

U. S. REPLY TO BRITISH BLOCKADE ORDER NOW IN ENVOY PAGE'S HANDS

Text of Note May Not Be Made Public Until Last of Week When Delivered to Foreign Office by Ambassador.

Strong Presentation of Harm Done to American Commerce — London Papers Learn Terms of Answer Are Drastic.

WASHINGTON, March 31. America's reply to the British order in council is now in Ambassador Page's hands in London.

In announcing the forwarding of the note, Secretary Bryan said that it probably would be given out for publication in this country on Friday or Saturday.

The note asks Great Britain for an amelioration of the terms of the order and makes a stronger presentation of the facts as to the trade of the United States with neutrals and unblockaded ports than was contained in the December note of this Government to Sir Edward Grey.

Emphasis is laid on Great Britain's disregard for the rights of the vessels of commerce and the cases of the vessels Wilhelmina and Marmara.

It is pointed out that the actions of Great Britain in the cases of these two vessels are in direct conflict with the representations in the reply of Sir Edward Grey to the December note.

This Government takes issue with Great Britain on the doctrine of "goods to order" and to "enemy destination."

In general, the declarations in the note are for freedom of trade between neutrals.

LONDON, March 31.—The newspapers print a dispatch from Washington describing as drastic the United States reply to the British order in council.

The British feeling is so inflamed against Germany at present because of the sinking of the Falaba that the American note comes again at an inopportune time, as has been the fate of other notes.

FRENCH SHIP REPORTS SINKING SUBMARINE Cruiser Attacks German Craft Off Dieppe and Destroys It, Says Paris Statement.

PARIS, March 31. A German submarine was attacked by a French light cruiser off Dieppe Tuesday afternoon and is believed to have been destroyed.

The French vessel sighted the submarine in the channel and gave chase, firing repeatedly at its periscope when it submerged.

The following official statement was issued at the Ministry of Marine today: "In the afternoon of March 29 a warship of the flotilla of the second light French squadron perceived a German submarine navigating on the surface off Dieppe."

The warship pursued the submarine and forced it to submerge. Then it bombarded the periscope and maneuvered to approach the enemy's boat.

"The warship passed above the submarine at the moment its periscope disappeared and reported that immediately a large sheet of oil appeared at that spot."

BRITISH SHIPS BOMBARD GERMAN SUBMARINE BASE Zebrugge Shelled as Zeppelins Fly to Attack Fleet.

AMSTERDAM, March 31. British warships are attacking the German naval base at Zebrugge, according to dispatches received from Dutch correspondents at Sluis today.

They report that the sound of the bombardment can be heard at Sluis and that the Germans are using armed trawlers and merchant ships in an attempt to drive off the war vessels.

Several Zeppelin airships were sighted this morning at Vrieland flying in the direction of Zebrugge.

New Slang From the Front PARIS, March 31.—New war slang was brought here by British "Gommies."

"To be captured is to be 'scuttled'; to be killed is to be 'put in a bag' or 'scuppered.' A battle is a 'big show.'"

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ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET SHELLS TURK TOWNS

Allies' Aviators Make Scouting Trips Over Dardanelles Defenses, Report Ottomans.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 31. Turkish villages on the Dardanelles are being bombarded by the Anglo-French fleet, it is officially announced.

Aviators from the international fleet are showing unusual activity, making daily reconnaissances over the Dardanelles.

The following statement was given out today: "The Allies' fleet has renewed its bombardment of Turkish villages, firing over the outer forts defending the Dardanelles. The enemy's airmen are reconnoitering daily."

The Russian Black Sea fleet apparently has abandoned the bombardment of the Bosphorus forts.

Rad weather has interfered with the attack of the Russian Black Sea fleet against the Turkish forts defending the Bosphorus.

On the morning of the 29th (Monday) our fleet approached the outer fortifications of the Bosphorus, but did not continue the bombardment started on Sunday, owing to the fog, which made range-finding impossible.

One of the smaller ships of our fleet, while scouting, discovered a Turkish torpedoed destroyer, which had ventured from the Bosphorus under cover of the fog, and exchanged shots with it.

Three British ships were victims of a submarine attack. We made off at full speed, but the submarine fired a shell that struck us on the starboard side.

It smashed three plates and penetrated the hull, wrecking three cabins.

Several shells struck, but failed to sink us and after an hour we escaped in the darkness.

One of the City of Cambridge's boats was missing when she arrived here, several of her cabins were strewn with wreckage and the afterdeck was torn up.

