

OF THE GERMAN BLOCKADE BUT BERLIN EXPECTS WAR WITH U. S., AS RUTHLESS SINKINGS ARE TO GO ON.

FUTURE UP TO CAPTAINS

COPENHAGEN, via London, February 12.—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable, or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found.

Believe Break Only Deferred.

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute action taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also, that if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American lives or ships would be regarded as an act of hostility, a casus belli must come sooner or later—probably sooner on account of the number of American merchant ships.

Present Crisis More Difficult.

German-American relations again and again have passed through crises apparently less serious than the present one. It is more difficult than the former ones, and even the optimist can scarcely see any peaceful egress out of the impasse.

Final Decision at Grand Conference.

The final decision on an out-and-out submarine campaign of a so-called ruthless type apparently was taken at the grand Austro-German conference at German headquarters on the German emperor's birthday, though the Associated Press heard the statement that submarine warfare would be resumed earlier for stations on the German marine hunting grounds were provided with contingent orders for this eventuality.

Ambassador Aware of Gossip.

Ambassador Gerard, of course, was also aware of the current gossip and probably was able to give the State Department of the possible results of his banquet speech were still resounding. But he was given no intimation from official sources. Foreign office officials avoided the subject in conversations with the ambassador, and he had been before the chancellor's official announcement in the Reichstag of January 31, Dr. von Bethman Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, promulgated in this section of the press the news that a relentless submarine campaign would begin immediately and read to the committee the text of the memorandum on the prohibitions of the German note to the United States—documents which reached the American embassy only several hours later.

No Chance for Negotiations.

There was, therefore, no opportunity or an occasion, as in the days of the Sussex campaign, for any negotiations to prevent the crisis or an attempt to delay the coming break between the two countries. There was no chance this time for discussion with the chancellor or an interview with the emperor, such as served to save the day at the time of the Sussex campaign. Nothing could be done except to report to Washington developments which appeared in the press of the world before the embassy dispatches had started from Berlin, and await the expected explosion in the shape of a rupture of relations earlier than even Americans had expected, and certainly with a promptness which astonished, and perhaps even dismayed, the German press. It was, however, thought it was for energetic American action by reason of the definite warnings in the Sussex correspondence of the plan of ruthless submarine warfare preceded by extended deliberations as to the name by which it should be called, the question of its relative efficacy, and the thoroughness of the measures against sea-borne war, the entire countenance entering with importance into the problem whether the new campaign should be called "blockade" or "sea closure" or receive some other name.

Decided Against Word "Blockade."

Apparently the decision was against the use of the word "blockade," though the German term, "See Sperre" (literally "sea closure") is susceptible of translation as "blockade," and the Associated Press correspondent, after consultation with German language experts, used this translation in his first dispatches from the German countries. The correspondent was informed the following day that this translation was not correct. The admiralty objected to its use and furnished to the correspondent the term "prohibited zone" as the German term. The campaign is now known by this term, and the German newspapers of late have been using "prohibited zone" instead of "blockade" in the sense that this word is used in international law.

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