

GERARD PROTESTS STRONGLY AGAINST TREATY RENEWAL

HINT TO HOLD WRITERS FAILS TO INTIMIDATE

Correspondent Says Berlin Backs Down When Ambassador Refuses to Accede to Unusual Request.

Copenhagen, Feb. 12. — The German government's attitude in endeavoring to induce Ambassador Gerard to sign a protocol reaffirming the old-time treaties with the United States regarding mutual protection of nationals in case of hostilities, and the hints of possible detention of American newspaper men as hostages, was undoubtedly influenced by alarmist dispatches from the United States regarding treatment of German citizens and property there.

Recedes From Position.

As soon as reassuring advices were received from the United States and as soon, too, as the German government saw that the attempt to negotiate a protocol re-affirming the treaty of 1799 with additions and expansions had failed, it gracefully receded from its position and nothing further was heard of newspapermen as hostages.

The protocol contained, besides a formal re-affirmation of the treaty provisions of 1799 and 1823 regarding mutual treatment of nationals caught in a country in case of war, a number of important additions and expansions.

Many Demands Made.

It provided that merchants should be allowed to continue their businesses and retain their residences until the end of the war, unmolested; that no law affecting the validity of contracts should be applied to Germans in America or to Americans in Germany, and that all patents should be inviolate—a question of importance, in view of the high value, if not the indispensability, of certain German patents in the manufacture of munitions and explosives.

Could Seize All Ships.

Quite as trenchant in its bearing on the pending problems, was the provision which Ambassador Gerard was asked to sign specifying explicitly that not only enemy property, as such, should be exempt from seizure or restriction in its use beyond those applying to all property, but that enemy ships in ports of the opponent should not be seized during the war nor forced to leave port unless to sail for home port under safe conduct and guarantee of exemption from seizure by the Allies.

Gerard Stands Firm.

Mr. Gerard declared roundly that he could not be a party to "any such pressure" and that he doubted whether any of the newspapermen could be "sandbagged" or influenced in any way by considerations of personal safety or convenience, and that he must persist in his earlier expressed standpoint regarding these negotiations.

From that point nothing further was heard of the protocol or of the possibility of detaining Americans.

The German government's attitude undoubtedly was influenced by press dispatches with which the German newspapers were then being flooded asserting that German ships were being seized and their crews interned in the United States.

GERMANY SEEKING WAY TO QUIT U-BOAT WAR

Britons Think Teutons Are Alarmed Over Possible Entrance of United States Into Conflict.

London, Feb. 12.—The impression is gaining ground in diplomatic quarters today that Germany is becoming alarmed over the possible entrance of America into the war, and is trying desperately to find some way out without receding entirely from her position of ruthless savagery.

Confirmation of this was seen in the news that the Kaiser has called another conference at General Headquarters. The message coming from Amsterdam says the subject will be the submarine situation and that the Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg and high army and navy officials will attend. It is reported, the correspondent adds, that the possibility of negotiations with neutrals for the modifying the terms of the recent German memorandum will be discussed.

Wilson Names Chicago Postmaster.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The selection of William B. Carlile, for many years a prominent life insurance official, as postmaster of Chicago by President Wilson appears to have been a surprise. Mr. Carlile's name has not been mentioned before during the years of squabbling over the local postmastership. His selection came as a surprise to the Illinois delegation, even to Senator Lewis, according to the senator. Mr. Carlile credited his appointment to Lewis' friendship according to apparently reliable reports.

News Gathered by Sheaf Correspondents

HAPPY CORNER

Nels Jorgenson returned home last week, after an extended visit with relatives in South Dakota and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hoper are caring for a little son, who made his arrival at their home this week.

Albert Grandstand is a regular weekly visitor at Warren, where he is receiving vocal training.

H. Hoper and J. W. Field attended the Commercial Club meeting at Stepen, Monday evening.

Miss Delia Grandstand spent one day last week with Mrs. Fred Field.

Miss Edith Lundin of Stephen has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Allison, for a few days.

A deal was closed last week, whereby George Jensen disposed of his 80-acre farm, Bennie Benson being the purchaser; consideration, \$40 per acre.

Tom Thorildson has been numbered with those on the sick list suffering from a severe cold.

Joe Norburg, after spending a few weeks on his claim out east, returned last week to Mrs. Annie Peterson's, where he has been employed.

The Boys' Girls' and Farmers' Clubs held their joint meeting last Saturday evening. After the usual routine business of the Farmers' Club, the boys and girls gave a nice program, consisting of a play, which was greatly enjoyed.

S. J. Grandstand and family, Frank Allison and son, Will, and wife, Miss Edith Lundin, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoper, were Sunday dinner guests at the J. W. Field home.

STRANDQUIST

Mrs. Ole Nilson returned from Osakis on Sunday morning.

Miss Ella is home again after spending some time visiting relatives and friends in North Dakota.

Mrs. Tony Rasmussen of Dravton is visiting at H. C. Nilson's. Mrs. Ole Erickson went to Forest River to accompany her home.

