

U. S. RELATIONS WITH GERMANY STILL SERIOUS

Nothing Is Heard Regarding Teuton View on Latest American Demand

BRITAIN PRESSED FOR EARLY REPLY

Lansing Cables London and Calls for Answer as to Seizure of Mails

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—State department officials said today they consider the submarine issue with Germany still in a grave state because the Lusitania agreement, in the light of the newly announced submarine policy of the Germanic powers, contains no assurances for the future, and officials do not feel that it clearly guarantees against another such disaster as the sinking of the Lusitania because, though it refers to the assurances that German submarines would not sink unresisting liners, it does not reiterate them.

It was demonstrated that the Lusitania was wholly unarmed, but the United States has since taken the position that it considers a ship armed for defensive purposes only and a ship carrying no guns in the same class. The German contention is that under the new conditions of naval warfare brought about by the advent of the submarine, a merchant ship to be immune from attack should carry no arms whatever.

TO HURRY UP BRITONS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Secretary Lansing today asked the London foreign office for prompt replies to the American notes protesting against seizures of mails and against application of the trading with the enemy act against American firms and interests.

American consular representatives in China, particularly at Shanghai were today instructed to gather full information of the removal of thirty eight Germans from the American steamer China on the high seas last week. It was said at the state department that when full information was at hand a note probably would be addressed to Great Britain along the lines of the communication sent to France when the cruiser Descares removed Germans and Austrians from American ships near Porto Rico recently. In that case France released the men taken from the ships and instructed her naval commanders not to make any seizures of that kind.

SENATE TO AIR MATTERS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The submarine issue with Germany and the Mexican situation will be aired in the senate this week.

Senator Stone will lead the democrats in presenting the administration's viewpoint of the tense situation that has arisen from Germany's announced intention to sink all armed merchant ships of the enemy. The democrats have determined to meet what they term an effort on the part of republican senators to make a partisan issue of the diplomatic controversy.

Republican senators are planning to open an attack on President Wilson on Senator Fall's resolution asking for information concerning the Carranza government. They express disappointment that the president and Secretary Lansing failed to disclose diplomatic correspondence relating to political conditions in Mexico which led up to the recognition of Carranza.

NOTE GIVEN AUSTRIA.

Ambassador Penfield at Vienna cabled today that he had presented the American note asking for investigation and explanation of the attack on the American tanker Petrolite near Alexandria several weeks ago and had been promised a prompt reply.

GREEKS GUARDING AGAINST BULGARS

Paris, Feb. 21.—The Greek cruiser Helle has arrived at the Albanian port of Durazzo to protect the Greek residents in that city and in the surrounding districts in case the Bulgarians should enter the city, says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien.

In the Austro-Hungarian official report dated February 20 it was stated that an advanced Italian position had been taken by the Austro-Hungarians near Bazar-Sjak, which lies about six miles northeast of Durazzo. It had previously been intimated in the Austrian official reports that the Bulgarians in Albania were operating against Avlona, about eighty miles south of Durazzo.

The Greek cruiser Helle was formerly the Chinese warship Fei Hung and was purchased by Greece from China in 1914.

WIRELESS PLANTS OF U. S. S. TO SHOW PREPAREDNESS

MESSAGE WILL BE FLASHED OUT OVER THE COUNTRY WITH OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

Rock Island, Feb. 21.—Rock Island arsenal tonight will be the center of a demonstration to convince the nation of the radio preparedness of the country's 25,000 licensed wireless operators. A message will be flashed from this point in keeping with the spirit of the following day, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The message will be written by an officer at Rock Island arsenal. It will be delivered to William H. Kirwin at his home in Davenport, where he maintains a wireless station. He will endeavor to send it to the governors of every state and the mayors of larger cities. It will be read publicly at Lexington, Mass., and Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, by boy scouts of those cities with appropriate ceremonies.

