

BERNSTORFF ASKS A DELAY

Has Requested That the President Grant Him An Interview Soon.

POSITION IS OUTLINED

Points Out Instances in Which Germans Have Complied.

New York, Aug. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, held a series of conferences today at the Ritz-Carlton hotel preliminary to making public a statement to the United States government on the Arabic sinking.

The ambassador declined to comment on this statement. He made known through a representative, however, that he will make every effort within his power to prevent a break between the United States and Germany.

Count von Bernstorff will ask for an interview with President Wilson at which he will seek to emphasize these points.

1. Since the diplomatic conversations between Germany and the United States regarding the William P. Frye, the Gulflight and the Cushing, Germany has not interfered with a single ship flying the American flag.

2. Every possible official precaution has been taken by the German government to prevent attack on British merchantmen on which Americans are known to be passengers.

3. It was not known publicly that Americans were on board the Arabic because the passenger list on the date of sailing had been kept secret by the White Star company.

4. That express orders have been given by the German admiralty to submarine commanders that they must give adequate notice to all passenger ships before attacking them; and that if a German submarine sank the Arabic without warning, its officer acted in direct violation of the orders of superiors.

The ambassador was clearly anxious over persistent reports that the administration contemplated an immediate severance of diplomatic relations if it is proven that a submarine sank the Arabic without warning in any way.

The ambassador wired Washington from the summer embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I. earnestly requesting the United States government not to take a final stand until every fact relating to the Arabic had been established.

AN AMERICAN KILLED

Texas Ranch Owner Believed to Have Been Murdered.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 24.—The body of Mell Wormer, an American cattleman with large interests in Mexico was found on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande tonight by American secret service men. Wormer evidently had been murdered, supposedly by Mexicans. Wormer went to Mexico a week ago to interview the Villa authorities regarding a cattle deal. His automobile returned empty and the driver said Wormer had mysteriously disappeared. He is reported to have had a quarrel with the Villa authorities over the cattle deal.

Reports here tonight that Wormer was put out of the way by Mexicans were partially borne out by the attitude of the Villa authorities in Juarez, who refused permission to Wormer's business partner to view the body.

CONDEMNNS ACTION.

Former Official Condemns Contraband of Cotton.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Robert F. Rose, foreign trades advisor of the state department until several weeks ago, said today of the action of Great Britain in placing cotton on the contraband list was violation of every principle of international law.

"Furthermore she has acted in the face of the finding of the prize courts of neutrals and at variance of our own positions in the past when other governments attempted to do the same thing," said Mr. Rose.

"When Russia during her war with Japan attempted to do what England has done, none were quicker to protest than the British foreign office and the same arguments that were used then are applicable today in behalf of the American growers of cotton."

Miss Janie Edwards, who for the past few days has been visiting at the home of her father, T. C. Edwards, Ramseur street, left yesterday afternoon for her home at Danville, Va.

DARDANELLES CAN'T HOLD OUT

London Is Optimistic Over the Looks of the Near East

WILL FORCE PASSAGE

Now Thought That Grand Duke Will Save His Armies From Capture.

London, Aug. 24.—The greatest optimism prevails here regarding the situation in the near east.

Reports of successes by the Franco-British forces in Gallipoli indicates that the allies will have attained their object in the Dardanelles within a few weeks, an opinion sustained even in Turkish circles, according to reports in Sofia, emanating from Constantinople.

With the necessity for assistance from the Balkan states in the Dardanelles field eliminated by the approaching confirmation of the allied program there, attention is being directed towards more ambitious plans in which the Balkan states may be able to lend effective aid—the prosecution of an energetic campaign against Austria.

These considerations bring into the forefront of the greatest importance, the decision of Serbia regarding the proposals of the Quadruple entente with respect to the aspirations of Bulgaria. This decision will be reached at a council of ministers tomorrow. The belief in London is that Serbia's reply to the allies will be satisfactory and that the co-operation of Bulgaria may be counted on.

With Bulgaria's ambitions gratified it is believed she may be prevailed upon to give Roumania the assurance she requires that no overt act will be permitted by Bulgaria against Roumania before the latter country commences to move her troops.

Meanwhile there is also being awaited the announcement by Greece of a future policy favorable to the allies.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT. While strong Russian resistance has inflicted a check on German operations in the Baltic provinces, the Teutons, according to official statements received here tonight from Berlin and Vienna, have made progress on all lines of Brest-Litovsk and the complete investment of the fortress within a few days is predicted.

With the occupation of Kovel by strong forces of Austro-Hungarians and German cavalry the second of the three trunk lines feeding the fortress has been severed. The lines from Brest-Litovsk to Petrograd were cut in the neighborhood of Dielsk. Kovel is an important junction on the railway to Kiev and Odessa.

Besides reporting the capture by storm of a hill at Kolytow on the southwestern front of Brest-Litovsk from which it is stated in Berlin German guns will be able to command some important fortifications the Teutonic capitals tonight announce the capture of about 9,500 more Russian prisoners by von Hindenburg and Prince Leopold of Bavaria.

