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## DIPLMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY MAY BE SEVERED BY PRESIDENT

### Notes On Lusitania Disaster Now Partake of Plain, Cold Facts and Germany's Attitude Is Resented--If Relations Are Broken Off U. S. Will Be In Position To Finance Allies Now Held Up By Lack of Funds

(By John Edwin Nevin.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 31.—A second note to Germany dealing with the sinking of the Lusitania and the Kaiser's submarine warfare is expected to be forwarded to Berlin within 48 hours.

America's future policy toward Germany was today taking shape. The official note from the German foreign office regarding President Wilson's demand that submarine attacks either be stopped or measures be taken to safeguard the lives of Americans aboard merchant vessels was received from Ambassador Gerard at midnight. It was immediately translated from the original and copies were sent to the president and Secretary Bryan.

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### Germans Press Forward In Attack On Fortress In Undiminished Fury

Petrograd, May 31.—The left wing of General Von Mackensen's army attacking to surround Przemyel has been hurled back across the San River, an official statement announced today.

Fighting of the most violent nature continues on both the north and south fronts about the famous fortress. The Russians, it was announced, occupied Kanikow and Nalco after throwing back the Austro-German forces northward of Przemyel. Three thousand prisoners were taken, including many officers, while several machine guns and searchlights, used by the Germans in their night attacks, were captured.

While the arrival of heavy reinforcements along the northern Russian line has resulted in a gain by the Germans, it is admitted that the enemy is pressing the attack south of Przemyel with undiminished fury. Operations in Poland, the statement today said: "In the Szwabi region we continue to press back the German defending Szwabi and Kelmly. Near Szwabi we took 16 guns, many prisoners and much booty."

Germans Report Success.  
Berlin, via wireless to London, May 31.—General Von Mackensen's offensive about Przemyel continued to make satisfactory progress, the official statement from the war office announced today.

It was admitted that the French had penetrated a few advanced trenches in LeUrore forest on the western front. A French offensive to the north of Arras was repulsed.

Turks Lose Heavily.  
Cairo, Egypt, May 31.—The Turks lost 2,000 killed and wounded when the French forces operating on the Gallipoli peninsula stormed and captured a line of earthworks, it was officially announced today.

Hot fighting was declared to have taken place about an unnamed rebel which was captured with a loss of only 300 to the French.

Paris, May 31.—A bill in the fighting north of Arras was reported by the official statement from the war office today. The only noteworthy engagement during the past 24 hours was declared to be in the Lovette Hills when a German attack was "easily repulsed."

## WARRING FACTIONS IN MEXICO ASKED TO QUIT BY PRESIDENT

### Methods of Leaders in Seizing Food Stuffs Denounced By Wilson

Washington, May 31.—President Wilson tomorrow will ask that the warring factions of Mexico disband.

The president's promised Mexican statement is to be made public following the regular cabinet meeting Tuesday, it was learned today. It will declare the time has arrived when 150,000 armed men can no longer be permitted to cause the starvation of fifteen million non-combatants. The methods of the revolutionary leaders will be denounced and it will be stated that certain Mexican leaders are seizing food stuffs and sending them to Cuba and to the United States while hundreds are dying in the southern part of the country.

It is understood that the warring factions will be told that the United States would like to see them agree upon some provisional government with out this, the United States will not do this, but it will have some for the use of some strong force to save the republic from its present state of anarchy. In asking the Mexicans to lay their arms down, the president will not threaten to place an embargo upon the shipment of munitions into Mexico, but will make it plain that this is one of a number of steps that can be taken to bring the rival military forces to terms.

The president is understood to be hopeful that when the Mexican factions realize the United States is in earnest and that defiance will eventually mean the armed forces of this government may be arrayed against them, they will cooperate in establishing a stable government.

Council Silliman at Vera Cruz today informed the state department that broad riots are in progress in Mexico City and that the situation there is serious. He declared General Obregon had reported a serious fighting since his arrival at Vera Cruz on May 22.

Silliman also confirmed reports that former Provisional President Gutierrez had withdrawn his claims to the presidency and had agreed to support Carranza.

The taxes are increased. Governor Withycombe delivered a short address in which he strongly advocated good roads, especially hard surface.

Congressman Hawley discussed legislation and the benefits that would accrue to the rural carriers having a strong state and county organization.