Kirwin has issued detailed instructions to the wireless operators of the nation urging them to exercise extreme care in handling the test, which has been authorized by the United States government. When Kirwin flashes his message, the text of which will not be given out in advance, it will be picked up by all stations within 300 miles. It will be repeated by all stations receiving it and in a few minutes it is hoped to cover the whole nation from Maine to California and Florida to Washington.

The radio men of the nation expect to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the government that wireless is the quickest means of arousing the people in time of crisis. They contrast their work with the performance of Paul Revere, who used the best means then available to spread an order for mobilization—a horse.

Kirwin, since his arrival in Davenport several months ago, has distinguished himself with wireless accomplishments. Under direction of the Davenport Rotary club, he sent a message of greeting to practically every city in the nation on New Year's day. His station, "9 X E" is under special government license.

"SPY" AGAIN CAPTURED

U. S. Officials Investigating Case of Man Who Escaped and Remained Free For a Month.

New York, Feb. 21.—Officials of the department of justice here are investigating the escape of Ignatius T. Lincoln, the self styled international spy, who was recaptured Saturday after nearly a month's freedom. It is hinted that more arrests may result if it is found Lincoln was willfully aided to make his escape or given shelter by persons who knew he was a fugitive.

Nothing definite has been discovered by the authorities to identify Lincoln with any of the unlawful activities of foreign agents in the country, it was said today. He is in a Brooklyn jail today awaiting a decision by the United States circuit court of appeals on the question whether he shall be extradited to England to answer to the charge of forgery on which he was arrested. Lincoln contends that if he is sent back to England he will be executed as a spy.

DUMA CONVENES AGAIN

Czar Issues Order for National Assembly to Meet Following Demonstrations By Big City Mobs.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—The duma has been convened to meet tomorrow. The duma was prorogued on September 16, last, and on December 7 Emperor Nicholas issued a rescript postponing indefinitely its reopening as well as that of the council of the empire, this action being taken, it was announced, on the ground that the budget committees of those bodies had not completed the preparation of the budget. Demonstrations were reported as having taken place here and in Moscow in protest against the refusal of the emperor to permit the reassembling of the duma.

GERMANS PROTEST U. S. PROCEDURE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Representations against the presence of United States deputy marshals on the captured British liner Appam, a German prize in Hampton Roads, were made today to the state department by the German embassy.

Prince von Hatzfeldt, counselor of the embassy, discussed the whole subject with Counselor Polk. It was said that while the embassy realized that feature was out of the hands of the state department and in the courts, it was anxious to know when some decision might be expected.

The presence of the marshals was objected to, it was said, because it was feared some friction might develop.

RUSSIANS RIGHT AT TURKS' HEELS

Latest Reports From East Emphasize Importance of Fighting There

PURSUERS MOVING IN TWO DIRECTIONS

One Column Hundred Miles Southeast of Erzerum Toward Kut-el-Mar

London, Feb. 21.—The Russians have taken by storm the Turkish towns of Mush and Achlat, south of Erzerum, and are in close pursuit of the Turkish army which is retreating from Erzerum. The southern wing of the Russian army is marching on Diarbekir in the hope of opening up the road to Syria. The northern wing of the Russian army has captured the town of Widje and is driving the Turks back in the direction of Gumish Khaneh, which is on the road to Trebizond, while a large Russian force is moving westward from Erzerum, with the object of cutting off the Turkish troops before they can reach a new line of defense. Russian warships are shelling the Turkish batteries along the Black sea coast and are also harassing the retreating troops.

A dispatch from Petrograd reports the Russians in possession of the entire Lake Van district, with the Turks retreating southward and even evacuating the important city of Bitlis. Lake Van lies 100 miles southeast of Erzerum and Bitlis, a city of more than 25,000 population, is southwest of Lake Van, not more than ten miles from the nearest point on the lake shore.

