

GERMANS AT FRONT MOST CONCERNED ABOUT U. S. LINERS

News of the Break With This Country Dribbles Into Western Battle Zone.

FIGHTS BY MOONLIGHT.

British Make Gains at Night Over Frontage of Nearly a Mile.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Feb. 8 (via London, Feb. 9), (from a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—Meagre details of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany have just reached the German soldiers in the front line trenches, according to the statement of prisoners taken by the British to-day.

At Balliescourt Farm, north of Grandcourt, eighty men and one officer of the Eighty-fifth German Infantry Regiment were captured. Most of them were from Hamburg and were formerly engaged in the shipping trade and spoke English fluently. One of the prisoners said he had heard from his own sources that America had broken off relations, but that he did not know exactly what this would lead to.

Another prisoner, shrugging his shoulders, said: "It makes no difference now who comes into the war. We don't care. For me the war is finished and the sooner all is over the better."

Others among the prisoners asked for information regarding the great liners formerly plying between Hamburg and the United States and now tied up in New York. They seem more interested in that phase than in any other.

The recent night fighting in the moonlight and across the frozen snow, in a temperature near zero, has carried the British lines well forward on both sides of the Ancre in the direction of Miraumont, one part of the operations being the occupation of Grandcourt which was officially announced last night. For some time the British have been gradually improving their position in the Ancre sector, but the latest and most important phase began on Saturday night when, under a moon almost too brilliant for their purpose, the English troops swept forward 200 yards over a frontage of three-quarters of a mile, taking 300 prisoners. This was north of the river and since then the pressure has been from the south.

On Tuesday night the British occupied a long section of a trench just west of Grandcourt and on Wednesday patrols were sent out who reported that Grandcourt had been evacuated and that the enemy had retreated toward Miraumont after abandoning many gun positions. This was due to the fact that the British had reached a position where their guns could rake Grandcourt from three sides. Still pressing forward on the north, Gen. Hatz's forces took Balliescourt Farm to-day after a brief resistance.

British staff officers pointed out the significance of the late advances in view of the German official statement of Tuesday, which claimed the capture of trenches occupied on Saturday. These officers say that the subsequent events are the best proof that the German statement was untruthful. Grandcourt was badly smashed, but bits of walls still standing distinguish it from some of the other villages which were completely flattened and pulverized. German stores of provisions were found in the village and the British Tommies dined to-day on German rations.

City Officials in Evening World Forum For More Light on the Riverside Contract



To clear up the existing doubt and misunderstanding respecting the scope and effect of the Riverside improvement contract between the city and the New York Central Railroad Company, *The Evening World* will present a series of questions to the Board of Estimate. Answers of reasonable length are requested and will be printed with prominence. Readers of *The Evening World* are also asked to present queries which, if considered of merit and not prompted by politics or personal prejudice, will appear in this forum. Address Riverside Editor, *Evening World*.

QUESTION NO. 7—IS THE CITY GETTING PROPER COMPENSATION FROM THE NEW YORK CENTRAL FOR THE FRANCHISE RIGHTS GRANTED, AS COMPARED WITH RECENT GRANTS TO OTHER COMPANIES?
The grant is made without provision for future compensation in the form of fixed rental, annual fee or percentage of receipts.

Franchise Values Ignored In City-Railroad Contract For Riverside Park Front

No Arrangement Made for Future Compensation for Use of 21 Miles of Added Trackage on Which N. Y. Central Profits Will Increase as Population and Business Grow—Franchise Is in Perpetuity, With No Provision for Revision of Compensatory Terms.

The New York Central Railroad Company possesses a franchise for 500 years for its existing line along the west side of Manhattan Island. Under the proposed contract between it and the city, now pending before the Board of Estimate for approval, there is given an unlimited franchise for the addition of two more tracks from Thirtieth Street to Spuyten Duyvil, three-fourths the length of the island—twenty-one miles of new track!

