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PRESIDENT GIVES OUT STATEMENT; INDIGNANT OVER SUBMARINE RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—While Washington was tense today and conditions much like those preceding the Spanish-American war, President Wilson, back before schedule time from his honeymoon, took prompt, energetic steps in the new, grave crisis in America's international situation.

Within five hours of his hastened return, he had issued a statement showing that the administration considers the torpedoing of the Persia has brought about an extremely grave situation.

"The president and secretary of state," said the statement, given out by Secretary Tumulty, "are taking every means possible to obtain facts in this grave matter and will act as soon as information is obtained."

The president conferred with congressional leaders, including Chairman Stone of the senate foreign committee and Flood of the house foreign committee, and he called a meeting of the senate foreign committee for tomorrow.

Calls Foreign Committee Heads for Conference

While he decided not to call a cabinet session today, he summoned Stone and Flood to discuss the situation with them in order that he might have their co-operation in case a breach in relations with the central powers becomes necessary as a result of the wholesale slaughter of non-combatants within the Mediterranean "death zone" recently.

After these conferences, it was stated that no action will be taken until further details of the Persia case are at hand.

However, the intensity and delicacy of the situation permeated the White House, the state department, congress, and diplomatic circles. On every hand, the talk showed that authorities looked at the recent torpedoings, following so closely on Austria's Ancona note, as presenting an ominous situation.

A special train returned the president from Hot Springs shortly before 8 o'clock.

Congress reassembled at noon and promised to take a prominent part in the international denouement. A battery of speechmakers threatened to turn their verbal guns upon the international situation.

May Protest Wholesale Slaughter by "Subs"

From all quarters came indications that prompt, decisive salutary steps to stop illegal submarine attacks are under way.

In addition to torpedoing of the Persia last week with loss of at least one American life, the administration is confronted with diplomatic issues arising from the submarining of the Glengyle, the Yaska Maru, the Ciotat, Ancona and Lusitania. The principal point for immediate consideration was whether the administration should protest the recent wholesale slaughter in the Mediterranean without waiting for further information surrounding the sinking of the Persia.

It was intimated a formal inquiry will be made of the central powers, demanding an explanation of the recent attacks.

After his conference with the president, Sen. Stone declared that the administration at present lacks facts concerning the Persia, and that nothing will be done until these are obtained. He told the president concerning the plans of different members of the foreign committee to delve into the international situation.

As the result of their conferences with the president, Stone and Flood prepared to prevent discussion of international problems on the floors of congress. Adjournment of the senate eased this task, inasmuch as several there were primed for a verbal explosion.

The president and the chairmen discussed all eventualities. The freest consultation and co-operation between congress and the White House was assured if breaking of relations becomes necessary.

Evidence on Persia Is Not Conclusive

Officials do not regard evidence thus far at hand in the Persia case as conclusive of torpedoing. Navy authorities say that possibly she struck a mine, and as support of this theory they pointed to the fact that the quick plunge she took made the torpedoing theory somewhat doubtful.

The presence of guns aboard the Persia complicates future rather than immediate action.

The main fact of no warning remains. It is improbable that a submarine could see guns on the Persia, and whether these were for defensive or offensive action is a question for future discussion.

Further evidence that American Consul McNeely lost his life in the sinking of the liner Persia, and that the vessel was attacked without warning, came today in a report to the state department by Consul General Skinner.

He said the admiralty's lists of survivors did not include McNeely, tho it did include Chas H. Grant of Boston.

Seven Hindu members of the crew, clinging to an overturned boat, were rescued by the steamer Hing Chow.

Survivors declared the attack was without warning, Skinner said.

Hymns Rise Above Screams of Victims

The sound of hymns rose from those in the lifeboats, above the screams of women and children as survivors struggled in the water alongside the Persia, Charles H. Grant of Boston said today at Alexandria, according to press dispatches.

Grant, like many others, was at luncheon, he said, when there came a sudden explosion. In orderly manner the passengers went on deck. The starboard boats could not be put overboard because of the listing.

Grant himself slid off the ship, entangling his foot in a rope as he went, but jerking it loose.

He finally was picked up and then, after rowing around some time, was taken aboard by a British cruiser and taken to Alexandria. He indicated that the vessel sank with great rapidity.

