

VON BERNSTORFF ASKS U. S. TO DELAY ACTION ON ARABIC PENDING GERMAN REPORT

Ambassador's Request to State Department Greatly Relieves Tension in Washington—Denial or Disavowal of Submarine Attack Now Expected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The tension of the crisis growing out of the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic lessened noticeably in official quarters today following the receipt of a telegram by Secretary of State Lansing from Ambassador von Bernstorff, in New York, asking that this Government suspend action pending receipt of the German version of the disaster.

The German Government hopes to justify the sinking of the Arabic, involving the jeopardizing of the 21 American lives, or that it intended to disavow this act was the construction placed on the Ambassador's telegram in Administration circles. They saw in it an earnest desire on the part of Germany to avoid an rupture with the United States, and were inclined to believe the Administration would meet such an effort half way.

GERMANS WANT HEARING. The views of the German Embassy, as learned today from an authoritative source, is that the United States Government should not take any action based upon English reports of the destruction of the Arabic.

The German Government, it is learned, is not prepared to accept any British statements, nor any affidavits of passengers on the Arabic that come through British sources nor from English sympathizers.

It is regarded as possible in German diplomatic circles that the Arabic might have been sunk by a mine and the suggestion is not considered improbable by German officials that the Arabic might have been sent to the bottom, "through British instrumentality."

BREAK DISCOUNTED. The Ambassador's telegram, it is said, is evidence submitted by the American diplomatic representatives in London and Berlin, but volunteered British Admiralty statements, to which, it was intimated, very little attention will be paid.

Secretary Lansing refused positively to discuss von Bernstorff's telegram. Lansing admitted he had received it and that he had granted permission to the German Ambassador to make it public, but he would say nothing whatever about the matter. He was asked whether Count von Bernstorff's telegram was in response to an inquiry sent by the State Department at the direction of President Wilson, but refused pointblank to answer the question.

The question of the nationality of the persons who lost their lives when the Arabic was torpedoed is a matter of which the British coast has no bearing on the position assumed by the United States. Secretary Lansing made this plain for the first time today. He was asked whether the American citizenship of Dr. Edmund Wood, of Wisconsin, one of the two reported American victims, has not been questioned and the point raised that he was a British subject.

"I do not think that the nationality of Doctor Wood is material to the issues now involved," said the Secretary. The fact that all of the accounts so far have agreed that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning has caused the Administration to go back to its original position—that lives of American citizens must not be endangered.

Secretary Lansing stated today that he had received another dispatch from Ambassador Page containing additional details of the sinking. He said, however, that information in the possession of the department was still in a preliminary stage and he has decided to withhold it from the public.

"There are certain facts that we want to get out," the Secretary said, "and we must wait until the evidence touching on them is complete."

The Secretary stated that he has not received any reply from Ambassador Gervais as to whether the German Admiralty would be willing to accept the fact that the Arabic was sunk by a mine.

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WELSH MINERS THREATEN Anxiety Caused by Their Attitude of Disaffection

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Threats of another strike in the coal fields of South Wales caused anxiety in Government circles today. The miners are disaffectioned with the Government and have elected Walter Henderson, president of the Board of Trade, as their representative.

The miners' leaders assert that another strike is being considered, and is likely to be called unless the men get further concessions.

VILLA, CRUSHED, DEMANDS HELP OF ZAPATISTAS

Conventionist Leader, Facing Ruin at Torreon, Sends Appeal

OBREGON PRESSES ON

By JOHN W. ROBERTS EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 24.—Finding himself whipped in every engagement he has fought during the last four months, and facing what will be the crucial battle of his career, General Francisco Villa has sent, through an American messenger, an urgent appeal for help to General Emiliano Zapata, commander of Conventionist troops in the south. The messenger left El Paso early today, via Galveston and Vera Cruz, for General Zapata's headquarters.

To Zapata will be handed a detailed report from Villa, giving the status of the Conventionist army in the north. He will be told that the only way to save Villa's army from annihilation at Torreon is for him to send at least 400 Zapata's men northward to attack the rear of the powerful Carranzista army now operating against that city.

"If you do not do this," says Villa's message to Zapata, "Carranza's bandits may succeed in whipping my army, in which event they will turn right back and go down and whip you."

The name of the American bearing the message cannot be given at present as he must pass incognito through Carranza territory.

According to telegrams received by both Villa and Carranza agents in El Paso, 2000 Villistas, under General Oreste Perera and General Rosendo Hernandez, made an attack last Friday on the city of Monterrey, which was garrisoned by an equal number of Obregon's soldiers. After two hours of fighting the Villistas withdrew with less than half of their men. General Perera is reported to have been killed in the fight and General Hernandez, seriously wounded, was taken to Torreon last night. The Carranzistas captured eight of Villa's nine cannons.

VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY AFTER GORY ICAMOLE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The Villa agency here today issued a statement that the Constitutional forces routed a Carranzista army after a hard battle at Icamole, near Monterrey. The claim of victory was based on advices from the Villa Consul at Laredo, Texas. The Carranzistas are declared to have lost heavily in dead and wounded, and to have fled in disorder.

33D WARD PARTY MEN REQUEST VARE TO RUN

Delegation Asks Congressman to Announce Himself as Mayoralty Candidate

A delegation of prominent Republicans from the 33d Ward called upon Congressman William S. Vare in his office this morning and formally asked him to announce himself as the Republican candidate for Mayor. The delegation was headed by Select Councilman John J. McKinley, the Republican leader of the ward. The Congressman thanked the delegation for its activity in his behalf and promised to announce his decision in a few days.

RAINY-DAY FOOTWEAR FOR POLICE



These feet belong to Reserve Policeman William Faus, of the City Hall Traffic Squad, who has astonished his fellows by emerging for duty in these shoe-skates of wood and cork. They clamp on the soles like a pair of skates. Faus pronounces them ideal for wet and muddy pavements.

NEW INVENTION CURES COLD AND WARM FEET

William Faus Uses Cork to Keep Him Constantly "On the Bounce"

Cork has often been used to stop up bottles, but no one has ever thought of using it to stop cold feet or heated extremities. Reserve Traffic Cop William Faus, who stands at City Hall, has an idea in this connection. He said that cork gives the resiliency which is so essential to a policeman who must be on the bounce at all times to prevent accidents and keep in good humor.

Edison Sees Seven Fat Years for U. S.

Inventor Avers Wave of Prosperity Awaits Country as Result of War

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 24.—Through the "hectic flush which immense war orders have given business conditions," Thomas A. Edison sees seven years of untrammelled prosperity ahead for the United States.

LA STRETTA ITALIANA ATTORNO A TOLMINO

Le Truppe di Cadorna Hanno Occupato i Sobborgi della Piazza Forte Austriaca

Un telegramma da Ginevra dice che le forze italiane operanti nel settore dell'alto Isoneo hanno occupato i sobborghi di Tolmino. La notizia è giunta a Ginevra da Ljubach, Austria. Lo stesso telegramma dice che i depositi di munizioni austriaci sull'altopiano di Polzara e su quello di Lavarone sono stati fatti esplodere da granate italiane durante il bombardamento a cui le opere austriache furono assoggettate nella giornata di ieri.

T. LARRY EYRE SAYS HE IS NOT MISSING

Pittsburgh Police Say Philadelphia Millionaire and Clubman Has Disappeared

FIRM SPURNS GEORGIA FOR FRANK LYNCHING

Boston Concern Tells Purchasing Agent It Doesn't Want to Sell to Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—W. E. Chambers, city purchasing agent, today made public a letter from a Boston firm, which for the last two years has been furnishing the municipality with caulking yarn and tools, but which announces it will have no further dealings with Atlanta authorities until action is taken in connection with the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

BRITON AND ELEVEN SONS FIGHT GERMANS

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The departure of Patrick Goulding from Ashford, Kent, last week with a draft of a Lancashire regiment makes a remarkable record of family service at the front.

MACHINE GUN HORATIUS GETS V. C.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Lieutenant Frederick William Campbell, of the 1st Canadian Battalion, who died recently from wounds.

FRANK CASE PASSED UP TO GRAND JURY

Coroner's Inquest Into Lynching of Girl's Murderer Ends in Worthless Verdict

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Shortly before noon the coroner's jury investigating the hanging of Leo M. Frank returned a verdict that Frank "came to his death at the hands of parties unknown to the jury."

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness tonight becoming unsettled Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly southwest.

GERMANS HURL HUGE ARMY AT BREST LITOVSK

300,000 Men and 5000 Guns Engaged in Gigantic Struggle for Fortress

USE RUSSIAN ARTILLERY

Army of General Von Eichorn 30 Miles West of Vilna. Grodno in Danger

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—German troops are storming the defenses of Brest Litovsk. Today's report from the General Staff announces the capture of Kopnytown hill, to the southeast of the great fortress on the Bug River.

Other German forces, continuing their pursuit of the retreating Russians, have reached the Biala-Wysoka forts. In this region 4000 prisoners and nine machine guns were captured.

South and east of Kovno, nine officers, 3000 men and eight machine guns have been taken by the Germans.

In the operations along the Bug River the Germans are advancing in the marshes. The Russians have evacuated their positions east of the mouth of Pulva River.

Guns that were captured at Ivangorod, Warsaw, Novo Georgievsk, Ostrolenka, Kovno and others are being used by the Germans against the Russians, whose artillery these pieces were formerly a part.

After incredible exertions and in the face of the most violent resistance, the Austro-German armies in the group commanded by Field Marshal von Mackensen have crossed the Switjas Lake region, east of Vlodava, about 25 miles south of Brest Litovsk.

