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WILL IT BE WAR?

Germany Proclaims "War of Horror," Break With United States Prepared For!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare. A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world never has seen, was announced to the world Wednesday in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and to the State Department here by Count von Bernstorff.

Similar notes, advices from Berlin, have been handed to representatives of all neutral governments. Thus begins the long feared campaign of ruthlessness, conceived by von Hindenburg, it is said, on a magnitude never even contemplated by von Triaupitz.

Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with Germany with all its eventual possibilities.

President Wilson's repeated warnings of a "world afire" and Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statement are being recalled in the capital with feelings of apprehension and misgiving. Germany's action is the supercrisis of all those that have stirred the American government in two and one-half years of world war.

Talk of peace in Europe and of means of preserving the peace of the world has gone glimmering.

President Wilson, incredulous at first when the unofficial text of Germany's warning was brought him, at once called for the official document which had just been presented to Secretary Lansing by the German Ambassador.

Mr. Lansing absolutely refused to make a comment.

President Wilson began at once a careful study of the document. The President has the task of deciding what shall be the course of the United States.

Three immediate steps appear among the possibilities:

The United States might solemnly warn Germany against a violation of her pledges.

It might be decided that the German warning is sufficient notice of an intention to disregard those pledges and a sufficient warrant for breaking off diplomatic relations.

It might be decided to await the result of the blockade and determine the course of the United States as the actual operations develop.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The port of New York was sealed Wednesday night by order of Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port. Vessels of every description, including tug boats, were turned back at quarantine by the torpedo boats stationed there to maintain the neutrality of the United States. The purpose of Mr. Malone's order remained a mystery upon which he declined to throw any light. He has full authority to act upon his own initiative in case of emergency, as he is held responsible for enforcing neutrality.

On almost every side Germany's drastic action is interpreted as an open confession of the effectiveness of the British food blockade. It is regarded as a determination to strike back in kind. German officials in the United States estimate the food supply on the British Isles will last a month.

Amittedly, the plan is to carry starvation to the doors of England with swift, staggering strokes, as a fulfillment of Germany's announced determination to use every weapon and agency at her command to end the war quickly. She counts on the operations of an unheard-of number of submarines to deliver blows to bring England to her knees within sixty days. One German official predicted to-day the war would be over in a month.

BURGLARS AT WORK: VISIT MAIN STREET HOUSES

Burglars visited the grocery of Mr. Bruce Holladay, Wednesday night, while Mr. Holladay was at supper, and secured about \$15 in money from the cash drawer, which they forced open. The iron grating covering the door in the rear of the grocery was forced apart, and the thieves, breaking a glass, reached in and unlocked the door. They made a rapid and thorough search for valuables, departing with the contents of the cash drawer. Nothing else was taken.

The meat store of Mr. Albert Antone, on Main, between Sixth and Seventh, was also visited, the thieves gaining an entrance through a side door which they forced open. The cash register had been left unlocked, Mr. Antone being out of the room, but the thieves not knowing this, went to the trouble of prizing off the top of the register, from which they secured \$4 in change. The visit of the marauders was reported to the police. The jobs bore the impress of amateurs and it is likely there will be a vigorous round-up of suspicious characters in connection with the cases.

DIVIDENDS PAID BY PARIS FIRM TO EMPLOYEES

A sum amounting to about \$12,000 was paid out this week in dividends on the profit-sharing plan, by the big firm of E. F. Spears & Sons, among about twenty-five of their employees. These are working on a monthly salary basis. The dividends paid these employees represents twenty per cent. of the net earnings of the firm in certain branches of their business for the six months ending January 1, 1917. Cash amounts ranging from \$250 to \$600 each were received by the employees who came under the provisions of the dividend-paying plan.

THE TOBACCO MARKETS.

