

WAR IS MATTER OF FEW DAYS, IS BELIEF

Germany's Overt Act Expected Any Time---Break With Austria Nearer Today

GERMANY'S STAND REGARDING RELEASE OF GERARD CERTAIN; ALL AMERICANS ARE DETAINED

ASK GUARANTEE OF SAFETY FOR VON BERNSTORFF

Ambassador sends Telegram to American Legation at Copenhagen.

London Newspapers Feature Reports of Attitude of Enemy.

London, Feb. 8.—The German government will require guarantees that Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador at Washington, and the men on German ships in American ports will be permitted to leave the United States before allowing Ambassador Gerard and other Americans in Germany to depart from that country, according to the Copenhagen Politiken, as quoted in a Reuter dispatch from that city.

Gerard's Telegram. This information, the Politiken says, is contained in a telegram sent by Ambassador Gerard to the American legation at Copenhagen. All Americans in Germany including those captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic and taken to Germany on the Yarrowdale, are said to have been detained as hostages.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen gives the same report regarding the detention of Americans in Germany and adds that Ambassador Gerard is not permitted to send telegrams in code. London Excited. Dispatches reporting that Germany is holding Mr. Gerard and all Americans captured all other news in the London evening papers today.

The American embassy has telegraphed to American diplomats in all states adjacent to Germany for information as to Mr. Gerard's plans. The general opinion here was that there probably would be no insuperable objections on the part of the allies to the granting of a safe conduct to Count von Bernstorff. It was unlikely any such safe conduct would be extended to a considerable number of Germans, whether officials or civilians.

Washington Calm. Washington, Feb. 8.—It was said at the state department today that sensational reports have become current in Germany that the German ships have been confiscated and their crews seized. Pending confirmation Germany has detained Ambassador Gerard, American consuls and American sailors from the Yarrowdale.

Officials here minimize the importance of the detention because they believe it largely has arisen from a misunderstanding. Dispatches have been conveyed to Germany through the Spanish embassy as to the court-esties granted to former German officials in this country and their receipt is expected to clarify any misunderstanding in Germany as to America's attitude.

WOMAN ON CALIFORNIA WAS HURRYING TO HER DYING HUSBAND ABROAD. Calgary, Alberta, Feb. 8.—Mrs. R. Kidd, who was a passenger on the steamer California, which was torpedoed by a German submarine, was hastening to England to see her husband, who is battling for life after a serious wound received on the French front.

Whether she and her traveling companion, Mrs. Smith, and her 5-year-old daughter, Edith, were saved or not is not known. Mrs. Smith went overseas to see friends in Scotland.

Englishman Grief-Stricken When He Learns That Wife And Baby Were Lost With California; Three Are Safe. New York, Feb. 8.—It took the silent grief of John M. Little, Englishman, to bring keenly home to the officials and clerks of the Anchor line offices today the loss of the California.

BULLETINS

TAKE OVER CONSULS. Washington, Feb. 8.—The legation of Switzerland upon further instructions from its government, has taken over the business of honorary German consuls as well as that of "consuls of cases." It has not yet been determined whether honorary consuls will be required to leave the United States.

PROTESTS TO GERMANY. Rio Janeiro, Feb. 8.—It is reported on good authority that Peru and Chile will address protests to Germany in regard to the German measure of naval warfare.

SAFE PASSAGE GRANTED. Washington, Feb. 8.—France has formally granted safe passage through the allied blockade for Count von Bernstorff and his sales. Similar action is being awaited from Great Britain.

GUNS SHIPPED TO N. Y. West Point, N. Y., Feb. 8.—All the available six-inch siege guns at West Point were shipped to New York today for use at the forts protecting the city.

SANK IN NINE MINUTES. London, Feb. 8.—The Central News says the California sank nine minutes after she was torpedoed, and his staff was received later at the state department.

ENGLAND GRANTS PASSAGE. Washington, Feb. 8.—Notice that Great Britain also has granted safe passage for Count von Bernstorff and his staff was received later at the state department.

NINE VESSELS PLYING SEAS; SIX IN DANGER. All but Three Believed to be in German Submarine Zone.

New York, Feb. 8.—Nine passenger liners flying flags of the Entente allies, two ships of the American line and one of Holland are today on the high seas between New York and European ports. All save three, the American and Dutch ships, bound east, are within possible danger of submarines or mines.

In addition three British passenger ships from New York are due to arrive but have not been reported. It is possible word of their arrival has been withheld in accordance with recent orders from the British authorities.

