

EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR CONFERENCE OF NEUTRALS

AMERICANS IN GERMANY ARE WELL TREATED

No Outbreak Against Them of Any Character Reported.

A FOREIGNER'S VIEW

Herr Zimmerman Says Germany Hopes There Will Be No Conflict.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A wireless dispatch received here today quotes the Overseas news agency of Berlin to the effect that Foreign Secretary Zimmerman declared in an interview that Germany joined with President Wilson in the wish that there may be no conflict and that the German government after minute examination of the President's speech to Congress proclaims "those words of a non hostile character."

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Whatever may be their feeling toward the United States Germans in Berlin, as far as has been heard outside the capitol have manifested consideration and courtesy toward Americans since the news was received of the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

Aside from an occasional frank comment on the action of the American government no acts of hostile or even an unfriendly nature have been reported thus far and many Germans are going out of their way to show a friendly disposition toward the Americans marooned here.

The only difficulty which has been reported thus far has been that at one district headquarters police charged with issuing passports to go abroad refuse to issue passports until holders are able to show steamer tickets to America. On the other hand the police in the main residential district are accepting their return to America as an adequate reason for departure but are insisting that the customary interval of a fortnight for military investigation of the application cannot be waived.

The Foreign office to which the American newspaper correspondents in a way are accredited has shown every disposition to facilitate the departure of such correspondents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—It was stated officially today that there is no change in the status of some 200 Americans in Germany. They had not been ordered by the United States to leave Germany but had been advised of the break in relations that they may make individual decision.

JUDGE VINCENT'S COURT ON TIME

Jury in Muir Watkins Hay Case Could Not Agree.

The Intermediate Court docket being tried before Judge Vincent is to date exactly on schedule, each case being tried on the date set for trial. This is a situation almost unique in local circles since lawyers' unpreparedness has in past times materially hindered the progress of the dockets hearing.

A hung jury resulted in the case of John Muir versus Elmer J. Watkins, the jury this afternoon still having under advisement the arguments of opposing counsel. The case was to determine the ownership of a car load of hay.

In the case of M. B. Barker vs. B. C. Coogle a motion to quash execution was heard before the court, in lieu of a jury and was taken under advisement. Harry Shaw represented the plaintiff and Attorney Ralph Snyder the defendant.

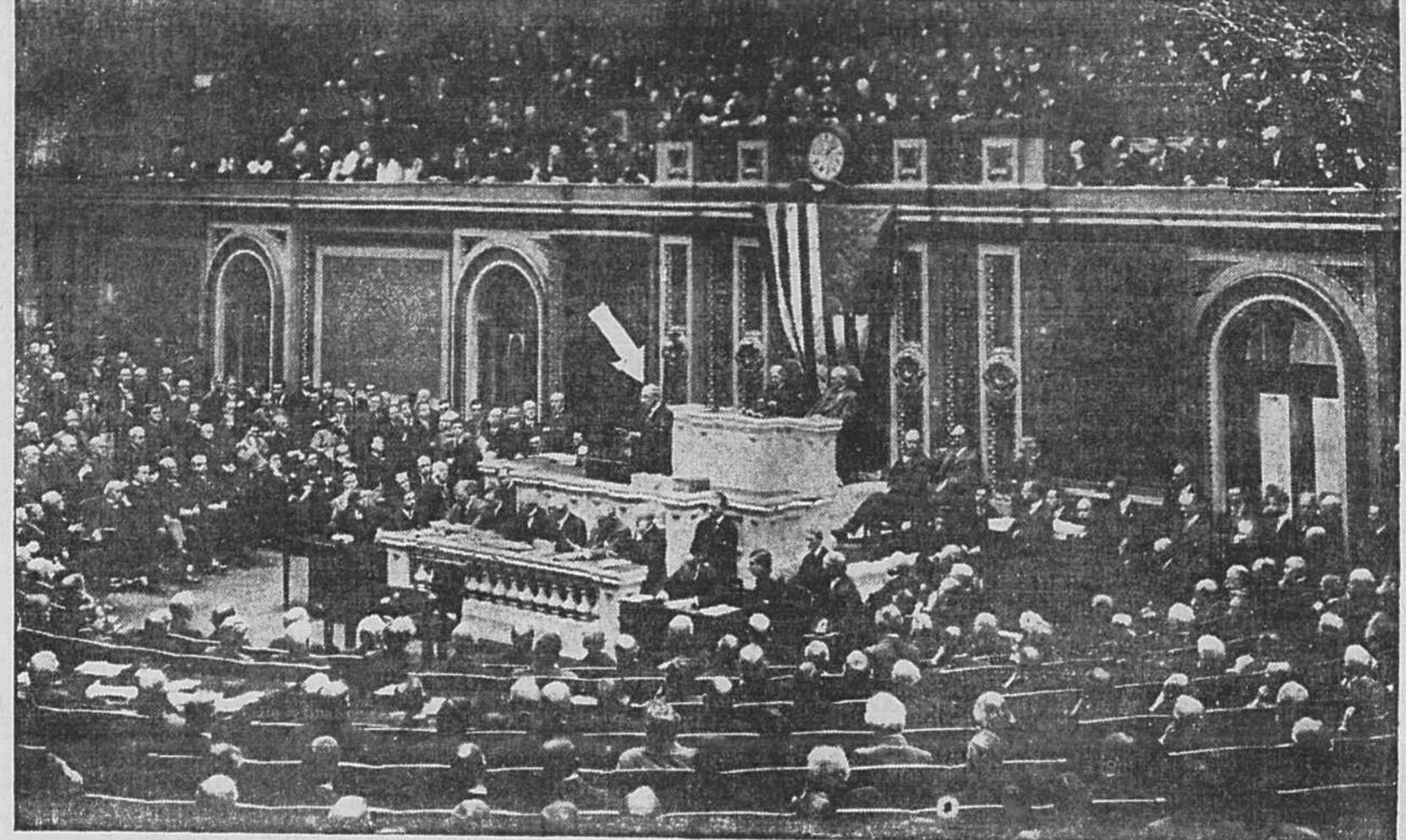
Judgment for \$1,932 was given in the case of the First National Bank of Fairmont vs. Wilson L. Cardin. In the case of W. N. S. Ingles vs. H. Stealey a plea setting off statement of defense was objected.

