

WALLACE VIRTUALLY MEMBER OF BRITISH ARMED FORCES

Question Whether Shelling Open Boat, Though Violation of International Law Would Under Circumstances Constitute Cause For War

By CARL D. Groat
Washington, Feb. 6.—The United States will use its own judgment hereafter in cases of apparent violation of international law by German submarines, the State Department announced today. It is declared that there is practically no chance that Germany will be given opportunity to discuss any such cases as heretofore.

As to the Eveston case, involving the killing of an American, the question of whether this alone constitutes a cause of war apparently hinges on the shelling of an open boat, in violation of international law.

"The fact that an American negro was employed by a British collier would virtually make him a member of Britain's armed forces" said an official this morning when asked whether the killing of Wallace would be likely to involve this country in war, "you'd better wait and not jump to any conclusion."

Officials point out also that while there is no excuse under international law for the shelling of lifeboats, this Government might content itself with a mere formal protest against the killing of an American employed by the British naval forces under such circumstances and look for a settlement of the issue at a later date.

Confirmation of the killing of Richard Wallace, an American negro seaman, by a German submarine in shelling the life boats after sinking the British provisional collier, Eveston, reached the State Department today.

PROOF OF RUTHLESSNESS

The reports of the Eveston sinking said that the crew were shelled after taking to the life boats, which is contrary to international law, regardless of whether the lifeboats are from naval vessels or otherwise. The fact that the Eveston was a naval collier tended to mitigate the sinking of the ship itself, but nothing in the rules of international sea warfare excuses the shelling of the life boats, and the act is considered here as conclusive proof that Germany intends to pursue her course of "ruthlessness." Officials insist, however, that fullest details be awaited of the circumstances in the Eveston sinking.

BUFFALO GIVES FACTORY

The Buffalo Copper and Brass Rolling Mills, the largest in the United States, has offered the government its entire works at the government's terms.

URGES CONTROL WIRELESS

Secretary Daniels of the Navy in view of the present crisis urges Congress to enact pending legislation for government control of all wireless systems in the United States.

ADVISE AMERICANS LEAVE

All Americans have been advised to leave Germany and instructions have been forwarded American consuls in Germany to render every assistance.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

The difference between angels and devils is a matter of punctuation. One does you good. The other does you good.

GERMANY MAY DECLARE WAR

ANSWER EXPECTED AT WASHINGTON IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 6.—Germany's answer to this government's diplomatic break is expected within less than twenty-four hours.

The answer may be a declaration of war. The belief is growing here that such a declaration must inevitably be the final step and it will cause no surprise if Germany takes the step now.

This belief on the part of the United States officials is strengthened by unofficial news from Berlin quoting German officials as contemplating no step backward. It is also recalled that when on the occasion of the sinking of the Sussex a break was threatened Bernstorff said that a break would result in a declaration of war by Germany.

"No Cause For War"

The belief that Germany might declare war in answer to the American note breaking off diplomatic relations suddenly waned this afternoon, however, upon receipt of a wireless report quoting German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman as saying, "Germany has no real cause for hostilities." The Imperial Government, however, has probably not yet received word of President Wilson's request that all neutrals sever relations with Germany. This action in the opinion of neutral diplomats here, gives Germany sufficient cause for a declaration of war against this country.

Reports Details Eveston Sinking

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 6.—The American consul at the port where the survivors of the Eveston landed telegraphed Ambassador Page a full report of the sinking.

Page declined to make this report public and asked for further investigation in regard to whether they were warned and resisted or attempted to escape.

The British steamers Warley and Pickering have been sunk in the barred zone.

The British steamer, Floridian, has also been sunk. Sixteen of her crew were saved.

IMPROVING AFTER ILLNESS

Mr. Henry C. Grice is improving after a severe illness from pneumonia at his home on Fearing street, and hopes to be out by Saturday if the weather permits.

Neutrals Fail To Follow Suit

Washington, Feb. 6.—Spain and Switzerland will probably not now accede to President Wilson's suggestion that all neutrals sever diplomatic relations with Germany, according to reliable intimations here.

Orders Home Still Stand

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 6.—Yesterday's sudden changes in the schedule of troop movements were the result of local conditions, says Secretary of War Baker, and the original order for the return homeward of the militia still stands.

H. T. Greenleaf returned Saturday from a stay of several days in Norfolk.

To Deliver Market House To City By March First

Should Contractor Fail to Do This City Manager Will Take Charge Of and Complete Building

Contractor J. W. Martin, summoned before the board of aldermen at their regular meeting Monday to explain why the market house had not been turned over to the city now that the cold storage equipment is installed, stated that he had been unable to complete his work because of the failure of a Norfolk sub-contractor to deliver certain iron using material as agreed. Mr. Martin went on to say that he had received such assurance from this Norfolk firm that he felt confident that he could have the building ready by March 1st.

The aldermen gave Mr. Martin notice that unless he complete his work by that date, the City Manager would be ordered to take charge of the building and complete it.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS IN CONCLAVE

There will be a special conclave of Knight Templars of Grigs Commandery in the asylum on Monday night, February 12th. There will be a practice in the new drills and business of unusual importance is to be disposed of.

After the business program an elaborate course dinner will be served. All Sir Knights will be required to appear in full uniform.

Ammunition Sent North

Norfolk, Feb. 6.—The movement of a considerable amount of ammunition from the Navy Yard to Northern point, has commenced.

GERMANS CALL IT WILSON'S BREAK

AVOID USE OF THE WORD "AMERICA" IN REFERRING TO RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

By CARL S. ACKERMAN
Berlin, Feb. 6.—Ambassador Gerard is awaiting word from Washington in regard to the details of arrangement by the American government for Bernstorff's departure before completing his plane to leave Germany.

