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MAY AUTOMATICALLY BRING STATE OF WAR

Necessary Precautions for Protection of American Citizens May Result in War Without Declaration of Hostilities

By CARL D GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, Feb. 9—The belief is growing in officialdom that the United States may draft a "state of war" with Germany without the actual declaration of hostilities on either side.

Evidence accumulates to show that Germany is bent on carrying out her avowed submarine intentions.

If the situation gets to the point where through danger to American property she accomplishes a virtual blockade of American ports, the President has declared that he will ask Congress for the necessary means to protect American seamen and people "in prosecution of peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas." He has not said that he would ask for a declaration of war. But the moment he obtains from Congress the means of "protection", the country is automatically placed in a state of war.

No case thus far it is said presents a clear cut violation of American rights, though the sacrifice of lives shows Germany's intentions to go the limit.

The evidence thus far accumulated shows that American rights have not been infringed. The Turino case involving the loss of the American negro's life now develops into the loss of the life of a British subject.

The State Department said today that it was doubtful that Gerard's delay was intentional.

PREFERS TO LEAD SIMPLE LIFE

PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA GIVES SALARY TO CHARITY AND REFUSES TO LIVE IN PRESIDENTIAL MANSION

Buenos Aires, Jan. 20—(By Mail)—Through Minister of the Interior Gomez, President Irigoyen today served notice on congress that he proposes to lead an unostentatious private life as he likes even if he is chief magistrate. Criticism of some of his personal economies developed in connection with the budget discussion in the chamber of deputies. Although the president has assigned all his salary to charity, the critics expressed the opinion that so rich a man ought, as president, to assume somewhat more state considering the official position he occupies.

"President Irigoyen," said Gomez, "assumed his great responsibilities at the call of the people but, as president he does not intend to abandon his simple manner of living as a private citizen."

The President still refuses to live in Casa Rosada or Argentine White House, which he has turned into suites of government offices, but makes his home in his own modest residence, with a few simple furnishings.

NEGRO WAS NOT AN AMERICAN

ALTHOUGH NAMED GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS CITIZEN OF LIVERPOOL SAYS CONSUL

(By United Press) London, Feb. 9—George Washington, the negro fireman on the steamship Turino, killed when the vessel was sunk in a submarine attack without warning, was probably not an American citizen. This is the report of the American consul at Liverpool. The first reports to the effect that the negro was an American were apparently erroneous. The consul's report says that Washington was a resident of Liverpool and had never registered as an alien there. It is understood that he was born in Alberta.

GERARD LEAVES ON SATURDAY

PASSPORTS GIVEN AFTER RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT BERNSTORFF HAD BEEN GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT

By CARL S. ACKERMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, Feb. 9—Gerard is preparing to leave Berlin Saturday.

The first news that the German government had decided to grant passports was given to the Ambassador by the United Press. Gerard immediately instructed Secretary Grew to make preparations for the departure of the Embassy staff Saturday.

The foreign office stated today that Gerard would be provided with military escort and a special train to Switzerland and that all possible courtesies would be extended the diplomat.

The announcement of passports given Gerard came immediately after the receipt of information that Bernstorff had been furnished safe conduct.

From Norfolk To Philadelphia

(By United Press) Norfolk, Feb. 9—The Appam prize crew was today taken to Philadelphia for internment.

Chile Sends Blunt Note

Santiago, Feb. 9—The Chilean government declares that it is free to claim respect of its rights in case of any hostility to any Chilean ships.

This is the blunt phraseology of the note handed the German minister. The note repudiated Germany's right to establish a submarine war zone and completely repudiated the idea of trading with the enemy.

Norwegian Ships Sunk

(By United Press) London, Feb. 9—Two were killed when a German submarine shelled and sunk the Norwegian steamer Ida. The Norwegian steamer Hanskinck has also been sunk.

Sweden Not With America

(By United Press) Stockholm, Feb. 9—Sweden's disagreement with America's plan for neutrals to join against Germany was expressed in a note forwarded to Washington today. "The proposal," the note declares "indicates aims and principles which have guided Sweden's policy but suggests methods of shortening the war with which Sweden is in absolute disagreement."

Brazil Demands A Guarantee

(By United Press) Buenos Aires, Feb. 9—Brazil intends to sever her relations with Germany unless Berlin guarantees that no danger will be inflicted on Brazilian vessels, according to the Rio Dispatch Herald.