Several pounds of rice were planted on the depot platform last Friday evening, when C. E. Johnson and Miss Agnes Anderson, accompanied by her brother, Roy, boarded the flyer. Congratulations.

Miss Lilly Johnson of Bronson is visiting at Alfred Erickson's this week.

Mrs. S. Brown, of Montana, arrived on Monday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. T. Jensen, and her sister, Mrs. Ole Nilson.

Geo. Noland went to Thief River Falls to have some dental work done, Monday.

J. E. Strandquist is a very happy person just now, as he has received news from the Credit Bureau at Duluth, the party to whom he last fall, when unable on account of sickness to carry on his mercantile business, turned his store stock over to, so as to give his creditors a square deal, said concern has settled all his wholesale debts, and returned to him all real estate papers involved, besides all unpaid collections, so he may hereafter settle with the debtors himself, as all accounts and notes were returned to him, not already collected by the Bureau, and also some means to go ahead as a farmer or again enter a business career in this town. Well done, Mr. Strandquist.

Mrs. C. Carlson, Mrs. Anton Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Erick Lefroth attended the annual meeting of the Mission Friends church at Thief River Falls last week.

Mrs. Wavrozinski and son John returned from St. Paul, Friday.

Ang. Dura accompanied his son Julius to Alsen, N. D., on Friday.

Mary D. went with them as far as Thief River Falls.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 4th, after having been confined to his bed for almost 16 years, suffering from paralysis, Henry Larson, aged 43 years, 9 months and 18 days, passed to his reward. Henry's lot in life has been a hard one, as he not only suffered from the long illness but also had to feel that he was a burden to others, as he had no means by which to carry him thru life. He has been supported by the township, and the Henry has always been well taken care of, it must be a sad case to be left to the mercy of others, unable to do anything for years but think, without hope for betterment. The Henry's parents are living at Malma, Sweden, the distance was too far for the loving arms of his mother to reach her crippled boy with any assistance on this side of the ocean. He is also survived by a brother in Wisconsin. Henry has been at several places during his sickness, but a year ago he was removed to E. C. Wallin's place where he remained till his death, and we are sure Mr. and Mrs. Wallin gave him the best of care, but the time was due when he should be released from the sick bed, and he quietly passed away. His remains were laid to rest in the Bethesda cemetery on Feb. 7th.

Rev. Larson will conduct services at the Mission House on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All welcome.

NEW SOLUM

Mrs. T. Eide and son Olaf were to Viking on Monday.

Oscar Forsberg called at the T. Eide home on Monday evening.

Tomes Nelson, the cattle king of Newfolden, called at Eide's on Tuesday.

Fred Ranum has been hauling wood to Rosewood the past week.

Sophie Nelson left for Thief River Falls Thursday night returning on Monday morning.

Bertina and Gina Melve left Friday morning for Climax, Minn., to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Anna Tunney.

The Ladies Aid Society was held at John Kulseth's last Wednesday and quite a number besides the members were present.

Gust Hillver hauled two loads of wood to his new place near Viking last Thursday, where he intends to move in the spring.

Lars Ible visited at Ansten Olson's on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hulley Trinn, who has visited with her folks a few days last week returned to her home near Viking, Friday.

Uncle Martin called at L. Roseland's and R. M. Nelson's, Friday.

Anton Gulseth was busy hauling wood to Viking last Friday and Saturday.

One of the popular young ladies around here had the misfortune to freeze one of her ears last Wednesday, going to the Ladies Aid Society meeting.

Some of the church members of the Bethlem congregation were busy hauling wood for the church, Monday.

Nels, Oscar and Joseph Kulseth, Oscar Forsberg, Lars Stromme, Olaf Norma and Annie Eide, took in the Farmers' Club in the school house, District No. 30, last Saturday evening. A good program was rendered and lunch served.

Our next Farmers' Club will be held in the school house, District No. 28, four weeks from Saturday, Feb. 10.

John Johnson has been sawing cord wood for T. Eide, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nelson, son Meyer, and daughter, Gina, called

at the Lewis Roseland home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Eide visited at Anton Gulseth's, Sunday.

Minnie Lindstad and Clara Bakken made a short visit at Arthur Olson's, Sunday afternoon.

The wedding dance in Newfolden hall was well attended and everyone reported a fine time. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. Herman Paulson hearty congratulations.

Olaf Eide, Freddie and Otto Ranum called at J. Kulseth's, Sunday.

Joseph, Oscar and Mrs. Kulseth called at Mrs. Sam Sorenson's on Sunday.

Uncle Martin, Nels Kulseth and Alfred Nelson visited at the T. O. Eide home, Sunday afternoon.

Alfred Nelson made a quick trip to Viking on Monday forenoon.

Lyda Batten visited with her sister, Nettie, and brother, Roscoe, over Sunday.

VEGA

Victor Person has returned for spring work at Mrs. Furst's farm.

Fred Johnson returned Saturday morning after attending the Farm Crops Show held at Crookston.

Hildur Ranstrom visited with the home folks over Sunday.

Lena Gerals is home again after spending a few months visiting with her sister.

George Joranson is employed at Emil Wahlstein's.