Semi-official dispatches from Petrograd state that it is admitted in authoritative military circles there that Brest-Litovsk cannot be held and that its fall within the entire second line is only a matter of time. Grand Duke Nicholas, it is confidently predicted, will be able to safely withdraw his army despite the German effort to encircle a large number of men within the confines of Brest-Litovsk.

CARRANZA WILL ANSWER.

It is Expected the Answer Will be Sent Today.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 24.—First Chief Carranza's reply to the Pan American note will be sent to Washington probably tomorrow.

The note which is dated August 17, and signed by Secretary of State Lansing and the representatives of the six Latin-American countries suggest that they hold a conference. A time limit of ten days was fixed in which a reply would be acceptable.

The Steamer Sank.

New Orleans, Aug. 21.—A wireless report from the government wireless station at Key West stating that wreckage had been reported at Yucatan convinced officials of the company that the steamer Marowjine sank in the recent hurricane, and all of the sixty-eight persons on board perished.

W. G. Sheppard, who for the past two weeks has been spending a vacation with friends at his former home at Farmville, returned yesterday afternoon to this city.

THE GREAT STORM AT GALVESTON.



The West Indian hurricane that swept the Gulf coast on August 16, claimed a toll of more than two hundred lives and entailed a property damage that will run into tens of millions. Only the strength of the sea wall, which was erected for just such an emergency, and which stood fast in most places despite enormous pressure of wind and waves, stood between the city and such a catastrophe as visited it during 1900. With true American spirit the inhabitants are already busy rebuilding their damaged or destroyed homes.

AUSTRIAN LOSSES WERE VERY HEAVY

Teutonic Allies Have Many Troops on the Two Fronts

THE RUSSIAN REPORTS

London, Aug. 24.—German troops have carried a hill near Kopow, southwest of Brest-Litovsk. The army group of von Hindenburg, von Mackensen and Prince Leopold announce gains.

The German admiralty announces that a German submarine has torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship in the Gulf of Finland.

German attempts to capture trenches which the French had won in the Vosges and on the crest of Son Diersch resulted in violent conflicts, but all of them failed.

Petrograd's reports of the actual result of last week's naval successes in and around the Gulf of Riga are still indefinite, but they now state that the Germans lost another auxiliary cruiser.

Belgium states that the bombardment of Ribusch by the allied fleet on Monday did no material damage and inflicted slight casualties.

In accordance with the Japanese government's order to use all resources to put out ammunition to aid Japan's ally, orders have been sent to foundries and munitions plants to increase their work.

The Germans now have 1,400,000 on the eastern front.

In addition there are Austrians numbering 1,200,000, making a total of 2,520,000; and on both fronts there are 4,320,000.

The casualties of the Austrians are: Killed, 315,188.

Died of disease, 5,806.

Missing, prisoners and permanently incapacitated, 540,723.

Wounded, 809,727.

Total losses to June 30, 1,672,444.

Germany had available at the beginning of the war 8,900,000 men.

HAS NO CANDIDATE.

State Department Says it Has No Man to Name in Mexico.

Washington, Aug. 24.—In a statement issued today the state department denied that this government has considered a selection of a candidate for provisional president of Mexico.

The statement follows: "To correct an erroneous impression that appears to prevail in certain quarters the department wishes to announce that the selection of any party for provisional president has not been considered by this government."

The statement follows directly upon a report that the department would look favorably on one of the military advisors of Villa. It was indicated that both the Villa and Carranza factions have endeavored to create the impression in Mexico that the government has taken one side or the other, and this suspicion of the United States has made a very difficult situation to handle.

Mrs. W. P. Fowler and little daughter, Helen, left yesterday afternoon for Burlington.

HAITIENS GIVEN CHANCE TO AGREE

Two Gun Boats With Reinforcements to Sail for the Island

NATIVES DISSATISFIED

Port Au Prince, Aug. 24.—American Minister Davis, has given the Haitians until tomorrow to agree to the following terms which were placed before the chambers yesterday:

First, control of customs and finances under the supervision of the American government.

Second, agreement not to cede territory to any country other than the United States.

Third, establishment of rural and district police made up of Haitians, and commanded by Americans.

Prominent Haitians are indignant that General Bobo was not selected president.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The dispatching of two more gunboats to reinforce Admiral Caperton in Haiti was announced today by the navy department. The gunboat Sacramento at New Orleans has been ordered to Port Au Prince. The gunboat Marietta will proceed to San Domingo, where it can be dispatched to any Haitian port.

It was announced also that the cruiser Tennessee will leave Philadelphia Thursday or Friday for the island with 350 marines taken aboard at Annapolis today.

It was stated by Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt that no trouble has been reported by Admiral Caperton beyond his advice that there are revolutionary tendencies in the island. They have so far refused to recognize the new president.

WILL GRACE GOVERNOR'S CONVENTION.