Bitlis is on the direct line of a force pushing from Lake Van toward Diarbekir, about 100 miles away, fifty miles beyond which city runs the Bagdad railway, possession of which by the Russians would cut Turkish communications with Syria and render hazardous the position of the Turkish forces facing the British down the Tigris in Mesopotamia and likewise that of their forces in Persia.

Turks Are Harassed.

The rapid advance of the Russian forces in Turkish Armenia, following the fall of Erzerum, is complicating the task of the Turks in efforts to reform their scattered forces.

From Bitlis, the Russian headquarters in the Caucasus, comes the report today that two Turkish army corps which were on their way to reinforce the garrison at Erzerum turned back when they learned that the fortress had fallen. Assuming the accuracy of this report, the Turks in eastern Armenia have lost the prospect of important help in extricating themselves from what appears to be their perilous position.

Unofficial accounts of the Russian movements record an advance both to the south and to the north, in the former direction toward Diarbekir and the Bagdad railway fifty miles beyond and in the latter in an effort to cut off the retreat of the Turkish forces which have been operating along the Black sea coast.

Nearing Turk Seaport.

Petrograd dispatches indicate that definite results are earliest expected from the movement to the north, where another Russian force is working along the Black sea coast in the direction of Trebizond, toward which the Russian forces from Erzerum also are pushing.

Far reaching results would follow the success of the Russian thrust towards the south, it would appear, as the cutting of the Bagdad railway would sever communication with Syria and point to the possibility of close cooperation with the British down the Tigris from Bagdad in operations for the taking of that city.

Germans on Offensive.

The Germans are carrying on a vigorous offensive movement against the British and French along the Yser canal in Belgium, and have stormed 350 meters of a position. The Germans, however, were prevented from crossing the canal. In the Champagne district, between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers, the French have bombarded successfully a German position.

The Austro-Hungarians have reported the capture of an Italian position northeast of Durazzo. This is the first indication that the Italians were operating so far north in Albania.

Four German seaplanes raided the east and southeast coast of England yesterday and dropped bombs on Lowestoft and Walmer. Three persons were killed and one injured. The raiders escaped.

Britons Repulsed.

Berlin declares today that a British hand grenade attack on the positions on the canal recently taken by the Germans was repulsed, as was also an attack along the Lens-Arras road. The official statement likewise records a backward push for the British south of Loos, where they had advanced to the edge of a German mine crater.

Aerial raids along the Franco-Belgian front are reported by both sides.

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CRONES PENCHANT FOR NOTORIETY TO CAUSE HIS ARREST

MAN WHO TRIED TO POISON NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO WRITES LETTERS.

New York, Feb. 21.—The police today expressed confidence that the passion for notoriety shown by Jean Crones, the Chicago anarchist who attempted to poison Archbishop Mundelein and 300 other guests, would result in his capture in the same manner as a similar desire for publicity trapped Ignatius T. Lincoln, the German spy.

Crones' latest exploit was to call up a local newspaper twice and announce that he intended to stay in New York until Thursday. His announcement was coupled with a threat against his brother, Paul Crones, on account of an interview Paul had given to the newspaper.

Crones' love of writing boastful letters has inspired imitators. Two letters signed "Jean Crones," which have been received by the police within the past twenty-four hours, are declared to be fakes, as neither the writing nor the language are those of the fugitive.

TWO ARE EXECUTED IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 21.—Roland S. Pennington and George H. March were today electrocuted in the death house of the new penitentiary here for the murder in November, 1913, of S. Lewis Pinkerton in Delaware county.

A hard fight was made to save the men, their case having been carried to the supreme court and then taken before the board of pardons five times. Pennington is said to have been the first person of Quaker extraction to suffer the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD IN CHURCH "GYM"

Burlington, Feb. 21.—According to a dispatch from Osceola, Ia., Frank Sinker, 16 years old, was found dead in the bathroom connected with the gymnasium in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The body was found at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon by the janitor, who detected the odor of gas proceeding from the bathroom. The youth had succumbed to asphyxiation, resulting from a leak in the water heating apparatus.

