

GERMANS ARE SURPRISED AT DRASTIC U. S. DEMANDS

NOTE SENT TO KAISER WHO IS AT THE FRONT

United States Arranging to Cope With All Situations In the Future.

FEARS RELATIONS WILL BE SEVERED

American Demands Being Considered At German Army Headquarters.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 22.—Dispatches received from Ambassador Gerard, it was learned here indicate that German officials are greatly surprised at the demands of Washington. Ambassador Gerard is said to have gathered at least an impression that the foreign office had no idea that the communication would be final and drastic.

While Washington is waiting official word from Berlin, it is understood that the United States is making plans to cope with every situation should relations be severed.

It was learned here that the note has gone to the German army headquarters, where it is being considered by the emperor, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and General von Falkenhayn, the German chief of staff. Ambassador Gerard conferred with Foreign Minister von Jagow tonight, but the German reply is not expected before Wednesday.

AMERICAN NOTE PLACED IN HANDS OF EMPEROR

Berlin, April 22.—The American note is now in the hands of Emperor William. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and General von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff at general headquarters.

A summary of the note was telegraphed yesterday to general headquarters and a courier, bearing the full text and the appendix was sent there by train.

The deliberations of the emperor, the chancellor and the chief of staff will determine the future shaping of German-American relations.

The note appears in the newspapers of this afternoon. All is calm here.

The Lokal Anzeiger's prediction that the German reply will be delayed is borne out by the fact that it has been forwarded to general headquarters. Prior to the publication of the note the newspapers were permitted to print nothing concerning it except one dispatch sent from Washington by an English news agency on Wednesday. This message was cabled before that day's session of congress and apparently was intended to prepare the people for the note itself.

The Lokal Anzeiger endeavors to take a fairly optimistic view of the situation, basing this on what it terms the almost invariably misleading character of English news dispatches. It declares, however, that if England is endeavoring to starve this country Germany cannot give up the right of self defense.

TWO HOURS OF EXCITEMENT ON FLOOR STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 22.—Today's two hour session of the stock market was attended by much excitement and further free selling. War shares and the stocks of the companies operating in Mexico broke 4 to 8 points and the entire list including investments, was unfavorably affected.

GERMANS AND FRENCH MAKE FIERCE ATTACKS

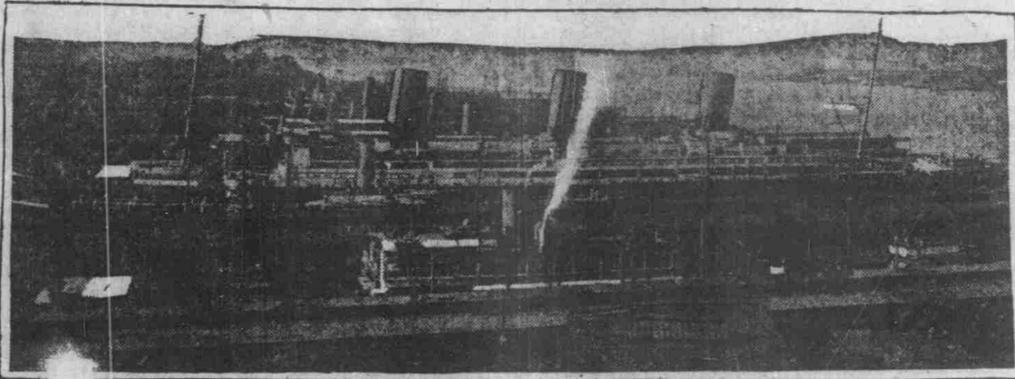
London, April 22.—Fierce attacks and counter attacks have been launched in the region of Deadman's Hill, northwest of Verdun, and neither side claims gains as a result.

Paris admits the Germans got a foothold in some new French trenches, but later were expelled.

Berlin concedes a French gain in Caurette's wood.

British attacks north of Ypres regained two hundred yards of trenches recently captured by the Germans in that section. The Russian troops recently landed in France, already are

U. S. CAN SEIZE \$100,000,000 WORTH OF GERMAN SHIPS IF BREAK COMES



Some of the \$100,000,000 Worth of Interned German Liners Docked at Hoboken, N. J.