NO DECISION IN THE REDWOOD CASE

School Board Found That the Work Was Too Much for One Day

TO MEET AGAIN TODAY

The county board of education met again yesterday morning and worked over the mass of evidence that was introduced before them in the investigation of the charges that had been made against two of the school committee members of the Redwood school district, but they came to no conclusion and made no decision.

Chairman John W. Unstead, of the board, stated yesterday afternoon just before leaving for his home at Balaam, that the board got over most of the evidence but wanted to make another survey of the testimony before they made a decision. They are going over carefully every bit of the evidence that was offered. It has been put before them in copy form.

LITTLE GIVEN OUT ABOUT RIGA BATTLE

Petrograd Seems Not to Have Learned A Great Deal of the Details

TAKE IT PLACIDLY

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Of the operations in the gulf of Riga, which ended so badly for the Germans only fragmentary details have become known here.

From the beginning of the war it has been necessary for Russia in view of the inferiority of her naval forces in the Baltic to observe the strictest secrecy regarding the movements of her warships.

The Germans appeared to have used a large force in their endeavor to assert their supremacy in the gulf of Riga.

One semi-official authority has stated that apart from destroyers there, their squadron was composed of 23 vessels. The best judges here are careful to avoid exaggeration of the importance of these naval operations. The German plan has failed for the present. To that extent the situation is eased, but that is all that can be said. It would be a fatal mistake if the impression should get abroad that things on this front have taken a decisive turn. Russia needs all the help she can get and that as quickly as possible.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; moderate southwest to west winds.

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That Many Law Students Have Already Registered for Examinations

GIVEN ON MONDAY

On Tuesday the Appeals from the First District Set for Argument

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The court convenes Monday morning at 10 o'clock and the day will be given over entirely to the examinations. Then on Tuesday morning there will be the call for arguments in appeals from the first judicial district, which will require nearly all the remainder of the week, during which time the justices will also have bearing heavily upon them the work of grading the examination papers of the embryo lawyers in preparation for the announcement of those successful in the examinations and the procurement of law licenses. Thus announcement of the names of the new lawyers can hardly be expected before Thursday of next week.

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Stallings vs. Hurdle; Gard vs. Mason; Rinton vs. Williams; Pritchard vs. Steamboat Co.; Doyle vs. Bush; Jennings vs. Lumber Co.; Gregory vs. Oil Co.; Shannonhouse vs. White; Lamb vs. Perry and Wright; White vs. Town of Edenton; Butler vs. Butler; Weston vs. Lumber Co.; Brinson and Kramer vs. Lumber Co.; Cutler vs. Cutler; Neal vs. Ferry Co.; Ballard vs. Boyette; Eliton vs. Owens; Bray vs. Baxter; Cook vs. Derickson; Sexton and Duff vs. Elizabeth City; Weston Cedar Works vs. Lumber Co.; Sawyer vs. Railroad Co.; Wood vs. Hinton; Campbell vs. Light and Water Co.; Morton vs. Light and Water Co. (plaintiff's appeal); Clark vs. Whitehurst; Fowle vs. Warren; Elliott vs. Lumber Co.; Board of Education vs. Commissioners; Morton vs. Light and Power Co. (defendant's appeal); Green vs. Hooker; Lynch vs. Junior Corporation; Tuten vs. Guilford.

The executive committee of the University of North Carolina trustees, in called session today in the governor's office, granted a year's release to Prof. Andrew H. Patterson, dean of applied science and professor of physics, in order that he may accept a very important and lucrative place with a New York munitions concern to organize and develop its laboratories. It specializes shrapnel fuses and Prof. Patterson will head the inspection department and be associated with experts from the United States and English armies.

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Boston, Aug. 24.—Forty-eight governors from as many states in the union, began their conference here today. The conference will remain in session until the 27th. Among the many beautiful women who add grace and beauty to the meeting of the executives is Mrs. Oakley C. Curtis, wife of the governor of Maine. Many social affairs have been arranged for the entertainment of the executives and their wives.

GERMANS DO NOT REPORT ARABIC

No Mention of the Arabic Disaster is Made by Submarine Commanders

Germany Wishes No Opinion Made Until She Can Submit Her Side

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WAR IN BRIEF

London, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Sylvia apparently the tank ship of that name, of 5,268 tons, has been sunk. Her crew was saved. The trawler Roybent has been sunk. Four of her crew were landed. The trawler Commander Boyle, also, has been sunk. Three of her crew were lost, nine were saved.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Following an explosion fire broke out today on board the British steamship Anglo-Californian in the Montreal harbor. Two hundred horses on board were trapped by the smoke. The Anglo-Californian, a vessel of 1,333 tons, was recently attacked by a German submarine in British waters, but escaped.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—"The struggle is not yet ended, but if God wills, once the day will arrive when what does not bend must break," declared Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in an address before a great crowd that gathered before his official residence in patriotic demonstration after the German second war loan had been passed by a popular vote.