Airmen Meet In New York

(By United Press) New York, Feb. 9—Birdmen from every civilized country on the globe gathered here today for the first Pan-American Aeronautics exposition, which opened at Grand Central Palace under the auspices of the Aero Club of America. It will end February 15.

Planes wrecked in air fights and air men wounded above the clouds are part of the show. The really serious part of the program is the plan that will be advanced by the American Society of Automobile Engineers to make the aeroplane and other air craft standard in all parts, like the automobile. It was this action with regard to autos, President Howard E. Coffin of the Engineers declared today, that gave the United States supremacy in the automobile world.

Among the speakers will be Prof. L. W. Pawlowski of Michigan, John Barrett of the Pan American Union, Ambassador de Gama of Brazil, Alberto Santos Dumont, Emerson McMillan, Henry White and others.

Tennis Players At Honolulu

(By United Press) Honolulu, N. H., Feb. 9—The mid-Pacific Carnival tennis tournament, under the sanction of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, started here today on the courts of the Beretania Tennis Club. George M. Church of Tenafly, N. J.; William M. Johnston, San Francisco; John Strachan, California, and Harold A. Throckmorton, Elizabeth, N. J. will compete.

Discuss Today The Tin Can

(By United Press) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9—The great American tin can, out of which two thirds of the United States eats its meals, was opened up for investigation by the canners of the Northwest here today. The cans as such, labels, bacteria, preservatives, ingredients, production...

SCHOOLS NEED LONGER TERM

SIX DISTRICTS IN CURRITUCK COUNTY LAG BEHIND IN EDUCATION FOR LACK OF FUNDS

(By R W ISLEY) Currituck, Jan. 31—There are six white school districts in Currituck County that have not special school tax. These six districts are in Crawford township. Since these districts have not local special tax for school, of course, their funds for schools are less than the other schools of the county that have such tax. Of course the schools in such districts cannot be as long and as good. Such being the case, the children are, to this extent, being neglected in their county school training. The average child in such district enters school with as rich a talent as the average child in the local tax district, but the development of the talent in the short term school is, of course, neglected, and the average child here will likely not make the man or woman the average child in the long term school will make. It is a matter of cultivation and more cultivation.

Indiantown, Gregory, Corner Gum Trails and Barco and Bells Island districts by all means should vote local tax for their children. These districts are not gaining ONE CENT by not paying the extra local tax schools, they are losing. When a man desires to locate in a community, he usually asks first about the school and church. If the school and church are good and other things favorable, he is likely to locate; but if the school and church are poor, he will likely pass on to the next community that has what he wants. A community often loses good men because it has not good schools. It goes without saying that the best and most progressive communities have the best and most progressive schools. The above named districts cannot afford not to vote special tax for their children. The line is drawn not between the taxpayer and the dollar, but between the taxpayer, the father and his CHILD. The child is worth vastly more than the dollar. The tax rate in Currituck County and in North Carolina is relatively low. If we expect to grow corn, we must plant corn and properly cultivate it if we expect to have public improvements or better schools, we must provide for the same. If we pay more tax and improve the value of all the property around us, we enhance the value of our own property, not even counting the good we are doing for the school children in the district paying the tax. This is united effort. Each man pays a little more and the entire community has a better school.

Indiantown, Gregory, Corner Gum could have a school term of 8 or 9 months if they were to vote the tax. The railroad, telephone express company etc. alone would pay enough tax to run the schools around four months. The public property would be glad to pay the extra tax. Such would improve the entire community which would give more business to the public.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. I. N. Loftin, will preach on Sunday morning from the subject "Church Discipline, Its Methods and Its Spirit." At the evening service at 7:30 Mr. Loftin will preach from the subject "Christianity, Man or God Centered."

NOTICE

The farm of E. P. Dalley deceased two and a half miles from Shiloh is to be sold for division at the Court House Door in Camden County for cash at public auction March 19th, 1917, at 11 o'clock. The farm contains 77 acres, more or less between 48 and 45 acres in cultivation.

Ted Must Make Good

Ted Sullivan of Shiloh has been quoted as saying that he will provide Elizabeth City with a baseball team if the business men will furnish a park for the games.

The business men of the city say that they are on the job and will see that the ball park is in readiness for Mr. Sullivan's team when he says the word.

So now Elizabeth City waits for Mr. Sullivan to deliver the goods.