The Russian line is being battered by the tremendous bombardment of the Teutonic artillery.

The army of General von Eichorn, east of Kovno, is now within 30 miles of Vilna.

A German army is now driving against the Russian fortress of Grodno, on the Niemen River. Grodno and Brest Litovsk are the only two fortresses of capital importance left in the hands of the Russians on their second line of defense.

Grodno is 75 miles south of Kovno and 10 miles north of Brest Litovsk. It commands the Niemen and Bobr Rivers, the Warsaw-Petrograd Railway and several important highways.

In the sector of Bialostok the Russians are putting up strong resistance to the Germans, stubbornly contesting every inch of ground. The Russian losses in that region have been enormous.

RUSSIANS CONCEDE FALL OF TWO BIG CITIES

Probable Surrender of Vilna and Bialostok Admitted

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24.—Frank admission that the important cities of Vilna, at Bialostok, will shortly fall into the hands of the Germans, thus severing the Petrograd-Poland Railway, was made by a high official of the Russian War Office today.

"Our forces, however, will retain two cities," he said.

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GERMANY, REGRETS LOSS OF LIFE ON ARABIC

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Ambassador von Bernstorff, in his request that the United States delay action in the Arabic case until the official German report is received, says: "If any American lives were lost this is greatly to be regretted, as it is contrary to the intentions of the Imperial German Government that lives of neutrals be endangered."

SUBMARINE SINKS ANOTHER TRAWLER

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The trawler Hoy Bert was sunk by a submarine today. Four men were saved.

EIGHT APPLICANTS FAIL TO PASS TEST FOR \$2500 JOB

None of the eight applicants who took examination of the Civil Service Commission for the position of engineer inspector in the Survey Bureau, at \$2500 a year, succeeded in passing the tests. As a result, no eligible list is available from the examination which was held July 30.

POWERFUL ARAB CHIEFTAIN REVOLTS AGAINST TURKS

ROME, Aug. 24.—Said Idriss, one of the most powerful of the Arabian chieftains in Yemen, and who during the Libyan war was aided by the Italians, is reported to have rebelled against the Turks. He has gathered his men about him, it is said, and expects to march on Hodaida and free the Yemen region from Turkish dominion.

GERMANY REGRETS SINKING OF DANISH STEAMSHIP

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Copenhagen says: "The German Government has expressed regret for the torpedoing and sinking in the North Sea on May 26, of the Danish steamship Betty and announced its willingness to pay compensation for the loss of the steamship."

"It is alleged by Germany that the submarine's commander failed to see the mark denoting Danish nationality on the steamship and assumed from the route the vessel was taking that it was going to join the British fleet as an auxiliary cruiser."

TWO MEN DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 24.—Two unidentified men were killed when fire swept the American hotel, a lodging house, early today.

NO WORD OF STEFANSSON; FEAR EXPLORER IS DEAD

NOVA, Alaska, Aug. 24.—The United States coast guard cutter Bear, which carried mails to Point Barrow, the most northerly point of Alaska, returned here yesterday, reporting that no word of Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the explorer, and his two companions, had been received. Belief is growing that all three have perished.

Stefansson, accompanied by two men, left Martin Point, west of the mouth of the Mackenzie River, April 7 of last year, going north over the ice in the hope of finding new land. The Mackenzie River opened with a rush in the spring of 1914 and poured out a torrent of water that washed away the ice connecting Banksland with the land ice further east.

ROME GRATEFUL TO UNITED STATES FOR SERVICES IN TURKEY

ROME, Aug. 24.—Appreciation is expressed here in government circles and by the people of the weighty burden undertaken by the American Embassy at Constantinople in protecting Italian interests in Turkey. Unofficially hopes are expressed that the United States will send more warships to render effective the representations of Ambassador Morgenthau.

Many Italians are employed as laborers in the interior of the Turkish Empire remote from the direct influence of American consuls.

AUSTRIANS DESTROY FILM OF LUSITANIA

TIEN-TSIN, Aug. 24.—An incident which will probably have serious consequences occurred in Peking last night. Twenty Austrian marines, belonging to the legation guards, entered the British-owned Cinema Theatre, in which films of the Lusitania were being shown. They cut the screen to pieces, broke into the operator's room and forcibly carried off the film.

The Chinese police arrived too late to assist the proprietor, who has applied to the British Legation to obtain redress.

600 GUNS AGAINST ONE KOVNO FORT

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Refugees who have reached Petrograd from Kovno say an enormous amount of artillery was employed by the Germans in their successful assault on that fortress. According to information gathered from this source by Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Germans concentrated 600 guns on the first fort, which they captured. The batteries formed a great arc of guns, one row behind another. One shell destroyed the facade of the cathedral.

Three Zeppelins and more than thirty aeroplanes flew over the fortress, dropping bombs.

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