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company (consolidated) sold over their Paris House floor Wednesday, 131,185 pounds of tobacco for \$27,300.50, at an average of \$20.81 per hundred. The prices ranged from \$10 to \$126 per hundred, which price was paid for a basket of fancy cigarette wrappers from the crop of Brennan & Gay. The sale was blocked in the Bourbon House and no averages obtained. Some of the averages are as follows:

Brennan & Gay sold 3,530 pounds, average \$28.24; Bedford & Wagoner sold 3,505 pounds, average \$21.37; Sicker & Wagoner sold 3,230 pounds, average \$22.96; Cane & Breeze sold 2,720 pounds, average \$21.03; Thompson & Gross sold 4,600 pounds, average \$22.22; Chas Martin sold 2,615 pounds, average \$20.57; Becraft & Carter sold 4,270 pounds, average \$20.26; Jones & Shaw sold 2,600 pounds, average \$22.42; T. J. Jones & Freeman sold 3,345 pounds, average \$22.23; Bailey & Ryan sold 11,245 pounds, average \$24.19; Wilkerson & Hill sold 3,595 pounds, average \$20.72; Carr & Hill sold 3,595 pounds, average \$21.52; J. F. Wasson sold 2,980 pounds, average \$23.68; Wasson & Cooper sold 3,955 pounds, average \$21.41; Soper & Anderson sold 3,325 pounds, average \$20.44; G. C. Flanders sold 3,670 pounds, average \$19.26; Flanders & Carter sold 1,820 pounds, average \$20.17; Ardery & Offutt sold 5,400 pounds, average \$22.99; Jas. Elliott sold 1,725 pounds, average \$20.51; Stewart Hinkson sold 6,965 pounds, average \$21.79; Hinkson & French sold 2,745 pounds, average \$21.52; Hinkson & Whitson sold 4,645 pounds, average \$22.98.

INDEPENDENT—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

The Independent House had a small sale Wednesday, 18,315 pounds being disposed of. Some of the crop averages are as follows: Meng & Gilkey, 6,930 pounds at \$21.43; Bivins & Brierley, 4,480 pounds at \$24.07; Connell Bros. & Myers, 3,780 pounds at \$19.06; Tate & French, 3,225 pounds at \$19.88.

BOURBON-PARIS HOUSE—THURSDAY, FEB. 1.

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company (consolidated) sold at their Bourbon House 154,415 pounds of tobacco for \$30,969.68, an average of \$19.84. The day's offering contained some good tobacco, but the brake as a whole was the worst of the season. The market was strong and grade prices were well sustained. The general crop averages will be printed in Tuesday's issue.

INDEPENDENT HOUSE—THURSDAY, FEB. 1.

The new Independent House sold a total of 59,500 pounds of tobacco for a total of \$14,334.84, an average of \$24.09. One basket in the crop of Thomason & Hinkston sold for the hitherto-unheard-of price of \$150, topping a market that is assuming sky-high proportions. This is the banner crop of the known tobacco world, so far as records go, and at this rate it will not be long before Bourbon county tobacco will be better than gold in the bank, or wheat in the field. The averages at this house ran all the way from \$18 to \$36.13. The list of crop averages is an unusually long one and will be printed in Tuesday's issue.

Among the sales by Bourbon county growers at the various Lexington tobacco warehouses Wednesday were the following: Wm. M. Sparks, 6,250 pounds at \$20.66; Knight & Wilson, 2,300 pounds at \$21.29; Havelly & Burdin, 7,665 pounds at \$20.84; Leer Buckley, 2,080 pounds at \$21.00; M. B. Linville, 2,980 pounds at \$20.45; Taylor & Perry, 3,065 pounds at \$22.70; Taylor & Day, 6,280 pounds at \$22.55; Houston & Jones Bros., 4,735 pounds at \$21.44; Ewalt & Snapp, 9,925 pounds at \$24.38.

A novel sight was witnessed in Maysville, Tuesday, when a committee of ladies from one of the churches visited the various tobacco warehouses and solicited samples of tobacco from the farmers who were delivering their crops. They were successful in gathering a large quantity of the weed which one of the redrying houses there has agreed to rehandle for them. The tobacco will be sold at a special sale to be held at one of the warehouses on a specified date and the entire proceeds turned over to the ladies.

Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, announced Wednesday that he will offer an amendment to the Webb Bill now in Congress, to prohibit dealers in tobacco and other agricultural products forming common selling agencies in foreign countries. His theory is that this might supply them a lever to depress prices of tobacco and other products of the farm in this country.

FISCAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

The February term of the Bourbon Fiscal Court met yesterday, with Judge McMillan presiding, and Justices Martin, Thomason, Burris, Redmon, Stephenson and Lloyd present.

