

KAISER WOULD FORCE U. S. TO TAKE PART IN WAR, SAYS BERESFORD

Bulldog of British Navy Believes Germans Would Torpedo American Ships to Bring About Crisis. Would Not Be Accident.

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LONDON, Feb. 22.—Germany will sink no American ship unless by design. The German torpedo boats will be used to sink American ships only if it will be for the express purpose of dragging America into the war.

The speaker was England's best-known and best-loved sailor—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. His name, probably more than any other, carries to Americans the picture of the typical British sea fighter. He is to Englishmen what "Bob" Evans was to Americans. Also he is one of the clearest naval thinkers of the age.

He made the above reply to the greatest question of the moment here—the one put by Americans a hundred times daily: "Do you think Germany is trying to force America into war?"

His statement is the first in which any important personage connected with British naval affairs has discussed this phase of the war. The Admiral, upon receiving a United Press representative, explained that he spoke only because, knowing Americans intimately, he recognized the danger of a possible misunderstanding in America because of the reticence and secrecy forced upon British officials.

He pointed out that being a democracy where personal liberty is a reality and military and police authority is virtually unfeared, England is more vulnerable to German spying than any other nation except America.

DOES NOT DESPISE GERMANS. "I don't share the opinion of some of my countrymen that the Germans are fools," said Lord Beresford. "I don't favor their having that defense when the day of reckoning comes. Every move of any magnitude Germany has made to date has been made deliberately and thoughtfully. She must give an accounting on that basis. The controlling intellects of Germany know that the sinking of an American ship, though apparently an accident, would be the event of the first magnitude. They know as well as you that it would be a shell exploded in the magazine of American patriotism. They know the wrong would be done to America in 1888 with the slogan 'Remember the Maine' was a mere riddle in comparison with what would ensue if the Republic should be an unarmed merchant ship being the American flag to be sunk by a German submarine. They know that such an event would bring America into the war within a week.

"I don't predict that extreme Germany will go. But I am confident she will not leave to the judgment of a submarine commander the issue of whether or not America is to join the ranks of her enemies."

"What possible motive could the Kaiser or his advisers have in seeking to involve America?" I inquired. "The old sea fighter, whose Irish sense of humor has not been lost in the flood of honors, titles and distinctions he has received since his fleet commander broke out the famous 'Well done, Condon,' at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, paused. Smiling he replied: 'The Kaiser, cigar smoke, looking for the answer. 'Possibly British psychology isn't the best in the world at this particular moment for analyzing Teutonic motives,' he replied. 'But I will venture two possible answers: 'First, with America in the war, Germany would be in a better position to quit. The Kaiser would be able to save his face by his position on the ground that the entire world was then against him and Germany might hope to go down in history as having enacted the underdog role. Sympathy for the underdog is often given without realizing the dog's morals or considering the fact that he really deserves to be under.

MIGHT GET BETTER TERMS. "The second, and I believe the likelier reason, is the fact that if America should participate in the war she necessarily would participate in the peace negotiations. It is unlikely your country would be invaded or would suffer to the extent our Allies have. Therefore, America would enter the negotiations without the poignant hatred naturally affecting those countries whose homes have been invaded, cities and farms desolated and people massacred. Then, too, Americans don't have the reputation of being revengeful. You are—what shall I call it—easy, just as we Brits are.

"There can be no doubt now that, regardless of the time which will elapse to end the war, the toll of men and money to be exacted, Germany must ultimately lose. It is obvious that Germany's resources, in a test of endurance, cannot equal the Allied combining resources. Under the circumstances it is not unreasonable to suppose that Germany already is giving serious consideration to factors entering into peace negotiations. It is a matter of time before the peace conference table, America, with great commercial demands for an early settlement and relatively lesser grievances, would undoubtedly be a valuable asset for Germany."

Many Injured, One Killed in Wreck DENVER, Feb. 22.—A number of passengers were reported injured and the fireman killed when passenger train No. 13, on the Denver and Rio Grande, was wrecked near Colorado Springs early today. Relief trains were sent from here.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today

Steamships to Arrive

Steamships to Leave

Official War Reports

FRENCH

The bombardment of Rhims, which was reported last night, has been extremely violent. The first bombardment lasted six hours and the second five hours.

BRITISH

There have been several attacks and counter attacks near Ypres. The enemy destroyed a British trench and the British captured a German trench.

AUSTRIAN

All along the front in Russian Poland and west Galicia only artillery duels and infantry skirmishes have taken place.

RUSSIAN

Fighting continues on the right bank of the Bobr and the Narew, in isolated engagements. An encounter of secondary importance occurred near Grodno on the Lyepkov river, in which we attacked the Germans.

GERMAN

The fortress of Calais was extensively bombed by German aircraft on the night of February 22. The French yesterday renewed with diminished vigor their attacks in Champagne near Perthes.

TURKS AGAIN REPULSED IN CAUCASUS OFFENSIVE

Ottoman Army Thrown Back Across Olti-Tchai River.

GERMANS TAKE HEIGHTS IN WEST CARPATHIANS

Slavs Master of Important Gateways, Petrograd Asserts.

TURKS GUARD MARMORA SEA

ALFONSO ASKED TO AID PEACE

CZAR'S FORTS OPPOSING KAISER'S ADVANCE



The Germans, having admittedly driven the invading Russians out of East Prussia, are now apparently directing attention to the line of forts in Poland stretching northeast from the Vistula. The greatest effort seems to be made toward Novo Georgievsk, the fortress guarding Warsaw on the north, which the Russians believe to be the strongest in the world.

ITALY FACES FAMINE AS TEUTONS GET FOOD

In Worse Condition Than Some Nations at War—"Bread and Work" Cry Raised.

GERMANY ASSURED OF FOOD SUPPLY

Prussian Diet Told Moderate Prices Will Prevail—Surreptitiously Confident of Victory

Reichstag Subsidizes Towns

HOVERTER TO WAIVE HEARING ON BANK LOOTING CHARGE

Believed to Have Admitted His Part in Schaeferstown Failure.

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FRENCH AIRMEN RAIN BOMBS UPON GERMAN LINES AT MUELHAUSEN

Shells Kill Soldiers in Barracks—Raiders Return to Belfort After Flight Within Eleven Miles of River Rhine.

Another great Zeppelin airship is believed to have been destroyed by an explosion over the North Sea.

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NEUTRAL SHIP FALLS TO SUBMARINE

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GERMANS ROLL BACK RUSSIAN DEFENDERS OF NOVO GEORGIEVSK

First Line Forts Guarding Warsaw Objectives of Drives—Slavs Claim Capture of Prussia Frontier Towns.

Slav defenders of the Novo Georgievsk stronghold have been rolled back by a German army advancing along the right bank of the Vistula, according to an official announcement made this afternoon in Berlin.

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