COMMITTEE HAS PLAN FOR ARMY

FEDERALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IS CHIEF FEATURE OF NEW BILL.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—A new army reorganization bill, federalizing the national guard, increasing the regular army to 134,000 men, doubling the field artillery, increasing the engineer corps by fifteen companies, creating four squadrons of aircraft and an entirely new corps of cadets from colleges having military training was agreed tentatively today by the house military committee.

The committee authorized Chairman Hays to draft the bill and have it ready for the committee next Wednesday or Thursday with the understanding that amendments meeting individual views may be offered later.

The national guard provisions will be one of the most notable features. The committee agreed that congress has the constitutional right to take over the national guard by legislative enactment and appropriation.

The provision for a corps of cadet officers from educational institutions having military training is expected to furnish 3,000 trained officers for use in emergency.

The McKellar bill, providing federal cooperation in military training in the states, also was voted favorably reported. It proposed government aid for one school in each state where a minimum of 300 students will receive military instruction.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—Interstate commerce committee continued hearings on child labor bill.

Indian affairs committee considered appropriation bill.

Military committee resumed work on army bill and considered resolution to investigate army aviation service.

Resumed debate on Shields water power bill.

HOUSE—Military and naval committees continued hearings on national defense.

Debate on postoffice appropriation bill resumed.

POLICE FORCE HAS BUSY DAY

Thirteen Offenders Taken Into Custody in Past Twenty-four Hours

PATROL WAGON IS CALLED TEN TIMES

Makes More Trips in One Day Than It Has in Past Two Years

The police department was busy Saturday and Sunday and this morning thirteen offenders faced Judge J. R. Ramsell when he called court. Six offenders were arraigned Saturday afternoon. The patrol wagon made ten trips during the two days, which is the most it has been out in two years.

Mrs. Lulu Alexander, May Alexander and R. J. Johnson, charged with intoxication and being inmates of a disorderly house were arraigned this morning in police court. Mrs. Alexander and May took a change of venue on the intoxication charge and the latter also took a change on a charge of resisting an officer. The disorderly house case will be tried before Judge Ramsell Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

John Dykes and Clyde Bragaw, charged with shooting craps pleaded not guilty but the latter changed to guilty. Dykes was fined \$5 and costs and as it was Bragaw's first offense he was fined \$5 which was suspended. John Lawson, arrested on the same charge forfeited \$5. C. A. Allen, charged with vagrancy, was missing when his name was called in court. Nine were fined on charges of intoxication.

Herman Sumner, Louis Kipper and Floyd Davis, were fined \$5 and costs Saturday afternoon for shooting craps. They paid the fines. Ruth Johnson and George Henderson charged with breaking quarantine were fined \$10 and costs but the fine was suspended.

COLD WAVE HITS EASTERN COAST

New York, Feb. 21.—With a drop of seventeen degrees in temperature between midnight and 8 o'clock, New York shivered in the second severe cold wave of the winter. The thermometer registered twenty-three degrees above zero at midnight and dropped to six by 8 o'clock. It rose slowly as the morning advanced but the weather forecaster predicted no real relief before tomorrow.

Boston, Feb. 21.—The coldest weather of the winter prevailed throughout the greater part of New England early today, with Greenville, Me., at 20 below zero, reporting the lowest official temperature. The highest was 6 above at Nantucket.

The cold seemed more intense than the records indicated because of a stiff northwest wind.

SHOE FIRM GIVEN HEAVY DAMAGES

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The judgment of the eighth U. S. circuit court of appeals awarding \$445,000 to Wolf Bros. and Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio shoe manufacturers, from the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis, Mo., for "unfair competition," was affirmed today by the supreme court.

The circuit court of appeals based its judgment on "unfair competition." The supreme court, however, based its decision today on the ground that there had been an infringement of a trade mark right.

