

TEXT OF LATEST WILSON NOTE ON SUBMARINE WARFARE

Following is the official text of the latest American note to Germany regarding the submarine warfare, which was delivered to the foreign office at Berlin last Friday by Ambassador Gerard:

The Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE Washington, D. C., July 21, 1915.

You are instructed to deliver textually the following note to the minister of foreign affairs:

The note of the Imperial German government dated the 8th of July, 1915, has received the careful consideration of the government of the United States, and it regrets to be obliged to say that it has found it very unsatisfactory, because it fails to meet the real differences between the two governments and indicates no way in which the accepted principles of law and humanity may be applied in the grave matter in contro-

very, but proposes, on the contrary, arrangements for a partial suspension of those principles which virtually set them aside.

Sea Freedom Recognized The government of the United States notes with satisfaction that the Imperial German government recognizes without reservation the validity of the principles insisted in the several communications which this government has addressed to the Imperial German government with regard to its announcement of a war zone and the use of submarines against merchantmen on the high seas—the principle that the high seas are free; that the character and cargo of a merchantman must first be ascertained before she can lawfully be seized or destroyed, and that the lives of noncombatants may in no case be put in jeopardy unless the vessel resists or seeks to escape after being summoned to submit to ex-

amination for a belligerent act of retaliation in case of an act beyond the law, and the defense of an act of retaliation is an admission that it is illegal.

Inhuman Acts Indefensible The government of the United States is, however, keenly disappointed to find that the Imperial German government regards itself as in large degree exempt from the obligation to observe these principles even where neutral vessels are concerned, by what it believes the policy and practice of the government of Great Britain to be in the present war with regard to neutral commerce. The Imperial German government readily understands that the government of the United States cannot discuss the policy of the government of Great Britain with regard to neutral trade except with that government itself, and that it must regard the conduct of other belligerent governments as irrelevant to any discussion with the Imperial German government. Illegal and inhuman acts, however justifiable they may be thought to be against an enemy who is believed to have acted in contravention of law and humanity, are manifestly indefensible when they deprive neutrals of their acknowledged rights, particularly when they violate the right to life itself. If a belligerent cannot retaliate against an enemy without injuring the lives of neutrals as well as justice and a due regard for the dignity of neutral powers, should dictate that the practice be discontinued. If persisted in it would in such circumstances constitute an unpardonable offense against the sovereignty of the neutral nation effected. The government of the United States is not unmindful of the extraordinary conditions created by this war or of the radical alterations of circumstances and method of attack produced by the use of the instrumentalities of naval warfare which the nations of the world cannot have had in view when the existing rules of international law were formulated and it is ready to make every reasonable allowance for these novel and unexpected aspects of war at sea; but it cannot consent to abate any essential or fundamental right of its people because of a mere alteration of circumstance. The rights of neutrals in time of war are based upon principle, not upon expediency, and the principles are immutable. It is the duty and obligation of belligerents to find a way to adapt the new circumstances to them.

Humane Conduct Feasible The events of the past two months have clearly indicated that it is possible and practicable to conduct such submarine operations as have characterized the activity of the Imperial German navy within the so-called war zone in substantial accord with the accepted practices of regulated warfare. The whole world has looked with interest and increasing satisfaction at the demonstration of that possibility by German naval commanders. It is manifestly possible, therefore, to lift the whole practice of submarine attacks above the criticism which it has aroused and remove the chief causes of offense.

In view of the admission of illegality made by the Imperial government when it pleaded the right of retaliation in defense of its acts and in view of the manifest possibility of conforming to the established rules of naval warfare the government of the United States cannot believe that the Imperial government will longer refrain from disavowing the wanton act of its naval commander in sinking the Lusitania or from offering reparation for the American lives lost, so far as reparation can be made for a needless destruction of human life by an illegal act.

