

SCANDINAVIA BALKS AT GERMANY'S WAR ZONE DECLARATION

Norway, Sweden and Denmark Add Protests to U. S. Warning on Shipping Menace.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Following America's lead, it was learned today that Norway, Sweden and Denmark had protested to Germany against its latest war zone decree.

Though less vigorous than the Washington note, the Scandinavian communications were said to stand firmly behind the principle enunciated by this Government.

GERMANY "SOUNDS" NEUTRALS ON BLOCKADE PROTEST

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The Government has not allowed the American note on the proposed blockade to be published.

The few officials who have knowledge of the text of the note frankly declare that they do not believe that its tone "is warranted by the circumstances."

Officially Germany generally insists that, inasmuch as England is "plainly trying its best to starve out Germany, including its civilian and non-combatant population," any act of retaliation will be justified.

It is declared that Germany has assurances given to all neutrals that Germany will "protect all neutral shipping to the utmost of its power" in itself an answer to the demands of the United States.

Although the suggestion has been made that Germany in reply to the United States will suggest that the way out of the difficulty is for the United States to use its influence to have England agree to permit importations of foodstuffs to Germany under guarantee that they will go only to civilians, there is no official confirmation that such action will be taken.

As a matter of fact, Germany is at present endeavoring to determine what extent other neutral powers endorse the views of the United States. It is believed the same position will be taken by other neutrals, and before a reply is framed it will be necessary to find out just how far this will be.

It is considered certain several days will elapse before an official answer is sent to Washington.

BRITISH PRESS FRIENDLY IN COMMENT ON NOTES LONDON, Feb. 13.—The London newspapers profess to believe that the German submarine attack on the British steamer Laertes, flying the Dutch flag, will precipitate more stringent measures against German trade, which were promised by Premier Asquith in a speech delivered yesterday in the House of Commons.

The Daily News, discussing editorially the two notes addressed by President Wilson to Germany and Great Britain, said that no fault can be found by any reasonable man with their spirit or their terms.

Continuing, it says: "Both notes are phrased in language which is not merely conciliatory, but cordial, yet it cannot be said either that there is any lack of definiteness where definiteness is necessary."

"It may be regretted that President Wilson should not have found a way to include in the note some protest not merely against the formal illegality of Germany's threatened procedure, but against its monstrous inhumanity."

What the note does do is to present itself to Americans, will be: Does the fact that Americans travel in a British ship give the Germans a right to kill them?"

It also points out that there will be "no danger of an American ship being sunk if German craft behave as every sane war dictates, and board every ship they stop for examination of her papers."

GERMANS ASSAULTS ON FRENCH TRENCHES REPULSED BY FOE

Attacks on French Trenches on Grand Dune Also Fail. Kaiser's Airmen Bombard Verdun.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The fighting in the north, from La Bassée to the sea, is increasing in activity. The Germans violently attacked the Belgian-French positions at Nieupoort, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

They also attempted to carry the French trenches commanding the Grand Dune, but failed there. German artillery is now shelling the French position at Ypres.

AUSTRO-GERMANS PLAN TO GIVE POLAND A KING

Russian Poles Uninformed by Promise of Monarchy. PETROGRAD, Feb. 13.—A King of Poland has been selected, and will be crowned in a few days at Cracow. This is an attempt at a political coup by Austria and the selected aspirant to the non-existent throne is Archduke Karl Stephan, of the House of Hapsburg.

As a political move on the part of Austria this coup will prove double-edged. In the first place, it is obviously aimed against a piratical attempt credited to the Hohenzollerns of carrying yet another future throne, but doubtless it is secondarily intended to influence the Poles themselves in favor of the falling cause of Austria.

Grand Duke Nicholas last August promised the Poles unification and autonomy under the sceptre of the Czar. What the Russian Poles will welcome is the fulfillment of Grand Duke Nicholas' promises, and already it is whispered that the form in which they will be realized will be the creation of a united Poland constituting an infinitely better offer than Austria holds out in crowning a Hapsburg prince nominal king of a non-existent Poland.

GREECE DEMANDS APOLOGY FOR INSULT TO MINISTER

Turkish Government Expected to Make Full Reparation. ATHENS, Feb. 13.—Greece has lodged a vigorous protest with Turkey against the action of the secret police in Constantinople in insulting M. Panas, the Greek minister in that city.

The Grand Vizier has expressed his regret over the incident and replied to the Greek protest that he would bring the matter to the notice of his Government immediately.

The following reparation is demanded by Greece: That the prefect of police pay a personal visit to M. Panas and in the presence of the entire staff of the Greek legation ask pardon for the incident.

That the persons guilty of the insult be dismissed immediately and be brought before a court and punished.

That the Turkish Government publish a statement making known what satisfaction has been given.