WHAT WALL ST. SAYS OF SEATTLE OUTLOOK

ARREST ONLY ONE DRUNK IN TWO DAYS

Dry measures have curtailed police activities and made Seattle a saner, better city if the arrest records reflect the true spirit of the reconstruction period. Only one man had been booked for drunkenness during the 48 hours preceding Tuesday noon. The total number of arrests, for all offenses, has shown a steady decline since Friday at midnight. There were only 15 arrests from Monday noon until Tuesday noon, and none of them were booked for drunkenness. The last arrest for drunkenness was made Monday morning at 4 o'clock. From midnight Friday to midnight Saturday, the first day of the year, there was a total of 67 arrests. Thirty-six of them were for drunkenness. During the next 24 hours the total number of arrests dropped to 29, with only five persons being booked drunk. Then from noon Sunday to noon Tuesday—48 hours—the number of arrests had dropped to 19, with only one drunk.

Movie Actress to Be Here Today for Coliseum Opening

Anita King, famous motion picture actress, will arrive in Seattle Tuesday night, so as to be on hand, bright and early, at the opening of the Coliseum theatre, at Fifth and Pike, Wednesday. Miss King is the special representative of the Paramount Pictures corporation and the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Co. The Coliseum will show Paramount and Lasky Feature Play Co. The Coliseum is the little miss who will dedicate this magnificent playhouse.

TIDES AT SEATTLE

High 2:10 p. m., 14.6 ft. Low 10:09 a. m., 10.1 ft. 2:45 p. m., 13.4 ft. 10:14 p. m., 10.5 ft.

Weather Forecast

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

ONE of the best known financial writers in New York publishes his work under the name of Holland. His column appears in the Wall Street Journal. It is published, also, in many of the largest morning newspapers in the country. In his last letter, he discusses the situation on the Pacific coast. Have you a tendency to pessimism? Are you inclined to lose faith in your city? Listen, then, to what Holland has to say:

"Reliable information has just come to New York, which shows that instead of the stagnation which has commonly followed an international exposition—and in some cases has been severe—California, and, in fact, the whole Pacific coast, has not suffered in that way, but, instead, her industries and her commercial life have been stimulated.

"The especially gratifying feature of this commercial activity on the Pacific coast is based upon the fact that it reflects only indirectly the prosperity occasioned in the East by the vast amount of war orders.

"APPARENTLY, THE PACIFIC COAST IS TO HAVE, WITHIN A FEW YEARS, SEAPORT CITIES WHICH WILL HAVE A LARGER POPULATION THAN ANY OF THE CITIES ON THE ATLANTIC COAST, EXCEPTING NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON.

"At the present rate of population increase in Los Angeles, there should be a population in that city within ten years surpassing that of Boston.

"One of the bankers of the East who took part in the meeting of the American Bankers' association in Seattle, in mid-autumn of this year, who has just returned from the Pacific coast, reports that he was amazed when authoritative information was given to him of the business activities of Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles.

"RELATIVELY SPEAKING, THESE CITIES SEEM TO BE GROWING MORE RAPIDLY THAN MANY OF THE LARGE TOWNS IN THE EAST.

"It is spoken of as not the least of the triumphs of the Pacific coast expositions of the past summer and fall that no depression began after the doors of these expositions were closed, but instead of that, increased business activity of all kinds.

"The Pacific coast states it is believed here, are to play an important part in our business advance."

MERCURY DUE FOR BIGGEST DROP OF YEAR

Seattle Electric company officials declare all cars in which heating systems are installed are being pressed into service during the cold hours. Seattle Electric company patrons say they aren't. Anyway, it takes a pretty clever sleuth to discover a warm spot in the street cars these cold mornings. Supt. A. L. Kempster can get ALL cars equipped with heaters if he wants to. He's the general manager. His office phone is Main 9000. His home phone is Capitol 960.

Cold? Speak to Kemp

It's going to be the coldest night Puget sound has had this year. It's going to get as low as 20, and possibly lower.

Weather Observer Salisbury made the pessimistic prediction Tuesday morning, when he learned that the temperature had gone down to 14 degrees below zero in British Columbia, west of the mountains.

"That means colder weather here," he said. "The mercury has not gone lower than 24.1 degrees above so far, but I expect it to go down to 20 or lower Tuesday night."

He said there was little possibility of further snow for a day or so. Monday's snowfall piled up nine inches on the level spots, and broke all records for more than ten years.

Accidents Averted Many coasting accidents were narrowly averted Monday. Only efforts of police to personally warn the crowds at every hill prevented a disastrous list.

N. E. died Monday night from heart failure, said to have been caused by shoveling snow.

Girl Struck by Auto Miss Dorothy Shlimsne, who lives at the Kasota hotel, was struck down by an automobile that made a futile effort to stop on the slippery pavement at 22 1/2 First ave. She was struck down, and bruised about the head and body, while the machine went on.

STORMY TIME EXPECTED AS CONGRESS IS REASSEMBLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A cloud—the foreign situation—hung today over the reassembling of congress after its holiday recess. With vital national problems ahead, the gravity of members over the international situation was pronounced. Committee consideration and speeches on international problems impended.

