

NO GROUND FOR PROTEST FOUND IN EVELYN CASE

UNLESS NATIONALITY OF MINES IS DISCOVERED THERE WILL BE NO BASIS FOR COMPLAINT.

CREW OF WRECKED SHIP HEADED FOR HOLLAND

Anxiety Prevails Among Officials Over Fate of Vessel's Men—Mate and Sailors Thought to Have Landed Safely Are Still Missing.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson conferred with Secretary Bryan concerning the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn off the coast of Germany, but in the absence of definite information as to the cause of the wreck no course of action beyond diplomatic inquiries has been decided upon.

Having learned unofficially that a part of the Evelyn's crew, when cast adrift from the sinking vessel, headed for the coast of Holland, Secretary Bryan cabled to American Minister Van Dyke, at The Hague, the same message he sent to Ambassadors Page and Gerard at London and Berlin, asking that every care be extended to the crew and a thorough investigation of the facts of the occurrence be made.

No Ground for Protest. It was conceded in official quarters that if the nationality of the mines were not determined and if no proof were obtained to show whether official notifications to neutral vessels concerning the courses they should steer, were being followed by the Evelyn, there would be virtually no ground for diplomatic protest.

A civil suit, however, by the United States War Risk Insurance bureau and the owners of the vessel and cargo, is certain to follow upon such evidence as can be gathered through the official inquiries now being made. Some officials thought that a claim for damages might even be laid before Germany and Great Britain if the mines were shown far beyond belligerent zones of operation without giving due notice to neutral craft.

Some anxiety prevailed among officials over the fate of that portion of the crew of the Evelyn supposed to have rowed for the coast of Holland after the vessel struck. The message from Consul General Fee at Bremen said merely "the crew was saved," and made no mention of missing men. This was not supplemented by any further messages yesterday and officials knew only through press reports that the mate and sailors who originally were thought to have been landed safely in Holland had not been reported through any of the coast guard stations or the Dutch admiralty as having been located anywhere in Holland.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS ARE REPORTED SUNK

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 23.—The report of the sinking of a British transport with troops and the accompanying steamer reached Berlin too late for comment by the morning papers. All of the papers, however, feature the report in the first page headlines, together with reports of the sinking of other vessels by submarines or mines.

COMRADES 50 YEARS; TWO PASS AWAY ON SAME DAY

Winona, Minn., Feb. 23.—Companions for 50 years, two of Winona county's old pioneers will be borne to their graves at the same hour, following the double service in the church at Homer. The deaths of Samuel A. Alling, 90 years old, and J. H. Lemay, 70, occurred within a few hours of each other, while the Old Settlers' association of the county was convened in annual session.

Alling came to the county in 1854 and settled on a farm at Homer. Six years later Lemay came, a much younger man, and took up an adjoining farm. Both had lived in the county ever since.

To Visit Austrians. Berlin, via London, Feb. 23.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hellweg's forthcoming visit to the Austrian headquarters will be for the purpose of discussing personally with high officials of the dual monarchy the most important questions pending between the triple alliance powers, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

No U. S. Mail Lost. Washington, Feb. 22.—Although United States mail is constantly going directly or indirectly to every country in the world, so far not one bag has been lost through the activities of the war fleets of the European belligerents. Postmaster General Burleson said he expected no interference with the mail service to result from Germany's sea war zone proclamation. It was pointed out that the mail steamers are fast vessels, carrying passengers and little cargo of the kind belligerents would seek to destroy.

FIVE INDIANS DIE IN FIGHT

ONE WHITE MAN KILLED IN COLORADO BATTLE.

Wickiups of "Old Polk" and Followers Near Bluff Reported Burned by Posse.

Durango, Colo., Feb. 24.—Five Indians and one white man have been killed, one white man wounded, and six Indians taken prisoners in the battle between a band of Plute Indians and a posse seeking the arrest of Tee-Ne-Gat, leader of the Indians. This information was received here by telephone from Bluff, Utah.

It was said that fighting had been resumed within a half-mile of the town and that the wickiups of Tee-Ne-Gat and his father, "Old Polk," have been burned by the posse.

Mancos Jim, Ute chief, tried to persuade the Plutes to surrender "to save the squaws and children," but was met with refusal.

