

GERMANY IS BACKING DOWN

PRESIDENT WILL NOT ASK FOR DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMAN EMPIRE

If Battleships are Sent to Protect American Shipping Germany Will Be Forced to Strike First Blow

GREAT BRITAIN MAY USE CONVOYS TOO

Much Interest in Decline in the Amount of Shipping That Has Been Destroyed From Day to Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Late reports of ships sunk by German submarines were scanned eagerly by government officials today for a double reason.

First there was the everpresent fear that any hour might bring a dispatch saying an American ship had been sunk without warning or American lives lost, thus driving the United States to use force to protect its rights.

Second, yesterday's reported falling off of aggregate tonnage sunk produced wonder as to whether the failure was only temporary or whether Great Britain has already done something to lessen the force of the submarines' attacks.

In reference to the status of a more pronounced break with Germany it is disclosed that the precise course of the United States has been determined.

President Wilson will not ask Congress for a declaration of war, but only for authority to take necessary measures to protect neutral rights.

This would still leave the first act of open hostilities to Germany's choosing. Convoys of American vessels by American war craft might be ordered.

Practical interest in the progressive success of the submarine campaign was based on Lloyd's report reaching here, indicating that not much more than 10,000 tons total shipping was sunk yesterday although about 21,000 tons was reported sunk Thursday and about 28,000 tons each of the two preceding days.

A daily destruction of 33,000 tons would be necessary to maintain the rate which the German admiralty believes sufficient to isolate England.

Reports that Great Britain is arranging to convoy great fleets of merchantmen through the war zone gained credence here.

HUNTINGTON MAN MAY RUN HOTEL

Denied Here However That Matter of Lessee Has Been Settled.

Richard O'Neal of Huntington and Lynchburg has according to the Huntington Herald-Dispatch contracted to lease the New Fairmont hotel now in course of construction. The press statement goes on to say that Mr. O'Neal is in Michigan where he went to purchase furniture for the new hotel.

At the office of Brooks Fleming Jr. today it was learned that no such contract has been awarded and that although Mr. O'Neal was considered so also were several other reputable managers. Mr. Fleming stated that no such contract could be made without first having the Board of Directors sanction it. This has not been done and thus far no time has been set for a meeting to consider the awarding of a lease to any one.

It is true that Mr. O'Neal was in Grand Rapids looking over furniture but simply in an advisory manner. Mr. O'Neal is president of the Frederick Hotel company and has opened many fine hotels during his career.

FIRE IN ZANESVILLE
STUEBENVILLE O. Feb. 10.—Fire which for a time threatened the Market street business section resulted in loss of \$75,000 here today. The flames started in storage room of the S. Reiner dry goods company and quickly spread to the store of McConnell and Lyons. The cause is not known.

BUSINESS WAITS FOR DEVELOPMENTS

But the Financial Condition of the United States is Sound.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Dun's Review this week says:

International possibilities still dominate all markets and cause a waiting policy in many quarters, though confidence remains a conspicuous feature and banking resources unprecedented in trade and industrial circles. Financial conditions are intrinsically sound but doubts about foreign affairs restrict offerings of money and prompt engagements for the future. Preparations are in progress to meet any economic contingency and some products have been withdrawn from sale in anticipation of federal requirements, government demands already being a factor in certain branches. Absence of speculative tendencies in production and distributing channels is a favorable augury, and generally the commercial situation is more wholesome than might be expected after many months of almost uninterrupted expansion. With buyers and sellers alike adopting a cautious attitude, new commitments are in lessened volume, though in some instances the inquiry has broadened and in all lines current needs continue extensive, in spite of the high prices. Weekly bank clearings \$6,226,689,297.

WORLD'S GAYEST STREET IN WAR DRESS



THE STARS AND STRIPES BLOSSOMED EVERYWHERE AFTER THE BREAK WITH GERMANY. SHOWING THE ENTIRE NATION IS BEHIND THE PRESIDENT. NOWHERE WAS THE FLAG MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN IN NEW YORK. THIS PICTURE SHOWS A SECTION OF BROADWAY, THE GAYEST STREET IN THE WORLD, IN WAR-LIKE DRESS.

SCHOOLS OF CITY WILL BE REOPENED MONDAY MORNING

At Least That is the Understanding This Afternoon.

Owing to the absence from the city of George M. Alexander, president of the Board of Education no official action regarding the re-opening of the elementary schools of the city which had been closed for a period of ten days owing to the infantile paralysis situation could be taken today but unless further notice is issued the schools will open Monday morning at the usual hour.

Mr. Alexander is in New York and could not be reached today but as Monday was set as the opening day and no word has been received from him to the effect that the schools should not open it is presumed that he desires they will open as per schedule on Monday morning.

The buildings have been placed in readiness to receive the pupils and the health etc. of the pupils will be carefully guarded by the school officials.

WITHHOLD NEWS OF SHIP CLEARINGS

Not Known Officially What Steamers Leave This Side.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—All information with respect to the clearing of vessels at the Custom house, including their names, is being withheld. Official said today that this was being done for the present on orders from Washington.

The steamship Baltic, of the White Star Line, has arrived safely at Liverpool, according to cable message received here today by officers of the company.

The message, besides announcing that the Baltic had reached her pier, said "All well."

BURNED TO DEATH.
PARKERS LANDING, Pa., Feb. 10.—James Powers, aged 70, was burned to death today by fire which originated in his residence and spread to a number of adjoining buildings causing a loss estimated at \$20,000.