Staff Special. New York, April 22.—If diplomatic relations are severed between the United States and Germany as a result of the kaiser's methods of under-sea warfare, it really means eventual war between the two countries, followed by the immediate seizure by Uncle Sam of the \$100,000,000 worth of German passenger vessels now lying in our harbors!

At least Frederick Conder, one of the most famous authorities on international law in America, discussing the legal phases of this subject now being fought out between the diplomatic forces at Washington and Berlin, cites, at least, which seem largely to justify this conclusion:

Non-intercourse, in the sense of terminating diplomatic relations is a usual, but not inevitable prelude to war—but, as a matter of fact," declares Conder, "between great countries, such a situation is usually followed by war.

"Now let us trace the probable progress of relations between the United States and Germany after the adoption of the policy of non-intercourse.

"In event such a rupture between Germany and the United States—

if it went no farther—there would not necessarily be any change in the status of Americans in Germany or of Germans in America. Our diplomatic representatives, before leaving the country, would turn over the protection of our citizens and the archives of our embassies and consulates to those of some other power.

There are 68 German and Austrian merchant steamers, aggregating 527,298 gross tons, laid up in United States ports. In addition there are interned in our waters the cruisers Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm interned at Norfolk; a gunboat held at Honolulu and the merchant steamer Odenwald at San Juan, Porto Rico. Their value is estimated by experts at \$100,000,000.

In the port of New York there are 29 vessels; Boston, 8; Baltimore, 3; San Francisco, 2; Philadelphia, 8; Norfolk, 2; Galveston 2; Seattle, 1; New Orleans, 3; Savannah, 1; Honolulu, 8; Hilo, 1; Pensacola, 3; Jacksonville, 1; Tampa, 1. Fifteen are owned by the North German Lloyd Line and 25 by the Hamburg-American company. The giant Vaterland, rated at 54,282 tons gross, with accommodations for 3,000 persons, is the biggest and they range all the way down to the Neptune at San Francisco, weighing 197 gross tons.

FORD WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENCY

Declares, However, He Will Not Finance the Third Party.

WOULD BE OPPOSED TO "MILITARISM"

Peace, Prohibition and Prosperity the Possible Slogan.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 22.—Henry Ford tonight announced that he would accept the nomination for presidency "if the people wanted him." He declared, however, one thing was certain, he would not finance the third party. While he said he regarded his nomination as a joke, he was not quite sure "as to whom the joke was on." He pointed to his recent endorsements in the middle western states as "significant of what the people thought of militarism."

PEACE, PROHIBITION AND PROSPERITY PROGRAM

Atlanta, April 22.—Senator J. Ham Lewis, of Illinois, predicted tonight that a third party founded on "peace, prohibition and prosperity" will be formed immediately after the republican and democratic conventions. He explained that neither of the present parties could take a position which would indicate to Europe that the United States is not backing the administration's foreign policy.

BRITISH LOSE OVER 4,000 IN BATTLE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Constantinople, April 22.—Via London.—The British loss in the battle on the right bank of the Tigris (Mesopotamia), on April 17, was more than 4,000 killed and wounded, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The battle occurred at Bestissa, says the statement, and ended with the defeat of the British.

A British camp on the Suez canal has been attacked by a Turkish airplane, the war office announced today. The airplane dropped bombs and returned successfully.

Gulf Highway Will Furnish Great Resort

Secure It and There Will Be Other Developments Rapidly.

When asked to state his views on the proposed Gulf Highway, C. H. Turner said: "I think that it is the greatest thing that could happen to this city and will result in more actual good than any scheme that has been suggested.

"The need around here now is to make provision for the increasing tourist trade, and to do this we must have some place that will provide a source of amusement for them the year round." Continuing, he said: "It is impracticable to attempt to develop the island beach to handle this trade. We must have some place that will be accessible at all times, good or bad weather, winter or summer, and the only way that we can do this is to build a road to the lagoon. Other developments will come later.

"The interest of the people must be aroused and kept up, for when all get together and decide to build the road, we'll get it, and I think it can be done.

