

will guarantee that ships carrying passengers have no ammunition aboard there will not be the slightest doubt of an agreement between America and Germany.

That point must be remembered, for it marks the core of German sentiment. Germany insists that England through the London Declaration into the waste basket and that Germany did not.

Germany also insists that further transmission of international law was not initiated by it. Consequently the most effective method of convincing Germany of thorough sincerity will be President Wilson's insistence that international law be observed and that England recognize America's various protests.

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AMSTERDAM, June 15.—The Courant prints a despatch from Berlin announcing that United States Ambassador Gerard had an interview yesterday with Herr von Jagow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the course of which he was informed that the German reply to President Wilson's note would not be ready for some weeks.

WILSON GETS PETITION FOR A SEA POLICE

Action by Neutral Powers Urged in New Peace Move.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The period of waiting for the German reply to President Wilson probably will be marked by increased efforts to interest the United States in proposals for action by neutrals with the double purpose of fomenting discussion as to means of ending the war and effecting a change in the rules of maritime warfare.

At present Germany is the chief party in interest behind both these movements. Practically all the proposals appearing with regard to both are either of German origin or have been proposed by persons sympathetic with Germany.

There is a feeling here that one reason why Germany is so sure that it will take weeks to reply to the President's note is her desire to give the propaganda already under way time to become effective.

The latest proposal was presented to President Wilson today by Representative Calder of New York. It is a petition bearing the names of prominent business men, including a number of well known Germans.

It solicits the President to urge a conference of neutral powers to discuss the possibility of beginning a series of which shall consider ways and means of terminating the war, and particularly some action for an international policing of the seas.

Propaganda in line with the German position is being disseminated by the German press and by the German radio. It is contended that the German position is the only one which is based on the facts of the case.

There has been no response to these efforts, but this fact, it is believed, will result only in increased attempts to influence the President to take action.

The Germans are convinced that the President desires above all things to have the United States the medium of restoring peace in Europe.

The President denies reports, inspired in Berlin, that the United States is discouraging any efforts among neutrals to bring about peace. His inaction at Washington, however, is easily explained by the fact that there is still every reason to believe that Germany will not give consideration to such terms as they now believe Germany to be willing to offer.

It is authoritatively stated that the Allies will not accept the German proposition for a virtual restoration of the ante-bellum status quo accompanied by proposals for amending the rules of maritime warfare designed to decrease the value of British sea power.

LUSITANIA, UNARMED, HIT WHEN AT 18 KNOT SPEED

Capt. Turner Testifies at Official Inquiry That Three Torpedoes Were Fired, Two Reaching Mark—U. S. Denial of Armament Upheld.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 15.—The first session of the inquiry into the loss of the Lusitania today developed many important points. The first was that the steamship, in which more than 1,000 persons lost their lives, was not armed and never had been fitted up as a submarine.

The second was that the submarine which destroyed the ship discharged three torpedoes, two of which found a mark.

The third by indirection established the fact that the Cunard Company order made it impossible for the ship to make more than eighteen knots an hour, and at this speed she could not hope to escape the German submarine.

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More Bryan Talk. Will Issue a Three Part Manifesto on "Senseless War." WASHINGTON, June 15.—William J. Bryan returned to-day from Old Point Comfort, where he went Saturday for a brief rest. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bryan.

ITALIANS AT TRIESTE ISOLATING

Move Against Tarvis, on Railway Supplying Adriatic Port From Vienna.

SNIPERS ORDERED SHOT. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ROME, June 15.—A statement issued by the War Office last night says that the army, which has been gradually pressing on from Pontebba, is now bombarding Marborghetto. This town, which is an Austro and Italian frontier town on a high summit, is on the Vienna-Trieste railway, which runs through Tarvis, whence an important railway runs through Trieste.

There have been no important developments along the Tyrol-Trentino frontier. The enemy persistently attacked Montebello (in Val di Fiemme) at night after an all day bombardment from Forts Piave and Wieso, but was repulsed each time.

The day of June 15 was marked only by artillery duels in these two regions. Our batteries violently bombarded the German trenches. The number of fires started in the town while the aviators were flying overhead, and a panic was started in the railway station, where the trains left precipitately for the east.

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French Hold Quenneviers Trenches, Taken June 6, Against Heavy Assault.

AIR RAID ON KARLSRUHE. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, June 15.—The repulse of several German counter attacks against the Tontout farm, south of Arras, is the only infantry action on the northern front recorded in the official report given out this evening. The report gives details of the severe fighting last night at Quenneviers, east of Tracy-le-Mont, in which, it says, eight German battalions (4,000 men) were repulsed.

STUBBORN FRENCH ATTACK REPULSED. Berlin Announces Heavy Losses to Enemy in Defeat Near Arras. RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BERLIN, via Amsterdam, June 15.—The following statement was issued at Army Headquarters this afternoon: "In the Western Theatre. The French yesterday suffered a fresh defeat. In spite of the heavy losses they suffered on June 13 they continued to attempt to break through the Lievens-Arras line with great stubbornness. This attack, which was made with a large force in close formation, broke down everywhere, the heaviest losses from our fire occurring northwest of Moulin-Sous-Touvent. We have not yet succeeded in regaining the trenches lost by us on June 6 in Champagne. North of Perthes and Le Mesnil fighting is continuous at various points, but the enemy has been unable to gain any advantage."

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