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DEADLOCK ON SUBMARINE WARFARE

Point Reached in Controversy Between the U. S. and Germany Where Neither Will Yield Further Is Belief

Washington, Feb. 21.—A deadlock between Germany and America on the question of submarine warfare appeared today. Administration circles believed that the issue over the Teutonic decree for unwarmed attacks on armed enemy merchant ships will be outlined clearly this week. State department officials privately admitted that an impasse will be reached if advices from United Press Staff Correspondent Ackerman, giving advance indications of Germany's probable attitude, are borne out. These advices were that Germany had said her last word in the Lusitania case and did not care to be too closely questioned as to how she planned to carry out her armed merchantman decree.

Authorities made no attempt to disguise the gravity of the situation, but they said a crisis would not be reached for several days, at least not until formal notes between Germany and the United States outline the positions of these countries toward arming vessels.

Senators Stone and Williams and several republicans planned to discuss the decree in the senate. The indications were that Berlin will see congress vigorously back of the administration's opposition to the decree.

Officials thought it would be several days before Ambassador von Bernstorff could receive Germany's reply to Ambassador Gerard's informal outline of the American opposition to the decree.

While there is little outward indication of relations between Secretary Lansing and Bernstorff are strained, their next meeting is expected to develop frank, if not sharp, discussion of Lansing's irritation over the embassy's improper "propaganda" in the matter of recent negotiations.

Officials declared today that Germany had jumped to improper conclusions from the American note to the allies, suggesting disarmament of merchant vessels. It was pointed out that the United States could only act if the allies agreed to disarm in behalf of humanity and to save lives, despite the fact that this government was inclined to favor the German view that vessels ought not to be armed.

Germany apparently took the suggestion to the allies as an American acceptance of the idea that merchantmen had no right to carry armament.

Some authorities criticize Germany for provoking a new dispute while America was trying to arrange with the allies for amendment of the general sea warfare code.

TWO BILLION DOLLARS FOR ENGLAND'S WAR

London, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the house of commons a request for a new war credit of £420,000,000—slightly more than \$2,000,000,000.

This makes England's total war expenditures about \$8,640,000,000. According to unofficial estimates the belligerents have spent about \$40,000,000,000 since the beginning of the war.

It is believed Germany has spent \$8,500,000,000 and France \$7,500,000,000. Russia and Austria have discouraged estimating expenditures, so their amounts are doubtful.

EXPERT IN BEET CULTURE TALKS THIS AFTERNOON

The assembly room of the Commercial club was not nearly large enough to hold the great crowd that wanted to hear what Geo. Austin, the cultural expert of the Utah sugar interests, and the other gentlemen who arrived with him today from Salt Lake had to say. When the meeting was called to order at three o'clock there was not even standing room left. Mr. Austin dwelt upon the importance of proper and timely culture in the raising of beets, and while he said that he was not acquainted with conditions in the Rogue valley, he did know that success in growing beets was largely dependent upon doing the work right. The meeting came too late in the afternoon for the Courier to report Mr. Austin's address today, but its essential features will be given later.

Arriving with Mr. Austin on train No. 15 this afternoon were Alex Nibley, the secretary of the Oregon-Utah company, Mr. Austin's son, Ed. Austin, and J. Pettengill and family. Tomorrow the gentlemen will go to Wilderville, where a meeting will be held with the farmers, and later in the week meetings will be held for the Medford country.

LONDON FEARS THE KAISER'S PLANS

London, Feb. 21.—With Germany's proclamation of her intention to attack armed enemy merchant vessels without warning operative only nine days hence, the newspapers here today demanded that prompt steps be taken to combat this new campaign of "frightfulness."

Simultaneously they issued a warning that another air raid may follow that of yesterday against the east and southeast coasts, when three persons were killed and one wounded.

Paris reports of an attempted attack by a raider against the French liner Chicago increased the belief here that Germans are planning spectacular demonstrations on the sea and in the air.

England is inclined to doubt American reports that Germany may postpone operation of her decree, for German newspaper comments have convinced the authorities that the Teutons are about to embark on a new campaign designed to strike terror to enemies and neutrals alike.

In this connection, the recent statements credited to Die Zukunft, Maximilian Harden's paper, are regarded as especially significant. He was credited with suggesting that Germany will soon pay no attention to neutrals.

The German raider that captured the British liner Appam is expected to co-operate with submarines in attacking armed ships, until such time as the allied warships end her career. The raider involved in the Chicago incident may have been the same that captured the Appam.

The Chicago, only a 16-knot vessel, escaped her near the Bay of Biscay, indicating that the raider is a comparatively slow ship, which should be easy prey for British cruisers.

Shortly before the stranger ordered the Chicago to heave-to on Thursday night, the French ship was warned by wireless that a raider was in the vicinity.

