



LUSITANIA CASE IS DESCRIBED AS "VERY HOPEFUL"

Announced After Cabinet Meeting That Reply Is Almost Acceptable

CONCLUSION IS NEAR High Officials Say Countries Are Substantially in Accord; Crisis Passed

Washington, Feb. 8.—That the Lusitania case looks "very hopeful" was the statement made by a high administration official following the conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

Secretary Lansing and the President conferred until a few minutes before the cabinet meeting in the seclusion of the President's study in the White House.

Secretary Lansing went to the cabinet meeting to discuss the Lusitania negotiations with President Wilson. Mr. Lansing said an announcement on the acceptability of Germany's latest proposal was improbable to-day and he could not say whether he would later confer with Count von Bernstorff.

It was understood, however, that a conference between the Ambassador and the Secretary later in the day was probable. Under the surface there were intimations that some further correspondence may be under way while President Wilson and Secretary Lansing consider Germany's latest proposal.

It has not been disclosed whether it may be with the American Embassy in Berlin or with Colonel E. M. House the President's personal representative who was recently in Berlin where he discussed the situation with German officials. Secretary Lansing's announcement when Germany's answer was received, that it would be for or before a decision was reached, is being recalled by those who believe further correspondence is in progress.

The statement that a mere question of words would not be permitted to block a settlement of the case at this stage, which came from the highest authority, has thrown an atmosphere of optimism about the situation which continues to lead officials in close touch with the negotiations to believe that a successful termination of the case is close at hand.

Late to-day Secretary Lansing will confer with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. It is expected he will communicate to the ambassador the American government's view of the latest proposal from Berlin which substituted for the word "illegal" in the reference to the sinking of the Lusitania a term which is less restrictive and must not be extended to others than enemy subjects.

Practically Satisfactory with the assurance Germany previously offered, while all of them steadfastly refrain from making any definite announcement, it is that the declaration, with the assurance Germany previously had given and which features of the Lusitania agreement already agreed upon, is practically satisfactory, and that if any further changes are necessary, they will be open for them without endangering the success of the negotiations. Some formal announcement indicating a satisfactory conclusion of the long controversy is expected soon.

One administration official indicated after the cabinet meeting that it would not be necessary for the United States to make any further suggestions to Germany. Later high administration officials authorized the statement that "the United States and Germany are substantially in accord."

RUSS REFUGEES BROKE Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—Out of 108 war refugees, mostly Russians who arrived here on the steamer Maru from the Orient yesterday, fifty are held to-day at the immigrant detention station for deportation. The fifty who are desirable they were well supplied with money when they reached Japan, but spent it all while waiting for a steamer to Seattle. The Maru brought a cargo valued at nearly \$500,000 including \$2,000,000 worth of silk and \$500,000 worth of platinum.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 15 degrees; Wednesday cloudy and warmer.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Overcast and warmer to-night and Wednesday; moderate, variable winds, becoming southerly.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly, remain stationary except local rises may occur due to ice. A stage of about 5.1 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions The storm that was central over the Upper St. Lawrence Valley on Monday morning has passed off the North Atlantic coast and the cold, high pressure area from the Northwest now covers nearly all the eastern half of the Middle Atlantic States.

From the Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic coast and south and east of the Ohio river a general fall of 2 to 30 degrees in temperature has occurred since last report.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 10. Sun: Rises, 7:07 a. m.; sets, 5:32 p. m. Moon: First quarter, February 10, 5:20 p. m. River Stage: 5.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 41. Lowest temperature, 18. Mean temperature, 30. Normal temperature, 29.

NEITHER ENGLAND NOR GERMANY IS EXPECTING PEACE

Both Expect Long and Persistent Struggle, According to Indication

WAR MAY NARROW DOWN Max Harden and Lord Northcliffe Give Their Views of Situation

Special to the Telegraph New York, Feb. 8.—That neither Germany nor England is looking toward an early peace is indicated by dispatches reaching here from London and Berlin.