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The Manhattan Railway Company possesses an unlimited franchise to operate elevated lines in certain streets of Manhattan, granted in the old days when street rights were given away freely in perpetuity. It recently applied to the city, through the Public Service Commission, for the right to construct and operate additional express tracks in connection with its existing franchise.

By the terms of this contract the Manhattan Railway not only pays 2 per cent. of its gross receipts from the additional tracks, but the franchise is limited to eighty-five years, when it reverts to the city.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company sought from the city the right to build an express third track on its elevated lines in Fulton Street, Broadway and Myrtle Avenue. For all of these lines it possesses unlimited franchises. The city granted the franchise for additional tracks, but on terms similar to those given the Manhattan elevated.

No such conditions are imposed on the New York Central for its additional tracks on the west side. On

BIG NORWEGIAN LINER HELD IN HOME PORT

Her Departure Postponed Pending "Further Developments"—Word From the Returning Ryndam.

A cablegram received to-day at the office of the Norwegian-American steamship line from the home office at Christiania states that the liner *Christiana*, which was expected in this port to-morrow is still at Christiania. The *Christiana* was scheduled to leave Christiania on Jan. 31, and it is believed here that she did leave on that date but was recalled by wireless. Following is the cablegram:

"*Christiana* departure postponed pending further developments in situation. Will instruct you fully as soon as possible."

Agents of the Holland-America Line received a wireless message at noon to-day stating that the steamship *Ryndam*, which left here with 260 passengers, twenty-two of them Americans, on Jan. 29, the same day the *California* sailed, would reach her dock at Hoboken next Wednesday morning.

The *Ryndam*, which was on her way to Rotterdam by way of Falmouth, was nearing the latter place when word was received in this city, a few hours after the sinking of the *California* by a German submarine had been reported, that she had turned back and was heading for New York.

In the message received to-day Capt. Krol of the *Ryndam* does not give his position and makes no reference to the cause which prompted him to return to this port. The company officials here figure from the length of time that will elapse before the arrival of the *Ryndam* that she must have been pretty close to the *California* when the latter was torpedoed.

Word is expected to-day from the White Star liner *Haltic*, which left here Jan. 29 and was due at Liverpool on Wednesday. She may have taken a southerly and longer course. She is commanded by Capt. William Finch, who was master of the White Star liner *Arabic* when she was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland.

Le Touraine of the French line arrived at Bordeaux yesterday. No word was received of her at the local office of the French line, but her arrival was recorded in newspaper despatches, as was the arrival of the Italian liners *America* at Naples and *Taurina* at Genoa.

MITCHEL INVITES SENATE INQUIRY IN RIVERSIDE DEAL

Mayor, in Letter to Mills, Says Board of Estimate Would Welcome It.

Mayor Mitchell is willing there should be a legislative investigation of the New York Central-West Side matter, and believes the Board of Estimate will adopt that position. He said as much yesterday in a letter to State Senator Ogden L. Mills, to whom he wrote in part:

"Although the Board of Estimate and Appropriation has taken no official action upon the suggestion, I wish to say that I am certain that an investigation would be entirely agreeable to the board, and, speaking with authority for the Comptroller and the President of the Boroughs of Brooklyn and the Bronx, who have expressed themselves on this subject, I wish to say very emphatically that we are in favor of the most rigid inquiry into every phase of the entire question. We would deprecate it, however, if an investigation would cause undue delay."

It will take forty years to restore Riverside Park if the deal goes through, according to Samuel Parsons, landscape architect, and former Park Commissioner.

GERMAN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS NEAR DUNKIRK

Four Civilians Killed, Says Paris Report—Minor Operations on Western Front.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Enemy aviators dropped bombs on French positions and cities in the region of Dunkirk, killing four civilians, the official report said to-day.

The only fighting activity mentioned in the statement was repulse of the enemy attacks east of the Meuse in the region of Vaux les Palameux.

