



ACCEPTANCE OF LUSITANIA REPLY LIKELY BUT CABINET FAILS TO ACT DEFINITELY

President and Lansing Hold Conference at White House—Washington Optimistic

Berlin's Concessions Reported Satisfactory to Wilson—Way Left Open for Further Negotiations Upon Minor Demands.

Von Bernstorff to Hear Views of President and Advisers at Conference With Secretary Lansing Tonight. May Present New Angle on Concessions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Today's Cabinet meeting failed to decide whether Germany's latest Lusitania offer shall be accepted. It was indicated that no fear is held of a break, but that further negotiations are possible. The Cabinet was divided in its opinion as to the extent of the latest German efforts to settle the controversy and whether it fills the bill as far as this Government is concerned. The majority thought it did. The President and Secretary Lansing believed it better that Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, should be asked whether the latest German suggestions can be interpreted the same in both languages. Secretary Lansing will confer with Ambassador Bernstorff late today or tonight.

Following the Cabinet meeting one of the members discussed the developments as follows:

"It seems to us here now that this is a question of policy and not a question of law. Germany, we believe, has conceded to us virtually everything we demanded. We cannot haggle about technicalities. The American people would not submit to this nation becoming involved in a war which would become imminent, by splitting hairs or haggling over the meaning of words and phrases. We believe the Lusitania crisis—as a crisis—has disappeared. Secretary Lansing has complete authority from the President to act. When he finishes his conference with Ambassador Bernstorff a statement may be forthcoming. And it may not. But we have not reached a deadlock. The optimistic feeling is fully warranted. We believe the American public will be satisfied when it sets all of the facts."

Secretary Lansing hurried back to his office from lunch today and refused himself to all visitors. He called the German Embassy at once on the telephone and arranged a conference with Ambassador Bernstorff at the latter's convenient time this afternoon. The Secretary admitted that beside the Lusitania case he and the Ambassador would discuss the Appian case. Count von Bernstorff notified Secretary Lansing that he would be glad to call at 4:30, and a conference was arranged for that hour.

Prior to the Cabinet meeting today Secretary Lansing debated the situation at great length. When the Cabinet meeting ended the President detained Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory for a further conference on the situation. It is understood that the Administration believes that the time has come to get every possible concession from Germany. Secretary Lansing pointed out to the United States will accept a frank endeavor on Germany's part to reach an agreement satisfactory to both Governments. But he is willing to accept the statements made by the German Government that it must take Germany's own construction.

VON REVENTLOW CRITICIZES CHANGE IN WILSON'S POLICY

Intimates That President Suits Words to Occasion as Required

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Count von Reventlow, famous German naval critic and political expert, writing in the current issue of the Deutsche Tageszeitung, has the following criticism to make of President Wilson's attitude toward diplomacy: "In his recent speeches President Wilson declared the United States did not introduce delicate points or technical interpretations into international relations, but preferred the clear sense and text of documents. That in contrast with President Wilson's speech a year ago before the American Bar Association when he said that he was no partisan of the habit of interpreting laxly, and that instead of turning his face in the direction of justice."

THE WEATHER

Modestly, and yet firmly, we claim credit for the correctness of our weather predictions—we mean the one about our weather to have some more real cold weather, and not the one about our not going to have some more real cold weather this winter. Remember? You see, it came true. Well, we have a lot more perfectly good predictions up our sleeve which we will spring when we get ready, and ready for it is not a good thing to be too prodigal of gifts. There is one curious thing about cold weather phenomena in this city; and that is that it rarely goes along just being solidly cold for more than two days or so without reaching some climax, either a blizzard or a complete turn-about into an unusually warm spell. One of these alternatives we accordingly predict, this 8th day of February, 1916.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature tonight and Wednesday. Moderate variable winds becoming southerly.

LOST AND FOUND

Large Scotch collie dog, sable and white, one year old, in Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 8, 1916. Reward if returned to 61 W. Philadelphia street.

President Tells Cabinet of News on Lusitania

Early settlement of the Lusitania controversy with Germany is virtually assured, according to an announcement made at the White House this morning.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing held a conference this morning when the various points in the case were threshed out.

Following the conference the President laid the Lusitania case before the Cabinet. It is reported that, in addition to several important concessions made in the last note, Berlin left the way open for further advances to the United States.

No decision was reached at the Cabinet meeting as to the definite acceptance of the German reply, but it was said that danger of a break was now most remote. Von Bernstorff will hear the latest views of the President and his Cabinet at a conference with Secretary Lansing tonight.

