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PEACE TALK HEARD AT CAPITAL

Pope Communicates With Wilson Urging That U. S. Be Kept Out of War and Effort Made to End Conflict

Washington, May 6.—A long communication to President Wilson from the pope, urging the president to make strong efforts to keep America out of the war was delivered today at the White House by Monsignor Bonsano, apostolic delegate. His mission was most confidential. No word of the details of his purpose were forthcoming from the White House. But it was ascertained the pope feels he must have the cooperation of President Wilson in order to bring an end to the war.

It is understood that the "peace paragraphs" in the German reply were referred to in the communication. This papal communication, in connection with the reply and receipt of dispatches from Europe announcing further activity of the pope with certain German dignitaries for the apparent purpose of paving the way for peace caused a great stir in officialdom. Peace talk took precedence over the German-American situation.

SHIP WITH MEXICAN FLAG IS CAPTURED

Washington, May 6.—British cruisers captured the schooner Leanore, flying the Mexican flag, and said to be owned by German vice-consul at Guaymas, it was reported to the navy department today by Admiral Winslow of San Diego.

The Leanore is a gasoline auxiliary schooner, slightly over 100 feet in length and has flown the American flag. She formerly was owned by Lawrence Jebson, well known on this coast. He was a German naval reservist and is said to have returned to Germany to take command of a U boat. He was once reported killed, but this was later denied. The Leanore has been used as a Mexican troop ship plying between Guaymas, Topolobampo and Mazatlan.

San Diego, May 6.—Local navy officials told the United Press today that if the navy department reported the capture of the schooner Leanore from this port, the message was handled in code.

COMMEMORATE LOSS OF THE LUSITANIA

London, May 6.—A demonstration commemorating the sinking of the British liner Lusitania will take place in Hyde park tomorrow, the first anniversary of the disaster. A model of the Lusitania and one of its lifeboats, as well as other relics of the horror, will be carried in a procession.

New York, May 6.—The Lusitania memorial meeting scheduled for Carnegie hall Sunday night, was postponed today at the request of Mayor Mitchell.

President Putnam of the American Rights committee declared that that organization would defer to the wishes of the mayor, who believed that the gathering might embarrass the administration in its negotiations with Germany.

SUGAR COMPANY FINANCIERS ON VISIT TO VALLEY

Geo. E. Sanders, vice-president and manager of Oregon-Utah Sugar company, arrived from Salt Lake yesterday, accompanied by Calvin Bullock, investment banker of Denver, Colorado, and Edwin F. Jones, vice-president of Harold R. Smoot Securities company, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and T. W. Gauss, investment banker of Colorado Springs, Colorado. These gentlemen are heavily interested in the securities of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, and also in Colorado, Utah and Idaho sugar enterprises, and came out to look over the country and the progress being made on the Oregon-Utah Sugar company's plant.

The party while here looked over the Rogue River valley, having already inspected the Umpqua valley. It is the company's plan to build two more sugar factories for the 1917 crop; one at Medford or Central Point, and another in the Umpqua valley, which will probably be near Sutherlin, owing to that section having the greatest acreage of irrigated land. The entire party left for Medford Saturday afternoon, going by auto, and taking the train from there to return to the east.

SAYS ENGLISH ARE DECADENT RACE

Seattle, May 6.—"The English are a decadent race, and the knell has sounded for them as a great nation."

After ten months in the British field hospital service of northern France, Dr. Waldo Richardson, an American surgeon, has just returned to Seattle with that firm conviction. "I went to Europe decidedly pro-British," he said, "but I have come back virtually neutral. I saw enough at the front, in the trenches and hospitals to eradicate every favorable prejudice I had entertained for the English.

"As fighting men they have not lived up to their traditions. In the hospitals the wounded have shown how little resistance the Londoners have. And as allies they have not won the respect of the French.

"And I believe from all the evidence I saw at the front that her colonies will divorce England when this period of horror has passed, Canada and Australia, almost certainly.

"The Canadians have been openly disdainful and even hostile to the English officers, whose bombast has made enemies instead of friends among the allies.

"The colonial British, however, the Canadians and Australians, are magnificent men and splendid fighters, imbued with a sportsmanship and democracy entirely foreign to their island countrymen.

"Of all the warriors in Europe today I should place the Canadians first and the Germans second. The French are splendid when they are winning, but become despondent when losing."

Dr. Richardson was stationed for a time at the Etah hospital base of the British. Thousands of wounded came under his personal care. He believes the war will end in a draw, Germany losing.