German Suggestion Rejected The government of the United States, while not indifferent to the friendly spirit in which it is made,

cannot accept the suggestion of the Imperial German government that certain vessels be designated and agreed upon which shall be free on the seas now illegally proscribed. The very agreement would, by implication, subject other vessels to illegal attack and would be a curtailment and therefore an abandonment of the principles for which this government contends and which in times of calm or counsel every nation would concede as of course.

The government of the United States and the Imperial German government are contending for the same great object, have long stood together in urging the very principles upon which the government of the United States now so solemnly insists. They are both contending for the freedom of the seas. The government of the United States will continue to contend for that freedom from whatever quarter violated, without compromise and at any cost. It invites the practical co-operation of the Imperial German government at this time when co-operation may accomplish most and this great common object be most strikingly and effectively achieved.

Offers to Act as Mediator The Imperial German government expresses the hope that this object may be in some measure accomplished even before the present war ends. It can be. The government of the United States not only feels obligated to insist upon it, but by whomsoever violated or ignored, and in the protection of its own citizens, but is also deeply interested in seeing it made practicable between the belligerents themselves, and holds itself ready at any time to act as the common friend who may be privileged to suggest a way. In the meantime the very value which this government sets upon the long and unbroken friendship between the people and government of the United States and people and the government of the German nation impels it to impress very solemnly upon the Imperial German government the necessity for a scrupulous observance of neutral rights in this critical matter. Friendship itself prompts it to say to the Imperial government that repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of those rights must be regarded by the government of the United States when they affect American citizens as deliberately unfriendly.

Plan "Beginner's" Shoot Juneau is to have a "first annual beginners' day" trap-shoot, which is being fostered by the Du Pont Powder Company, and a ladies' squad will compete for prizes. In addition to the men shooters, the shoot will be open to the gun clubs of Thana, Treadwell and Juneau.

Only men and women who have never shot at clay targets previous to the Beginners' Day Shoot shall be eligible to compete for the trophies. The Du Pont trophy is a handsome bronze watch face of a suitable design the medallion of which will portray in shooting pose the figure of Mr. Jack Fanning, of New York, greatest of all instructors in the art of trap-shooting. Mr. Fanning has for years advocated the use of the trap-gun to determine the dimensions of guns to meet individual requirements of sportsmen, and so help them to improve their scores and consequently increase their enjoyment of the game. Mr. Fanning is also known the country over as the first man to thoroughly appreciate the possibilities for real pleasure and enjoyment existing in the Hand Trap, and for years has been a most enthusiastic exponent of hand trap-shooting. In view of his past activities and interest along these lines, it is most fitting that his name be associated with the Du Pont First Annual Beginners' Day Shoot.

The ladies' trophy is a sterling silver spoon, appropriately embellished.

Baseball Here Sunday Juneau and Treadwell will engage each other in the eighteenth serial baseball game, on the Juneau grounds Sunday afternoon at 3:15, and the fans have been urged to get out in large numbers, to help the team wipe out the existing deficit in the treasury. The attendance has been poor this season, in spite of the fact that good baseball and good weather have been dished up.

Without Evers Boston is Weak. The most startling break of all appears to be the crack in the Boston Braves, writes Christy Mathewson. That ball club was built around Johnny Evers, and he was the key of its success last season. There is no doubt of that in my mind. Even George Stallings admitted this fact when he said after he first heard Mr. Gaffney had obtained Evers for his club.

"Now we'll win the championship." John Evers is not right now, and I will be surprised if he is able to play regularly over any long stretch this season. Perhaps "Johnny" never will be fit to hit and retain his old pace. The fighting ball player has been the victim of much physical misfortune, as well as other breeds of ill luck. Without him in the lineup fairly regularly I don't believe the Braves can come through to the pennant.