In the German capital Max Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, declared before a large audience that Germany is well able to fight long and persistently and that her resources have not as yet been touched, while in London Lord Northcliffe, quoted as telling an audience of Englishmen that the "war will be very long, and in the end may have to be fought out by Germany and England, although."

Harden said that the delusion prevailed that Germany for years had prepared for war and that the entente powers, therefore, had only to wait until this handicap was overcome. As a matter of fact, he said, the Germans won victories because they were able to adapt themselves to the changed circumstances.

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Wm. H. Lewis, Former Ass. Attorney General to Speak at the Forum

William H. Lewis, former assistant attorney general of the United States and one of the best-known speakers in the country, will address the People's Forum next Sunday afternoon at the auditorium, Forster and Ash streets. Mr. Lewis will have as his subject, "Race and Democracy in America." The Forum is conducted by some of the foremost negro citizens of the city and its object is the encouragement of better citizenship.

May Soon Teach Spanish in Tech High School

The recommendation will be made to the school board that Spanish be made an elective study in the Technical High school. This will cost little or nothing, for the reason that the school already has a teacher qualified by training and residence in Spanish speaking localities for the work. It is believed that this will meet a need bound to become more pressing as business with South and Central America increases.

Making Efforts to Raise Standard of Men's Dress

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Styles for men will be considered during the three-day convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors which assembled here to-day. It is predicted that few startling designs will be shown. The convention, however, will make an effort to raise the standard of men's dress and will make a special exhibit of apparel is being held. The convention is expected to discuss a national apprenticeship system.

Bryan Will Trail Wilson With Antidefense Speeches

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—William J. Bryan has accepted the challenge of President Wilson, issued by the latter during his recent preparedness campaign in the Middle West. He is "going after" the President on the stump and will make an ocean to ocean campaign to combat Mr. Wilson and his members of Congress who favor large appropriations for national defense.

Definite word reached Mr. Bryan's friends in Washington yesterday from Miami, Fla., the Bryan winter home, that the Commoner will openly fight the President on the defense issue. While Mr. Bryan has not definitely fixed the date upon which he will begin his speaking tour, he has notified his lieutenants here that his first speech against defense will be delivered in New York city. Following this he will appear in most of the cities visited by the President and will not stop until he has carried his message of peace to the Pacific coast.

NO JOINT MOVEMENT Nothing is known at the State Capitol, or Philadelphia division headquarters of the Pennsylvania railroad regarding a reported joint movement to organize clubs for the nation's aid. Rifle leagues are being organized for sport purposes, as announced by the Telegraph a day or two ago. G. W. Thompson of the draughting room of the State Highway Department, said: "We are simply trying to organize a rifle association for the purpose of arousing interest in shooting sport. We have nothing to do with the railroad company."

THE DAY IN CONGRESS By Associated Press Washington, Feb. 8.—Senate—Met at noon. Senate Naval Committee ordered favorable report on bill providing \$11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant. Bills appropriating \$500,000 for improving Mare Island and New York navy yards and increasing naval academy.

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MOTOR-SLEDDING CITY'S NEWEST WINTER SPORT



C. H. Uhler, sporting goods and motorcycle dealer at 1317 Derry street, has been attracting much attention on Allison Hill, riding over the ice and snow on a motor sled. The sled carries seven passengers and weighs 500 pounds. Two persons are needed to run it, one to operate the engine, the other to steer it. Two motors of nine and eight horse-power respectively drive the sled at a speed of from 40 to 50 miles an hour. Three large automobile wheels are also used one in front and two others in the rear. The chain drive is attached to the rear wheels while the front wheel is used to guide the sled. Mr. Uhler has made a number of trips during the last few days over various parts of the city and to nearby towns.

APPROVE ARMOR PLATE PLANTS IN FACE OF THREATS

Senate Recommends Government Factory for Battle-ship Construction

APPROPRIATE \$600,000 Barons Are Defiant; Say They Will Raise Price of Armor-plate \$200 Per Ton

Washington, Feb. 8.—Private armor plate manufacturers notified the Senate Naval Committee to-day that they would raise the price of armor plate \$200 a ton if Congress decided to erect or purchase armor plate factories for the government.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, notified the committee of the stand of the armor plate manufacturers, those chiefly concerned being the Bethlehem and Middvale Steel Companies. The committee voted nevertheless to recommend government plants.