INVESTIGATING STEAMBOAT DEAL

J. L. Hall Went to Zanesville to Take Look at the Revonah.

Orville Noll, of the Pittsburgh and Brownsville packet company and J. L. Hall of the Hall Hardware company left last evening for Zanesville Ohio where Mr. Hall will inspect the Revonah a vessel owned by the Pittsburgh company. Mr. Hall made the trip following the announcement yesterday that the Chamber of Commerce was considering securing for Fairmont the use of the Revonah, a packet steamer, now plying the Ohio, Allegheny and the Monongahela rivers. It makes trips up the Monongahela at present as for as Greensboro but its schedule will be extended to take in Fairmont.

No action will be taken by the Chamber of Commerce until after Mr. Hall returns and makes a report of his findings concerning the condition of the Revonah. Should this boat however not come up to standard it will serve to make the proposition even better. If Mr. Hall finds that the Revonah will not do for the service in this end of the river a new boat will be purchased of such capabilities as the Chamber of Commerce demands.

Mr. Hall's report will very likely be officially received before the regular meeting of the Chamber, a special meeting being necessary.

ONE GERMAN SUB REPORTS GOOD SCORE

Sank Ten Ships in Atlantic and Five in North Sea.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Feb. 10.—A German submarine has returned from the Atlantic where she sank 10 ships of an aggregate tonnage of 19,000 the Overseas News agency says.

In addition she sank in the North sea a British steamship of about 300 tons, the British trawlers Shamrock and Thistle and two other trawlers one British and one French.

HOG PRICES STILL GOING UP.
PITTSBURGH Feb. 10.—Hogs sold for \$13.35 a hundred pounds at the Herr Island stock yard here today an advance of 35 cents over yesterday. The prices now prevailing are generally higher than those during the civil war local stockmen declare.

GERARD TO LEAVE BERLIN TONIGHT FOR SWISS BORDER

Bernstorff and His Party Will Leave New York Next Wednesday.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Ambassador Gerard's train will leave Berlin approximately as scheduled tonight but will enter Switzerland by way of Sitten instead of Basel as originally planned. Americans who will travel with him were informed late this afternoon that their baggage must be at the depot for inspection not later than eleven this morning so as to avoid delays and confusion at the frontier.

The train will consist largely of day coaches with a saloon car for the ambassador and possibly sleepers for women.

Despite the fact that details of Mr. Gerard's departure have been indefinite until this evening the Americans in Berlin have shown little tendency to worry an' the delicacy of the situation has not effected the serenity of the German public.

The bulk of Americans in Berlin are still somewhat in the dark as to when they will be able to go away. Most of those who wish to leave have already applied to the police for formal permission, but few if any have as yet received it. The rules generally enforced but somewhat relaxed that at least a fortnight must elapse between the date of application and the granting of permission to leave is apparently being rigidly adhered to.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The steamship Frederick VIII. was given permission by the owners in Copenhagen today to convey former Ambassador von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, according to a cablegram into Scandinavian-American line officers here.

Later it was announced that the Frederick VIII. will sail Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In addition to the Ambassador's suite, provision has been made for carrying about two hundred German consuls.

Rumanian Loot Is Carried Away

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Enormous amounts of supplies captured in Rumania are being transported to Germany, Austria and Hungary, says an Overseas News agency dispatch. More than 400 steamers and 700 tugs are carrying corn, wool, leather and other raw materials up the Danube. The steamers tow 10 barges each carrying as much freight as 650 railroad cars.

ASKS U. S. MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO PREVENT WARFARE

Communication Said to Have Been Received Through Switzerland

NO PROMISES ARE MADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Germany is understood to have addressed to the United States a communication suggesting that the two governments discuss ways and means of preventing actual war between them.

While information regarding the channel through which the communication was addressed is lacking it is probable that it is being forwarded by the government of Switzerland.

Germany is understood to have made it clear that although diplomatic relations had been broken she greatly desired that peace be maintained.

Preliminary outlines regarding the communication do not indicate that it carries with it any suggestion that Germany may modify her submarine warfare.

However the whole communication is said clearly to invite this government to make suggestions regarding steps it thinks might prevent war.

In connection with the coming communication information obtained here is to the effect that while Germany was arranging for her new campaign of unrestricted warfare certain German diplomats in different parts of the world were informed that while military necessity prevented the granting of a period in which neutrals might adjust their maritime interest every care should be exercised so that neutral passenger-carrying ships would not be subject to unwarned torpedo attacks.

LOVE MOTIVE IN TANNER MURDER

Booger Hole Trial Testimony Is Also Full of Mysticism.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 10.—That Howard Sampson was in love with the murdered man's wife and that his father, Andrew Sampson, was superstitious and had dreams that the man who was later killed at Booger Hole, Clay county, would do him bodily injury, were features brought out today at the trial of the former at Clay Court House, for killing of Preston Tanner, a prosperous young farmer of the community.

Jennie Sampson, sister of the man on trial, and daughter of the other man under indictment for the murder was one of the principal witnesses today. She declared that her father had told her of a dream in which he said he saw Tanner standing over him with a gun, and that he believed it was better for Tanner to leave Booger Hole and go back to his old home on Stimers.

"Bunk" Truman testified that Howard Sampson had told him a few days before the murder that he intended to have Tanner's wife even if he had to kill her husband to get her. Jasper McCune detailed a conversation he had with Sampson after the killing, in which he quoted the accused with having said that he had played dominoes with Tanner, at the Tanner home the evening before the murder. He said he slept there and late in the night was awakened by the realization that the house was on fire. He said, according to the witness, that he jumped from a window and ran home, after hearing some one, apparently drunk, in an adjoining room.