A few from Vega attended the meeting held at Mrs. Boberg's, of Alvarado, Sunday evening, in spite of the cold weather.

Alice Nelson was a home visitor over Sunday.

Quite a few from this vicinity were Warren callers, Saturday.

David Lindstrom has been staying at Fred Johnson's for a week.

Axel Johnson spent Sunday with home folks, returning to Warren on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Westberg and son Roy called at Nyblad's, Sunday afternoon.

Thure and Elmer Lundquist visited uncle, John Erickson, Sunday.

(From another correspondent.

The Vega Farmers' Club held their annual meeting last Friday evening. The attendance was large and a good program was rendered.

Misses Alma Anderson and Judith Porten, students of the Warren schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Axel Swanson spent a few days in Thief River Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boardson visited with Mrs. Anderson, Sunday.

Anton Pederson was an Alvarado caller on Monday.

Sunday visitors at Nelson's were Mr. and Mrs. O. Larson and daughter, Olga, and Alma, Edith and Carl Anderson.

John Anderson made a short call at M. Boardson's, Thursday.

Henry and Carl Nelson were Sunday callers at Mackie's and Lashbrook's, near Oslo.

The Lindstrom family visited with Larson's, Thursday.

Ole Wolberg and John Nelson were Monday callers at Fryholm's.

Baptist Church of Vega.

Rev. G. R. Anderson will preach at the following times and places: At the church:—Thursday, Feb. 15, 2 p. m.; Friday, Feb. 16, 2 p. m.; Sunday, Feb. 18, 11 p. m.

At Alvarado:—Friday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p. m., at the home of L. Wallin; Sunday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p. m., at the home of P. Paulson.

The Woman's Society will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of John Engstrom. Everybody welcome.

Don't forget to read the Want Ads Sheaf/Want Ads.

BELIEF AT BERLIN IS THAT WAR WITH U.S. IS CERTAINTY

WOULD AVOID ACTUAL CONFLICT IF POSSIBLE

Not Thought That Method to Reconcile Policies of the Two Governments Can Be Agreed Upon.

Washington, Feb. 12. — American ship owners who have been holding their vessels in port because of inability to obtain guns for defense against submarines, probably will have their difficulty solved in a few days. Strong intimations are given in official quarters that, while the government will not actually arm merchant craft or even formally advise arming, a way will be found to put weapons at the disposal of owners who desire to prepare for defense against illegal attack.

War Seems Unavoidable.

Copenhagen, Feb. 12.—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found.

There now is a desire on the part of the authorities and a vast bulk of the people to avoid actual hostilities in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such a way. Accordingly, instructions were given to submarine commanders before they started on their February mission, to take the safe side when neutral vessels, particularly American, were in question, whenever possible.

Neutrals to Be Warned.

Enemy merchantmen, when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral merchantmen were to be warned when such action, in their judgment, was consistent with the object of the campaign and the safety of their own ships.

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also that if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American lives or ships would be regarded as an act of hostility, a casus belli must come sooner or later, probably sooner on account of the number of Americans on enemy ships. Moreover, there was the discretionary nature of the instructions to submarine commanders, who were informed that while the careful course towards neutrals was recommended and desired, they would no longer be subjected to punishment for departing from their former procedure of warning, if they found this advisable.

No Back Down for Germany.

It is considered that the only possibility of the avoidance of hostilities would result from a modification of its standpoint by one or the other side, and so far as could be judged from the positive declaration of Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German minister of foreign affairs, and other officials, there was no probability that Germany would give way at this time or abandon the ruthless campaign now started.

TROOPS ARE IN PURSUIT OF FLEEING CUBAN REBELS

Many Civilians and Several Army Men Placed Under Arrest to Quell Revolt.

Havana, Feb. 12.—The Cuban government has announced that about 30 of the Seventh and Eighth companies of infantry stationed at Camp Columbia, near Marianao, have revolted and escaped with their arms. Troops are in pursuit. Lieutenant Larabia was wounded while attempting to prevent the escape of the men.

At Canas, Havana province, Commander Jose Castillo was killed by troops who were dispersing a group of rebels. It is alleged that Castillo was heading the uprising there.

In Santa Clara province, where partial re-elections are to take place soon, two small troops of rebels are being pursued by government forces.

Many civilians and a few army men have been arrested. The government is taking every precaution to maintain order. The chief of staff, together with his staff, have taken up quarters at the palace.

Were Adrift for Five Days.

Paris, Feb. 12.—A Havas dispatch from San Sebastian, Spain, describing the sinking of the British steamer Dauntless of 2,157 tons, says that a boat in which three Englishmen and one American negro, members of the crew, left the torpedoo vessel, capsized and all the provisions were lost. The four men for five days were battered about by high seas and had nothing to eat or drink. They were in such a serious condition, the dispatch adds, that they were sent to a hospital.

Good Clothes for the Kaiser.

When the Kaiser's armies are all in and he himself forced to emigrate to America and settle on a quarter of land in Alma township, he no doubt will order his clothes from

HANS URTES,

The Clothes Man.