Claims against the county amounting to \$3,327.00 for sheep killed by dogs were certified to the State Auditor for payment. The report of the County Attorney Batterton were appointed a committee to make loan to W. W. Talbot out of the Hamilton Fund. Justices Redmon and Stephenson were appointed a committee to have all needed repairs and painting done on the court house, and advertise for the bids on same, but to report to the Court before contracts are let. The Court then adjourned to March term.

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SPEARS & SONS RECEIVING BIG HEMP PURCHASE.

Mr. Marion Leach, of Paris, representing E. F. Spears & Sons, of this city, who recently closed a deal for the purchase of 1,000,000 pounds of hemp from Clark County dealers, is in Winchester making arrangements for receiving the crop. It is estimated that this purchase composes one-half or more of the entire crop of the Clark County growers, and was bought at \$13.75 per hundred pounds.

It is said that there are now between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds of the fiber ready for delivery in Winchester. The weather of the past week and a few days this week has been excellent for breaking hemp, and in addition to the hand brakes, the crop will be broken out by power machines.

According to the terms of the contract the entire purchase must be delivered by May 31. The Paris firm has an option on the remaining 1,000,000 pounds of hemp from the crops of the various producers at the two warehouses in Winchester, from where it will be shipped to their Paris handling houses.

Spears & Son have rented the warehouses of Bush & Goff, on North Main street, and Martin & Hodgkin on Broadway, in Winchester, for the purpose of receiving and handling the hemp. The former house will be in charge of Mr. John Clark, of Paris, and the latter will be in charge of Mr. Leach. One baler will be put in operation at the Goff house, while another will do similar work at the Martin & Hodgkin house. Mr. Leach has made arrangements for a large force of men to be put to work at once at both houses hacking the hemp and operating the baling machines. Operations will be started as soon as the first batch of hemp is received.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

I desire to announce that I have moved my law offices from their former location in the Masonic Temple to 503-504, in the First National Bank Building.

P. A. THOMPSON.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Deposit and Peoples' Bank of Paris, held at the bank building in this city, Wednesday, the following officers were elected to serve during the year of 1917: Silas E. Bedford, president; George W. Wilder, vice president; Clarence K. Thomas, cashier; George Doyle, W. T. Bryan and F. W. Galloway, bookkeepers.

LOCAL TRAPSHOOTERS TO GO TO KANSAS CITY.

A party of Central Kentucky trapshooters, composed of Messrs. Thomas Henry Clay, Jr., and Alfred Clay, of Paris; C. L. Wheeler and Victor Dodge, of Lexington; J. E. Schreck, H. J. Meyers and R. Dibrowski, of Covington; Ben D. Goff and Thos. H. Strother, of Winchester; C. H. Ferguson, H. C. Herndon and A. B. Barkley, of Georgetown, will leave for Kansas City, Mo., to-morrow over the Big Four route, from Cincinnati, to attend the International Trapshooters' Tournament, to be held in that city early next week.

These gentlemen won the right to attend the Kansas City meeting at a shooting tournament held a few days ago on the grounds of the Hilltop Gun Club, the private shooting grounds of T. H. Clay, Jr., and his brother, Alfred Clay, near Austerlitz, this county. At this meeting Paris, Cincinnati, Winchester and Covington were represented by their best marksmen.

At the Kansas City meeting the Kentucky delegation will contest for both the National and International championships with the best teams of Iowa and Kansas, as well as the representatives of other States and foreign countries. There will also be a contest for individuals for the amateur championship of the United States. The ordinary "white flier" target will be used in the contests.

REMAINS OF ROY BORLAND INTERRED IN CINCINNATI.

Mr. S. E. Borland returned from Cincinnati, Tuesday, where he had been investigating the circumstances attending the illness and death of his son, Mr. Roy Borland at the General Hospital, in that city some days ago. Mr. Borland stated that the facts, as far as he was enabled to ascertain them in the course of his investigation, were substantially the same as stated in THE NEWS. Owing to the condition of the body it was impossible to embalm it, and upon the advice of physicians and the health authorities, the body was interred in the Cincinnati Cemetery.

Mr. Borland stated that the hospital authorities used every means at their command to locate his son's supposed location in Pittsburg, and the fact that Paris relatives were not notified of young Borland's death was because they had no knowledge of his home and relatives being in Paris. Death was due to a complication of kidney and heart trouble, and the only unusual features of the case was the inability of the hospital people to locate Borland's relatives.

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