

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS A HALT ON GERMAN METHODS

Demands That Submarine Warfare Which Results In Killing Americans Stop—Declares It Subversive of Principles of War.

Declaring Injuries Done Citizens of United States Are "Without Measure," President Calls For Guarantee Against Their Recurrence.

Washington, — President Wilson's note to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania was sent to Ambassador Gerard Thursday for presentation to the German Government.

Germany must abandon her submarine attacks on merchant vessels. This is the demand of the United States, clear-cut and unequivocal. If she refuses, the Government of the United States will take such action as may be necessary in the "performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and of safeguarding their free exercise and enjoyment."

It is for the future that Germany must give bond. Willing to accept from her a disavowal of responsibility for what has occurred, this Government, the note insists, must have absolute assurance that the offenses which have been committed will not be repeated. And to that end the demand is made that Germany shall abandon her submarine attacks on merchant ships. For, says the note:

"Manifestly submarines cannot be used against merchantmen, as the last few weeks have shown, without an inevitable violation of many sacred principles of justice and humanity."

The communication expresses the confident expectation of the United States "that the Imperial German Government will disavow the acts of which the Government of the United States complains, that they will make reparation so far as reparation is possible for injuries which are without measure, and that they will take immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of anything to obviously subversive of the principles of warfare for which the Imperial German Government in the past so wisely and so firmly contended."

The full text of the note as made public by the State Department follows:

"Department of State.

"Washington, May 13, 1915.

"The Secretary of State of the American Ambassador at Berlin:

"Please call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs and, after reading to him this communication, leave with him a copy.

"In view of recent acts of the German authorities in violation of American rights on the high seas, which culminated in the torpedoing and sinking of the British steamship Lusitania on May 7, 1915, by which over 100 American citizens lost their lives, it is clearly wise and desirable that the Government of the United States and the Imperial German Government should come to a clear and full understanding as to the grave situation which has resulted.

"The sinking of the British passenger steamer Falaba by a German submarine on March 28, through which Leon C. Thrasher, an American citizen, was drowned; the attack on April 23 on the American vessel Cushing by a German aeroplane; the torpedoing on May 1 of the American vessel Gulfight by a German submarine, as a result of which two or more American citizens met their death; and, finally, the torpedoing and sinking of the steamship Lusitania, constitute a series of events which the Government of the United States has observed with growing concern, distress and amazement.

"Calls For Disavowal Of Acts.

"Recalling the humane and enlightened attitude hitherto assumed by the Imperial German Government in matters of international right, and particularly with regard to the freedom of the seas; having learned to recognize the German views and the German influence in the field of international obligation as always engaged upon the side of justice and humanity; and having understood the instructions of the Imperial German Government to its naval commanders to be upon the same plane of humane action prescribed by the naval codes of other nations, the Government of the United States was loth to believe—it cannot now bring itself to believe—that these acts, so absolutely contrary to the rules, the practices and the spirit of modern warfare, could have the countenance or sanction of that great Government. It feels it to be its duty, therefore, to address the Imperial German Government, concerning them with the utmost frankness and in the earnest hope that it is not mistaken in expecting action on the part of the Imperial German Government which will correct the unfortunate impressions which have been created and vindicate once more the position of that Government with regard to the sacred freedom of the seas.

"Germany Cannot Abbreviate Americans' Rights.

"The Government of the United States has been apprised that the Imperial German Government considered themselves to be obliged by the extraordinary circumstances of the present war and the measures adopted by their adversaries in seeking to cut Germany off from all commerce, to

adopt methods of retaliation which go much beyond the ordinary methods of warfare at sea, in the proclamation of a war zone from which they have warned neutral ships to keep away.

"This Government has already taken occasion to inform the Imperial German Government that it cannot admit the adoption of such measures or such a warning of danger to operate as in any degree an abbreviation of the rights of American shipmasters or of American citizens bound on lawful errands as passengers on merchant ships of belligerent nationality; and that it must hold the Imperial German Government to a strict accountability for any infringement of those rights, intentional or accidental. It does not understand the Imperial German Government to question those rights. It assumes, on the contrary, that the Imperial Government accept, as of course, the rule that the lives of non-combatants, whether they be of neutral citizenship or citizens of one of the nations at war, cannot lawfully or rightfully be put in jeopardy by the capture or destruction of an unarmed merchantman, and recognize also, as all other nations do, the obligation to take the usual precaution of visit and search to ascertain whether a suspected merchantman is in fact of belligerent nationality, or is in fact carrying contraband of war under a neutral flag.

"Rules Of Humanity Violated.

