

BREAK RECALLS ALL U. S. CONSULS FROM GERMANY

Kaiser May Still Keep Agents Here, but Summons Home Is Expected

SPAIN WILL ACT FOR U. S. IN BERLIN

Humanitarian Work of Americans in Hostile Countries Ceases

Washington, Feb. 3.—The severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany to-day was complete. Such thoroughness is not customary in these cases. Ambassador Gerard, in Berlin, was instructed this morning to close his embassy, as well as all the American consulates in Germany.

All embassy attaches, consuls, consular agents and their staffs were ordered to be brought out of Germany. It was in this way that Germany received the first intimation of the severance of the United States to the submarine declaration.

At the same time issuance of passports to Germany was suspended by the State Department. Not until Austria-Hungary formally concurs in the German position, it was announced, would suspension of passports to that country follow.

The diplomatic interests of the United States in Berlin will be taken over by Spain, while the Swiss Legation will assume Germany's interests in this country.

The belligerent interests which the United States has been representing in Germany since the beginning of the war were turned over by the American Embassy in Berlin to other neutrals selected by the various governments concerned. British interests were transferred to Holland, Japanese and Serbian to Spain and Rumanian to Spain, temporarily, it was announced.

Stop Representing Germany

American ambassadors, ministers and consular representatives in England, France, Russia, Japan, Rumania, Serbia, Greece, Egypt and Morocco were instructed by the State Department to suspend all activities in relation to the German interests which they have taken over, and to await information as to whom Germany wishes those interests transferred. The great humanitarian work the United States has been doing in caring for German prisoners in those countries thus comes to an end.

Germany is expected to withdraw all her consuls from this country immediately. The latter's exequaturs will not be cancelled, as that would be a virtual act of war, but no doubt is felt that Germany will remove her commercial representatives at once.

Breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany does not mean war, but merely may lead to war. It is an act of protest characterized in the usage of nations as a "measure short of war."

The danger that war may follow is accentuated by the diplomatic history of the world. Modern times show no instance of a diplomatic break between two first class powers that has not been followed by hostilities.

The rights of Germans in the United States and of Americans in Germany are practically unaffected by the severance of diplomatic relations. All treaties are terminated or suspended, but remain in full force and effect unless either government later decides to denounce them, which under international practice generally calls for a notice of one year.

German consuls in the United States and American consuls in Germany, if they had not been recalled, would hold their places by virtue of treaties and would continue to perform their usual functions, but no longer under supervision of diplomatic officials.

man owners ultimately must be compensated. The ships, scattered in the ports of continental United States, Porto Rico and the Pacific island possessions, including the Philippines, comprise some of the best known ocean liners and aggregate 638,857 gross tons. Only in case of war is there any possibility of their being absolutely confiscated, and even then such action is doubtful, for the United States in the world court of law has the trading exponent of the inviolability of private property.

Mails will continue to move under the Geneva convention and other existing special conventions are concerned. So far as individuals are concerned, the status remains practically unchanged by a break in diplomatic relations. Upon the conduct of Americans in Germany and the conduct of Germans and German sympathizers in America and in the Russian camps, extending to the icy wastes of Siberia, will have to be confined to other hands. Likewise the welfare of British, French, American and other prisoners in Germany, Austria and Turkey will pass to some other neutral power.

Precedent for the severance of diplomatic relations is found in modern history only between lesser nations and between first class powers and lesser ones. The United States suspended diplomatic relations with Mexico, and only recently with the Russian Empire, when the dictator, Zolotarev, executed two Americans, Cannon and Groce.

Great Britain suspended diplomatic relations with Venezuela for a time in 1895, and also suspended diplomatic relations with Serbia from 1903 to 1905, after the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

After the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany, and the suspension of other measures, termed "non-amicable modes of address," which also are "measures short of war."

Non-intercourse acts can be passed by Congress to stop commerce between the United States and Germany, but as the war already has put the trade at a low ebb the effect will be negligible. Such acts were passed against Great Britain and France between 1795 and 1809.

Displays of force have been used frequently by the United States and European powers to impress the earnestness of their position. The allied march to the relief of the legations at Peking as a display of force short of war.

When all the measures short of war have been exhausted or either nation eventually war itself.

More than 100 times since 1700 war has begun before it was formally declared. Only twelve times has it been declared before hostilities began. The latest notable instance of war without declaration was the opening action of the Russo-Japanese war, when Admiral Russo-Japanese fleet, Russian Admiral Komuro, surprised the Japanese fleet, which was breaking off diplomatic relations and reserved the right to take such independent action as might be deemed best.

Berlin "Gravely Excited" Over America's Attitude

London, Feb. 3.—The Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende," of Copenhagen, as quoted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent there, says that "grave excitement" is developing in the attitude of America, and that all agree the worst period of the war has begun.

BUSINESS TROUBLES

Bankruptcy Petitions. BROTHSCHILD CO.—A petition has been filed against the Brothschild Co., a business corporation, which operated 25-cent stores at 41 West 42d St., New York, and at 111 West 42d St., New York, and at 111 West 42d St., New York, and at 111 West 42d St., New York.