Telephone advices stated that troops passed through Moab, Utah, bound for Bluff. A report that troops had been asked for was denied by Marshal Nebekar.

Part of Posse Isolated.

Bluff, Utah, via Cortez, Colo., Feb. 23.—Five members of the original posse of twenty-six, led by United States Marshal Aquila Nebekar, in battle here with fifty-two Plute Indians and forty of "Old Posey's" band, have become detached from the posse and are isolated in the rocks two miles from Bluff. The Indians have taken refuge in Cottonwood gulch.

The five men are well supplied with ammunition, but have been without food or water since the battle opened early Sunday.

LO! IT'S TROUSERETTES FOR SPRING MAID OF FASHION

Chicago, Feb. 23.—It's to be trouserettes for the spring maid of fashion. But not as Dr. Mary Walker wore 'em. Dainty chiffon billows, peeping beneath the hem of a dancing frock like grandmother's pantalettes, satin bloomers as voluminous as a harem favorite—these milady may have. But they're far different from the bifurcated garment of masculine choice.

With the trouserettes come the capacious feminine pocket, not tucked away in the folds of an 1840 skirt, but hanging conspicuously on blouse or afternoon frock. Both the novelties will be shown extensively at the spring opening of the Fashion Art League of America at the Congress hotel.

The trouserette is introduced by Mme. Ripley, president of the league, who will also exhibit the convenient pocket on several of her models.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS IRISH STEAMER

London, Feb. 23.—The small Irish coasting steamer Downshire was sunk by a German submarine off Calf of Man, an island in the Irish sea. The Germans gave the crew five minutes in which to leave their ship. The crew landed at Dundrum, County Down, Ireland.

The submarine which sank the Downshire was the U-12. The Germans fired three shots at the steamer before her captain dove to. After the crew of the Downshire had taken to the boats, the Germans placed a bomb amidships of the steamer and exploded it, and the Downshire sank in a few minutes.

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Ends 1,000-Mile Trip.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Jack Hughes has ended a 1,000 mile trip to Chicago by dog team. He made the journey from Fort Chippewyan on the Mackenzie river, by sled in less than four months. Snow gave out at Madison, Wis., and the last few miles were by train.

"I had a few bad days of it in blizzards of 40 degrees below," said Hughes, "but never once was in really bad straits."

Bernhardt to Lose Limb.

Bordeaux, via Paris, Feb. 23.—It was decided definitely by the surgeons at the hospital of St. Augustin of Archachon, to amputate the right leg of Sarah Bernhardt.

Mme. Bernhardt maintains her courage, being described as apparently cheerful. She is receiving a large number of telegrams expressing sympathy, sent from all parts of the world.

Norse Steamer Sunk.

London, Feb. 23.—The Norwegian freight steamer, Cuba, bound from London to Rotterdam, was sunk in a collision in the North Sea. So far as is known, no lives were lost.

Turkey Yields to Greece.

London, Feb. 20.—Turkey has yielded to the demand for satisfaction made by Greece because of the insult offered an attaché of the Greek legation at Constantinople. The director general of police of Constantinople has visited the Greek legation in that city and in the presence of all the members of the staff he formally expressed his regret at the insult offered the Greek naval attaché. He promised further that an official communication to that effect would be published in the press.

UNITED STATES IS NOW FACING VERY CRITICAL PERIOD

DESCRIBED AS SITTING ASTRIDE A POWDER KEG IN THE MIDST OF A CONFLAGRATION.

GERMANY'S WAR ZONE AND JAPAN'S ACTS ARE CAUSES

In Europe, as Well as in the Orient, Every Disposition Will Be Made By Administration to Solve Difficulty by Diplomacy. Ultimatum Delivered.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Uncle Sam may be described as sitting astride a powder keg in the midst of a conflagration.

While there is no necessity for uneasily alarm, there is no use of attempting to disguise the fact that the United States is facing a critical period in world politics and that there is danger in every moment.

Not only is the republic focusing its attention upon the remarkable situation growing out of the German declaration of a war zone about the British Isles, but it is glancing with no less interest upon affairs in the Orient, where the wily Japanese are endeavoring to take advantage of the situation to make the huge Chinese republic a Japanese sphere of influence.