CZAR STRENGTHENS HIS LINE EAST OF WARSAW

Berlin Paper Reports Active Work in Poland. BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The National Zeitung has published a dispatch from a correspondent on the Russian border, who says the Russians are employing thousands of laborers to strengthen their second line of defense. At the fortresses of Ivangorod, Brest-Litovsk and Kovno men are working day and night.

On the Vistula, 60 miles southeast of Warsaw; Brest-Litovsk is on the Bug, 100 miles east of Warsaw; Kovno is on the Niemen, 45 miles east of the East Prussian frontier.

At Brest-Litovsk arrangements have been made to flood the entire district, and for a distance of 75 miles the territory around the fortresses has been barred to ordinary travel. Great stores of ammunition and provisions are being laid in.

These preparations, the correspondent of the National Zeitung goes on to say, make the inhabitants fear that the Russians soon will be seen falling back.

PEACE TALK STIRS LONDON

Believed That Germany is Seeking Good Pretext. LONDON, Feb. 13.—The idea is growing in city circles that Germany is generally supposed. Many straws seem to be pointing that way.

Solving a Doctor's Problem

Undoubtedly the Christian of each country visualizes into his ideal of the Good Shepherd the spirit and traits of the man of his own environment.

Perhaps it pleases unconsciously the self-exalted American more than any other to nationalize Christ. Dr. John Roland, author of "The Good Shepherd" (G. A. Stokes Company), makes his American hero so seriously and interestingly like the Man of Nazareth that the vivid scene of the young man's appearance as Christ in a Tyrolean Passion Play is apparently wholly consistent and is saved the suspicion of being a device to "work in" the weird village custom known to the world as the Oberammergau.

Charles Edwards, M. D., otherwise known in the Tyrol as "the Herr Mitter," is a student physician out of work and seriously out of sorts, a good deal of the result of the melancholy brooding over a very so-called affair with a woman. The Herr Mitter has that subtle sensitive sympathy that causes his sick to love him, draws children to his side, and makes women revere him and desire to mother him.

The problem of his loneliness, his unsettled position and his disagreeable past is one of those soul affairs that can find settlement only in service; and the young Mitter, called somewhat ironically by fellow students, "The Good Shepherd," finds himself and his salvation in a terrible little town where disease and sin and ignorance "swim in the brew together with simple, honest things."

The author's strange village, Therese, is painted with the artistic appreciation of lights and shadows, of vivid, congruous contrasts. The landscapes are beautiful, but the young shepherd in the picture, who bonds his head at the call of the "Good Shepherd," to a high place in service for his beloved humanity. Several detailed descriptions of surgical skill displayed by the Herr Doktor prove, despite the use of severely technical phraseology, to be breathlessly interesting.

And the author's presentation of Therese's Passion Play, with its young American Christ, pulsates with temperance, sympathy and dramatic feeling.

Tales of Law and Lawyers

S. L. Nyburg has stated the lawyer's case cleverly, and at times with considerable literary merit, in his six short stories of the barrister's office grouped under the title "The Lawyer" (W. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia). He has uncovered the mental and spiritual processes which must go on within the average attorney and his much-misunderstood clients.

There are few readers, it may confidently be foretold, who will not think more kindly of the members of the bar and of the other characters dealt with after reading "The Lawyer."

"The Fruits of Victory," the first story, is stripping in a much more significant sense than is meant when the term is applied to the individual's account of his or her problem. Even when the author permits himself to become somewhat shallow and conventional, he invariably gives a feeling of veridicality to the character who is speaking.

On the whole, the book is decidedly worth while. It is almost certain to add tolerance to conventional virtues and give a more kindly insight into the lives of less fortunate beings who have had to face problems which more virtuous souls had never even dreamed of.

"Roses—For Love"

The moral is that if you marry for money and a rose garden you can achieve salvation if you fall in love with your husband. Margaret Widdemer has written in "The Rose Garden Husband" (G. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia), a neat little story of a girl who wearies out to death of being a "Liberty Teacher," one of those faithful and enthusiastic young women who tell stories to children in the back rooms of libraries. She married a man who had lost control of his limbs through an accident. She marries only to provide him with a duty-bound nurse. She falls in love with him, and by treating him more like a man than an invalid, and by getting herself into a conventional scrape, she cures him. Does he then fall in love with her? He does. What more can one ask of a pleasant little story, pleasantly told?

The Haunted Heart

In their latest novel, "The Haunted Heart" (D. Appleton & Co.), Agnes and Egerton Castle bring a breath of pure Scottish air from the Highlands into the stuffiness of London society. It is tragic.

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but the effect is good. There is much suffering, but the atmosphere is cleared. Further, the authors take pains to punish adequately the designing mother, newly rich, for buying a title. The titled head also is properly dealt with because, he married for spite.

