

Lansing and Wilson In Conference Shaping Statement of Nation's Policy

Amazing Developments of Last Twenty-four Hours Studied With Careful Deliberation.

ABSOLUTE SEGRECY STILL SURROUNDS DEVELOPMENTS

No Official Will Discuss Any Steps Planned Or Taken While The Nation Awaits President's Announcement.

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 2:15 p. m.—The State Department has suspended the issuing of pass ports to travellers abroad.

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 1.—The United States has planned if not already taken its first preliminary step toward meeting the new declaration of Germany of her withdrawal of all submarine restrictions.

Secretary Lansing and President Wilson, it was learned today had a long conference last night, in secret. At this conference the amazing development was studied with most careful deliberation.

The port of New York, it was learned today, was closed to outgoing vessels on orders from Washington. Otherwise, absolute secrecy continues to surround every development here. No officials would discuss in anyway the steps taken or planned by this government, pending the announcement expected from the President today.

Sec'y. Lansing busied himself in his office all of the forenoon and was in constant touch with men who helped frame diplomatic communications in the past. He denied himself to all callers, even the Allied diplomats, including the British ambassador, and cancelled an eleven o'clock newspaper conference after refusing to see the press men privately.

At noon Secretary Lansing took to the President the matter which he had been preparing this morning, which is understood to be a declaration of this government's course. Secretary Lansing refused to discuss the matter at all, even refusing to say whether there would be an announcement from President Wilson today.

Counsellor Volk hastened to the Capitol and was slated later to go to the White House. He had previously conferred with Secretary Lansing.

The Navy Department, it is claimed, issued no orders, but after consulting with the Treasury Department, made arrangements regarding the New York port.

After special guards were placed over interned German liners at New York, the order prohibiting departure of any ship from port was lifted by Collector Malone.

Taft Denounces German Program

(By United Press)

Concord, N. H., Feb. 1.—Speaking before the State Legislature Ex President Taft denounced Germany's latest war zone declaration as a grossly unwarranted expansion of the rights of blockade.

W. G. Galtier Jr. returned Wednesday afternoon from trip to Westford.

FIRST VICTIM OF NEW ORDERS

DUTCH STEAMER EPSILON, WENT DOWN IN BARRED ZONE TODAY WITH A NUM- BER OF SMALLER VESSELS

(By United Press)

London, Feb. 1.—Germany's new submarine campaign of ruthlessness is already underway. The announcement was made yesterday afternoon that all restrictions of sea warfare would be removed and the United States Government was requested to warn its citizens against taking passage on ships passing through the war zone today.

Three British fishing smacks, Merit, Watt and Wetherill, were also among the first sunk in pursuance of the new German order.

SPAIN IS AGITATED
Dispatches from Madrid state that the Spanish government is profoundly agitated over Germany's notification "forbidding neutral commerce with the Allies under penalty of torpedoing regardless of flag or cargo. A special cabinet meeting was called today.

DENMARK ALSO DISTURBED
Dispatches from Copenhagen announce a specially summoned cabinet meeting also and a secret session of parliament.

The London newspapers are bitter in their denunciation of Germany's new policy of frightfulness, using such terms as referring to the Prussian power as "Beast at Bay" and "unspeakable Hun."

Interned Vessel Sinks In Port

(By United Press)

Charleston, S. C., February 1.—The interned German freighter, Liebenfels, mysteriously began to go down by her stern today and continued sinking until after the deck is nearly awash. It is rumored that the ship was scuttled by the crew.

PLAY EDETNON FRIDAY

The Elizabeth City High School basket ball boys expect to play the Edenton boys Friday on the Y. M. C. A. floor, and invite the public to show their pride in the home team on this occasion.

COTTON DROPS \$25.00 A BALE

SHARP BREAK ON STOCK MARKET IN MAD RUSH OF TRADERS TO UNLOAD THEIR HOLDINGS

(By United Press)

New York, Feb. 1.—May cotton broke at twenty-five dollars on the bale at the opening of the exchange this morning.