There, as in Europe, every disposition will undoubtedly be made by the administration to solve the difficulty by diplomacy, but there is no denying the fact that each situation is loaded with trouble, and trouble so great that no man can gauge it.

Wiseest Statesmen Needed.

Both situations present such conflicting diplomatic questions and of national interest that the wisest statesmanship might well be baffled by the intricacy of the problem.

In Europe there is the possibility of trouble with Germany because the imperial government at Berlin insists on its submarine blockade of the British Isles, while in the Orient there might be trouble with Japan, an ally of Great Britain.

In this seeming contradiction of interests, may lie the solution of the problem, at least so far as Japan is concerned, for by the necessity of the situation, Great Britain may find it necessary to call off her Oriental ally in its demands upon the celestial republic.

Ultimatum Delivered.

So far as the situation with Germany is concerned, the United States is in the position of having delivered an ultimatum to the government of the kaiser. In the face of it Germany is apparently disposed to go ahead with its program and risk the consequences.

The United States has said to Germany that if American shipping is destroyed or if American lives are lost because of the operations of German submarines, the United States will hold Germany strictly accountable. The sinking of the steamer Evelyn may bring this question to an issue.

In the most polite and diplomatic language, the German government has replied in effect that they have given their warnings and neutral shipping must take the consequences.

This, in a nutshell, is the situation and that part of it which relates to the conflict of opinion relative to the right of Britain to starve the civilian population of Germany and the right of Germany to retaliate by enforcing a submarine blockade which must be made blindly effective through terror, is mere diplomatic verbiage to cover the gravity of the situation.

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Holland Imposes Fine.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 24.—The Nieuwe Courant points out that Sir Edward Grey's contention in the British reply to the American note that the use of a neutral flag is not forbidden by other countries, is not correct, as according to the Dutch code foreign skippers sailing under the Dutch flag are liable to imprisonment for one year and a fine up to 300 florins (\$120).

Relief for Prussian Sufferers.

London, Feb. 24.—The Prussian Diet has unanimously accepted a bill appropriating 100,000,000 marks (\$25,000,000) as a subsidy to be used in alleviating the sufferings of persons affected by the war, says a Berlin dispatch received by Reuter's Telegram company, by way of Amsterdam.

Scandinavian Shipping Better.

London, Feb. 24.—Scandinavian sailings to England are improving. Several vessels left for Hull, Grimsby and other British ports.

GET UNDER YOUR OWN UMBRELLA



U. S.—There may be room enough for both, but it's your fault if I get wet.

DECLARES TRIPLE ENTENTE FORCED TURKEY TO FIGHT

GRAND VIZIER ASSERTS ALLIANCE WITH ENGLAND, RUSSIA AND FRANCE WOULD HURT COUNTRY.

TIRED OF HYPOCRISY ACTUATING THE POWERS

Claims Ottoman Government Was Made the Object of Many Falsehoods by the Entente—Turkish People Want Chance To Work Out Destiny.

Constantinople, via London, Feb. 23.—Prince Said Halim, the grand vizier of Turkey, in the first interview he has ever given, has outlined Turkey's reasons for entering the war. He explained the abolition of the capitulations and pointed out the advances made during the past six years.

"We have rejected the triple entente's offer to guarantee Turkey's integrity for thirty years," said the grand vizier, "because acceptance would have been detrimental to Turkey's sovereignty. Turkey's experience with the promises made by the powers forming the triple entente (Great Britain, France and Russia), has not been favorable to the promotion of confidence.

Russia is Old Enemy.

"Turkey knew that to enter into relations with Great Britain, France and Russia would have been a harmful factor in respect to the country's interest. Russia, moreover, is our hereditary enemy, from whom we could not expect lasting effects of a change of heart. Had the past actions of these powers been definite, the page of history which is now being written might have read differently.

"We were tired of the hypocrisy actuating the powers of the triple entente when dealing with Turkey, so we did what provocation forced us to do—went to war.

"Turkey was made the object of many falsehoods by the entente. Now, the allies assert that the government lacks the support of the people. Could we make such a good military showing after the recent wars and other troubles if the government had not obtained the hearty co-operation of all Ottomans?

"We are not a barbaric people, not savage, not black, but brown, not yellow, but white with every right of the other white races, a people willing to invest its wealth and blood in the opportunity to 'make good,' as Americans say.