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Expect Wilson to Formally Announce His Candidacy

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson's closest advisers expect him to make the first formal announcement of his candidacy for re-nomination within the month, they believe. Mr. Wilson will notify the Secretary of State of Ohio that the voters of the State will have his consent to use his name in the primary.

Under the Ohio law a candidate is required to notify the Secretary of State before February 25 of his willingness to have his name used in the primary. The President has been formally notified of the law's provisions. The President has made no definite announcement of whether he would be a candidate, even to his friends as is known, but they all take it as settled that he will be.

Tumulty Places Wilson's Name on Indiana Ballot

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8.—On the authority of Secretary Tumulty, President Wilson's name was placed on the Indiana primary ballot as the only candidate for the Democratic nomination for president on January 7, the last day for filing by candidates.

Big Game Driven From Park Fastnesses by Snow

Gardiner, Mont., Feb. 8.—Driven from the mountainous portion of the Yellowstone National Park by heavy snows which prevented their grazing, three thousand elk, 2,000 deer and several hundred mountain sheep are being fed by park officials daily a few miles from the entrance to the park. Government officials here express the belief to-day that loss of life this winter among the herds of big game has been small.

May Send Big Force to Quell Indian Uprising

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Federal officials to-day are awaiting instructions from Washington in regard to sending a force of deputy United States marshals to the Navajo reservation in Arizona, where a number of Indians are threatening to go on the warpath. Advice received yesterday by United States District Attorney Flynn stated that some of the Indians were threatening to seek revenge on the whites for the killing of a fellow-comrade who was killed by one of three deputies who came to arrest him. According to the information, the Indian fired upon the officers when they appeared. They returned the fire, one of the bullets killing him.

Adjustment of Blockade With U. S. Suggested

London, Feb. 8.—The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial, suggests that Viscount Bryce, formerly British Ambassador to the United States, or Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, be sent to the United States with full power to adjust the blockade controversy with the government in Washington.

DR. R. R. SPAHR WILL SERVE IN PARIS HOSPITAL

Young Physician of Mechanicsburg Goes to War Zone as Member of Penna. Unit

WILL EQUIP AMBULANCE TURKS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Being Pressed Westward; Kitchener to Be Sent to Egypt, Is Report



DR. RICHARD R. SPAHR

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Mechanicsburg will add her quota to the list of American doctors in war-torn Europe when Dr. Richard R. Spahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray H. Spahr, 19 South Market street, sails for France some time this month. It was arranged for him to leave on Saturday, but owing to the fact that doctors in the previous assignment overstayed their time this contingent must wait till probably the last of February. Dr. Spahr goes as a member of the Pennsylvania unit for a period of four months. He will sail direct for Bordeaux, going from there to Paris, where his work will be in the hospital of which Dr. James H. Hutchison is the superintendent. It is the expectation of Dr. Spahr to raise the sum of \$500 from interested persons, which he will carry with him, toward the equipment of an ambulance railway car.

Dr. Spahr is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and of the Pennsylvania University in the class of 1913. For the past six months he was connected with the Children's Hospital at Philadelphia and previous to that the Pennsylvania Hospital at Eighth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, and the Robert Packard Hospital at Sayre.

Upon his return to the United States Dr. Spahr will locate in an eastern city and continue the work of his profession.

Americans in Mexican Train Under Constant Bandit Fire

New York, Feb. 8.—A party of four American mining engineers who arrived here to-day from Vera Cruz on the steamer Esperanza reported that the train on which they traveled from Mexico City to Vera Cruz had been under constant fire from bandits throughout the entire journey.

The engineers said they left Mexico City two weeks ago and traveled in an armored car which carried four three-inch guns. According to their story, the whole territory between the Mexican capital and the seacoast is infested with bandits.

