

ZEPPELINS WILL AID SUBMARINES IN PLAN TO BLOCKADE BRITAIN

Germans Accuse Foes of Intention to Sink Neutral Ships in Order to Embroil Nations Against the Teutonic Cause.

Mine-Layers Reported Already on British Coast Prepared to Strew Mines in War of Starvation to be Launched Soon.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Zepplin airships will participate in the blockade of the British coast, the Vossische Zeitung announced on official authority today.

The Lokai Anzeiger states that Germany is prepared to stretch the British coast with mines. This statement aroused the belief here that German mine layers are hidden in inaccessible recesses of the British coast and are ready to move as soon as the blockade is established.

That Britain will attempt to embroil Germany and neutral nations is the hint made in an official statement issued by the German press bureau today.

ALLIES CLAIM RECAPTURE OF TRENCHES AT ST. ELOI

Defenses on Flanders Line Again Change Hands.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—British troops, who have been essaying the offensive between St. Eloi and the Ypres Canal, have succeeded, according to the official statement today, in recapturing two lines of outlying trenches previously taken from them by the Germans in a series of assaults.

The previous reports of the success by the French artillery in silencing the fire of the Germans at several points, notably in the Bouain and Arzonne regions, are confirmed. It is stated that the French artillery is being used all along the entire line to silence and dismount the big German guns.

The French claim is directly contradicted by today's official statement from Berlin, which declares that British counter-attacks at St. Eloi were repulsed.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP ENDANGERED IN CHANNEL

Massapequa Had Thrilling Passage in Dark.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A thrilling story of the Belgian relief ship Massapequa's trip at night through the darkened English Channel was told here today by Captain E. M. McCarthy, who returned to New York after delivering a Rockefeller Foundation cargo for starving Belgians.

"We almost foundered," said Captain McCarthy. "All familiar lights were out and we groped our way through a furious southwest gale, lost in the Channel for an hour. Finally daylight came and we picked up an English patrol boat, which examined our papers and gave us directions to Rotterdam. The only vessels I saw on the trip were patrol boats."

ITALY REFUSES TO JOIN NEUTRAL LEAGUE ON SHIPS

Proposes to Stand Alone in Protection of Maritime Rights.

ROME, Feb. 15.—Italy has refused to join a proposed league of neutral Powers with the object of a common defense of neutral shipping against Germany's threatened blockade of British ports. This refusal is on the ground that Italy is fully prepared to defend its own shipping unaided; besides, it is determined to retain a complete freedom of action.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM. SAYS ENVOY TO GERMANY

Gerard Confident Blockade Tangle Will Be Solved.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—According to the Lokal Anzeiger, James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, has returned in connection with the present negotiations between the United States and Germany growing out of the submarine blockade.

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Official War Reports

GERMAN The enemy's attacks against the trenches of the Germans from the English near St. Eloi were repulsed yesterday. Otherwise there were no important events.

FRENCH The British troops on Monday recaptured the two trenches which they had lost the night before between St. Eloi and the Ypres canal.

RUSSIAN On the front of the Niemen and Vistula Rivers some encounters took place on February 13 at about the same places as on the day before.

AUSTRIAN In Russian Poland and West Galicia no noteworthy incident has occurred. The battles in the Carpathians are proceeding.

GERMANY CRUMBLING, DECLARES JOFFRE IN HINTS OF NEW BLOW

"All Their Famous Old Guard Gone," Says French Commander-in-Chief, and 1,000,000 Have Been Lost in Battle.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Germany is crumbling, says General Joffre, head of all the French armies in France, in an interview with Paul Huard, a lifelong friend.

27 SHIPS FROM N. Y. FACE TORPEDO PERIL

Four American Vessels Among Those Due in War Zone After Thursday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Twenty-seven steamships, sailing from New York, face the torpedoes and mines of the Germans in the waters around England, for all of the vessels will arrive after February 15, when the war zone proclamation by the German Admiralty shall have gone into effect.

HOLLAND DEMANDS SAFETY FOR SHIPS

Protests Both to Berlin and London Against War Zone Dangers.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.—The Netherlands has presented notes of protest at the same moment to Germany and Great Britain regarding, respectively, the war zone order and the use of neutral flags.

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RAILWAYS IMPORTANT IN WORKING OUT KAISER'S STRATEGY



Magical mobilization of German troops has surprised and discomfited the armies opposed to the Kaiser on the several fronts. Yet quickness of transporting men and munitions has been due to no other necromancy than that of the foresighted attention to detail which is characteristic of the so-called Teutonic "preparedness."

BLOCKADE OF FOE'S COAST BOLD MOVE FOR BRITAIN

Enforcement of Expected Proclamation Would Mean Reversal of Present Policy, Experts Declare.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The sending of a blockading force to the German coast would necessarily be attended with heavy losses, for those coasts bristle with fortifications and their waters are strewn thick with mine fields.

U. S. BALKS AT BRITISH FOODSTUFFS DOCTRINE Absolute Contraband Declarations Expected to Bring Protest From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The new doctrine soon to be promulgated by Great Britain making foodstuffs absolute contraband, is expected to be opposed by the United States.

Firehouse Proposals Opened Proposals for the construction of a new firehouse at Byberry, in the 35th Ward, were opened today by Director of Public Safety Porter.

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AMERICAN BULLETS DRIVE GERMANS TO HATE U. S. BITTERLY

Resentment Grows in Kaiser's Empire as Reports, "True and Untrue," of Pro-Ally Feeling Here Are Daily Published.

Farmers Refuse to Buy American Agricultural Implements and Society Women Bars Door to Erstwhile Friends.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND BERLIN, Feb. 16.

The American Government, press and public apparently do not realize to what extent and depth the bitterness of feeling throughout Germany against Americans is spreading.

Wounded officers and men from the front openly charge that the German losses are becoming much greater now than the French are using American-manufactured arms and ammunition.

Announcement was made today that Premier Asquith would be asked in Parliament tomorrow whether the Government would consider the establishment of a joint prize court consisting of representatives of Britain and the United States with a view to avoiding a recurrence of the dispute between the two countries in connection with neutral trade.

London newspapers declare that Germany's proffer is an indication that the Kaiser's Government is weakened before the very instrument of warfare of which it is in terror—the British fleet.

English naval critics assert that the German threat to sow mines in the waters along the coasts promises nothing but disaster to the British merchant navy as well as British merchantmen already have been badly damaged or sunk by these floating instruments of war.

Two Fairs at Half Fare; Exposition Rates Cut in Two

The railroads have greatly reduced their fares and made it possible for you to see both the San Francisco and San Diego Expositions on one ticket.

These are fair samples of the statements which are being published which are creating the anti-American feeling among Americans throughout Germany.

The position of Ambassador Gerard and Consul-General Law is now becoming extremely delicate and difficult, both officers being focus points for German criticism.