It was understood there would be no effort to curb oratory, hence sharp attacks on Teutonic submarine warfare and on the allies' commercial interference were certain. Numerous vital subjects were before the senate foreign committee, including the Smith and Lodge resolutions to investigate the British orders in council, submarine warfare and anti-airly bomb plots.

Preparedness and revenue plans were all asked. Opposition to both is growing.

Chairman Padgett's house naval committee will begin preparedness hearings tomorrow with minor officials from the yards and docks bureau of the navy department testifying.

Army preparedness hearings will start Thursday when Chairman Hay will call Secretary Garrison as the first witness.

The rural credits program was launched by joint introduction of a bill for farm land banks under a farm loan board.

The senate adjourned out of deference to the dead Assistant Associate Justice Lamar. No business was done except to swear in Sen. Smith of South Carolina.

GERMANY REGRETS SINKING OF PERSIA

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Regret is almost universally expressed here over the sinking of the P. & O. liner Persia. Heroic efforts are in progress to repair Teuton-American relations.

No information concerning the nationality of the attacking submarine is obtainable and officials refuse to comment upon the incident until a report has been received from the commander.

The newspapers today carry English reports of the sinking, with English reports of the effect the incident has produced on America.

The German papers, however, refrained from comment of their own.

ABANDON HOPE FOR AMERICAN CONSUL

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Scenes of horror preceded the plunge of the Persia. She capsized while lifeboats were getting away from her side.

The waves washed more than a score of passengers from the deck. Then the giant ship dipped sharply, sending shrieking women and children slipping into the water. Before the eyes of survivors, she rolled over and went down, while a score still clung to the decks.

The admiralty today abandoned hope that American Consul McNeely had been saved, altho 11 persons, including Lord Montague, were reported in late advices to have landed at Malta.

Officials still estimate that from 250 to 300 persons perished.

TO MODIFY POSITION ON ARMED STEAMERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary of State Lansing today informed German Ambassador Von Bernstorff informally that the state department is considering modifying its position concerning guns on merchantmen.

The gun issue arose with the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Germans at first contended she was an armed ship, tho it was understood that she later withdrew this contention.

When the German fleet had not been swept from the seas, America took the position that small guns might be mounted on merchantmen as a defensive measure.

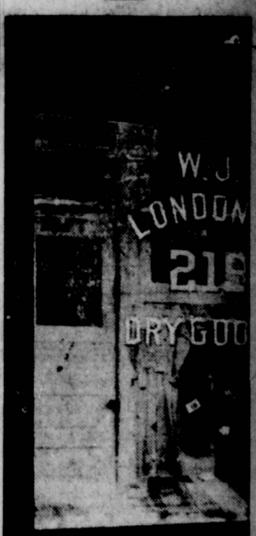
Vashon Will Vote on Ferry, Jan. 24

Vashon island will vote again on ferry terminals on January 24, instead of today, as was announced Monday.

Cheasty's Pre-Inventory Sale

Is now in progress and offers you a chance to save 25 per cent on fine clothing. You will find full particulars in their big ad on page 7. This is just a sample of the good things in the advertising columns these days.

HAS GAY TIME IN SEATTLE GAMBLING JOINT



GIN WONG'S MYSTERIOUS "DRY GOODS STORE," 219 Occidental ave., where the Goddess of Chance holds forth in an underground cavern.

If you're looking for excitement, go to Gin Wong's "Dry Goods Store," 219 Occidental ave.

Dry goods, as a rule, are about as humorous as a hearse, but Wong's commodities are quite the jokinest line of novelties in Seattle.

Probably you wouldn't have known about Gin Wong's household articles, if it hadn't been for H. M. Porter, a diminutive Chicago tailor.

Stopping over a couple of nights in Seattle on his way home, Porter met a genial fellow who glad-handed him in the hotel where Porter was lodged.

Says He Lost \$160 The E. Hoyt plotted Porter down to Wong's dry goods emporium and escorted him inside. Next he introduced his small friend to the Goddess of Chance. The goddess hangs out in Wong's basement.

Porter got mixed up in the grand shuffle of humanity courting favors of the goddess at a number of gambling tables, and when he departed the place was shy \$160, so he said.

He scurried with an empty purse to Walter Metzbaum, an attorney in the White building, and related his adventure.

He wanted his money back. Calls Wong's Attorneys Walter had a "hunch" who Wong's attorneys were. He called them up—Gill, Hoyt & Frye, in the Colman building.

Heber Hoyt answered the phone. He told Metzbaum he had done some legal work for Wong; in fact,

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