In the mad rush to unload traders dumped over a hundred thousand shares on the market this morning causing a break of 20 to 26 points. The leading industrial war brides suffered.

Dispatches from Minneapolis state that May wheat dropped fourteen cents.

England Denies German Charge

Washington, Feb. 1.—The British Ambassador today presented to the State Department England's reply to the German charge of the sinking of hospital ships by the Allies and requested that the note be forwarded to Germany. England threatens reprisals if Germany pursues her announced intention of sinking hospital ships.

Did Not Realize Message Import

New York, Feb. 1.—Francis Connolly, R. W. Bolling's partner, told the note leak committee that he did not realize the importance of the telegraphic message he sent to the Hutton brokers on the day of the President's peace message.

Entertains Old Friends

Mr. Charles W. Harrison entertained a number of friends at an elaborate dinner on board his yacht the Reverie Wednesday evening.

Among those present were: Messrs. F. M. Grice, Jr., I. B. Parker, W. H. Weatherly, O. F. Gilbert, A. F. Toxey, J. H. Aydlett, M. G. Morrisette, M. B. Sawyer, C. W. Stevens, Claude Harrison and W. J. Harrison.

The Reverie made a three hour cruise to the lighthouse and back during the dinner party.

Messrs. J. H. Aydlett and A. F. Toxey left with Mr. Harrison on his yacht Wednesday night for New Bern. The Reverie will return Friday and will be here for some time undergoing repairs.

GERMANY FIGHTS TO THE FINISH

CHANCELLOR VON HOLLWEG SUMS UP HIS NATION'S ATTITUDE THUS IN ADDRESS BEFORE THE REICHTAG WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

(By United Press)

Berlin, Feb. 1.—American Ambassador Gerard and Secretary Grew personally superintended the coding of Germany's note to America. Both refused to discuss the new declarations therein.

The meeting of the Reichstag began late yesterday and will continue until tonight.

"Germany accepts the challenge to fight to a finish staking everything to win." Chancellor Bethman Von Hollweg thus summed up Germany's attitude in his speech to the main committee of the Reichstag yesterday.

WANTED. Copies of The Semi-Weekly Advance of the following dates: April, 18, July 29, Aug 24, 1916; January 2, 1917.

WANTED Copies of The Daily Advance of the following dates: June 15, August 4, 1916.

HOME CLUB WORK IN THE COUNTY

MRS. JAMISON SPEAKS ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO HOME MAKERS, AND URGES ELIZABETH CITY PEOPLE TO PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY

Miss Jamison of the North Carolina Home Demonstration work has been meeting with the Home Demonstration Clubs of Pasquotank County during the past week and addressing the members on subjects relating to domestic science and good housekeeping.

On Tuesday at last week Miss Jamison and Miss Marcia Albertson organized a Home Demonstration Club at Berea. On Wednesday they met with the Brothers neighborhood club at the home of Mrs. Robert Stevens. On Thursday they met with the Forks Club at Forks schoolhouse, where a domestic science room has just been arranged for regular work in domestic science in co-operation with the Forks Home Demonstration Club.

On Friday Miss Jamison talked to the Nixonton Club which met at the home of Mrs. Benoni Cartwright. On Saturday afternoon Miss Jamison spoke to a large number of housekeepers in the rest rooms of the Civic League of Elizabeth City, telling them of the work of the Home Demonstrator throughout the county, and demonstrating for them the making of Canning Club Bean Salad and Pear Salad.

Miss Jamison urges Elizabeth City housewives to cooperate in disposing of the 1916 output of Canning Club Beans for the encouragement of the Canning Club of 1917. Otherwise, within the next two weeks, these canned goods must be shipped out of the county for sale, which is poor advertising for any county and a manifest discouragement of the Canning Club Work in the County.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week Miss Jamison spoke to the Sound Neck Club at the home of Mrs. James. Hot rolls, the fireless cooker, brown bread, the renovation and preservation of linoleum and mottings, were among the practical subjects of Miss Jamison's talk.

IN MEMORIAM

A loving tribute to the memory of dear mother Mrs. W. H. Upton who left us two years ago (Jan 31, 1915.)

