

TWO GOVERNMENTS MUST AGREE ON FACTS, VON JAGOW DECLARES

German Foreign Secretary Reviews Reply to President Wilson's Note. Hopes U. S. Will Accept Teuton Viewpoint.

BERLIN, May 31.—Germany and the United States must establish a common basis of facts before entering upon a discussion of the issues involved in the case of the Lusitania and other ships attacked by German submarines. This was the declaration made by Gottlieb von Jagow, the Imperial Foreign Secretary, in a statement reviewing Berlin's answer to President Wilson's note.

GERMANY EVADES LUSITANIA ISSUE

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The terms of the proposed answer to the German and British blockade orders. No official word of the Administration's intention was forthcoming, but the President let it be known that he hoped his reply would be ready when the Cabinet meets tomorrow, but until a complete line of future action is mapped out it was said there would be no formal word from the White House or the State Department.

COUNTER PROPOSALS AND EVASIONS FORMULATED IN GERMANY'S REPLY

Germany denies intention of attacking neutral ships not guilty of hostile acts in "war zone."
Regrets and indemnity are promised where neutral ship, not itself at fault, is damaged.
Attacks on the American ships Guilflight and Cushing were unintentional, the circumstances being rigidly investigated.
Keen regret is expressed at loss of lives of neutral citizens on Lusitania.
Issue as to humanitarian aspect and facts in Lusitania case is evaded by Kaiser's Government.
Direct promise to abandon submarine warfare is avoided.
No attempt to justify such warfare is made except as "self-defense."
Germany raises question as to Lusitania being an "auxiliary armed cruiser," and not of the "undefended merchantmen" class.
Accuses Cunard company of using American citizens to protect the "ammunition" carried by Lusitania and of being guilty of their death.

"The issues involved," said Doctor von Jagow, "are of such importance and the views in regard to the Lusitania show such variance that the German Government believed it essential to attempt to establish a common basis of fact before entering into a discussion of the issues involved."

"We hope and trust that the American Government will take the same view of the case and let us know in what points the understanding of the facts differ from the German viewpoint as set forth in the note and on what points they agree, before looking for a direct answer to their communication."

"The American note, of course, leaves the way open for a preliminary discussion of the situation, as suggested in the German note. We hope that such a common basis of fact, once established, may serve as the groundwork for further conversations."

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WILL NOT TOLERATE QUIBBLING.
The United States, it is believed, is in duty bound to make a complete answer to the German note, but it is also thought the President will expedite it and so express himself as to make it clear to Germany that the United States cannot tolerate quibbling.

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GERMANY SEEKS TO GAIN TIME, SAYS BRITISH PRESS

LONDON, May 31.—The British evening papers today unanimously predicted that the United States would express its dissatisfaction with what they called the "evasion" of the German reply.

The fact that Germany dodges the main issue by refusing to answer the demand that she cease torpedoing passenger-carrying vessels, The Pall Mall Gazette ridiculed the German claim that the Lusitania was an armed ship carrying Canadian soldiers and added:

"If the slaughter of the Lusitania's passengers is defended by the assertion that she was carrying ammunition to England, we wonder what excuse Germany will offer for the attempt to torpedo the liner Megantic Sunday, while she was out-of-bound for Montreal?"

The Westminster Gazette said the German reply was "precisely what was expected."

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TEXT OF NOTE DEFERS GERMANY'S FINAL DECISION

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British steamships sailing from New York, according to information received from passengers and other sources, reportedly carried soldiers, artillery, war supplies and contraband to England, the Lusitania on this trip carrying specifically 540 cases of ammunition, in addition to other war supplies and Canadian troops en route to the front.

"Regarding the loss of life by the sinking of the British passenger steamer Lusitania, the German Government has already expressed to the neutral governments concerned their regret that citizens of their states lost their lives."

"On this occasion the Imperial Government, however, cannot escape the impression that certain important facts having a direct bearing on the sinking of the Lusitania may have escaped the attention of the American Government."

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Observations at Philadelphia
8 a. m.
Barometer. 30.08
Temperature. 58
Wind. NE 10
Pre-precipitation last 24 hours. .02
Humidity. 75
Minimum temperature. 41
Maximum temperature. 59

On the Pacific Coast
San Francisco. Weather clear. Temp. 52
San Diego. Weather, cloudy. Temp. 62

Almanac of the Day
Sun sets. 7:22 p. m.
Moon rises. 10:16 p. m.

Lamps to be Lighted
Autom and other vehicles. 7:40 p. m.

The Tides
PORT RICHMOND.
High water. 10:04 a. m.
Low water. 4:54 p. m.
CHESTNUT STREET WHARF.
High water. 9:42 a. m.
Low water. 4:32 p. m.
REDDY ISLAND.
High water. 9:18 a. m.
Low water. 4:08 p. m.
BREAKWATER.
High water. 8:52 a. m.
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