## DE PALMA HITS UP 90 MILES AN HOUR TO WIN CLASSIC MEET

### Italian Driver Averages 89.84 Miles Per Hour For Entire Course

Speedway, Indianapolis, Ind., May 31.—Ralph DePalma, driving a Mercedes, won the annual 500 mile automobile race here this afternoon from a field of 24 starters.

More than 75,000 persons witnessed the running of the automobile classic during which all records for the speedway course were broken.

DePalma lowered the record for the classic by 30 minutes. The former record was made by Thomas in a Delage in 1914 when he drove the race in 6:03:45.94. This represents an average of 82.47 miles an hour against DePalma's 89.84.

DePalma's average speed for the entire 500 miles was 89.84 miles an hour. Anderson, in a Stutz, finished third. His time was 5:42:27.57.

Crowding DePalma and Besta were Anderson and Cooper, each driving a Stutz; Porporato in his Peugeot; Williams (Stutz); Van Roalte (Sunbeam); They (Duesenberg); Carlson (Maxwell); and Burman (Peugeot).

From start to finish the race was a duel between the great Italian driver and Darius Besta, winner of the Vanderbilt cup and Grand Prix races over the Panama-Pacific exposition course at San Francisco. Besta finished second. Driving his Peugeot at nearly 90 miles an hour Besta led during the early part of the race, but after the 200 mile mark was passed was forced to give way to DePalma. The latter then shot up his speed average to a fraction better than 90 miles an hour and gained a lap on Besta. This was later lost when DePalma stopped to change tires. Within the next few miles, however, Besta was also forced to stop and in a great burst of speed brought the entire field, DePalma made up the ground he had lost and then put Besta a full lap behind him.

The race was run without an accident. Although the day broke cold and damp, with a mist falling, the track dried out thoroughly and conditions were ideal for the drivers.

DePalma had stopped but twice up to the 121st lap. At that time he drew up to his pit and made a complete change of tires. Besta, who was able to take the race again had gained a lap and a quarter on the Mercedes car. DePalma threw on full speed and cut down the distance separating him from the flying Peugeot. For several laps Besta and DePalma then raced neck and neck, maintaining a speed of between 90 and 95 miles an hour. Besta was forced to change a tire and DePalma led in front again.

## GLOWING TRIBUTE IS PAID SOLDIER DEAD

### Time and Battle-Scarred Veterans, Wives and Widows of Veterans Turn Out In Force To Do Honor to Departed Heroes of Land and Sea--Memorial Day Exercise Close With Parade and Program at Armory

The excellent address of the morning was given by Rev. A. A. Winter of the United Evangelical church.

W. W. Rosebrough of the United Brethren church made a few well chosen remarks before the veterans and friends deposited their floral offerings in memory of the unknown dead or those resting in some distant burial place.

Parade was formed on Ferry street with the right resting on Liberty, headed by the Cherrian band. The column was under command of Captain Max Gehlar, of Company M, O. N. G. Following in the order named, were Company M, O. N. G., the Cherrians, the United Spanish war veterans, Joshua Smith Camp Sons of Veterans, Sedgwick Post No. 10, A. R. Sedgwick Woman's Relief Corps No. 1, Oregon Hospital band. The line of march was north on Liberty to Court, west on Court to Commercial; south on Commercial to Trade and west on Trade to the river front, where the ritualistic services, the most solemn and impressive of all which were conducted by the casting of flowers upon the dead, were solemnized under the auspices of the W. R. C.

After the morning ceremonies at the cemetery the veterans and ladies of the G. A. R. and Relief Corps returned to the armory where the day's observances were closed with an especially prepared program the outline of which follows:

Music by Cherrian band. Prayer, Rev. P. T. Porter. Song, "America," led by Julia Bros Pinnell. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Hon. P. H. Aray. Song, Spiby's male quartet. Address, Governor Withycombe. Vocal solo, Julia Bros Pinnell. Address, Hon. W. C. Hawley. Benediction.

Special memorial services were conducted at all of the churches in the city yesterday and there was a good attendance of veterans and ladies of the Relief Corps and G. A. R. at all churches.

## G. A. R. ROLL OF HONOR

Hardy J. Marsh, 9th Kansas. Jesse H. Wilson, Samuel Hutchins, 21st Ohio. Oliver P. Graham, 14th Wisconsin. E. T. Bradley, 28th Wisconsin. Ashley White, 57th Pennsylvania. Frank Purnhall, 12th Ohio. Ira Erb, 46th Illinois. J. H. Lunn.