JESS WILLARD BEGINS TRAINING FOR FISTIC BOUT

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Jess Willard's cold has improved so much that he was able to resume light training today. He is doing practically all of his work indoors, however, and is not venturing forth much or taking chances with his cold.

Reports which were circulated here Sunday that Willard had taken a sudden turn for the worse, were ridiculed by Tom Jones, his manager.

3 CORPS OF TURKS ARE ISOLATED SEEK PEACE AND FOOD IN BERLIN

The Russians Pierce Line of the Ottoman Troops in Two Places, and Continue Drive West of Erzerum

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—The Turkish front has been cut in two places, and three corps have been separated by the rapid Russian drive westward following the Erzerum victory.

One corps, forming the left wing, is retiring on Trebizond. The Eleventh corps, trying to reach Erzingan, is harassed and floundering in the snows west of Erzerum.

The Third corps, forming the right wing, has been isolated from the army to the north, and may be completely cut off. It lacks food and munitions and is in disorderly retreat.

The Russian left wing has captured Pasur Akchein, southwest of Mush. The vanguard of the Russian forces advancing on Trebizond is now less than 65 miles east of that port, while another Slav force is coming up from the southeast.

INTERNED GERMANS ARE TAKEN TO AUSTRALIA

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Fifteen thousand interned German prisoners who have been interned in China since the opening of the war have been within the past week smuggled out of that country into Australia, according to officers of the Japanese liner Chiyu Maru.

The reason for this wholesale seizure of prisoners has been clouded in mystery. They were removed on British cruisers. It was rumored in China that plots to escape had been discovered and that a revolt against the English in that country might follow. Where they are to be placed in Australia is not known.

HIGHBINDERS SHOOT DOWN AGED TONG MEMBER IN PORTLAND STREET

Portland, Feb. 21.—Chased through the crowded streets of Chinatown by four highbinders, an aged member of the Bow Leong tong was probably fatally shot at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The four Chinese, believed to be members of the Hop Sing tong, suddenly assailed the aged Chinese near Sixth and Everett streets. The Bow Leong drew his own weapon, but when he saw how many were after him, he fled.

The four pursued him madly, two of them firing at close range. Nearly a block they ran before the aged Chinaman dropped with a bullet in his abdomen. One of the highbinders, described as a tall, lean Chinese, leaned over the prostrate Bow Leong and deliberately emptied his revolver into his writhing body.

Two of the gunmen then dashed up a stairway leading into the Hop Sing headquarters. Police were hot upon their heels, for the firing had continued long enough to attract a sergeant and two officers.

The swinging doors of the Hop Sing club rooms had scarcely closed behind the gunmen when the police burst through. Inside all was serene. There were no highbinders. They had disappeared as completely as if they had gone up in smoke.

Dr. W. A. Mathews, a witness to the shooting, declared the tall, lean gunman leaned over his prostrate

Demonstrations in German Cities Have Been Broken Up by the Police, Is Admitted by High Official

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 21.—Peace and food demonstrations have occurred in Berlin and other German cities, Dr. Lewald, an official of the interior department admitted today, though he termed them as of minor importance. He denied that police had killed any one, however, or that it had been necessary to call soldiers. In Chemnitz there were riots because of the high price of butter, but the participants were dispersed by a stream from a fire hose.

Three peace demonstrations had occurred in Berlin, Lewald said. Police dispersed the first one and arrested six persons. In breaking up the second one, attended by 1,000 persons, two of the crowd were slightly injured. Small groups paraded on Friedrichstrasse in the third.

These facts were given out by the semi-official news bureau today as the substance of an interview with Lewald.

PORTLAND TONG WAR PUTS CHINKS IN JAIL

Portland, Feb. 21.—Five more Chinese, alleged gunmen, were in the city jail today as a result of police activity to suppress the tong war.

Two armed Chinese were arrested on the street last night. Shortly afterwards three suspicious looking orientals arrived from Seattle and were immediately thrown in jail.

Certain of legal difficulties, the Bow Leong tong has employed one of the best legal firms in the city. The Hoy Sings keep a lawyer hired all the time.

victim, thrust the revolver in his eye and deliberately pulled the trigger. The firing pin snapped on an exploded cartridge.

The two highbinders who did the shooting dropped their revolvers in the street. Heretofore the possession of a revolver which smelled of burnt powder was one of the few means of identification when the police arrested a gunman after a shooting.

This is the second clash between tong men in Portland within a week. Two other Chinese are in the hospital with bullet wounds as a result of the first shooting.

BRITISH TANK STEAMERS BOMBARDED FROM AIR

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes in yesterday's raid against England bombarded two British tank steamers, the admiralty announced today.

The main railway station and docks at Lowestoft were hit repeatedly.

"Naval aeroplanes at noon Sunday attacked the British coast," said the official statement. "Bombs were hurled successfully on factories near the railroad docks and one fell on the gas works at Lowestoft. The main station and docks were hit several times. A gasometer broke down under effects of the bombs. Two tank steamers were bombarded.