Chief Justice White and Justice van Devanter dissented on the ground that the trade name, because of its nature, was not subject to trade mark protection.

WANT TO DIVORCE HUSBAND OF ROOT

St. Louis City, Feb. 21.—Charges that her husband had deserted her within an hour after their marriage last June at Canton, S. D., were made by Mrs. Kenneth S. Clark in a suit for divorce filed today against her husband, son of a wealthy Lemars, family. Mrs. Clark asks extensive alimony.

VILLA MAKES ATTACK

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—Francisco Villa with 300 men attacked an equal Carranza force under Gen. Jesus Cavazos at Cusuhurich last Friday and drove Cavazos to Chihuahua City, according to private messages received today from Chihuahua.

NOTED EDUCATOR DIES

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Rev. Isaac Cook, 84 years old, former president of Ohio State university at Columbus, Ohio, and of the University of the Pacific, San Jose, Cal., died suddenly at his home here late last night of heart failure.

LASSEN PEAK ACTIVE

Redding, Cal., Feb. 21.—Lassen peak is showing renewed but mild activity, according to reports from residents of Hat Creek valley.

FLOOD REFUGEES BEING RESCUED BY STEAMER CREWS

HUNGRY AND COLD PEOPLE ARE RUSHED TO RELIEF CAMPS AND GIVEN FOOD.

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—With four steamers and numerous flatboats engaged in rescue work, reports from the district flooded by the Mississippi levee break at Buckridge were more optimistic today.

Two steamers loaded with refugees had reached Natchez today from the neighborhood of Newellton.

Two other steamers were working between Natchez and the Buckridge crevasse, where flood victims are suffering most from exposure and lack of food.

Reports from Newellton say a number of parties with supplies have gone into the back country in shallow draft scows to search for persons whom it had been impossible to reach. By using these boats many rescues were expected.

Water from the constantly widening crevasse at Buckridge was reported rapidly covering Tensas, Concordia, Franklin and Catahoula parishes. The Mississippi river is mingling with the Red river a short distance below Vidalia and Ferriday, it was announced, and the belief was that by the end of this week the pressure on the Red river would force it much higher. With the exception of the Buckridge crevasse the Mississippi river levees continued to stand the strain today. A horseback patrol is being maintained from Buckridge to below New Orleans.

Along the Atchafalaya river before Melville the crevasse was today reported to have widened considerably. No effort to check the flow will be attempted as the additional damage will not be great. The only serious losses in this district are reported by the timber contractors. Backwater was reported rising very slowly, and Melville and Krotz Springs were being safe from serious flood.

DEMAND LARGE INCREASE

Anthraxite Coal Miners Send a Committee to Confer With Operators As to New Agreement.

New York, Feb. 21.—Members of the wage scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, headed by John P. White, president of the union, conferred with representatives of anthracite coal operators in an attempt to reach an agreement to govern the relations of the miners and their employers after March 31, when the agreement now in force expires.

The United Mine Workers demand that the agreement shall remain in force for only two years instead of the customary four years.

The other demands of the anthracite miners are for a twenty per cent increase in wages, an eight hour working day and recognition by the operators of the United Mine Workers of America as a union.

PLAN TO ANSWER ROOT

Administration Men To Defend Wilson From Charges Made Against Him By Former Senator.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee asking President Wilson to submit the correspondence between the United States and Korea when Japan occupied that kingdom during the Russo-Japanese war. Administration leaders, it was said, want to use this information in reply to Eilihu Root's attack on the president because no protest was made against the occupation of Belgium.

Mr. Root was secretary of state when Japan took Korea.

MASONS PLAN TO HONOR WASHINGTON

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 21.—The George Washington Masonic National Memorial association, composed of the grand masters of nearly every grand jurisdiction in the United States, began a two days' meeting here today. Its object is to plan erection of a Masonic temple in Alexandria as a memorial to Washington and as a repository for the many priceless pictures and relics of Washington now stored in the Alexandria-Washington lodge.