The ships at sea, several of them the largest now in trans-Atlantic service and loaded with rich cargoes, included: American liners New York, from Liverpool, February 3, and Krooland, from Liverpool, January 31.

59 Already Sunk. New York, Feb. 8.—Fifty-nine ships have been sunk by German submarines or mines since the German blockade took effect on February 1. Fourteen vessels reported as lost yesterday and last night brought the total tonnage of the victims up to 116,341.

Thirty-two, or more than half of this number, were British vessels; five carried the flags of other Entente belligerents; one, the Housatonic, was an American, and 21 were owned in other countries.

Builder of Fort Rice Dies in Wisconsin. Prescott, Wis., Feb. 8.—Colonel Daniel J. Dill, builder of Fort Rice, near Bismarck, N. D., is dead at his home here, aged 37.

pleaded, "can't you give me a word of hope?" No one dared reply. Tears welled from Little's eyes and rolled unresistingly down his cheeks. The bustling activity stopped and heads were bowed. Straightening himself with an effort, Little squared his shoulders and walked away, the tears still streaming down his face.

Not a word was said as the work of the busy office was resumed.

NAME OF HER INFORMANT IS GIVEN SECRETLY

Mrs. Visconti Writes if For "Leak" Probers—Reporter on Stand Again.

Price Denies Being Go-between for Secretary Tumulty.

Washington, Feb. 8.—When the leak investigating committee quizzed Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti today on who gave her the information on which she reported to Thos. W. Lawson that Secretary Tumulty and others had profited in the stock market on advance information of President Wilson's peace note, she declined to answer, but finally gave the name of her informant to the committee in confidence, writing it upon a piece of paper, but with the understanding that the committee may, if it deems advisable, later make the name public.

She was, then, excused temporarily, while W. W. Price, a correspondent, who she told Lawson, acted as a go-between for Tumulty was recalled to the stand.

Price questioned Tumulty about his conversation with Secretary Tumulty from December 18 to December 20, the "peace note leak period."

"Did you say at any time between December 18 and December 20, have any conversations with Secretary Tumulty on the matter of the president's peace note?" he asked. "None at all," declared Price emphatically.

NETHERLANDS WILL NOT ACCEPT WILSON'S PLAN. Washington, Feb. 8.—The Netherlands government, through the American legation at The Hague, has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follow the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

Information to this effect reached here today in confidential dispatches from Holland.

Bomb Explosion at Stock Exchange in Amsterdam last Night. London, Feb. 8.—The Amsterdam Handelsblad today announces that a powerful bomb, loaded with nails and broken glass, exploded on the steps of the stock exchange there at 11 o'clock last night. No damage was done and no casualties resulted, the newspaper reports.

WITH HOPE OF CONVOY GONE, AMERICAN SHIPS MAY HAVE TO BE ARMED

Line Officials Today Debating Advisability of Mounting Guns.

DELAY SAILING OF TWO VESSELS. 5,000 Sacks of Mail on Board St. Louis—May go by English Ship.

New York, Feb. 8.—Officers of the American line today debated whether they should send their passenger ships to sea without protection or arm them with guns after the manner of the British and French liners. The decision of the federal government not to offer advice to private persons as to whether their merchant vessels should risk the German blockade and not to provide any convoys has left the steamship line still in doubt as to its future course of action.

Pending a decision the company has announced that the sailing dates of the steamship St. Louis and St. Paul, now at New York, have been indefinitely postponed.

WITH GERMANY RUTHLESSLY DESTROYING SHIPS, ALL PLANS FOR CONFLICT ARE SPEEDED UP; HOPE THAT HOSTILITIES CAN BE AVOIDED PRACTICALLY SWEEP AWAY; CLIMAX REACHED IN SINKING OF CALIFORNIA; MAY ARM ALL AMERICAN SHIPS

ARREST GERMAN LURKING NEAR AMERICAN SHIPS

New York, Feb. 8.—A man lurking in the shadows on the American pier where the steamships St. Louis, St. Paul and Lapland are berthed, was arrested today and said he was Joseph Lellard, 52 years old, a German marine fireman, formerly employed on the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, interned at Hoboken. Lellard was taken to police headquarters on a charge of unlawful entry.

RESERVE BOARD TO PROTECT ALL MEMBER BANKS

Steps Taken to Safe-guard Them Against Runs if War Comes.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The federal reserve board has taken steps to safeguard any member bank threatened by a run by foreign born depositors and will aid any bank in the country whose stability is thus threatened.