"And not only will it appeal to the moneyed class, who can motor there, but the natural consequence will be that car lines will be extended to care for the increasing trade, and when that is done we will have one of the best pleasure resorts in the country."

SCARLET FEVER GERM MAY BE FOUND

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Boston, April 22.—An attempt to identify isolated bacilli as those of scarlet fever was being watched with interest by the staff of the city hospital today. Germs isolated by Dr. Frank B. Mallory, associate professor of pathology at the Harvard medical school as the probable bacilli of that disease were injected four days ago into the veins of H. R. C. Mott and Hugh W. Rice, former orderlies of the institution, for the purpose of determining whether scarlet fever would develop.

The disease was expected to manifest itself within five or six days physicians said. Should Dr. Mallory's theory of the identity of the germs prove correct, a vaccine for treatment of scarlet fever could be readily obtained, it was said, and the disease would be robbed of any of its dangers.

CHICAGO CATCHER TO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Chicago, April 22.—Walter Mayer, catcher of the Chicago Americans, today was released to the Milwaukee club of the American Association.

Transportation Is a Feature of Preparedness

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 22.—Development of a system of military transportation as a step towards national preparedness has been undertaken by representatives of railroads and automobile industries with the cooperation of the war college. This was announced today in a statement issued by the Society of Automobile Engineers, which says that at a conference at the war college Monday suggestions were favorably considered that a motor truck corps be added to the quartermaster's department.

The national automobile chamber of commerce, American Automobile association and American Railway association have agreed to take part in developing a system.

FINANCIERS OF NOTE WILL BE HERE APRIL 27

Convention of Alabama Bankers Association Convenes On That Date.

PROMINENT MEN TO MAKE ADDRESSES

Besides Alabama Bankers Men From Other States Are to Attend.

Bankers from practically every city in Alabama as well as men prominent in the financial world, are to meet in Pensacola next Thursday, when the Alabama Bankers' Association convenes in annual session at the San Carlos hotel. It probably will be the largest convention in point of attendance, of any ever held in Pensacola.

The convention will be in session for three days and during this time men known throughout the country as bankers and financiers will deliver addresses. Governors of federal reserve banks, bankers of New York, and other money centers and men engaged in other lines of business will be heard, while the program of entertainment will be elaborate and will give the visitors a good impression of Pensacola.

Some of those who have thus far engaged reservations are as follows: Charles H. Levermore, Tallahassee, Fla.

- E. L. Andrews, Camp Hill, Ala.
- W. H. Haley, Haleyville, Ala.
- I. Kelly, Opp, Ala.
- Jas. A. Walker, Montgomery, Ala.
- J. E. Burford, Hartford, Ala.
- J. B. Byrd, Enterprise, Ala.
- R. A. Foote and S. H. Andrews, Jackson, Ala.
- J. T. Ivey, Luverne, Ala.
- A. S. Woolfolk, Montgomery, Ala.
- Miss Hattie Beal, Birmingham Age-Herald.
- E. E. Segrest, Slomb, Ala.
- Jas. Keith and Thos. E. Kirby, Birmingham, Ala., two ladies accompanying.
- E. B. Crawford.
- Mrs. Haveland H. Lund.
- Mrs. Geo. H. Mathis.
- A. D. Welton.
- Emmet A. Jones.
- W. B. Harris.

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ERADICATION OF CATTLE TICK NOW ASSURED

County Board Calls On State Board of Health To Assist.

CAN TAKE MONEY FROM GENERAL FUND

Resolution Is Passed to Aid This Work Immediately.

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners called yesterday morning to consider the advisability of co-operating with the state board of health in the campaign for the eradication of the tick, it was decided that such assistance would be rendered, and resolutions were passed providing for the disbursements to be made.