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SWEDEN DECIDES TO STAY NEUTRAL IN U BOAT CRISIS

Brazil Still Hopeful It Won't Have to Break With Berlin.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 9.—The Swedish Government rejects President Wilson's suggestion that other neutral countries join with the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany and declares its intention to follow the strictest neutrality so long as it is possible. Sweden's reply has been delivered to the American Minister, Ira Nelson Morris, by K. A. Wallenberg, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The text of the note follows in part:

"The proposal, which forms the subject of the present correspondence, has as its aim the shortening of the evils of the war, but the Government of the United States has chosen as a means of arriving at this end a method absolutely contrary to the principles which have guided the policy of the Royal Government up to the present hour.

"The Royal Government, supported by public opinion, confirmed by the unanimous solicitations of the country's representatives, intends to follow in the future, as in the past, a policy of neutrality and impartiality toward both belligerent groups, and it is not disposed to abandon this policy unless the vital interests of the country and the dignity of the nation oblige it so to do."

Uruguay Rejects German Position and Replies to Wilson.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 9.—The Uruguayan Government has replied to the German note, rejecting the principle of submarine war, as announced by Germany. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has replied to President Wilson's note, declaring that the Uruguayan Government had already previously adhered to the principle of the United States taking in hand the defense of the rights and interests of neutrals. The Government, the reply adds, recognizes the justice and lofty sentiments embodied in President Wilson's attitude in the present case.

ENGAGED TO MARRY ARE MISS JACQUETTE AND RAYMOND STORM



Mr. and Mrs. William O. Jacquette of No. 309 West One Hundredth Street have just announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marguerite Jacquette, to Raymond H. Storm. The date of the marriage is not yet made public.

MORE GRACE FROM BERLIN.

Extension of Time Allowed for Neutral Ships in Barred Zone.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—A Madrid despatch to the Petit Journal says that the German Government has announced that it grants a further delay of forty-eight hours for neutral ships at sea to regain neutral ports.

Germany's original note to the United States announcing the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare stated that neutral ships which were on their way toward ports in the blockade zone on Feb. 1 would be "spared during a sufficiently long period." The note also said that neutral ships in ports within the barred zone would be given until Feb. 8 to sail and must take the shortest route out of the restricted areas. On Feb. 2 the Spanish Government asked the Central Powers for an extension of time in which Spanish ships at sea in the blockade zone could return to port, but no despatches have mentioned any specific time limit as set by Germany.

American Take Over German Interests in Coke Company.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 9.—Official announcement has been

made here that the Lehigh Coke Company, representing an investment of \$15,000,000, had been sold to the Pittsburgh Hi-Product Company of Pittsburgh. What the purchase price was cannot be learned. It is stated, however, that the German interests in this business, said to be 70 per cent. and held by the Deutsches Bank has now been entirely acquired by American interests.

Janos Act for Germany.

Louis H. Janos, the Swiss Consul in New York, spent yesterday afternoon at the German Consulate, No. 11 Broadway. The German Consul turned over the papers, and beginning to-day the business of the consulate will be in the hands of Mr. Janos. One of the secretaries of the Swiss Consulate will be put in charge at No. 11 Broadway, which will be made a branch of the main Swiss Consulate at No. 100 Fifth Avenue.

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10,000 GERMANS IN CITY MARKED FOR INTERNMENT

Concentration Camps Planned for Staten and Ellis Islands if War Comes.

Plans for the internment, in the event of war, of 10,000 Teutons resident in New York City have been completed by the Federal authorities.

Two concentration camps, one on Ellis Island and the other on Staten Island, are provided for. The plans also call for the immediate arrest of more than a hundred prominent Teutons identified with propaganda work. Similar arrangements have been worked out in other centres of the country.

In this city the forces under Chief Flynn of the United States Secret Service, Superintendent of the Department of Justice and Commissioner Woods of the Police Department have been preparing lists of suspects.

"Many of these men," said a Federal official, "hold high places in the city's life. And there are women, equally well known, who will have a hard job proving that it would not be better for this country to keep them under restraint."

"Many of these people have been the cause of the activities of government agents during the days of Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen. We never were able to get enough evidence to warrant our arresting them."

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