ARMOR PLANT FOR U. S. GETS VOTE OF 9 TO 3

Penrose Sounds Warning Against Senate Naval Committee's Action

BLOW AT PRIVATE FIRMS

Bethlehem and Midvale Will Dismantle—May Boost Prices in Meanwhile, Senator Says

How Committee Voted on Armor Plate Bill

FOR
Tillman, South Carolina.
Swanson, Virginia.
Ryan, Florida.
Johnson, Maine.
Chilton, West Virginia.
Phelan, California.
Pittman, Nevada.
Clapp, Minnesota.
Poindexter, Washington.

AGAINST
Penrose, Pennsylvania.
Lodge, Massachusetts.
Smith, Michigan.

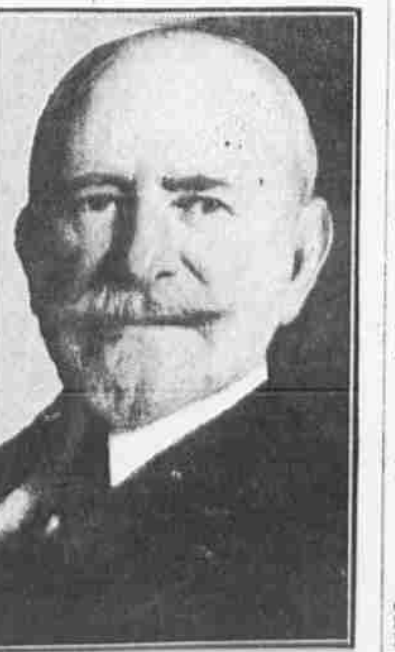
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—By a vote of 9 to 3, the Naval Affairs Committee today reported favorably the bill for an \$11,000,000 Federal armor plate factory.

Previous to the vote Senator Penrose announced his opposition and uttered a warning that the private plants would go out of business when the Government began to make armor and meanwhile would add \$200 a ton to all armor plate. The Bethlehem and Midvale companies will dismantle, the Senator said. An advance in price on armor plate to the Government.

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EUGENE L. ELLISON FOUND DEAD IN OFFICE

Noted Insurance Head and Financier Expires Suddenly



From a painting by Hugh Brockbridge.

EUGENE L. ELLISON

Eugene L. Ellison, president of the Insurance Company of North America, Alliance Company, and widely known in financial circles, fell dead today in his office at 308 Walnut street.

Mr. Ellison complained of not feeling well several days ago, and his physician advised a visit to Atlantic City. Mr. Ellison left Atlantic City early today for Philadelphia, after instructing his wife to take a later train. Mrs. Ellison did not know of her husband's death until some time after her arrival home. She was prostrated when she heard the news.

Mr. Ellison was 71 years old and resided at 4100 Walnut street. He was born in Scotland.

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PRIMA DONNA AND ACTOR WED TODAY



FRENCH REGAIN LOST TRENCHES FROM GERMANS

Berlin Admits Foes Captured Position, but Assert They Were Retaken

AVIATORS RAID BRITISH

Camps at Poperinghe and Dixmude Shelled From Aeroplanes—Raiders Escape

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Terrific fighting for the possession of trenches south of the Somme River has been in progress since Sunday evening. The German War Office admitted today that a section of the trenches recently captured south of the Somme was taken by the French in a night attack, but was subsequently won back by the German. German aeroplanes have bombed two English military camps in west Flanders. There is a lull on the east front.

Following is the text of the official report: "South of the Somme there have been lively battles with artillery. On Sunday night a small trench section in our new positions was lost to the French. On Monday afternoon, after preparation with artillery, the French made another attack, but it was repulsed. On Monday evening we delivered a counter attack which regained for us our lost ground."

"A German aeroplane squadron attacked the camp at Poperinghe and also the English commandments between Poperinghe and Dixmude, Belgium. After frequent flights with aircraft of the enemy, our machines returned to our lines without loss."

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Mining operations by the French were the feature of operations on the west front last night, according to the following official communique, issued by the War Office today: "South of the Somme our artillery bombarded a train between Roye and Chaulnes. In the Argonne we exploded a mine near St. Hubert and three other mines at Vauquois. On the rest of the front the night was calm."

Policeman Sued for \$2500

Policeman John Waiters, attached to the 26th and York streets station, has been named defendant in a suit brought by Joseph Libovian, 412 Myer street, to recover \$2500 damages for injuries the plaintiff sustained to his scalp as the result of being struck over the head by the policeman while he was viewing the New Year's parade.