Dear mother, since you have gone before us

May you be our guiding star;
Always keep our hearts with Jesus

Never let us stray afar.

Time cannot heal our wounded hearts,

Or fill the vacant chair;

We miss your dear kind face,

We miss you mother, everywhere

As we sit today so lonely

Our hearts are filled with pain;

But thy spirit softly whispers courage,

Children, we'll meet again;

Days of sadness will come over us,

Tears of sorrow silently flow;

Fond memory keeps our mother near us

Though Heaven claimed her two years ago.

—Children.

Camden, N. C.

January 31st, 1917.

Mrs. Sabrina E. Bright of Harbinger was in the city Tuesday. Mrs. Bright has just received a check from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York through the hands of Mr. J. P. Overman for \$1,090 in the settlement of her late husband's Mr. S. M. Bright's life insurance policy under this company. adv

Miss Harriett Glover left Monday to visit her uncle Dr. G. M. Duckworth, in southern Texas. She will be away until about the middle of April.

PUGH GETS BILL THROUGH HOUSE

PLANS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ROAD ACROSS DISMAL SWAMP GOING FORWARD WITHOUT HITCH

Mr. C. R. Pugh has returned from Raleigh where he has been in the interest of legislation to make possible the construction of a road across the Dismal Swamp connecting Gates and Pasquotank counties. He says:

"I got my bill authorizing the county commissioners of Pasquotank to make an appropriation of three thousand dollars for this object through the House without any trouble and it is on the calendar to go through the Senate without a hitch." The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Ferebee of Camden who was in the party from Elizabeth City making the trip from Newland township to Gates county last summer.

Preparing For Trip To Capital

The Boy Scouts are getting ready for their trip to Washington on Inauguration Week. Scoutmaster Ford has notified each boy that he must have a blanket, which will be rolled up and inside of which will be carried a tooth brush, soap, comb, and brush, a pair of black stockings and two pair of Scout stockings.

The special rate for Scouts on the Norfolk and Washington Steamship Company will be \$5 instead of \$4, increasing the total amount necessary for the trip from \$9.75 to \$10.75, but Scoutmaster Ford hopes that no scout will be hindered from going on this account.

Oscar Gregory, Selden Lamb, R. L. Lamb, Wesley Martin, and William Chesson have recently passed their tenderfoot tests successfully.

Committees For Community Service

The last meeting of this month will be held on February 3rd. The subject of this address will be Preventable Social Defects, and the committee in charge of this department of Community Service work is:

Mrs. C. W. Melick, Elizabeth City, Chairman.

Mrs. M. P. Jennings, Route No. three.

Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Route No. 1
Miss Margaret Hollowell, Route No. 2.

Mr. A. L. Stafford, Route No. 4.
Mr. A. H. Winslow, Route No. 5.

The Committee appointed on Better Production and Better Marketing are:

A. B. Houtz, Elizabeth City chairman.

S. M. Brothers, Route No. 1
J. W. Perry, Route No. 5

M. P. Jennings, Route No. 3,
W. J. Williams, Route No. 6
J. C. James, Jr., Weeksville.

The committee on Preventable disease is:

J. H. Winslow, Elizabeth City, chairman.

R. H. Pritchard, Route No. 2
J. R. Britte, Route No. 5

W. C. Riggs, Route No. 3,
Elisha Brite, Route No. 6,
S. W. Scott, Weeksville, N. C.

The Educational Committee is as follows:

J. G. Fearing, Elizabeth City, chairman.

A. S. Morgan, Route No. 3,
O. L. Bundy, Route No. 5
W. S. Stafford, Route No. 3,
W. N. Brothers, Route No. 4,
B. T. James, Weeksville N. C.

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Community Service

Greatest Meeting of Series



DR. CLARENCE POE

THE ALKRAMA THEATRE

11 a. m. Saturday February 3rd

SUBJECT

"Preventable Social Defects"

Public cordially invited to hear this well known and singularly gifted North Carolinian.

Other Attractions. Come

Central Committee Community Service