Zeppelin Kills Four.

Paris, Feb. 23.—A Zeppelin airship crossed the allied lines near Neuport and dropped bombs upon Calais, killing four persons.

New York Firm Owned Evelyn.

New York, Feb. 23.—The steamer Evelyn, sunk in the North Sea by striking a mine, was owned by the firm of Harris, Irby and Voce, of this city, and was carrying a cargo of cotton to the firm's agents in Bremen, William L. Harris of the firm stated. Mr. Harris estimated that there was about 5,500 bales of cotton on board the Evelyn, valued at approximately \$350,000. The cargo was insured by the owners with the government, he said. Mr. Harris was disinclined to make any lengthy statement.

RUSSIANS ADMIT LOSS OF 100,000 MEN TO TEUTONS

SEVEN GENERALS AND ALMOST ENTIRE ARMY CORPS ARE EN ROUTE TO GERMAN PRISON.

RETREAT FROM EAST PRUSSIA HAS ENDED

Gap of Several Miles Now Separates Muscovites and Army of General von Hindenburg, According to Berlin Official Statement—New Battle Develops.

London, Feb. 23.—The loss of almost an entire army corps in the recent retreat from East Prussia is admitted by the Russian general staff in its version of the German victory.

Unofficial reports from Petrograd say that the main Russian army succeeded in escaping from the German trap and has in turn taken the offensive.

Seven Russian generals and 100,000 men are now en route to German prison camps as Von Hindenburg's armies continue their successful sweep against the czar's forces, it was officially announced.

Hundreds Arrive Daily.

Hundreds of prisoners are reported arriving daily at East Prussian frontier towns, swelling the total of prisoners.

According to the Berlin announcement, the Germans have captured 150 cannon, in addition to immense quantities of ammunition and other war material.

It was officially admitted by Berlin that the pursuit of the Russians who retired from the Mazurian lakes region has ended. A gap of several miles now separates the fleeing forces of the enemy and the German pursuers. The Russians are entrenching and preparing to resist further German advances into Poland.

Around Augustowa a new battle is developing. Russian forces are being concentrated in front of the fortress in anticipation of German assaults.

Fighting in the Carpathian mountains still is being fiercely prosecuted by the Russian-Austro-German forces, but apparently without decisive results for either side.

U. S. NOT LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.

Washington, Feb. 23.—International difficulties as a result of the loss of the American steamer Evelyn off the German coast are believed extremely unlikely. Owners of the vessel accepted the risk incidental to war in sending it to Europe and as the Evelyn probably was sunk by a mine there is no way of telling what nation planted the explosive. It may have been a British, Dutch or German mine, as mines owned by each of these nations have been washed to the coast of Holland. The accident occurred outside of the war zone proclaimed by Germany.

DANIELS ORDERS REPORT ON LOSS OF U. S. STEAMER.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Secretary Joseph Daniels of the navy department has ordered Commander Walter R. Gherard, American naval attaché at Berlin, to investigate and make a full report on the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn. So far official advices merely have reported the sinking of the vessel and its cargo off the German coast yesterday, but gave no details.

Secretary Daniels explained that his purpose in directing an inquiry after the state department had called upon the ambassadors at London and Berlin for a report was to secure technical information which, perhaps, might not be included in the ambassadors' replica.

It is said at the navy department that from present indications it will be difficult for the naval officer to secure exact information of what actually destroyed the Evelyn. Unless Capt. Smith or some of the members of the crew of the steamship actually saw the conning tower or periscope of a submarine, officials say, it would not be possible to deny that the Evelyn was sunk by a mine.

Snow Covers Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.—A blanket of wet snow, from two to eight inches deep, covers central and eastern Kansas and northern Oklahoma and a heavy fall continues over a greater part of the district.

Unguarded Prisoners Given Concert.

Leavenworth, Kas., Feb. 22.—Fifty-five unguarded prisoners from the Federal Military prison at Fort Leavenworth came into town on an electric car, formed in line, headed by a band, marched to a theater, where they gave a minstrel performance and returned to the prison with not a man missing. The party was accompanied only by the prison chaplain. The prisoner minstrel played to a capacity house and the proceeds of the affair will go to the American Red Cross.