LA PERLUSTRAZIONE DEL MEDITERRANEO

Incrociatori degli Alleati alla Caccia di Sottomarini e di Navi Leggere Nemiche

Un telegramma da Roma dice che velocissimi incrociatori inglesi e francesi perlustrano le più frequentate rotte del Mediterraneo e dell'Atlantico orientale per dare la caccia ai sottomarini tedeschi ed austriaci e ad alcuni incrociatori leggeri tedeschi che si crede sono ora al largo dello scoglio di diatraggere o catturare i piroscafi delle nazioni alleate dell'Intesa. Gli incrociatori alleati hanno sequestrato una grande quantità di combustibile liquido nelle isole greche, e si crede che era evidentemente destinato ai sottomarini tedeschi.

In numerosi punti delle coste del Mediterraneo sono sbarcati reparti di marinai inglesi e francesi per ricercare le basi di rifornimento dei sottomarini nemici. Anche nell'Atlantico gli incrociatori alleati fanno ricerche frequentissime sulle coste portoghesi e spagnole ed al largo delle isole Canarie ed Azorre per scoprire le basi di rifornimento dei sottomarini e degli incrociatori leggeri tedeschi.

(Leggere in 4a pagina le ultime e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.)



Geraldine Farrar, singer and playboy star, today became the wife of Lou Tellegen, matinee idol and also "movie star." He was formerly leading man for Sarah Bernhardt.

BREWERS ASK COURT TO QUASH SUMMONS IN ELECTION GIFT PROBE

Pittsburgh Shows Fight Will Be Made Against Any Sweeping Inquiry

U. S. ATTORNEY OBJECTS

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 8.—The Federal Grand Jury inquiry into brewery contributions to political campaigns was unexpectedly brought into the United States District Court when, just before noon today, counsel for brewery interests petitioned the court to quash the subpoenas issued against their clients.

The petition was strenuously opposed by United States District Attorney Humes, who asked for a speedy decision in order that the Grand Jury inquiry, scheduled to start Thursday or Friday, may go on.

The defendant associations are: The United States Brewery Association, Pennsylvania Brewery Association, Breweries' Association of Western Pennsylvania, Westmoreland County Brewers' Association and the Fayette County Brewery Association.

This subpoena called for the production in court of all the books and records of the association, all correspondence, its constitution and by-laws, all check books, minutes of meetings and records of expenditures and receipts during 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.

The other subpoenas were alike in this respect, counsel said.

Mr. Shaw indicated that such subpoenas were without warrant in law, and asked that they be quashed.

Specifying, he put his objections under the heading: "First. That the sweeping character of the information demanded was in express violation of the constitution of the United States, which protected citizens from unreasonable search.

"Second. That the subpoenas are defective in that there was no order of Court on record authorizing the action.

"Third. That the subpoenas also are defective in that they do not specify who those subpoenaed are to testify against.

"Indicating the possible attitude of the Court, Judge Orr, when United States District Attorney Humes arose to reply to Attorney Shaw, asked:

"Is there any authorization for such a dragnet proceeding?"

Mr. Humes, replying, said that, in the first place, it was not a dragnet. "Each subpoena, with the testimony the witness gave before the Grand Jury, would determine how much of dragnet there will be," he added.

After further argument over the sweeping character of the subpoenas, the Court continued the hearing until next Friday afternoon.

GERMANS PLAN BIG TRIPLE DRIVE AGAINST ALLIES

Gigantic Movement to Strike Foe in Flanders, on Greek Line and in Russia

MASSING ON FRONTIERS

Demonstration Under Way to Awe Rumania Into Continued Neutrality

LONDON, Feb. 8.—That Germany has determined to combat the effect of the Allies' diplomacy in Rumania with a vast military demonstration is reported in dispatches from Amsterdam and Geneva today.

Advices say that the Germans may attempt the most ambitious enterprise of the war—a triple offensive. For some time vast numbers of troops and an enormous amount of fresh artillery have been massed on the western front and on the Greek frontier, and now it is reported that the German War Office is preparing for a series of attacks against the Russians.

A Bucharest dispatch says that hostilities have been resumed by the Russians in Bukovina, but weather conditions throughout the entire eastern theatre have been so inclement for weeks that fighting on a big scale could not be attempted by either side.

From the Baltic to the south ranges of the Carpathians there have been blizzards, leaving the roads and mountain passes buried beneath mountains of snow. The thermometer registers from zero to 20 or more degrees below.

In Macedonia and Albania a similar state of affairs has hindered a big forward movement by either side, but advantage has been taken of the lull to make preparations for an advance when conditions become more favorable.