Grizzled and battle-scarred veterans, bent and tottering with age, the fire of youth long since extinguished but with the gleam of battle still ripe in their sight-dimmed eyes, to the number of about 75, together with the wives and widows of veterans, numbering nearly 1,000, assembled around the Grand Army circle, at City View cemetery and at Lee Mission cemetery this morning, to pay annual tribute to the patriot dead, with the falling tear, a murmured prayer and a wreath of flowers.

This afternoon the observance of the day set apart for the mourning of the Nation's dead was fittingly closed with a grand parade, in which all of the old soldiers of the G. A. R. who are still able to march and make a brave attempt at "keeping step" to martial music, the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, Sons of Veterans, the Oregon National Guard, and all affiliated semi-military organizations, headed by the Cherrian band, ritualistic services at the river front in honor of the sailor dead, dinner at the armory and at Ryan's hall and an excellent program of addresses and music at the armory.

The veterans of the G. A. R. and members of the W. R. C., numbering over 100, assembled at the armory at 9:30 this morning and were conveyed to the City View cemetery, by more than a score of automobiles donated for the purpose by patriotic and sympathizing citizens, where the regular ritualistic services were solemnized under the auspices of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. On account of the illness of P. H. Pound, commander, Gen. W. H. Byars officiated at the services and conducted the ceremonies. Chaplain James Lyle, of Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R., pronounced the divine blessing, and Adjutant Daniel Webster read the orders of the day. General Byars read the address and this was followed by the ritualistic ceremonies of the W. R. C., conducted by President Mrs. J. L. McAdams and Chaplain Mrs. Effie Wright Turb. The formal decorations of the graves then took place, each member of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. reverently depositing a bouquet of flowers at the foot of the monument, marking the center of the soldier's burial plot, as they marched around in single file with bowed and bared heads, each muttering a prayer for the rest and peace of the souls of the "unknown dead."

A firing squad, detailed from Company M, 13th regiment O. N. G., of this city, fired a salute of three volleys, and Musical Carol, of Company M, sounded "Taps." The firing squad was in charge of Sergeant Mitchell and was composed of Corporal Alfred and Privates Hensley, Lewis, Kennon, Gates, Kinsler, Anderson and Nizer. At Jason Lee Cemetery.

A large crowd gathered at the Jason Lee Cemetery to aid in the decoration of the graves of the soldiers. The veterans and ladies of the Grand Army formed a circle around the cross and flag which marked the place of the unknown dead. The music was furnished by the Cherrian band which did credit to themselves and the excellent training given them by Chas. Hebel, a paper hanger of 2105 Center street. The band is composed of 20 Englishmen.

Portland, Ore., May 31.—A resolution regarding the neutrality of the United States in the present world war, commending President Wilson for his efforts to maintain peace and expressing faith in the principles of universal brotherhood and international arbitration was adopted today by the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and forwarded by telegraph to the chief executive at Washington. The passage of the resolution in the city yesterday and there was a good attendance of veterans and ladies of the Relief Corps and G. A. R. at all churches.

## BARRIER OF FIRE AND STEEL IS CRUSHING LIFE FROM AUSTRIA

(By Henry Wood.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
General Headquarters of the Serbian Army, Kragoyevats, Serbia, April 27.—(By mail to New York.)—"There can be no outcome to the present war, unless the Austro-German engines with impervious barriers, against this invincible barrier, the Austro-Germans are now beating out their ever-diminishing resources. It is merely a question of time until they must be beaten."

With this statement—the longest in his career—Field Marshal Jovan Vukobratovic, chief of staff, and the "chiefs" of the Serbian army, gathered at General Headquarters today. The Serbians call him their "father" and the Germans might add "son" for he is the Serbian "Hidden Weapon" at the close of the second Balkan war, when the Serbian army, with the Serbian army, in his name, paid a high tribute to General Patkitch as the greatest military strategist of modern times.

Like the French generalissimo, Patkitch is famous for his ordinary conversation and speeches when it comes to military operations. Brief as are the communications given out by the Serbian government, they are altogether too long for the commander-in-chief. At the close of the last great battle, when he ordered them to leave behind 30,000 prisoners and his own army, he forcibly expressed his disapproval of the text of the official communiqué.

## RURAL CARRIERS IN FAVOR OF LARGER PARCEL POST BOXES

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Charles Hebel, Director Hebel's Cherry-bud Band.

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