

U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR DISAVOWAL

Sinking of the Arabic Not a Question of Arbitration. It Is Stated.

AMBASSADOR SUPPLIED WITH EVIDENCE IN CASE

Proof Submitted Showing Vessel Was Torpedoed Without Warning. Other Issues in Abeyance.

The United States government has let it be known that it is not willing to discuss with Germany the question of arbitration in connection with the sinking of the Arabic, and an official in position to know today said that the "question of arbitration is not an issue."

It is believed that what the government is contending for is a complete disavowal of German submarine commander's action in the sinking of the Arabic, and the negotiations now in progress may not come to their finality for a week or ten days.

After the conference between the Secretary of State and the German ambassador yesterday the latter was furnished with the evidence of officers and others on the Arabic. It is understood that this is being carried to Berlin by the German government can get the complete American viewpoint on the case. These affidavits are to the effect that the ship was proceeding peacefully and was torpedoed without warning. In the latest cable to this government it was claimed the submarine commander believed the liner was about to ram his craft.

Mass of Evidence Submitted.

It was learned that the ambassador had the opportunity at the State Department of examining carefully a mass of evidence gathered by the United States giving in technical detail the position of the Arabic, the German foreign office and officials who escorted the "booster" to the submarine up to and including the time the torpedoes were fired which destroyed her.

The proof is chiefly that the German submarine was at right angles to the Arabic when firing the torpedoes and that the liner was the submarine, because up to the moment of firing it was concealed behind the Dumba.

These facts have now been transmitted through diplomatic channels to the German foreign office and officials who are endeavoring to learn what effect a study of this evidence will have in Berlin.

German Government Never Had Benefit of Same Knowledge of Case as State Department.

It is believed that the German government never had the benefit of the same knowledge of the case as the State Department of this government and it is hoped, by course, by United States officials that the new light will enable Germany to disavow the action of the submarine commander and that the German government wants first of all is a disavowal, and then it may be willing to arbitration as to the question of indemnity.

Dumba and Von Pape Cases.

According to the Dumba and von Pape cases are pending without delay, according to information from the State Department. Secretary Lansing will pay no attention to the printed reports that the Austro-Hungarian ambassador asked to be "recalled on leave" until the matter is before him. It is probable, however, that if the matter is presented in that form this government would not agree to it. If Dr. Dumba is "on leave" he would be accredited to this government, and no successor could be appointed. There is nothing new at the State Department in the Orduna case.

The State Department free to concentrate on the Arabic case, and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, will be given plenty of time to discuss American views upon his government.

While government officials maintained today they were open to arbitrate informal discussions initiated by the German ambassador with Secretary Lansing, they are not inclined to believe that the situation was far from hopeless despite the disappointing features of the note. It is suggested that when the Berlin foreign office has had opportunity to examine the Arabic evidence, which had not been previously available, it might alter its position and consent to a disavowal.

No Arbitration of Principle.

It was indicated today that if the way were opened to further negotiations on the Arabic or the entire submarine situation the United States would not consent to any arbitration of principle or question in which safety of Americans was involved. It is understood, however, that Germany's assurances that the liners would be torpedoed without warning had been accepted, it was suggested that if Berlin sought to arbitrate the amount of indemnity or the question of whether the submarine commander's actions were justified in the Arabic case, that might be agreed to.

ARCHIBALD CASE TOPIC AT CONFERENCE HERE

United States District Attorney Marshall of New York, who will have direct charge of any proceedings taken against James F. Archibald, who carried letters abroad for the Austro-Hungarian ambassador had a long conference today with Assistant Attorney General Warren and A. Bruce Belaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice.

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PARTY TO RETURN TO CAPITAL TONIGHT

Trip Has Been One Continuous Round of Pleasure, With Business Mixed In.

Special Dispatch to The Star. WINCHESTER, Va., September 14.—Covered with gray dust as the result of a forty-mile ride over limestone roads, the trade boosters party of the Retail Merchants' Association of Washington, D. C., arrived here at 11:30 a.m. today, and immediately set to work to tell the citizens of this city the advantages of the National Capital as a retail buying center. A party of members of the Chamber of Commerce of Winchester, headed by W. R. Lucas, met the "boosters" at the Hotel Evans, where they dined, and then immediately set to work to tell the citizens of this city the advantages of the National Capital as a retail buying center. A party of members of the Chamber of Commerce of Winchester, headed by W. R. Lucas, met the "boosters" at the Hotel Evans, where they dined, and then immediately set to work to tell the citizens of this city the advantages of the National Capital as a retail buying center.

Pleasure and Business Mixed.

The trip up to this point has been one continuous round of pleasure with business thrown in. After leaving Frederick yesterday afternoon the boosters proceeded to Braddock Heights, where a large number of Washingtonians who are spending the week here, they were warmly welcomed. They then came to Middletown and Boonshoro. At the latter place they were met by the Board of Trade of Hagerstown, and W. B. Staley, another member of the organization, who escorted the "boosters" to Hagerstown, where they spent the night at the Hotel Hamilton. As soon as supper had been served the secretary of the "boosters" started for the Hagerstown County Club, where they spent a portion of the evening. They devoted their time to sightseeing about the city. They were up bright and early this morning, and the visiting business section of the city were ready to start on their way.

W. F. Gude Has Surprise.

A pleasant surprise greeted the "boosters" in Hagerstown. William F. Gude, who had planned to take the trip, but found at the last moment he would be unable to go, had shipped up 1,000 roses from Washington. These were distributed to the "boosters" and today many members of the large population of the city are wearing the flowers. The "boosters" visited Williamsport, Falling Waters and Martinsburg. At this city they were welcomed by a committee of business men, among whom was George M. Bowers, former United States commissioner of fisheries.

ADmits GIVING FIGURES TO AMBASSADOR DUMBA

Austro-Hungarian Vice Consul at Pittsburgh Denies Violating U. S. Laws, However.

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Mr. Krener stated that whenever Austro-Hungarian subjects asked for information about the law of their native land which forbids them from working in munition factories they were told that they were taking a chance as they transgressed the laws of the country to which they claimed allegiance.

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"We have no official information that these citizens of the dual monarchy will be prosecuted, but we told all Austrians and Hungarians who have been working in munition factories that they would be running a chance in returning to their country. Nationalities were referred to the officials of the country they adopted, as they had, by their action, passed beyond our jurisdiction."

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Officials here do not understand what has given rise to a report in Germany that the allies had granted demands of the United States that American cotton be permitted to go to German ports. Since Great Britain, France and Italy declared cotton contraband of war a note to Great Britain on the general subject of cotton exports with new laws of commerce has been held up for re-drafting, and it is understood that it will contain a vigorous protest against placing the American staple on the contraband list. There has not been the slightest indication, however, that the allies would reconsider their action or even modify their orders in connection with cotton.

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