Tonight At First Methodist

Miss Christine L. Tingling, formerly of London, England, now of Norfolk, Va. Lecturer for the Scientific Temperance Institution Dept. of the National W. T. C. U. will be in Elizabeth City Friday Feb. 9th and will lecture in the First Methodist Church at 7:30.

Miss Tingling is a teacher of National reputation and also a platform speaker of noted ability. She comes most highly recommended having lectured in 36 States.

Sunday evening the service at the First Baptist Church will be given over to this noted and gifted woman. A hearty invitation is extended to the public to hear Miss Tingling.

Game Tonight With Portsmouth

There will be a Y. M. C. A. Basketball Game tonight at 7:45 between Elizabeth City High School and Portsmouth High School in the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Admission will be 15c.

This will be a good game. At 7 P. M. tonight the Boy Scouts will hold a meeting for purpose of drilling and everybody who is going on the trip to Washington should be present.

WILL MEET FRIDAY

The Mothers Study Circle is being most enthusiastically attended.

All the ladies of the town who are interested in the welfare of their children are cordially invited to attend regardless of what church they are connected with. The meetings are ably conducted by Mrs. J. L. Cunningham every Friday afternoon at 3:45 in the annex of the First Methodist church. The subject for Friday of this week is one of especial interest to mothers concerned about the problems of their boys and girls.

FORMER BOXER TURNS PREACHER

AND USES ATHLETICS IN HIS CHURCH WORK AS MEANS OF GETTING HOLD OF THE BOYS

By H. C. HAMILTON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Feb. 9—A long time ago when boxers were getting more for their labors than they were entitled to, there was a budding young light-weight hanging around Omaha, Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo. He grew into a welterweight, but he persisted in just hanging around.

This youth never set the world afire with his accomplishments, but it was said that he could take more punches and come back quicker than any man alive. It was also said of him that a fairer, cleaner boxer never stepped under the ropes of a ring. He fought Clarence English, a boxer of just the opposite type, and Clarence admitted that he had taken a big job on his mind in pushing the

BERNSTORFF IS HOPE OF MANY

BELIEVED THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN BERLIN HE WILL RESUME EFFORTS FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS

By ROBERT J. BENDER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 9—Bernstorff is looked upon by many as the factor most likely to prevent war.

It is learned upon good authority that immediately upon his arrival in Berlin he will resume his efforts to restore the friendly relations which he had preserved by his clever diplomacy of the past two years.

MOVEMENT FOR PEACE

While the United States hopes almost against hope and prepared for any eventualities, a tremendous sub-surface movement is on to keep the country at peace.

With what is believed to be secretly the informal sanction of this government the move is developing along three lines.

First, the efforts of neutrals, including now almost all neutrals except the United States, who have called a concert at Madrid with a view to confining the war to its present limits and if possible to get assurance from Germany, although she may not readily have barred some decrees, that she will not harm American or other neutral rights.

Second, the effort of this government to avoid a break with Austria by having Austria modify her endorsement of Germany's undersea campaign.

Third, the expected efforts of Bernstorff to preserve peace after he reaches Berlin provided no "overt act" is committed meantime.

The administration does not admit these moves but the United Press has learned definitely of the neutral program and ambitions and that the State Department has at least been unofficially advised of neutrals of their intentions.

Will Begin Canvas Soon

FAIR About the middle of March the committees appointed by the Fair Association some time ago will begin canvassing for stock for a Fair.

The committee, which is composed of Louis Selig, Chairman; T. DeLoe, George Twiddy, A. B. Houtz, Joe Winslow, J. W. Wilcox, M. G. Morrisette and J. T. Stallings, has been hindered in beginning this campaign by the dis-

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WEATHER OR NO

Fair Saturday and much cooler. Some men never settle, either up or down.

the game—and one of the trickiest. Time went on and the youth gradually quit fighting. He couldn't whip any one who amounted to anything. Then one day he listened to a street evangelist and a new fight was on. Rev. Kid Wedge started from there and he has been knocking out the devil ever since. Recently there came the news from Philadelphia Wis., that Kid Wedge had applied for and been granted a license to conduct boxing bouts in a church of which he was pastor. Rev. Wedge himself stated that he was going to teach the young boys in his Sunday School how to box. Spectators and boxers will be members of the church and Sunday School. Rev. Wedge has organized an amateur athletic club in Philadelphia.