

HAD RIGHT TO AID GERMAN VESSELS, BUENZ DEFENCE

Conviction Would Be Dangerous Precedent, Counsel to Argue.

MIGHT MAKE TROUBLE FOR AMERICAN NAVY

Head of Hamburg-American Line Appointed to Represent the Imperial Government.

If the government should succeed in convicting Dr. Karl Buentz, the Hamburg-American Line and others on the charge of conspiring to defraud the United States, counsel for the defence will argue, it will be establishing a precedent in international law that may prove exceedingly embarrassing. The difficulty would arise, it is asserted, should the American people ever find themselves confronted with a problem such as Germany met at the beginning of the present war.

Close upon the heels of the defendant's concessions as to facts concerning the supplying of coal and stores to German warships by the Hamburg-American Line officials comes the first making of the argument the defence will make in the trial which will be resumed in the Federal court to-morrow before Judge Harland D. Howe.

Counsel for Dr. Buentz and the others have prepared a brief of about 9,000 words, which will be submitted to Judge Howe this week. Many authorities are cited in the endeavor to prove that the defendants were wholly within their rights in aiding the ships of their country and that no measure of international law was transgressed.

It is advanced by the Buentz lawyers that the United States has in the past insisted upon the right to a neutral to permit the sending of coal to belligerent warships at sea. Attention is called to the probability of the American navy depending on just such a ruling if its fleet were operating far from a home or insular base.

Buentz government's agent. It was learned yesterday that the defence had conceded that Dr. Buentz was merely a nominal head of the Hamburg-American Line, and that with little or no knowledge of the shipping business he was put in charge of the interests of the imperial German government.

The present resident director of the Hamburg-American Line had some knowledge of shipping in his work in the diplomatic and consular service, but the complete direction of a steamship line of the magnitude of the Hamburg-American is a responsibility of years old and has been an official duty of the German government for about forty-five years.

It has been generally known that the real managing power of the company since the death of Emil Buentz, resident director and general manager, in 1912, has been Julius P. Meyer, in charge of passenger traffic; William G. Sichel, in charge of freight; and Emil Ledster, manager of the steamer. These three men have the title of vice-directors.

Wouldn't Admit Ante-War Plan. Counsel for the defence would not admit that Dr. Buentz and the others had perfected before the war a system for furnishing German warships with coal and supplies. One of the lawyers, however, said he would be surprised, indeed, to learn that the United States Navy had not made complete arrangements for supplying its warships in foreign waters in the event of war.

Asked if the German naval staff had worked out a plan so minutely that Captain Boy-Ed, German naval attaché in Washington, and Dr. Buentz did not need specific instructions in the dispatching of supply ships when war broke out, a lawyer for the defence said: "I don't care to answer that question, but I will say that I understand that the war college in Washington has figured out its plans in such minute detail that there would be little need of giving such instructions in the matter of coal and supplies to the fleet in foreign waters."

Adoption of the principle advocated by the prosecution, counsel for Dr. Buentz contends, would be a serious misfortune to America, and might end disastrously to the United States Navy should this country become involved in war.

PEACE CRUSADERS AFTER TALK WITH PRESIDENT WILSON.



Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, Mrs. Philip Snowden and Henry Ford, in Washington, where they say they found the President in sympathy with their ideas.

preparatory to taking passage on the peace ship Oscar II early next month.

Bernstorff May Demand Apology on Boy-Ed Charges

Washington, Nov. 27.—The German Embassy, according to information today from an authoritative source, resents the accusations which are understood to have been made against Captain Karl Boy-Ed, German naval attaché here, in the trial in the Federal Court at New York of officials of the Hamburg-American Line. It was said Ambassador von Bernstorff was preparing to file a vigorous complaint with the State Department at the conclusion of the trial, asking at least for something in the nature of a retraction and possibly for an apology.

The German Embassy, it is understood, has not yet decided what form the protest will take. A copy of the stenographic report of the remarks of counsel for the government and the testimony given at the trial is understood to have been ordered.

The embassy is particularly anxious to determine whether Captain Boy-Ed was included by inference or otherwise in the reference made by Assistant United States Attorney Wood to the attorneys in the case as "riding roughshod over the laws of the United States, treating them as if they were scraps of paper."

FORD TO CALL WAR STRIKE BY WIRELESS

Mr. Lechner. "In fact, we have reason to believe that no attempt will be made to stop us. The State Department is doing all it can to facilitate the getting of passports."

Wanamaker and Ford Confer on Peace Crusade

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Henry Ford set forth his plan to sail to Europe to stop the war in a private conference with J. P. Wanamaker, whom he has invited to join the expedition.