"The Government of the United States, therefore, desires to call the attention of the Imperial German Government with the utmost earnestness to the fact that the objection to their present method of attack against the trade of their enemies lies in the practical impossibility of employing submarines in the destruction of commerce without disregarding those rules of fairness, reason, justice and humanity which all modern opinion regards as imperative. It is practically impossible for the officers of a submarine to visit a merchantman at sea and examine her papers and cargo. It is practically impossible for them to make a prize of her; and if they cannot put a prize crew on board of her, they cannot sink her without leaving her crew and all on board of her to the mercy of the sea in her small boats. These facts, it is understood, the Imperial German Government frankly admit. We are informed that in the instances of which we have spoken time enough for even that poor measure of safety was not given, and in at least two of the cases cited not so much as a warning was effected. Manifestly, submarines cannot be used against merchantmen, as the last few weeks have shown, without an inevitable violation of many sacred principles of justice and humanity.

"American citizens act within their indisputable rights in taking their ships and in traveling wherever their legitimate business calls them upon the high seas, and exercise those rights in what should be the well-justified confidence that their lives will not be endangered by acts done in clear violation of universally acknowledged international obligations, and certainly in the confidence that their own Government will sustain them in the exercise of their rights.

"Warning No Palliation Of Unlawful Act.

"There was recently published in the newspapers of the United States, I regret to inform the Imperial German Government, a formal warning, purporting to come from the Imperial German Embassy at Washington, addressed to the people of the United States, and stating, in effect, that any citizen of the United States who exercised his right of free travel upon the seas would do so at his peril if his journey should take him within the zone of waters within which the Imperial German Navy was using submarines against the commerce of Great Britain and France, notwithstanding the respectful but very earnest protest of this Government, the Government of the United States. I do not refer to this for the purpose of calling the attention of the Imperial German Government at this time to the surprising irregularity of a communication from the Imperial German Embassy at Washington, addressed to the people of the United States through the newspapers, but only for the purpose of pointing out that no warning that an unlawful and inhumane act will be committed can possibly be accepted as an excuse or palliation for that act or as an abatement of the responsibility for its commission.

"Attacks 'Acts Of Lawlessness.'

"Long acquainted as this Government has been with the character of the Imperial German Government and with the high principles of equity by which they have in the past been actuated and guided, the Government of the United States cannot believe that the commanders of the vessels which committed these acts of lawlessness did so 'except under a misapprehension of the orders issued by the Imperial German naval authorities. It takes it for granted that, at least, within the practical possibilities of every such case, the commanders

even of submarines were expected to do nothing that could involve the lives of non-combatants or the safety of neutral ships, even at the cost of destruction. It confidently expects, therefore, that the Imperial German Government will disavow the acts of which the Government of the United States complains, that they will make reparation so far as reparation is possible for injuries which are without measure, and that they will take immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of anything so obviously subversive of the principles of warfare for which the Imperial German Government have in the past so wisely and so firmly contended.

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"Prompt Action By Germany Wanted.

"The Government and people of the United States look to the Imperial German Government for just, prompt and enlightened action in this vital matter with the greatest confidence because the United States and Germany are bound together not only by special ties of friendship, but also by the explicit stipulations of the treaty of 1828 between the United States and the Kingdom of Prussia.

"Expressions of regret and offers of reparation in case of the destruction of neutral ships sunk by mistake, while they may satisfy international obligations, if no loss of life results, cannot justify or excuse a practice the natural and necessary effect of which is to subject neutral nations and neutral persons to new and immeasurable risks.

"The Imperial German Government will not expect the Government of the United States to omit any word or any act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and of safeguarding their free exercise and enjoyment.

"BRYAN."

GERMANY MODIFIES THREAT

Revoking Disclaimer Of Responsibility For Injury To Vessels Entering Naval War Zone, Berlin Offers To Pay For Damage Done.

Washington, — Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, notified the United States that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts, and that Germany would pay for damages to such ships in the war zone.

Neutral ships carrying contraband will be dealt with, the announcement says, according to the rules of naval warfare. If neutral ships are accidentally damaged in the war zone, Germany will express its regret and pay damage without prize court proceedings.

The German Government justifies its submarine warfare on the grounds that England threatened to starve the civilian population of Germany by prohibiting neutral commerce in foodstuffs and other necessities.

In previous communications Germany has disclaimed responsibility for any harm that might befall neutral vessels venturing into the war zone.

"Hands Off Neutrals.

The text of the announcement cabled by Ambassador Gerard, which was issued by the Berlin Foreign Office in the form of a circular, follows:

"1. The Imperial German Government naturally has no intention of causing to be attacked by submarines or aircraft such neutral ships of commerce in the zone of naval warfare, definitely described in the notice of the German Admiralty staff of February 4 last, as have been guilty of no hostile act. On the contrary, the most definite instructions repeatedly have been issued to German war vessels to avoid attacks on such ships under all circumstances. Even when such ships have contraband of war on board, they are dealt with by submarines solely according to the rule of international law applying to prize warfare.