Mahwah, N. J.—"We don't care what happens now, we have put away the highest priced chicken of any colored family here," said the Jennings brothers when held for the grand jury on a charge of stealing 12 prize fowl. They ate one bird worth \$25.

Chicago.—Suicide is only death, but a good cigar is a smoke. So thought Richard Kuhlman, who postponed his jump from a third story window when Leroy Steward asked him to have a smoke.

SUBMARINE ISSUE NOW CLOSED

No Statement From the White House, But President's Advisers Consider Question As Finally Disposed Of

Washington, May 6.—The submarine issue is closed, in the view of President Wilson's advisers today. No comment was forthcoming from the White House. So completely do officials in touch with the situation consider the issue disposed of that it was said there would be no reply by the president.

Secretary Lansing may issue a statement calling attention to the essential point—that Germany ordered its submarine activities confined to vessels of war. This is the essence of the reply, officials say, and leaves no actual issues.

The issue will remain closed, it is believed. It is felt that Germany will not reopen the case by resuming its undersea warfare against merchant vessels. Officials believe every care will be taken to prevent commanders from violating their instructions; and see danger only in the fact that submarine commanders are mostly young, and some of them perhaps difficult to control.

But Germany having once quit submarine merchant men, no high official regards it within the range of possibility that she will resume such operations.

VOTE AT ONCE ON RUBLEE NOMINATION

Washington, May 6.—An immediate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Federal Trade Commissioner Rublee was ordered by the senate interstate commerce committee today. The committee was not polled and the opposition to the nomination is not known.

The appointment is considered of secondary importance only to that of Louis D. Brandeis as supreme court justice. Senator Gallinger held up the appointment all during the last session on the ground that Rublee was "personally obnoxious" to him. This may be sufficient to beat him.

42 VILLISTAS DIE IN CLASH WITH AMERICAN TROOPS UNDER MAJ. HOWZE

San Antonio, Mexico, May 6.—Americans of the Eleventh cavalry under Major Howze killed 42 Villistas in a fight yesterday at Ojo Azules, according to reports today to General Pershing from Howze. There were no American casualties. The Villistas, described as a "large force," were commanded by Generals Cruz Dominguez and Julio Acosta. The Mexican survivors scattered.

Howze did not estimate the number of Mexican wounded. The battle followed a night march and an early attack. The severe fighting ended only when the Mexicans fled to the mountains.

Howze had trailed the bandits since Wednesday. He surprised them. They were the remainder of the force routed by Colonel Dodd's cavalry at Tomachic. They reassembled sooner than was believed possible.

The route was complete, the bandits being so demoralized and thor-

ATTACK UPON VERDUN IS RENEWED

French Are Forced to Evacuate Positions on Hill 304, and German Assault Is Continued With Renewed Fury

Paris, May 6.—French troops were forced to evacuate part of their positions on the northern slope of Hill 304 and keystone positions north-west of Verdun under a most violent attack, it was officially admitted today.

The German attack was the most determined assault on Hill 304 since the battle of Verdun started. The troops fought desperately all day yesterday and throughout the night. They were still at it when the statement was issued.

Preceding the German advance massed batteries of heavy calibre guns concealed behind the hills, hurled tons of shells into the French trenches, blasting them to debris. This was followed by a rain of gas projectiles, suffocating the survivors who still clung with great bravery to the wreckage of their defenses.

As part of the trenches had been pounded into utter ruin, they were considered untenable and were evacuated. Elsewhere, however, French batteries of the famous "75s" stalled on the summit of the hill and in adjoining positions checked all attempted advances.

Last night Germans determinedly attacked positions in the woods north of Hill 304. They succeeded in crossing the bullet-swept area between the trenches but when they reached the French pits and barbed wire entanglements in the woods they were confronted by a bristling array of bayonets and repulsed after bloody hand-to-hand fighting.

Fresh German divisions were brought up on Thursday to participate in the assault. They suffered crushing losses.

Oxford, Ohio.—Two hundred western college girls have won their strike for the privilege of attending movie shows once a week and one dance per month at Miami university.

Mantua, Ohio.—John Wilkin, who has a fine sense of smell and hates to have it violated, has killed 30 skunks in the past two days.

AMERICANS IN BERLIN SEE HOPE FOR PEACE MOVE

Berlin, May 6.—American circles today pointed out the importance of the peace feature contained in the German reply to the American submarine note. They expressed the belief that President Wilson has a great opportunity to bring the war to an early end. Some persons even suggested that the time was now ripe for Colonel House to again visit the European capitals.

Newspapers here praised the German reply and expressed hope that it would satisfy President Wilson and the Americans. There were no adverse editorials.