His little folly caused the estrangement of the Master of Stranvava from his bride, the playmate of his youth. She foolishly attempted to make his pathway easier, because of her overpowering love for him; it but led to greater misery for both. The moral is that the greatest of human loves may go awry, if not anchored by a faith in God.

Chemistry of Familiar Things

The title "Chemistry of Familiar Things" suggests fascinating subjects, and the reader once interested is unwilling to put the book aside. Samuel S. Sadtler, S. B., the author, is a member of many engineering and chemical societies, and is the editor of "Allen's Commercial Organic Chemistry."

"Chemistry of Familiar Things" is published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

To the casual observer the title may suggest the technical. However, upon perusal, the reader will be astonished at the great list of everyday phenomena explained in a simple manner. For the seeker after knowledge it is a compendium of useful information. The book has been written for those whose training or reading has been directed into other channels. It is absorbing and interesting, and the book which should be found on every library shelf.

The book will be very valuable to those interested in scientific matters and to people who desire exposition of dry scientific chemistry. The bookmaker, the butcher, the candlestick maker will all find it a handy reference. Thousands of subjects are treated in an attractive, light, readable manner.

A Philadelphia Novel

"The Dusty Road" (J. B. Lippincott Company), by Therese Tyler, is a novel of Philadelphia, touching intimately upon the society of Walnut street and Bittenhouse square. And, while there appears in the book little to distinguish this from society in other cities, the story, nevertheless, is intensely human, dealing with the problems of a young girl who is beset with a poverty-stricken family which endeavors to "keep up appearances."

The mother, of course, expects her beautiful daughter to sell herself to riches; but, again, of course, a youthful love affair intervenes, and the girl, who has been the young woman begins when she hears of this lover's reported infidelity.

It is possible that severe critics will find it difficult to analyze the character of the early population are shown, as was the recurring changes of heart that mark her pathway. True, this may be girl nature, but the professions of religion that creep in at times are somewhat at odds with the course the heroine pursues.

The character of Sylvia Lewis, cousin of the heroine, probably is the best portrayed and the most consistent. She is inherently bad, and her flirtations and subsequent marriage will bear out the inherent delinquency of her traits. One good character, the French clergyman, adds force to the story.

Occasionally, there are flaws of more or less importance, and numerous situations that the author finds it difficult to work out. There are climaxes that probably would not stand the test of analysis by the lawyer, but the construction it is evident that the hand of the amateur faltered somewhat.

The moral of the book, however, and its purposes are distinctly good.

Book Gossip

Vitality of Modern Fiction. A diligent literary editor of Boston has collected a list of books published and to come with the purpose of showing the vitality of fiction in the year 1915: Gilbert Cannan—Young Farmer. R. C. Chesterton—The Wisdom of Father Brown. Joseph Conrad—Victory. Richard Dehan—The Man of Iron. Conan Doyle—The Valley of Fear. St. John G. Irving—Mrs. Martin's Man. John Jay—The Friends. W. L. George—The Second Blooming. Henry Snyder Harrison—Angela's Business. Golda Myerson—The Red Anemone. Rudyard Kipling—Swept and Garnished. Short stories: Jack London—Short stories. Compton Mackenzie—Singer Street. Booth Tarlington—The Turmoil. John Trevena—Sleeping Waters. Edgar Wallace—The Early Church. H. G. Wells—Baby. E. Phillips Oppenheim—The Burglar. J. M. Barrie—Dev. Tag (one-act play).

Some of the New Books. Among the Houghton-Mifflin Company publications for February will be William B. Parker's "Life of Edward Rowland Hill," Harold Begbie's "Kitchener—Organizer of Victory," Edward Scribner Ames' "The Higher Individualism," Dr. George Hodge's "The Early Church," Horace J. Bridges' "Criticisms of Life," G. P. Watkins' "Welfare as an Economic Quality" and Arthur E. Suffer's "Conciliation and Arbitration in the Coal Industry of America." In addition, two novels will also be issued: "Katy Gaumer," by Elsie Singmaster, and "A Reluctant Adam," by Sidney C. Williams.

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GERMANS CAPTURE SERPEZ; GAIN 20 MILES IN POLAND

Offensive Resumed on Right Bank of Vistula. BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The Germans have resumed the offensive in Northern Poland, on the right bank of the Lower Vistula, and have occupied the town of Serpez, which lies a short distance to the northwest of Plock.

Thus the chief battleground in the east has been transferred from the lines east and southwest of Warsaw to the north. The occupation of Serpez indicates a German advance in that region of about 20 miles within the last week, the Russians having been recently reported as far west as Rypin, 12 miles from West Prussia.

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