"2. Should a neutral ship nevertheless come to harm through German submarines or aircraft on account of an unfortunate (word apparently missing from dispatch) in the above-mentioned zone of naval warfare, the German Government will unreservedly recognize its responsibility therefore. In such a case it will express its regrets and afford damages without first instituting a prize court action.

"3. It is the custom of the German Government, as soon as the sinking of a neutral ship in the above-mentioned zone of naval warfare is ascribed to German war vessels to institute an immediate investigation into the cause. If grounds appear thereby to be given for association of such a hypothesis, the German Navy places itself in communication with the interested neutral government so that the latter may also institute an investigation.

"Premises Prompt Pay.

"If the German Government is thereby convinced that the ship has been destroyed by German vessels, it will not delay in carrying out the provisions of paragraph 2 above. In case the German Government, contrary to the viewpoint of the neutral government, is not convinced by the result of the investigation, the German Government has also already on several occasions declared itself ready to allow the question to be decided by an international investigation commission, according to Chapter 3 of The Hague Convention of October 18, 1907, for the peaceful solution of international disputes."

ITALY WILL SOON CAST HER LINE

Decisive Action Expected Within the Present Week.

FACTIONS COMING TOGETHER

French, Repulsing Counter-Attacks At Steenstraete, Hold Positions Taken From Germans and Consolidate Their Gains.

London.—The following official statement was issued by the British War Office:

"The First Army has made a successful attack between Richebourg l'Avoue and Festubert, breaking the enemy's line over the greater part of a two-mile front.

"The attack commenced at midnight to the south of Richebourg l'Avoue, where we carried two successive lines of German breastworks on a front of 800 yards. A mile farther to the south another attack at dawn carried 1,200 yards of German front-line trenches and was pushed rapidly on, extending its success 600 yards farther south by bombing along the German trenches. Here we crossed the Festubert-Quinque road and advanced nearly a mile into the German lines."

"French Repulse Attacks.

Paris.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office:

"We repulsed, with complete success, a fourth German counter-attack at Steenstraete. We have conserved all the positions won and consolidated our gain, the importance of which was emphasized by the violent effort of the enemy.

"Farther to the south the British troops inflicted on the Germans a serious check and carried to the southwest of Richebourg l'Avoue a kilometer (two-thirds of a mile) of trenches. At the same time to the northwest of Festubert they took possession of 500 meters of trenches.

"This second attack was later pushed in the direction of Quinque street and on a front of 600 meters resulted in a gain of 1,500 meters (about a mile) in which the number of German losses was very high. The advance of the British troops continues."

"Germans Fighting On.

Berlin, via London.—The following recital of events at the western front was given out at the war office:

"Strong enemy troops have been attacking north of Ypres, our positions east of the canal at Steenstraete and Hel Sas, without regard for their own losses. All attacks were repulsed. The battle at Steenstraete continues.

"South of Lille the British made fanfany attacks, after strong artillery preparations, which already have been repulsed in most places; but fighting continues at one or two points.

"Further south, on both sides of the ridge of Lorette Hills, and at Sonchez, and at Neuville, north of Arras, renewed French attacks broke down under our fire. The French suffered especially heavy losses in the Lorette Hills."

"DR. DERNBURG TO GO.

"Unofficial Spokesman" Of Kaiser Will Quit United States.

Washington.—Dr. Bernard Dernburg, often referred to as the unofficial spokesman of Emperor William in the United States, has made plans to leave the country of his own initiative within a short time.

It became known in official quarters here that in view of the intimations that President Wilson and the Cabinet were displeased with Dr. Dernburg's speeches, justifying the sinking of the Lusitania and some of his other public utterances, which they believed might be calculated to array sentiment of Germans in the United States against the Washington Government, friends of Dr. Dernburg here have persuaded him to leave the United States.

"TURKISH LOSSES HEAVY.

Allies' Fleet Reported Blowing Up Trenches With Soldiers.

Paris.—According to a Havas dispatch from Athens, advices have been received from Mytilene to the effect that furious fighting continues in the Dardanelles and that the Turkish losses have been extremely heavy. Shells from the allied fleet are blowing up whole trenches filled with Turkish soldiers. Prisoners admit that the Turks lack munitions of various kinds.

"GIRL TO ENTER VARSITY AT 10.

Helen Bradford, Of Iowa, Already Through High School.

Iowa City.—Helen Bradford, of Ottumwa, 10 years old, has made arrangements to enter the University of Iowa in September. She was graduated from high school and is heralded as one of the best mathematicians among grade students of the State. She will be the youngest girl to attend Iowa in more than 10 years.

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