NATIONAL PARK IN IOWA A POSSIBILITY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Senator Kenyon today introduced in the senate a bill providing for an investigation of the project for the Mississippi valley national park, about two thousand acres located in Clayton county, Iowa, including some islands in the Mississippi and lapping over into Wisconsin. He would have the interior department ascertain the cost of purchasing the proposed park and the practicability of the project.

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH IS BEING OBSERVED

Congregationalists Planning to Have Special Service for Big Event

PRESIDENT MAIN OF GRINNELL IS HERE

Miss May Ditch Outlines History of Iowa Band; Rev. Dana Talks

The seventieth anniversary services of the First Congregational church were opened Sunday and continued through Wednesday evening of this week.

The pastor, Rev. Malcolm Dana, preached the anniversary sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and special music was given by the choir, Mrs. W. B. Rice, singing a solo.

In the evening at 8:30 a union service of the Congregational churches of the city was held. A special song service preceded an address on "A Congregational Church," by Rev. Dana and one on "The Iowa Band," by Miss May Ditch, city librarian.

Dr. J. H. T. Main, president of Grinnell college, delivered the principal address at the service which followed at 7:45. The choir sang several songs and Mrs. Nellie Brown Hughes had a solo.

This evening at 7:45 there will be another union service of all the Congregational churches of the city. The music will be in charge of the men's chorus from the Plymouth church and Rev. Naboth Osborne of Burlington, will talk, having as his subject, "Our Heritage."

The anniversary exercises close Wednesday evening with a banquet for the members of the First church and congregation and invited guests. Calvin Manning is to be toastmaster and the following after dinner program will be given:

"Word of Greeting From Sister Churches"—Rev. Mr. Rhodes and Rev. Mr. Bjork.

"Reminiscences"—William McNeil.

"Recollection From an Eight Years' Pastorate"—Rev. P. A. Johnson.

"Word From the Absent"—Henry Merrick.

"Auld Lang Syne"—Miss Emma Cooper.

"A Forward Look"—The pastor.

Discusses American Ideal.

President Main in his address, discussed the American ideal. He took up the questions of democracy and religion and handled them from the standpoint of their relations to one another.

He said that democracy is a fundamental element in religion, that people are not conscious of its atmosphere about them until it is taken away. He thinks that democracy is not fully realized as a foundation stone of the government, but that it is still in the process of achievement; it is imminent but probably in the dim future.

Critics declare democracy means vulgarity enthroned and maintain that the nobility will form a sort of an invisible church.

The trouble with the church is that it fails to recognize Christ as the interpreter of life and not merely as a religious teacher. They have been trying to reduce him to the size of one church instead of expanding him to all the bounds of life. The treatment of Jesus Christ has in a way done more than anything else to put democracy on trial, declared Dr. Main.

Tells What Church Is.

Rev. Malcolm Dana, in his paper at the 6:45 o'clock meeting, outlined the organization and divisions of the Congregational church. He said in part: "A Congregational church, true to its historic origin and development, is a biblical church.

"It has always stood for the unfettered word as it has come increasingly hard to understand. Therefore it welcomes all light and investigation, believing that the word of God is greater than any powers of criticism and that the spirit of truth is best freed as the letter of truth is discovered in all its history and meaning and fact.

"Church freedom is best illustrated in a Congregational church. For the latter is under no ecclesiastical organization or body but is locally self governing. Though the pastor is often settled by council, his real ministry is conferred by election at the hands of the people and his own acceptance of that election. Officers are elected and statements of faith and doctrine are told respectively, by the people, and the latter in their own words. The church at large has certain historic statements of faith but they are not binding on the individual church. The order and way of worship, what hours (aside from Sunday) to be observed, are determined by the individual church. The prayer meeting and its democratic expression of individual experience is largely used.

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