In the case of J. Baker, et al., vs. Henry T. Baker defendant filed decree of sale for an amount due and argued it is now being heard on the case.

The case of the First National Bank vs. Furbee and Race, for a sum of \$15,000, was continued until the 15th instant.

PLAGUE DEATH AT BROAD OAKS. CLARKSBURG, Feb. 6.—Owing to the death of a child at Broad Oaks this morning from what is believed to be infantile paralysis authorities there closed the schools and established a strict quarantine. Another case has been reported from Norwood.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT WILSON TELLING CONGRESS OF THE BREAK!



This great news photograph, first received from Washington, was snapped at the most momentous minute in recent American history—the instant President Wilson broke the news of the diplomatic break with the German empire!

The President is shown reading his dramatic message in the hall of the House of Representatives, as the members of both the House and the Senate listen in serious attention.

Behind the President are shown, Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark, presiding officers of the Senate and House, respectively.

Observe the official clock of the House, with the hands pointing to five minutes after 3! Von Bernstorff received his passports at 1:57, and just eight minutes later the President was telling the national legislature of his action.

Notice the crowd in the gallery, gazing on history in the making. Below: a close-up, giving a large view of the President, Vice President and Speaker.

Bulletins

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The American line today announced that it was accepting bookings for the steamers Philadelphia and Finland. The Philadelphia is scheduled to leave Liverpool February 10 and the Finland February 15 for New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Information that Switzerland will not adopt President Wilson's suggestion that in the interest of world peace other neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany was received here today. So far as is known this is the first response.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—If it becomes necessary to withdraw American Relief workers in Belgium and Northern France they will receive protection from the German government and will be permitted to depart without further molestation. Information to this effect was received in a telegram addressed to local office of the Belgian relief commission from Brand Whitlock the American minister to Belgium.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Germany's disposition to regard the break with the United States with calmness and deliberation and in a peaceful spirit as expressed by Foreign minister Zimmerman brings new encouragement to those who hope the breach between the countries will go no further than a severance of diplomatic relations.

HATFIELD SENDS IN APPOINTMENTS

Much Mystery About a Communication to the State Senate.

(By Associated Press) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 6.—It was announced in the House today that the committee on the Virginia debt will hold public hearing Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the capitol and that the public generally is invited.