"Despite fire and pursuit all engaged returned safely."

FIVE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK SUNDAY MORNING

Spokane, Feb. 21.—Officials today had practically determined that a dense fog was responsible for the collision at South Cheney early Sunday morning, when five men were killed and three seriously injured.

The bodies of the dead were claimed by relatives and taken away today. They are:

Professor Elton Fulmer, state chemist, Pullman, Wash.; I. J. Minnick, deputy oil inspector, Spokane; Lee N. Conry, Northern Pacific traveling passenger agent, Spokane; B. L. Berkey, Portland, and J. J. White, Spokane.

The injured, who are still in Spokane hospitals, are R. J. Spear, Pomeroy, Wash.; Dr. John Mathews, Everett, Wash., and J. A. Payant, of Los Angeles.

Superintendent De Force of the Northern Pacific division learned on investigation that the engineer of the eastbound North Coast limited was unable to see the flagman sent out by the eastbound Burlington train when it stopped at South Cheney. In the dense fog the train dashed past him. A torpedo was exploded just before the limited crashed into the standing train, but not in sufficient time for the engineer to stop.

In the pocket of Prof. Fulmer was found a traveling insurance card worth \$25,000 in case of death on the trip. He had purchased it only a few hours before he met death.

IMPROVE THE U. S. AVIATION SERVICE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—Enlargement and improvement of the army aviation service, bringing it up to European standards, will be recommended to congress soon. Individual members of that body are convinced that the country has done too little with aeronautics, and the improvement will be sought regardless of the outcome of Senator Robinson's charges against the San Diego aviation school.

"We once led in aeronautics and we might have been ahead of all other nations in military flying," said one congressman today. "But we let our advantage slip until we—well, we have perhaps as efficient a corps as Serbia had."

The army aero service has never been given more than \$250,000 or \$300,000 yearly, while army men claim that four to ten times that amount is needed.

As a result of the determination to build up the aviation service, it is probable that cavalry will receive less attention, because experts believe that aircraft have largely superseded cavalry as scouts.

THREE COUNTRIES RAIDED BY AIRMEN

(By United Press Leased Wire)

Berlin, Feb. 21.—German airmen raided England, Belgium and France simultaneously Sunday.

While they were engaged against Lowestoft and Walmer in England, other aviators were raiding Furness and Poperinghe, in Belgium and Amiens and Luneville in France, it was officially announced today.

All the aircraft and men returned unharmed.

Concerning western front operations, the war office said the British had unsuccessfully attacked against the Germans occupying ground recently gained near the Ypres canal and southward along the Loos high road.

On the east front, Russians attacks near Dvinsk failed.

BLAME PRES. WILSON FOR BREAK

English Press Places Upon Him Responsibility for Estrangement Between Lansing and Von Bernstorff

London, Feb. 21.—President Wilson was held responsible by newspapers here today for the reported estrangement between Secretary of State Lansing and German Ambassador von Bernstorff.

Washington reports of that situation were given prominent display.

The Observer regretted that the English press had harshly criticized President Wilson when it was first reported he would accept the German decree of warfare against armed merchant ships. They were afterward forced to withdraw their criticism in view of the American position against the decree.

The Observer took the view that President Wilson dictated Lansing's personal attitude toward the German envoy, because the administration had been embarrassed at stories circulated by the German embassy.

The paper suggested it would be advisable for the allies to send a distinguished envoy to America to acquaint the government with the allies' viewpoint.

CLAIMS RUSSIA AND JAPAN WANT PEACE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace and intend to join with Germany after the war to divide a generous slice of Chinese territory, was the report Newell Martin, an international lawyer of New York, and T. G. McDonnell, Manila journalist, brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyu Maru today.

They said far-eastern diplomats think Russia and Japan are preparing to arrange a separate peace with Germany, while England and Japan are reported to be in acute disagreement over Japan's movements in China.

Japanese and European agents are thought to be fostering the present Chinese revolution in order to give Russia, Germany and Japan an excuse for interference after the war, the travelers said.

Reports of England's anger over the gradual loss of control in the Chinese situation are reflected, they say, in bitter Japanese press comments against the English attitude.

Martin's father, W. A. T. Martin, has been many years in China, and is in close touch with government officials.

JURY CONVICTS STATE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Tonopah, Nev., Feb. 21.—A jury that was not versed in legal phrases convicted the state of Nevada for assault and battery by making it instead of Emmett Johnson, the defendant in the case.

ASHLAND MAN SUSPECTED IN STORE ROBBERY

Redding, Cal., Feb. 21.—Craddock Norton's clothing store was robbed of \$150 worth of goods early today by a thief who cut a hole in the panel of the rear door and then threw the bolt. John Burns, from Ashland, Oregon, was arrested as a suspect a few minutes later.