VARE URGED TO WORK FOR LOCAL OPTION

Continued from Page One. eral, shows that Senator McNichol is already planning his campaign, and that his campaign will be waged against any "dry" sentiment that might appear in Philadelphia.

Governor Brumbaugh has started out personally to "line up" the members of the Philadelphia delegation for local option.

The Representatives who attended the dinner are William H. Wilson, Harry T. Bauerle, John Reynolds, Edwin R. Cox, Thomas F. McNichol, Charles J. Roney, Jr., William Walsh and J. Gordon Forster.

T. Larry Eyre, Republican Organization leader of Chester County, will act as field marshal for Governor Brumbaugh on that day.

The delegation of Philadelphia who will come to Harrisburg for the hearing will number more than 500, according to those who are arranging the demonstration.

Alba B. Johnson will be at their head.

VERDUN AND ITS OUTER DEFENSES



Fort Douaumont is today reported to be under bombardment by the Germans after seven months' endeavor to break through the French lines.

VERDUN FORT SHELLED BY BIG GERMAN GUNS

Continued from Page One. The Austrian line. At Hartin and Svidnik in Hungary, beyond Dukla Pass, the Czar's forces have made marked progress.

Germans, under Prince Joachim of Prussia, have cleared the East Prussia border of Slavs, both of whose recent offensives have failed.

Vienna bulletins cutting off Russian troops who penetrated Dukla Pass into Hungary. Lost positions at the south end of the pass were recaptured.

GERMANS SHELL VERDUN FORTS WITH GREAT GUNS

French Officially Admit Bombardment After Seven Months' Effort. PARIS, March 31. After seven months of continued efforts the Germans have finally got near enough to Verdun to bombard the forts defending the city.

Fort Douaumont, five miles northeast of the city proper, has been violently shelled by heavy German howitzers, a dozen projectiles striking the work.

Fort Douaumont is one of a group of six forts and redoubts, north of the Conflans road, defending Verdun on the northeast.

AUSTRIANS INVADE SLAV PROVINCE OF BESSARUBIA

Drive From Bukovina Upon Czar's Soil Admitted by Petrograd. PETROGRAD, March 31. Austrian troops have invaded the Russian province of Bessarubia, the War Office admits, and are advancing toward Chotin, a fortified town on the Dniester River.

Dispatches received from Tarnopol today estimated the invading forces at about 40,000, though the War Office characterizes the invaders as a "detachment."

PRINCE JOACHIM'S TROOPS CLEAR BORDER OF SLAVS

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MEXICAN CHIEFTAINS IN TEST OF STRENGTH

Carranza and Villa Each Lining Up Troops to Show He Is "Strong Man."

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Carranza is making a determined effort to show that he, and not Villa, dominates the Mexican situation.

There is concern over the Brownsville situation. Villa's artillery was busy for the first time last night.

Against Tobacco in the Trenches LONDON, March 31.—Despite the soldiers' cry for the "making," the British Anti-Tobacco League wants the Government to prohibit smoking in the trenches.

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GERMAN ARRESTED FOR FIRING TOURAINE

Raymond Swoboda Captured in Paris—Set Fire to Big Liner at Sea.

PARIS, March 31. The man who is charged with having set fire to the La Touraine was arrested early this morning.

Raymond Swoboda, a German subject, was taken into custody at a hotel in the Rue Rivoli after a search of his apartments had established the fact that he was responsible for the base on the French liner, which imperiled her passengers and crew when she was 300 miles off the coast of Ireland.

Swoboda embarked on the liner at New York on February 27, showing credentials as citizen of the United States.

It has been established that he was in reality a German subject and was entrusted with the mission of blowing up the ship.

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Advertisement for National Biscuit Company, featuring a box of biscuits and the text 'MADE of finest selected flour' and 'NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY'.

Advertisement for Uneededa Biscuit and Library Bureau, featuring an illustration of a man at a desk and text about 'Making good at all times' and 'Library Bureau'.

Advertisement for Social Tea Biscuit, featuring an illustration of a biscuit box and text 'Social Tea Biscuit For Light Luncheons'.

Large advertisement for 'Style Show Week' at 'The Big Shoe Store', featuring various shoe styles and prices, including 'Feminine Footwear of Style' and 'Men's Snappy Styles For Easter'.

Advertisement for 'Facts Versus Fallacies' by Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association, featuring portraits of historical figures and text about prohibition and temperance.