The governor today transmitted to the Senate a communication which is said to contain a list of his appointments confirmation of which by the Senate is desired.

It is not known whether this list includes any new appointees or not. The Senate will later, probably this week, go into executive session at which time these appointments will be considered. At this time the contents of the communication will not be made known and more or less secrecy will be maintained even after the executive session is held.

HOG PRICES GOING UP. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 6.—Active buying credited to speculative interests at Herr's Island stock yards, today forced the price of hogs to \$12.90 a hundred pounds, 20 cents higher.

MUNITIONS GO FORWARD DESPITE U-BOAT THREAT

Five Vessels Carrying Supplies Enough to Equip An Army Corps Have Left New York Since February 1.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The German blockade declaration has not delayed the transportation of war materials and munitions from the United States to Great Britain and France.

Cargo manifests in the custom house here show that five steamships now on their way from this port to Europe carry enough contraband and war goods to equip an army corps.

Two of these vessels fly French colors and the others are of British registry. It is believed in shipping circles that on account of the value of their cargoes Great Britain has made arrangements to convoy these ships through the danger zone.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED BY BOARD OF WOMAN FROM OHIO

Other Business Transacted at Special Session Held Today.

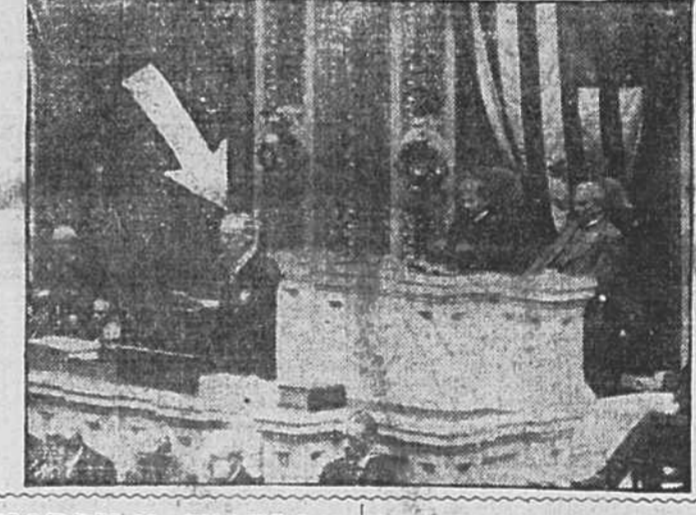
At a special meeting of the city Board of Affairs this morning to get rid of some business that was threatening to hold up later big business several building permits were granted.

Travey Nutter was given a permit to erect a residence on Locust avenue, Jacob Emerick asked for a certificate to open a pool room on Virginia avenue at number 924. This was turned over to the chief of police for investigation and report. Elmer Freeman will erect a home on Boulevard and East Park avenue. Charles F. Toothman was granted permission to build a residence on Euclid avenue, East Side.

Albert Lehman, street commissioner, who has been confined to his home for the past week, is reported as somewhat improved. Present at the meeting of the board were Mayor Anthony Bowen, Finance Commissioner J. Walter Barnes and Ira L. Smith.

PLAGUE CASE SUSPECTED. CLARKSBURG, Feb. 6.—A suspected case of infantile paralysis was reported to the health authorities today from Broad Oaks, a suburb, the patient being the 7-months-old son of Harold Ruhl, a stogie maker. While the case is believed to be one of poliomyelitis, physicians have not yet made a final diagnosis.

FIRE AT KEARNEYSVILLE. CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Feb. 6.—Five early today destroyed the plant of the Standard Lime and Stone company at Kearneysville near here. The loss was estimated at \$35,000, covered by insurance.



HARRY H. WATSON BUYS SEWICKLY COAL ON W. M. R. R.

ST. EVESTONE WAS BRITISH COLLIER. Not Much Prospect of a Break on Her Account.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—An official report of the sinking of the steamer Evestone and the killing of an American seaman reached the State department today from Consul Frost at Queenstown. The ship was a provisional British collier. Consul Frost's message said:

"Provisional British collier Evestone sunk by shell fire from German submarines in vicinity of Fastnet yesterday, February 4. American negro naval seaman, Richard Wallace, of Baltimore, was killed during shelling of boat after just left Evestone. Details not yet available."