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PATRIOTIC WAVE SWEEPS THE CITY

Brokers Unfurl Flag and Make Wall Street Ring with "America"

ENTHUSIASM OVER WILSON'S ADDRESS

"Star Spangled Banner" Turns Grill Room Diners Into Cheering Mob

A wave of patriotism swept over New York City yesterday. Wall Street reacted first from the news. Feverish trading stopped on the floor of the Stock Exchange. A huge American flag was dropped from the ceiling. Cheer after cheer went up.

Then came more cheers. A man began to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Once more the floor traders joined in. The Wall Street school with patriotic chorus. As it did, men here, and there outside the exchange building began to sing. Others, hurrying to and from offices, paused and swelled the chorus. Newsboys stopped hawked their extras to lend their shrill pipes to the sound. In New Street, Exchange Place, Broad Street— even as far as William and Pine streets—men stopped and sang.

WHOLE NATION MUST BACK UP WILSON, SAYS SCHWAB

Must Be Americans First—No Room for Difference of Opinion. Atlantic City, Feb. 3.—Charles M. Schwab to-night declared that this was a moment in which the entire country should stand firmly behind the government.

"We face to-day the most momentous moment in the history of the world," Mr. Schwab said in an address at the annual banquet of the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce at the Traymore. "It is hard to tell what may follow. But there is one thing in which none of us can have a difference of opinion, and that is that we are Americans, first, last and all the time."

FIGHT BEGINS FOR NEW AND DRASTIC DRUG LAW

Number of Victims in New York Increasing, Investigators Declare. Declaring that the increase in heroin and cocaine addicts among the young men of this city is a calamity, the Committee on Drug Evils, of which Justice Collins, of Special Sessions, is chairman, announced that it will seek immediately to procure radical state and Federal legislation to check the illicit sale of narcotics.

Hundreds of Voice Same Thought

In a broker's office at the Waldorf-Astoria a dozen middle-aged men bent over the ticker in silence. They read in newspapers in each other's hands Chief Executive's pronouncement. At the passages of more than ordinary significance they looked meaningfully into each other's eyes. No word was spoken until the address was complete, buzzed their extras to lend their shrill pipes to the sound. In New Street, Exchange Place, Broad Street— even as far as William and Pine streets—men stopped and sang.

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No Threats This Time, but Hopes for "Mutual Understanding". Berlin, Feb. 3 (by wireless to Sayville).—Germany has sent a protest to the Norwegian and Swedish governments in regard to the treatment of German submarines. The protest is directed particularly at Norway. The semi-official "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says in this connection that it is hoped no situation which cannot be adjusted by a mutual understanding will be created.

"A Norwegian order, which is directed against Germany, deprives submarines of their former character," says the newspaper. "The German point of view is comprehended as little by the Norwegian as by the Swedish government, and the new order, as well as the previous order, can be explained in the light of the important interests involved in the neutrality of both states situated so near to the theatre of maritime war."

The German government therefore expresses its standpoint in principle by a legal protest to the Norwegian and Swedish governments, without attaching practical consequences to this protest. In this way the incident may be dealt with in a manner acceptable to both parties.

The new Norwegian order provides that submarines may not enter territorial waters unless damaged or forced ashore by storms, and then they must travel on the surface. The penalty for violation is sinking without warning by Norwegian warships.

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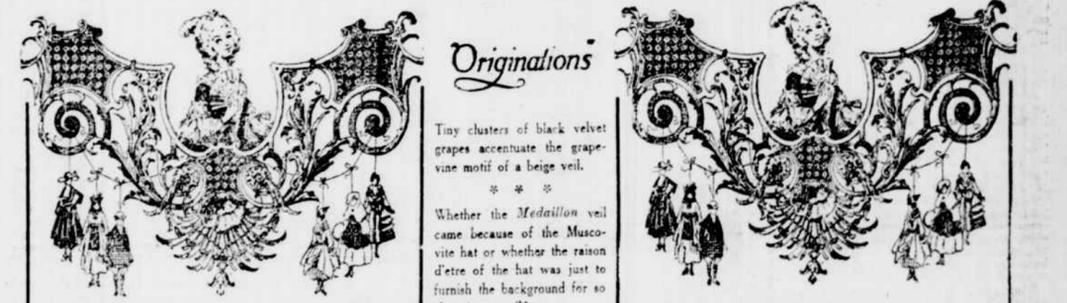
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ONLY COURSE IN WISDOM AND HONOR, SAYS VAN DYKE. London, Feb. 3.—Dr. Henry van Dyke, the former American Minister at the Hague, arrived here to-night from France, where he had been visiting the British and French fronts.

Idaho Backs Wilson's Action. Boise, Idaho, Feb. 3.—A concurrent resolution was passed by both houses of the Idaho Legislature to-day, instructing Governor Alexander to inform President Wilson that the state stands firmly behind him with all resources at its command in the present international crisis.

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