Yesterday Gerard again conferred with the Foreign secretary secretary requesting passports.

The German press has firmly supported the government in the determination to continue submarine warfare. It is noticeable that in every instance newspaper comment referred to the situation as "Wilson's" break with Germany, avoiding the use of the word "America."

Berlin is taking the situation very calmly.

H. G. PARKS CANDIDATE FROM FOURTH WARD

The friends of Mr. H. G. Parks will note with interest his announcement in the columns of The Advance that he will be a candidate for alderman from the Fourth Ward in the coming primary.

PLAY VISITORS FRIDAY NIGHT

FAST PORTSMOUTH AGGREGATION WILL PLAY ELIZABETH CITY HIGHS ON Y M C A FLOOR

The High School Basket Ball Team plays the Portsmouth High School Team here Thursday night. The Elizabeth City boys will make a much better showing against this team than when they played them at Portsmouth. The Portsmouth High School Team is a fast aggregation and are State Champions of Virginia.

BUYING GOODS FOR SPRING

Messrs S. R. Siff and Louis Siff are buying goods at the northern markets this week for the S. R. Siff Company of this city.

Reverie Returns From Newbern

Messrs J. H. Aydlett, A. F. Toy, and J. B. Ferebee, who went with Mr. Charles W. Harrison to New Bern on his yacht Reverie last Wednesday, returned home today, after having been wind-bound for four or five days in Pamlico sound and delayed by ice at the mouth of the river.

Mr. Harrison left his yacht here and took the north bound Norfolk Southern train for New York City. The Reverie will undergo repairs in at local shipyard.

Aldermen Vote Bond Issue For Additional Paving

Would More Than Double Mileage Of Paved Streets in City and Pave Every Important Street

Union Meets At Moyock

Following is the program of the Camden-Currituck Union Meeting which will be held April 27-29 at Moyock Baptist Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.
- 2: P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant—
- (a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.
- (b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Sheperd.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

- 10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant.
- (a) The support of the church as laid down therein.—J. K. Henderson
- (b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.
- 2: P. M.

- (c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.
- (d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any hinge of location—B. C. Henning.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

- 11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Uttermost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.

The appointed speakers are to lead off in the discussion after which there will be given an opportunity to anyone who wishes to participate in any of the discussions to do so.

Happenings At Moyock

Moyock, Feb. 6.—Mr. S. F. Aydlett has returned home, after visiting his daughter, Mr. W. H. Bryant of Wilson, N. C.

Dr. Allen Bagley of New York is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bagley.

Mrs. Russell Snowden of Snowden is visiting Mrs. S. M. Mann.

Mr. Paul Jones who was recently bitten by a mad dog and received the Pasteur treatment, at Raleigh has returned home.

Our Representative Mr. W. D. Cox is using his influence to secure a traveling library for Moyock. It is hoped that the citizens will take advantage of their opportunity to secure good reading matter.

Mrs. Alice Howard and son are visiting relatives in Moyock.

Mr. Morzan Jones spent Sunday here.

Mrs. J. C. Morgan who has been very ill, is recovering very rapidly.

Mrs. W. D. Cox is visiting her parents in Elberton Georgia.

Miss Jane Cox of Moyock who is teaching at Tulla Creek, has closed her school for an indefinite time because so many of the pupils have measles.

At the morning Assembly Monday, the following program was rendered:

- Piano solo—Bath Cox.
- Reading—Imogene Brown.
- Vocal duet—Benjamin and Edger-ton Hester.
- Reading—Leo's Lane.
- Reading—Benjamin Hester.
- Piano solo—Eddie Ballance.
- Duet (piano)—Miss Bray and Benjamin Hester.

Progress and prosperity are marching hand in hand in Elizabeth City this year. The town now proposes that every important street in town shall be a paved street.

This was the idea of the board of aldermen in their regular meeting Monday afternoon when that body voted a bond issue of \$125,000 for this purpose. The expenditure of this amount by the town, together with what would fall upon the property owners, would more than double the number of miles of paved streets in the city and bring the length of paved thoroughfare in the town up to approximately thirty miles.

The streets which it is proposed certainly to pave out of this appropriation are Broad, Cypress, West Burgess, Pearl, Personage, from Road to Harney, Etringhaus street and Southern Avenue. No formal action was taken as to this but it was the sense of the board that these were the streets that deserve first consideration.

On some of these streets the curbing has already been laid and the streets being comparatively narrow, the cost of the paving will be correspondingly low.

There was some question as to whether under the present city charter the aldermen had the right to authorize this bond issue. That question is being investigated by the City Attorney and if he should find that the aldermen lack this authority the bond issue question will be referred to the people at the next municipal election.

May Learn Telegraphy

Mr. E. W. Spires of the Western Union and Mr. W. M. Coggins in a Conference with Secretary C. W. Ford of the Y. M. C. A. have made arrangements to open a school of Telegraphy. These classes will start Monday February 12th.

These classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the Educational rooms will be placed at the disposal of the students for practice. The hours will be from 7:30 to 9 P. M. for class periods and the rooms will be closed each night at ten o'clock.

Adequate equipment will be installed and the instructors will guarantee that any student finishing the course as prescribed will be placed in a position. Those who contemplate taking the course or would be interested in knowing about it can meet Mr. Coggins or Mr. Spires at the Y. M. C. A. building any night this week.

The terms for tuition will be reasonable and will include membership privileges in the Y. M. C. A.

Quite a few are arranging to take this course.

BOX SUPPER AT RIVERSIDE

"The Heavenly Twins", a three act comedy, will be presented at Riverside school house Friday night by the pupils of the school. After the play a box supper will be served. The proceeds of the evening are for the benefit of the school. The public are invited to attend.