Consul Frost's dispatch in describing the Evestone as a provisional collier leads to the possibility that the destroyed vessel might be classed as a warship. If at the time of sinking, the Evestone was in the admiralty service no possibility of trouble with Germany on that score opens up. Ambassador Page has been instructed to send further details. In any case officials say it is doubtful if any inquiry will be addressed to Berlin.

The purchases were made from the following parties, the price paid remaining confidential: Enos and Samantha Morgan, James E. Morgan, Wilbur M. Morgan, M. C. Cochran, Oscar Cochran, Z. F. Davis, T. Riley Huffman and the Davis and Parrish heirs. The 146 acre farm of Oscar Cochran was purchased to be used as a scene for any development that may be made.

The coal has been carefully tested and is found to be of a high quality.

Cost Chauffeur \$5 to Be on Wrong Side

Cecil Miller drunk, was fined \$20 in police court this morning. It was Miller's sixteenth visit to the mayor's sanctum and his last fine which was \$10, was doubled. Elmer Hoboy, drunk, was fined \$5 and costs, costs being \$1 for taxi service. Both Hoboy and Miller went to jail.

Ralph Baker, chauffeur, was fined \$5 for running an auto on the wrong side of Main street. While thus running he struck Ed Holbert, picked him up on the fender and carried him a few feet. Baker said that auto drivers after being at the wheel for a while get careless and that he tried to get around the left side of a street car in a hurry when the accident happened. Holbert was unhurt.

ANOTHER DAY OF WAITING

Plans to Mobilize Industries of Country Are Going Forward

BERNSTORFF'S PLAN

Party of German Officials to Go By Way of Christiana.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—With prospects for another day of waiting for developments of the ruthlessness submarine campaign that may bring war between the United States and Germany, immediate interest here centered today upon the destruction of the British steamer Evestone in which an American seaman lost his life.

Apparently officials are confident that this incident will not prove to be the overt act that will cause hostilities but nevertheless a complete report is awaited with grave anxiety.

Earlier in the war the State department received several similar reports of the shelling of vessels by submarines and the injury of passengers or crew in life boats, but investigation in such instance led to the conclusion that the vessels were resisting or trying to escape. If this is found to be the case with the Evestone the act will not be regarded as illegal.

Meanwhile a conference of neutral nations is being discussed on the suggestion of one of the European neutrals most severely affected by the war and although it is believed the idea has been favorably received by President Wilson there is no definite indication that the plan will mature.

Relations with Austria are not on sound foundations owing to the known adherence of the dual monarchy to Germany's submarine war program but certain differences in her announced intention, make it uncertain just what the United States government may decide to do.

The Senate today was ready to adopt the resolution endorsing the President's action in breaking relations with Germany and the House is expected to place itself on record in a similar way.

The War and Navy departments continued to formulate plans for mobilization of industrial and commercial forces as well as military so that these might be placed in operation under government direction on short order.

Conn von Bernstorff, his staff and all German consuls in this country comprising a party of more than 200, will sail next Tuesday from New York on the Scandinavian liner Frederick 8 for Christiania and the State department feels assured of guarantees of safe conduct for them from the allies.

PARALYSIS PATIENTS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Quarantine Has Not Yet Been Lifted From Public Places.

The city Board of Health reported this afternoon no cases of infantile paralysis under suspicion and that there is none to report following the George Erye case. Those cases which exist in the city are showing signs of improvement except perhaps a case or two where the children are so small it is difficult to see any change either for better or worse. The quarantine of show houses, etc., continues as published when the ailment was first discovered here.

Little Nan Johnson, who was one of the early victims, is getting along famously. She is now able to sit up in a chair and has recovered the use of her right arm. It is believed that she will soon have the full use of both her legs and the right shoulder.

Barbour Co. Woman Is Fatally Burned

(By Associated Press) GRAFTON, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Wayne Heatherly died last night at her home on Hacker's creek near Philippi, Barbour county, from the effects of burns received yesterday morning.

The woman who was the wife of a prominent cattle dealer was nursing her three-months-old child and in moving to place it in a cradle her clothing ignited from an open grate. She rushed from the house screaming for help and before her husband succeeded in extinguishing the flames she was terribly burned. The child was uninjured.

JOHN D. WINS AGAIN. CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today upheld the decision of the United States District Court which ruled that John D. Rockefeller does not have to pay taxes to Cuyahoga county as \$211,000,000 worth of property.