Newspapers admitted that England would vigorously oppose the effort by the United States to curtail its illegal blockade of the central empires.

It was pointed out that the blockade is as valuable to England as the submarine is to Germany, and that it will require unusual pressure from America to force the British to a strict compliance with international law.

The Tageblatt expressed a hope that the note would accomplish its purpose. The Lokal Anzeiger hoped that it would satisfy the Americans and congress, even if it did not succeed with President Wilson. The Vossische Zeitung emphasized the charge that Wilson is one-sidedly neutral and added that Germany had made an honest and earnest endeavor to avoid a break.

Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister von Jagow, Finance Minister von Helfrich and Admiral Capelle addressed a secret meeting of the reichstag committee at which the note and the reasons for the government's course were explained.

HUNT FOR GIRL WHO THREATENED SUICIDE

Portland, May 6.—Efforts of the police and friends to find Miss May Harris, who disappeared late yesterday, were unavailing. Officers searched Columbia slough, hoping to find some trace of her.

Returning to her home at 6 p. m. yesterday, Mrs. W. H. Harris, mother of Miss Harris, found a note addressed to another daughter in Salem. In the note Miss Harris said she had lost her position, was unable to get another, and "with my last nickel I am going to pay my carfare to the edge of Columbia slough."

BROKEN HEART KILLS MOTHER OF WM. STAGG

East Orange, N. J., May 6.—Mrs. William F. Stagg, mother of Clinton Stagg, killed in an automobile accident in Hollywood, Cal., Wednesday night, is dead today of a broken heart. She was ill as the result of an operation when the news of her son's death was received. The mother immediately suffered a relapse.

Mrs. Stagg and her son will be buried together on Tuesday. Stagg was a New York writer.

NEWSPAPERS DO NOT APPROVE NOTE

New York, May 6.—A poll of 132 newspapers by the New York Times today showed that 74 disapproved of the German reply to the American submarine demands, 28 approved it, and 30 were non-committal.

The New York Sun's deduction from all editorials of newspapers in all parts of the country was that most newspapers deemed the American demands substantially met.

German-American newspapers were generally of the opinion that the demands had been met. They urged America to proceed against the British blockade policy.

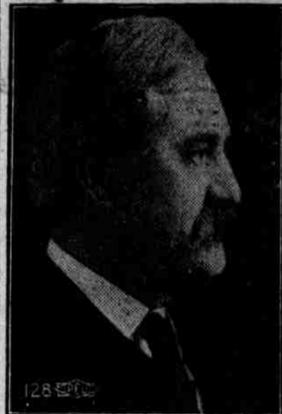
CUMMINS TO SPEAK IN THIS CITY

United States Senator Who Seeks the Republican Presidential Nomination Is Now on Way to Grants Pass

Albert B. Cummins, United States senator from the state of Iowa, candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States, is now en route to Grants Pass. He left Washington yesterday and his first stop will be in this city, where at 11 o'clock Thursday morning he will deliver his first speech in the west.

Oregon promises to be an interesting battle ground for the presidential candidates, not because the number of delegates to the convention will be a factor of much consequence, but rather because it will give a test upon the relative popularity of the candidates. This is the only state in the union where the name of Justice Hughes will appear upon the ballot, and with the names of Senator Cummins and Senator Barton also upon the ticket, the election here is of national significance.

That the illustrious statesman and seeker after the chief position within



Senator A. B. Cummins

the gift of the American people is coming to Grants Pass to start his western campaign is a signal recognition for this locality. The arrangement was made with a committee representing the local Iowans and Cummins supporters, the Cummins campaign manager at Portland having wired to Attorney Fred Williams Saturday afternoon approving the arrangement. Cummins will arrive from the south on No. 14 Thursday morning, and his local supporters and admirers are to provide a jubilant reception for him. The committee in charge consists of Attorney Williams, Mayor Truax, Sam Baker, O. S. Blanchard, Mrs. Violet Clements and Mrs. C. H. Demaray. Following the arrival of the train, Senator Cummins will be greeted at the court house, where a reception will be held, and at 11 o'clock he will address the citizens, probably from the band stand in railroad park if the weather is of the outdoor-speaking brand.

After luncheon the Cummins party will be taken by autos through the valley and to Medford, where an evening meeting will be held. Friday it is expected that he will address the people of the Ashland district at Little park. This will complete his speaking engagements in southern Oregon, and he will leave for the northern part of the state.

The coming of the senator to Grants Pass is at a most propitious time, as he will find the city in gala attire and entertaining several hundred of the leading members of the grange from all portions of the state.