Dr. John R. Davis, an American physician at Mexico City, was quoted as saying there were several thousand cases of typhus fever in the capital and that smallpox was raging at Tampico. The engineers asserted that Carranza's power was waning and that General Obregon was the man of the hour in Mexico City.

STEELWORKERS GET INCREASE

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 8.—The American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company to-day posted notices of a voluntary 5 per cent. increase of wages to its mill workers, effective February 14. The increase is equivalent to 25 cents a ton additional. One thousand workmen are affected.

BIG GERMAN AND ALLIED GUNS IN TERRIFIC DUEL

Entire Franco-Belgian Front Is Active; Russ and Teutons Deadlocked

Except for the continuation of the intensive bombardment along the Franco-Belgian front, there are few reports of activity from the major fields of military operations. Whether the notable play of the German, French and British guns on hostile positions is preparatory to important infantry operations or is for minor purposes is not apparent.

The current official statements as well as independent reports indicate the continuation of a state of quietude along the broad front where Russian and Teutons have been facing each other for months past with few changes of territory.

Only in the Caucasus, apparently, are the Russian armies active. The Petrograd war office reports continued advances there against the Turks, both north and south of Erzerum, the Russian forces having pressed further westward along the black sea coast and along the northern shores of Lake Van.

To Transfer Kitchener Reports were current in London that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener is to take over the command of the British forces in Egypt and that the Earl of Derby, who has been in charge of recruiting, is to be the new secretary of state for war. These reports are unconfirmed.

General Polivanoff, Russian minister of war, is quoted to-day as declaring that the Russian munitions crisis is now a thing of the past and that the system of handling recruits is such that the units of the Russian army can now be kept up to their full strength with fully trained men.

The French have been making efforts to regain territory they lost some ten days ago south of the river Somme, but according to Berlin they were unsuccessful in their attacks which were preceded by intensive artillery preparation, being repulsed.

The airmen on this front again have been active, a squadron of German aeroplanes attacking British camps in Belgium.

Petrograd has information that there have been recent transfers of large bodies of German troops to the west front, which is held there to indicate that the Germans are preparing again to devote the greater part of their strength to the war areas in France in Belgium.

\$380 Lost Eleven Years Ago in Safe Is Now Claimed

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8.—The \$380 found in Chicago in a safe that formerly had been used in the revenue office here has a claimant, according to an announcement made here to-day.

About eleven years ago Edward Elliott, who now lives in Idaho, was a revenue clerk in the local office. He was charged with a shortage of \$380 and, although it was believed the shortage was due to a clerical error, Elliott had to pay the government \$380. Soon after this the safe in the revenue office was outgrown and a new one took its place. The old safe was sent to Chicago and placed in storage.

Last summer one of the government offices in Decatur, Ill., was in need of a safe and it was decided to take the old strong box that had seen service in Indianapolis from storage and place it back in active service in Decatur. In cleaning out the safe a paper was pulled from under the lining and by further search the \$380, in bills, were taken from the hiding place.

The finding of the money was given wide publicity and reached Mr. Elliott in Idaho. Mr. Elliott's claim was filed at Washington by Frank Smith, of this city, who was chief clerk in the revenue office when Elliott was charged with the shortage.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dr. William Edgar Holland, Fayetteville, and Francis Annetta Schaal, Chambersburg. Harry Carl Shoemaker and Maude Gerfer Herah, Lancaster. Charles Edward Maxwell and Josephine Alberta McCabe, city.

STATE PLANS TO FREE LANCASTER PIKE FROM TOLL

Is Main Artery of Travel From This City to Philadelphia

CUNNINGHAM ASKS PRICE Lancaster Avenue Improvement Company Present Holders of the Road

Steps have been taken by the State Highway Department to free from toll that portion of the Lancaster pike running from city line, Philadelphia, at Overbrook, to Paoli.

This portion of the historic road is owned by the Lancaster Avenue Improvement Company, with headquarters in Philadelphia, and State Highway Commissioner Cunningham to-day wrote to Maskell Ewing, secretary and treasurer of this company, requesting that a price be placed on the company's holdings so that the State might be in a position to purchase the road and throw it open to the traveling public.

