture is a dry recital of journeys into the woods, for, on the contrary, it is bubbling with humor and is replete with the lore of the woods. Dr. Hawkins, who is a direct descendant of Daniel Boone, has explored the unbeaten paths of forests with a camera, securing a most wonderful collection of pictures.

AYDLETT TRUSTEE OF CHOWAN

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Chowan College Mr. E. F. Aydlett of this city was elected a member of that body.

German commanders consequently are no longer able to observe the customary regulations of the prize law, which they before always followed.

Lusitania Carried Troops.

"Finally the Imperial Government must point out particularly that the Lusitania on its last trip, as on earlier occasions, carried Canadian troops and war material, including no less than 5,400 cases of ammunition intended for the destruction of the brave German soldiers who are fulfilling their duty with self-sacrifice and devotion in the fatherland's service.

"The German government believes it was acting in justified self defence in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy.

British Used Americans For Protection.

"The British Shipping Company must have been aware of the danger to which the passengers aboard the Lusitania were exposed under these conditions. The company in embarking them notwithstanding this, attempted deliberately to use the lives of American citizens as protection for the ammunition aboard and acted against the clear provisions of the American law which expressly prohibits the forwarding of passengers on ships carrying ammunition and provides a penalty therefor. The company, therefore, is wantonly

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MILLINERY BARGAINS SATURDAY

The Prichard Millinery Company is advertising a clearance sale to begin next Saturday. This sale will interest women shoppers greatly, for it includes hats, trimmed and untrimmed, flowers, ribbon, dainty lingerie, ties, belts, baby caps, and notions. The Prichard Millinery Company has made an enviable reputation for the variety and attractiveness of its line and for the unusual values offered. The great cut in prices for this sale will be a surprise even to old customers who know the usual opportunity for bargains to be found here.

CUBS DEFEAT PLYMOUTH

In spite of the threatening weather quite a crowd of young fans greeted the Elizabeth City Cubs Saturday afternoon and witnessed a four to one victory over Plymouth, the visiting team. The Cub's would have scored a shut out but for Perry's error in the seventh inning. Hughes started pitching for the visitors but was knocked out in the beginning of the fourth and Brown took his place, proving in a better match for White who allowed but one hit and struck out ten batsmen. Other features of the game were the fielding of Whitson and Johnson.

Score by innings: R H E.
Cubs 4 5 3
Plymouth 1 1 4
Batteries White and Caddy Hughes, Brown and Cooper.

SOY BEAN CROP DAMAGED

Mr. W. J. F. Spence of Newlands township was in the city this morning and reported his soy bean crop badly damaged by recent hail.

DR B C HENNING MAKES ADDRESS

Popular Pastor Of First Baptist Church Commencement Orator

The Commencement exercises of the Elizabeth City High School will be held at the high school building on Thursday evening beginning at eight o'clock. The literary address will be delivered by Dr. B. C. Henning of the First Baptist church of this city. Chairman L. M. Meekins will confer the diplomas and Miss Catherine Albertson will present the D. R. medal. The salutatory this year is by Ethel Raper, the class song by Eula Pappendick and the valedictory by Henry White. The opening and closing devotional exercises will be in charge of Rev. J. B. Black of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

The graduates are Helen Bell, Maud Dewey, Nannie Fearing, Jessie Harris, Margaret Harris, Elizabeth Hinton, Eula Pappendick, Ethel Raper, Joseph Spivey, William White, Alma Winslow, and William Woodley, Jr.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning the grammar school commencement exercises will be held. Rev. C. A. Ashby of Christ Church will open the exercises with prayer. Chairman L. M. Meekins will confer the diplomas. The salutatory is by Janie Mercer and the valedictory by Helen Wood. The class song by Janie Mercer. A variety of songs, drills and recitations complete the interesting program.

The graduates are Lottie Blanchard, Irene Boyce, Alma Bright, Pearl Bright, Eloise Cohoon, Eloise Chesson, Martha Coffeld, Roberta Coffeld, Mary Crief, Amy Dayson, Clara Dawson, Mae Fearing, Willie Fearing, Alice Flora, Mae Forbes, Minnie Godfrey, Nellie Gregory, Elizabeth Harrel, Annie Pearson, Mildred Pool, Annie Harris, Helen Hayman, Kathleen Hayman, Mattie Jennette, Bertha Jennings, Maud Lister, Annie Love, Emma Raper, Helen Morgan, Nellie Pappendick, Margaret Raper, Elizabeth Raulfs, Geneva Roane, Mary Sanderlin, Dorothy Scott, Annie Silverthorn, Winnie Silverthorne, Rena Ward, Helen West, Annie White, Marion White, Maud Whitehurst, Helen Trim Aydlett, Lloyd Barclift, Everett, Burgess, Elma Commander, Joseph Morrisette, Thos. McMullan, Rufus Parsons, Lloyd Perry, Martin Perry, Damon Spence, Clarence Tatem, Carl Ward, Claud White, Lester Winder.

The honor roll for the year is as follows:

Primary School
Miss Zoeller's room: Marjorie Skinner, Margaret Davis, Rena Crank.
Miss Dexter's room: Annie Overman.
Miss Stevens' room: Eliza

SENIORS PRESENT ROMANTIC PLAY

High School Graduates At Auditorium In A Modern Cinderella.

The Senior Class of the Elizabeth City High School will play "A Little Cinderella" at the school auditorium tomorrow night. The curtain will rise at eight o'clock.

The role of the Prince will be played by Seth Spivey and that of Little Cinderella by Margaret Harris. William Woodley will take the part of the college president, Henry LeRoy will be the villain, Earl Chesson, Henry White, are beaux, and Eula Pappendick, Elizabeth Hinton, Alma Winslow, Nannie Fearing, Ethel Raper, and Marguerite LeRoy are College girls.

Jessie Harris is the wife of the College President, Roger Haymen is a valet and Larry Skinner is Buttons. This modern version of a familiar and universally loved fairy tale will attract by its theme and its very popular cast of players.

The proceeds of this entertainment will go toward making the Senior number of The Tatler a marked success.

SECOND HEALTH LECTURE

The second in a series of Health lectures by Dr. R. L. Kendrick will be given tomorrow night in the annex of Blackwell Memorial Church. The subject of this lecture will be "Tuberculosis and its Prevention." The public are invited to attend.

FOR SALE—One Jersey cow, six years old, gentle and kind, Any child can milk her. Now giving two and a half gallons of milk a day. Apply to T. L. Overman, R. F. D. No. 1, May 28—June 4—11 pd.

beth Williams, Lillian Hunter Wilkins, Vernon Chappell, Dewey Copeland.

Miss Willis' room: Ellen Melick, Nannie Mae Stokes, Ruth Bright, Nellie Jones, Ada Belanga, Willis Kramer, James Hill.

Mrs. Skinner's room: Joe Spence, Zach Owens.

Miss Ferebee's room: Maxine Fearing, Louise Grant, Lillian Harris, Ida Jones, Nellie Jordan, Helen Little, William Dailey, Constant Fearing, Harvey Goodwin, Carlton Woodley.

Grammar School
Helen Wood, Wood, Harry Forbes, George Modlin, Claud Ward, Claude Carter, Margaret Chesson, Goldie Stokes, Sophia Davis, Annie White, Sidney Evans, Maggie Murden, Susie Rhodes, Larry Skinner, William Pritchard, Erskine Duff, Anna Belle Abbott, Alice Cohoon.

High School
Thelma Sykes.