Western Teams to Row The Stanford and Washington University rowing teams will compete in Seattle next year. Two dual regattas are planned. The Stanford crew will row in Seattle waters on the second Saturday of April, 1916, and the Washington eight will go to California for a return race later in the season. The date of the race in California will depend entirely upon whether or not the Stanford crew is sent to Poughkeepsie again next year

to compete in the big Eastern regatta. The Washington crew next year will be practically the same as the one which competed against Stanford last Spring, according to all indications. Captain Clark "Blick" Willis of the 1916 crew, who is in Juneau at the present time, being employed by the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Company, expects a majority of his veterans to be in the boat next year. With the sting of this year's defeat in their minds, the Washington men will make a determined effort to regain last laurels.

Regatta Starts August 14. SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The opening date for the world's international yachting regatta has been set for August 14, it was announced today by delegates from six yacht clubs who arranged the schedule for the events to decide the Panama-Pacific Exposition championships. The regatta will be held each Saturday and Sunday until the close on September 5.

Classes have been arranged so that every boat in the country owned by amateur yachtsmen will be entitled to compete. The king's cup, presented by King George, of England, and President Wilson's cup, are among the trophies to be awarded the winners.

Tabor is Still Ambitious BOSTON, July 17.—Norman S. Tabor, of the Boston Athletic association, who yesterday set a new world's record of 4 minutes 12 1/2 seconds for the mile run, arranged today to depart at once for San Francisco in order to become fully acclimated for the Panama-Pacific exposition games next month.

Friends of Tabor said today that the champion would try to shatter the half mile record of 1 minute 52 1/2 seconds held by J. E. Meredith of the University of Pennsylvania.

Big League Scores: YESTERDAY'S GAMES: Northwestern League. At Vancouver—Tacoma 4, Vancouver 0. At Spokane—Seattle 4, Spokane 2. At Victoria—Aberdeen 5, Victoria 4.

American League. At Boston—Boston-Chicago game postponed; rain. At Philadelphia—St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1. At Washington—Washington 2, Cleveland 1.

National League. Chicago-New York game postponed—rain. At St. Louis—Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 1. At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 8, Brooklyn 2. At Cincinnati—Boston 10-7, Cincinnati 5-6.

Federal League. At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 3-5; Baltimore 0-2. At Kansas City—Brooklyn 4, Kansas City 0. At Chicago—Chicago 4, Buffalo. At St. Louis—Newark 11, St. Louis 8.

STANDING OF CLUBS. Northwestern League. Won Lost Pct. Spokane 57 33 .633. Tacoma 50 42 .543. Vancouver 44 48 .478. Seattle 46 51 .474. Aberdeen 43 55 .450. Victoria 40 52 .434.

COLONEL RICHARDSON LOSES VALUABLE PAPERS By the fire at Valdez Col. W. P. Richardson, who is now in Seward, has suffered losses that can hardly be estimated. Among the papers of his that were stored in the road commission office were his commissions in the army all the way from the rank of Lieutenant upward.—(Seward Gateway.)

GOV. STRONG EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR VALDEZ Gov. Strong wishes the Prospector to express to the people of Valdez his keen regret at the heavy losses by reason of the recent fire and expressed a willingness to do all in his power officially and personally to help in every possible way the rebuilding of the city.—(Valdez Prospector.)

CIVIL SUIT FILED Cash Cole yesterday filed suit against P. J. Cleveland, for the recovery of \$42.75, alleged to be due for goods and hauling. Winn & Gore appear for the plaintiff.

Hallum Assessment Work Done Marshall A. Barney, agent for the owners of the Hallum Mining claims, yesterday filed affidavit that he had done \$100 worth of assessment work on each of the thirteen claims of the Hallum group.

A deed was filed today by Mendham & Ostrom, conveying the stock and fixtures in their jewelry store to "Mendham & Ostrom, Inc." The action was a formality necessary to transferring stock to a corporation.

MALLARY AT AMALGA E. Y. Mallary, president of the Eagle River Mines Company, is at the mine, to remain there until Monday. He left Tuesday on the launch Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Coward returned from Skagway on the Dolphin. Mrs. N. S. Bean and children left on the Al-Ki for Seattle. Miss Sylvia Wold who has been the guest of Mrs. G. C. Winn, left yesterday on her return to Seattle.

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SPORTS

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