The Lancaster pike is known to the State Highway Department as Sprout highway route 142. A portion of it, controlled by the Lancaster Avenue Improvement Company, parallels the Pennsylvania railroad through the populous main line section. It is the main avenue of entrance to the city of Philadelphia from the west.

Promoters of Cambria Steel Co. Sale Rake in About \$9,000,000 For Trouble

Special to the Telegraph Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The \$9,000,000 outstanding shares of the Cambria Steel Company were purchased by the Middle Steel and Ordnance company for \$81 a share, it developed to-day. The purchase involved exactly \$12,900,000. For the promoters there is a possible profit of \$9,000,000.

All stockholders of the Cambria company will receive the same treatment, that is, they will be paid \$81 for each share owned. Payment will be made on and after February 23, at the offices of Drexel & Co., of this city. A majority of the stock, as represented by the Donor, Stotsbury and People's interests, already has assented to the sale.

INDICT THOMPSON ON 17 COUNTS

Pittsburgh, Feb. 8.—Josiah V. Thompson, president of the First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa., which was closed by the Comptroller of the Currency a year ago, was to-day indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for the alleged false certification of checks, making false entries, making false reports to the comptroller of the currency and for perjury. The indictment contains seventeen counts.

LIQUOR CASE DISMISSED

Harrisburg.—The case against J. Garfield Packler, insurance and real estate dealer at 8 North Market Square, charging him with selling liquor without a license at the Fort Hunter Hotel, Rockville was dismissed to-day by Alderman Bolton.

EUGENE ELLISON, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES

Harrisburg.—Word was received here this afternoon of the death in Philadelphia this morning of Eugene Ellison, president of the Insurance Company of North America. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Ellison was a former Harrisburger and is well known among the older families.

FINANCIER DIES

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Lincoln Godfrey, aged 66, a prominent financier and formerly a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died to-day after an illness of two years.

STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Harrisburg.—The State Board of Education to-day referred to a special committee for conference with the Governor the project of a State educational building for Harrisburg and completed the transfer of the Clarion Normal School to the State. M. L. Grove, Renovo, was named trustee of the State Normal School at Lock Haven.

TO PAVE MAIN STREET, PENBROOK

Penbrook.—Council at a meeting last evening passed an ordinance on first reading to pave Main street from Hoffer to Smith. A mass meeting of citizens will be held next Monday evening to protest against high water rates.

London, Feb. 8.—With her cargo of cotton on fire the Swedish steamship Texas is making for the port of Kirkwall, Scotland. The vessel left New Orleans, January 22, bound for Christiania.

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SAYS JITNEYMEN MAY EASILY RUN SECRET SERVICE

Attorney For Operators So Tells City Council in Urging New Rules

MAYOR ISSUES WARNING Jitneys Want Own Ideas Adopted; Gorgas Changes Vote; New Ordinances

Secret jitney service is not only possible under the present city regulations, but there is no provision under the bond requirements to guard against this method of avoiding the fines and penalties of the measure.

So ex-Congressman A. R. Ruple, counsel for the organized jitney men of Harrisburg told City Council this morning in urging the commissioners to substitute new regulations as framed by the jitneys, for the present rules.

Council took no definite action other than to suggest that copies of the jitney regulations be typed and copies prepared for councilmen's perusal.

Mr. Ruple mentioned the secret service possibilities in urging the adoption of the jitneys' plan although he declared that he did not know definitely that such a practice was being followed out here. The stringency of the jitney regulations all over the country are fast driving the chauffeurs to go into business in this way, he declared. The licensing of the jitney men is the most certain method that could be employed to stop this.

"If you had, say 150 licensed jitney (Continued on Page 7.)

Bituminous Operators and Miners Discussing Inter-State Wage Scale

By Associated Press Mobile, Ala., Feb. 8.—Bituminous coal operators from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and union miners representing a quarter of a million coal diggers in those States met in joint conference here to-day to begin negotiations for a new inter-State wage scale to take the place of the separate agreements which expire March 31.