These resolutions, which provided that a certain sum of money of the general fund be placed at the disposal of the board of health, are as follows:

Whereas, it has been demonstrated after investigation and tests that the eradication of the southern cattle tick is essential and necessary to the raising and improvement of cattle in the state of Florida and in Escambia county, and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture, after many years of investigation and experiment, and the department of agriculture of other states of the union have found that the best manner and means of the eradication of the southern cattle tick is in the building of vats and the dipping of cattle in an arsenical solution, a tested formula, and

Whereas, the state is at the present time under quarantine against the shipment of cattle out of this state, and from Escambia county, and cattle cannot be shipped from this county and this state into other states which have quarantined against the tick infested territory, and

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Florida by Chapter 6,434, Acts of 1913, has by its foresight and wisdom, provided a way, and

Whereas, The State Board of Health of the State of Florida has shown its desire and willingness to aid, assist and co-operate, and to expend its funds, and

Whereas, The law mentioned of 1913, was enacted upon request of the State Board of Health in this work; therefore, be it

Resolved: That in order to inaugurate and secure the co-operation of the State Board of Health of the State of Florida, and of the Agricultural Department of the United States of America in this all important work; therefore be it

Resolved: By the board of county commissioners of Escambia county, Florida, that they hereby request and petition the executive committee of the Florida State Live Stock Association, as provided by chapter 6,434 laws of 1913, to recommend suitable locations and construction of cattle dipping vats in Escambia county, Florida, and be it further

Resolved: That the State Board of Health of the State of Florida, as provided by chapter 6,434, acts of 1913, is hereby requested by this board of county commissioners to immediately upon such recommendations

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OFFICERS ARE IN SEARCH OF JNO. E. BOLDEN

He Is the Man With Whom Mrs. Grace Mercer, Held In Jail, Elop.

SAID SHE TRIED TO SWALLOW POISON

Woman, Arrested Friday Night, Finally Gives Name Of Man In Case

Federal officers, especially those attached to the white slave branch of the government, are scouring the south in search of John E. Bolden, who visited Pensacola in February and again more recently, for he is alleged to be the man in the sensational case that developed Friday night when Mrs. Grace Mercer was jailed on request of her husband.

Mrs. Mercer steadfastly refused through Friday night and yesterday morning to divulge the name of the man with whom she is alleged to have become acquainted in Pensacola during Mardi Gras, and whom it is charged she accompanied to a small Alabama town and spent two weeks. Twenty-four hours at the police station, however, caused her to weaken, and yesterday afternoon she told the officers the name of the man. Shortly afterwards she is alleged to have attempted suicide by drinking carbolic acid, but Officer Herrington took the vial from her before she had an opportunity to swallow any of the poison.

Mrs. Mercer is from Hattiesburg, and her husband is an engineer on one of the railroads running through that city. She left there to spend Mardi Gras in Pensacola and never returned, the husband being told that she was visiting her mother in Panama City. It is alleged that while visiting here Mardi Gras she met Bolden, of whom little has been learned, and that on Mardi Gras night they went from Pensacola to a small Alabama town and spent some time. Later Mrs. Mercer returned to Pensacola, but then paid a lengthy visit to Jacksonville.

She returned to Pensacola Friday morning, and it was Friday night that the husband, passing through the city, saw her on the streets and caused her arrest. The woman is detained in the city jail only as a government witness.

The officers expect finally to locate Bolden, but as yet they have been unable to secure his place of residence, or to what point he went when leaving Mrs. Mercer. The latter refuses, it is understood, to supply this information.

Draftsmen Take a Hot Shot at the Navy Department

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Newport News, April 22.—The American society of Draftsmen, in annual session here today, adopted a resolution introduced by the New York branch, which severely criticizes the methods followed by the navy department in its treatment of the draftsmen at the New York navy yard. The resolution is to be forwarded to Congressman James P. Maher, of New York, with the request that he bring the matter to the attention of congress.

PROBABLE AMERICAN FORCES BE WITHDRAWN

Washington, April 22.—A decision as to whether American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico may be reached by Wilson and his cabinet Tuesday. This was indicated tonight when it was reported from San Antonio that General Scott may be back in Washington with his report in time for the cabinet meeting. While Secretary Baker declined to comment on Scott's decision to come back after only a short conference with General Funston, it is known that Funston feels he cannot go further with the pursuit of Villa unless heavily reinforced. General Funston wishes a freer hand in dealing with the problems