

Fair to-day, with slowly rising temperature; to-morrow fair and warmer.

WILSON FLATLY REFUSES TO PARLEY WITH GERMANY; BRITISH PATROLS FURNISH 300-MILE IMMUNITY ZONE; KAISER'S HAND SEEN IN EMBARGO NOTE FROM CARRANZA

BRITISH GAIN MORE ON ANCRE They Occupy 600 Yards of Trenches in Night Attack.

COUNTER CHARGES FAIL Six Other Attacks Against German Positions Are Without Success.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Aerial British troops have ousted the Germans from positions north of the Ancre. Last night the British captured 600 yards of a German trench near the Beaucourt-Puisieux road.

Counter Attack Repulsed. According to the British official statement, however, the Germans were anxious enough to regain this trench to make a counter attack early last night.

Early in the night the enemy attacked our new positions south of the Ancre, but, caught by artillery barrage and machine gun fire, was easily repulsed.

Successful bombardments were carried out by us during the day north of the Ancre, and in the neighborhood of Armentieres and Ypres.

Calm on French Front. French—There was intermittent activity during the course of the night.

Belgian—In the neighborhood of the Yser there was patrol activity during the course of the night.

German—Various groups of Crown Prince Rupprecht's East of Armentieres and south of La Bassée all the attacks which had been prepared by heavy artillery fire failed.

During the day strong artillery fire was directed against our positions on both sides of the Ancre river during the night German troops six times attacked our wrecked trenches from Berre as far as the river.

It is confirmed that a German airplane was brought down on February 10 in an aerial engagement in the region of Etouvieux, in the Alsace.

ZERO MARK REACHED IN CITY. Official Minimum of Winter's Coldest Day Is 3 Above.

Winter gripped the big town in earnest yesterday, and out in the suburban boroughs, where the thermometer had been up, thermometers went down to zero.

ALLIES MET IN ROME TO SAVE SARRAIL Feared Attack by Greeks, Bonar Law Tells Commons, and Solved Problem.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—How to save Gen. Sarrail's army in Macedonia from attack in the rear by the royalist Greek troops of King Constantine was the pressing problem that allied leaders met in Rome to solve.

The allied commanders, he added, are now satisfied that the danger of such an attack is much less than a few weeks ago.

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO RIVAL ZEPPELINS Manufacturers Assure Federal Officials They Can Produce the Machines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Promises of cooperation with the Government in efforts to develop a satisfactory Zeppelin type of aircraft for army and navy are being made by leading American airplane and rubber manufacturers at a conference here to-day with Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief constructor of the navy and head of the joint army-navy board investigating the dirigible problem.

A preliminary survey of the materials and machinery available has begun, and the manufacturers expressed belief that the aircraft similar to the German machines could be turned out. It is regarded as probable that some of the centralizing the work will be necessary so that the facilities of all plants which can aid may be utilized.

Officials of the Zeppelin problem are commercial than a scientific one. With the funds available and the cooperation of commercial plants they believe certain of their ability to produce ships that would duplicate the performance of the German craft in durability and length of flight.

FIRING ON BOATS DENIED. German U-Boats Never Did So and Will Not, Berlin Says.

BERLIN, by wireless, Feb. 12.—Reports from British sources that the lifeboats of the British steamer Eavesdown were fired upon by a German submarine are mentioned in an Overseas News Agency announcement to-day.

FOOD SHIPS LOST. Out of Ten Sunk Two Had Cargoes of Provisions for England.

BERLIN, by wireless, Feb. 12.—Of seven steamers and three sailing vessels reported sunk by German submarines on February 9, says the Overseas News Agency, two had cargoes of provisions for England.

HELD AS HOSTAGE. Yarrowdale Men's Status Explained by Zimmermann.

BERLIN, by wireless, Feb. 12.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, explaining the German Government's reason for detaining the seventy-two Americans brought in aboard the Yarrowdale, said to-day Germany would not release them until it was known positively that the crews of German ships in American ports had not been molested.

Emperor William in Vienna. LONDON, Feb. 12.—Emperor William has arrived in Vienna on a visit to Emperor Charles, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdan, quoting a Vienna telegram.