In the case of member banks, it is said, the board is prepared to discount virtually the bank's entire holdings of paper into currency. Non-member banks needing aid to meet such a run, it is understood, may receive it indirectly from the board through member banks.

Demoralizing Picture Cities Are Censored. Paris, Feb. 8.—One by one French towns are taking measures against demoralizing moving picture films. The municipal council of the town of Beune, the rich region of Burgundy wines, has decided to prohibit the exhibition of police films. Auxerre is about to follow its example since a band of young marauders of 14 to 16 years old drew inspiration from a detective film to rob several merchants of the town.

BERLIN'S U-BOAT CAMPAIGN DEVELOPING WITH FURY THAT SOON MUST BRING OVERT ACT AGAINST FREEDOM OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS

None of Ship Destructioons so Far Constitutes Act that Will Lead to War, but Officials Openly Express Belief that it is only Matter of Hours or Days—Every act of Teutonic Power Tends to Confirm Worst Fears.

London, Feb. 8. (Bulletin)—An American negro fireman, George Washington, was killed in the sinking of the British steamer Turinc off Queenstown. Calvin Bay, an American citizen, was among the survivors landed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Austria has not yet withdrawn or modified her note adhering to the German submarine campaign, it was stated officially today. The possibility that a break with Austria also can be avoided has practically been given up.

Washington, Feb. 8.—On the basis of reports received on the destruction of the California and other ships, so far, it is stated authoritatively that none of the cases constitutes the overt act which will lead to war with Germany. Officials openly expressed the belief, however, that the overt act is merely a question of time.

ALL HOPE OF GERMANY RELENTING VANISHES. All hope, if any ever existed that Germany might modify her campaign of ruthlessness, has vanished and there is no doubt here that it will be only a matter of hours or days before an American ship is sunk of American lives are sacrificed.

The only effect so far as the destruction of the California is concerned has been to quicken the preparations the government is making for eventualities. The breach between the United States and Germany is growing wider hourly and hope that hostilities can be avoided has been almost swept away.

GERMANY'S CAMPAIGN DEVELOPING WITH FURY. Germany's submarine campaign of ruthlessness is developing with a fury which many officials here believe soon must confirm the worst fears that have been held for it and produce the overt act which President Wilson has said will be the signal for war.

The president himself, holding out the first to the hope that after all the German threat of unrestricted warfare on the seas, would be tempered in execution, awoke today to find that a continuous onslaught of submarine attacks had approached a climax in the destruction without warning of the California.

163 SURVIVORS OF THE CALIFORNIA. Washington, Feb. 8.—The latest report on the destruction of the California received today at the state department from Consul Frost at Queenstown, puts the number of survivors at 162 and the missing at 41. It says the ship apparently was torpedoed about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

British reports today from Consul Frost on the sinking of the British ship Eyeston say that she also was destroyed without warning. This point had not been cleared up in previous dispatches.

"Eventually---Why Not Now?"



America Broke All Treaty Obligations, Says Berlin Paper, So it Tries to Put Germany in Right Light

Breach will be made Occasion, Editor Says, to Level New Charges Against the Central Power; What Can we Expect, He Asks, when "Treaties are thus Trodden Under Foot?"

Berlin, Feb. 7, via London, Feb. 8.—In a prominently displayed leader, the Lokai Anzeiger, this afternoon charges the United States with a breach of treaty obligations in "compulsory detaining" in America German subjects who under the treaty of 1799 are entitled, even in case of an actual outbreak of war, to pursue their avocations unmolested. Recalling charges of the violation of treaties and the law of nations made against Germany in the early days of the war, the Anzeiger continues: "The breach of diplomatic relations with the United States will probably be made again the occasion for leveling against us charges of breaking treaties and international law in order to mobilization the indignation of the whole world against our shameful act. It is, therefore, not at all an act of supererogation to point out now, while the deed is still fresh, that the United States, simultaneously with the breach of relations, has been guilty of an unjustified breach of treaty in compelling German property contrary to treaties between them and Germany and condemning German subjects, whose profession" in the words of clause 1 of the treaty of 1799, "serves the sustenance of the general

3,000,000 VOTE TO BACK WILSON

German-American Alliance to Turn Over Relief Money to Red Cross.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Resolutions endorsing the action of President Wilson in severing relations with Germany and pledging its loyalty to the United States were adopted by the German-American National Alliance at a meeting which continued in session here until early today. It was also decided in case of hostilities to form regiments of German-American and to turn over to the American Red Cross funds which the alliance has been collecting for Germany war relief. The meeting was attended by delegates from 28 states. The alliance is said to have a membership of 3,000,000.

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