Two European Neutrals Planning Peace Congress

Washington, Nov. 27.—Two neutral European countries already are considering calling a formal convention of neutrals to discuss means of ending the European war, and three others have given assurances that they will participate in such a convention, according to Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, of Hungary, one of the women who called at the White House yesterday to urge President Wilson to take the initiative for peace.

attention of the department." The statement follows: "The Department of State has received, by reference from the President, several hundred letters and telegrams urging the United States to cooperate with other neutral governments in calling a conference of neutral nations, which would constitute a voluntary court of continuous mediation, invite suggestions for settlement from warring nations, and in any case submit simultaneously to all of them reasonable proposals as a basis for peace."

"As it is impossible for the State Department to reply to all these letters and telegrams individually, it desires to make a general acknowledgment of their receipt and to state that the suggestions contained therein will receive the attention of the department."

Ford Trip Stag Party Only. Babson Says, if He Joins It

Cincinnati, Nov. 27.—Roger W. Babson, economist and lecturer, today invited Henry Ford that he accepted the invitation to take the trip to Europe in the interest of peace. Mr. Babson attached a condition on his acceptance, however, this being that the party be made up only of men.

"The women have been in Europe in the peace cause. Now let the men try. It is my opinion that woman is held in higher esteem and has more influence in America than in Europe," said Mr. Babson.

FORD TRYSTING PLACE, THE HAGUE

Mrs. Snowden Sails to Round Up British Contingent for the Meeting.

CONFIDENT WILSON YEARNS FOR PEACE

Peace Delegate, Impressed by President, Lays Silence to Necessary Caution.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the labor leader of the British Parliament, who had an audience with President Wilson Friday on the Ford peace plan, sailed on the Ryndam, of the Holland-America Line, yesterday.

Before she sailed Mrs. Snowden told of her audience with the President, to which Mrs. Rosika Schwimmer, a Hungarian peace delegate, accompanied her.

"President Wilson is in absolute sympathy with the peace idea," said Mrs. Snowden. "There is not the slightest doubt that he wants to do something, but he hesitates lest he might act at the wrong time. When I suggested that it was regrettable that the English people had the idea America wished the war to go on to make money out of it, he said earnestly that it was very unfair that the American point of view should have been so presented in England."

Ford Plan Not Approved by Cardinal Gibbons

Baltimore, Nov. 27.—Henry Ford, after several postponements, met Cardinal Gibbons this morning and had an hour's chat with him. The primate echoed Mr. Ford's hopes for a speedy termination of the hostilities, but declined to give the project his formal approval.

"Mr. Ford's purpose in calling upon me," the Cardinal said after the interview, "was twofold. First, he wanted to pay his respects, and second, he desired to outline to me plans of his excursion to Europe."

"How did you receive the suggestions?" he was asked. "I told him I did not see what I could do. I could not go so far as to sanction his scheme. For I think that there are too many formidable difficulties in its way. Mr. Ford further expressed the hope that by Christmas

peace would be declared, and I remarked that that would certainly be a wonderful Christmas gift to the world. Mr. Ford asked me to suggest the names of some prominent people whose interest and cooperation might be engaged in his voyage. But that was not a matter which I told him I preferred to leave to his own judgment.

MASONS AND K. OF C. JOIN FOR PEACE

Bourke Cockran Will Address Get-together Meeting in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—In an effort to mend the misunderstanding of centuries, members of the Masonic and

Knights of Columbus orders will hear Bourke Cockran, a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus, in a discussion of "An Appeal for Peace" Tuesday evening at the Coliseum.

There has been a mild and not unkindly sensation created by the invitations that have been received by officers of the various Masonic bodies in Chicago. The invitations explain that the peace topic will deal not alone with international affairs, but also "conditions in our own country, covering questions of peace and toleration in our social and industrial relations in this country."

Judge Samuel Aischuler, of the United States Circuit Court, a Jew and a Mason, has consented to preside over the meeting. It is generally believed from a canvass of the situation that this most unusual movement will receive hearty support.

that many Masons have received invitations. "The fact that Judge Aischuler is to preside seems to indicate that a disposition exists to wipe out medieval distinctions created before the time of commercial and social equality and to 'get together,'" Mr. Rogers declared. George F. Mulligan, who is in charge of arrangements, asserted that the offers of cooperation have been plentiful. "The lecture by Mr. Cockran will be a plea for better understanding," said Mr. Mulligan, "not only socially, but for religious toleration. The world has advanced too far to permit of lightly drawn lines. We have mailed invitations to all non-Catholic organizations, and have had many letters of commendation from Masonic bodies, including the Knights Templar, and from Protestant ministers. Ralph S. Wheeler, grand master of the Masonic order in Illinois, seemed in a receptive mood. "There is nothing in Masonry," he said, "that is antagonistic to Catholicism. There is no reason why there should not be full understanding and toleration."

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