GERMANY BESET BY STARVATION Conditions Have Changed Greatly for the Worse in Last 5 Months.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29.—Food conditions in Germany have changed greatly for the worse in the last five months. The correspondent of the Associated Press, who had been away from Germany since the first week in August, has just returned from a stay of three weeks in Berlin.

Losses of Shipping Since February 1. Ships reported sunk yesterday 5. Total tonnage reported 8,441. Total known tonnage previously sunk 170,599. Total known tonnage sunk since Feb. 1 179,040.

With a 300 mile funnel shaped lane of armed patrol ships the British Admiralty has taken extraordinary precautions to guard the arrival and departure from Channel ports and Liverpool of big British passenger and freight steamships.

No Cheese on Market. It had been hoped to allow one egg per person each two weeks in Greater Berlin, but the last one egg allowance was made some five weeks ago and another is not promised until February.

Another serious reduction of available foodstuffs has been the expropriation for control by the Government of all canned goods. The corresponding effect on the dealers was permitted to sell a fractional part of their stock, but only two cans of each brand.

Guard by Patrol Boats. The patrol boats were at times so close to the Andania that passengers could see them readily and they noted that they were separated by less than half a mile of sea in some places.

Hungry Feeling All the Time. This insufficiency of fats in the daily ration shows itself in an almost constant feeling of hunger. The correspondent, experiencing this himself in the first days of his visit, remarked on it "I feel hungry all the time," said the person addressed.

The Dinner Menu. Dinner generally consists of boiled potatoes with salt, some kind of boiled vegetable, and, on perhaps two days of the week, a tiny piece of meat.

Instant Precaution. It was the impression of the Andania's officers, as conveyed to passengers, that the safety lane had been established on the very day of the sailing of the Andania.

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Red Eagle Is Suggested. It was suggested that the fourth class of the Order of the Red Eagle be bestowed upon Capt. von Papeu for his extraordinary service on behalf of Germany in Mexico.

Believed to Be Inspired. Taken in conjunction with this well known German activity, which has been very closely followed here, the Carranza to-day is generally regarded as inspired by Germany.

STARVATION IS URGED. Carranza Believes It the Only Way to End the War.

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BRITISH THANKFUL. Balfour Expresses Gratitude to Page and Gerard for War Work.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A. J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in a note to the American Ambassador at London, Walter H. Page, requests him to convey to the Government of the United States the thanks of the British Government for the action taken in transferring British interests in Germany to the Netherlands Minister at Berlin.

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President's Quick Answer Checkmates Move to Embarrass Him.

BERLIN'S SINCERITY IS AGAIN DOUBTED His Action Prompted by a Message From Newspaper Correspondent.

DR. GEORGE KIRCHWEY AND BRYAN INVOLVED Former Interceded to Get Despatch Sent Telling of Anti-War Sentiment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—President Wilson definitely and finally closed the door to-day to all parley and discussion of compromise with Germany as long as the illegal submarine decree remains in operation.

Wilson's Checkmate. It is made clear now that whatever embarrassment this move has caused the Administration's policy and whatever sympathy it has had to weaken the belligerent propaganda in England will not be broken thereby.

Close Scrutiny Is Taken. Officials were naturally concerned to know where Germany could have obtained this impression, and it is in this connection that the activity of Germans, pacifists and certain neutrals here has come under the close scrutiny of the State Department.

Whether or not Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador in Washington, inspired the idea is not definitely known. It is pretty well established, however, that Mr. Bryan, Dr. George Kirchwey, former dean of the Columbia Law School, and other peace advocates, who got busy here immediately after the break, conferred with Dr. George Barthelme, Washington correspondent of the semi-official Cologne Gazette, who got busy here immediately after the break, conferred with Dr. George Barthelme, Washington correspondent of the semi-official Cologne Gazette, who got busy here immediately after the break, conferred with Dr. George Barthelme, Washington correspondent of the semi-official Cologne Gazette.

Appeal by Dr. Kirchwey. It has now been ascertained that after Dr. Barthelme's despatches had been headed up and the matter was still under consideration by the State and Navy departments Secretary Daniels received a call from Dr. Kirchwey, a friend of Mr. Bryan's, who asked that Dr. Barthelme be permitted to send through his despatches.

Secretary Daniels admitted to-day that he had received such a call from Dr. Kirchwey, and that subsequently,

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