If Germany undertakes an offensive movement in all three theatres of war simultaneously it will be one of the most gigantic enterprises ever attempted in this or any other war.

ANOTHER DU PORT BLOW-UP

Usual Minor Explosion at Powder Plant—None Hurt

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 8.—A small quantity of powder exploded in a pellet press at the Hagley yard of the du Pont Powder Company late last night. No one was injured.

Since the big explosion of November 30, in which 71 men lost their lives, only small quantities of powder are put through most of the processes at this plant, and explosions which occur are generally of a minor nature.

FARRAR AND ACTOR WED IN NEW YORK

Singer Becomes Bride of Lou Tellegen—Bala Resident Best Man

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Miss Geraldine Farrar, grand opera and motion picture star, and Lou Tellegen, former leading man for Sarah Bernhardt, were married at noon today at the Farrar residence.

Only a few intimate friends were present. Charles A. Ellis, Miss Farrar's concert manager, stood with her, and Mr. Tellegen's best man was C. G. Childs, of Bala, Pa. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Leon Harvey, a Unitarian clergyman from Brooklyn.

The ceremony in which the couple were joined was a mass of flowers.

Miss Farrar's marriage was a surprise to many of her friends, for she had declared on many occasions that "her art was the only husband she would ever have."

The couple will have a deferred honeymoon, owing to the fact that both are filling theatrical engagements at this time.

QUICK NEWS

PRESIDENT SOON TO SETTLE SECOND TERM QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Whether President Wilson will be a candidate to succeed himself will be known within the next few days. It was announced at the White House today that the President would shortly advise the Secretary of State of his decision whether he would allow his name to be placed on the Ohio ballots.

RUSSIAN FLOTILLA SINKS 40 TURK SHIPS

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Russian torpedoboots sank 40 Turkish sailing vessels in the Black Sea and bombarded three naval construction yards along the Anatolian coast, according to dispatches received here today.

TWINING HAS TRANSIT CHANGES IN MIND

Mayor Smith said today that when William S. Twining, the new Director of the Department of City Transit, took charge of the department on February 15 he would go over with him the transit situation as a whole and familiarize himself with all details. "Mr. Twining has in mind some minor changes," said the Mayor, "which, in his opinion, would improve transit conditions in the city."

CARRANZA SHIFTS CAPITAL OF MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Queretaro was decreed the Mexican capital by General Carranza today, according to a message to the Embassy here. The office is temporary, and Mexico City is expected to be named again after organization of the republic has been completed. A constitutional convention will meet in Queretaro September 16.

Queretaro is the capital of the State of Queretaro and lies 110 miles northwest of Mexico City. The Emperor Maximilian was shot at Queretaro on June 19, 1867. It was the last stronghold he defended before his fall. The city itself is in a valley, is well built and has a number of fine buildings, including a splendid Government palace. Its population is about 45,000.

FOREIGNERS MUST HAVE \$50 IN GOLD TO ENTER MEXICO

QUERETARO, Mex., Feb. 8.—General Venustiano Carranza, "First Chief" of the Constitutionalists, has issued a decree that no foreigner will be allowed to enter Mexico unless he possesses \$50 in gold.

U. S. NAVY READY FOR ANY PACIFIC FLEET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The American navy today is prepared to meet "any enemy it may be called upon to battle with in the Pacific," Admiral Blue, Chief of Navigation of the navy, declared today before the House Naval Affairs Committee. The time required for the fleet to reach the Pacific would be sufficient in which to prepare the fleet for war, he said.

BRITISH MAY SEND SPECIAL AGENT TO U. S.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—President Wilson's scheme of sending a confidential diplomatic agent abroad has won such commendation here that England is considering sending a "Colonel House" of her own to America, it is reported. The Foreign Office, it was reported, is considering sending a skilled diplomat, well acquainted in America, to Washington to present fresh views from his Government, just as Colonel House has acquainted American Ambassadors abroad and foreign officials with American official and unofficial sentiment. Such a course, it is believed, may smooth out some of the present difficulties over British blockade regulations.

SCOTTI RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Antonio Scotti, the grand opera star, who has been ill with pneumonia, today was on the road to recovery. His condition continues to improve.

AUSTRIA REQUISITIONS ALL LEATHER IN EMPIRE

ZURICH, Feb. 8.—A decree has been issued by the Austro-Hungarian Government confiscating all the leather in the dual monarchy.

CARSON ORDERED TO TAKE REST

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Sir Edward Carson, former Attorney General, has been ordered by his physician to take a five weeks' rest. He is suffering from exhaustion, due to his activities of the last four years. Before the war Sir Edward Carson was the leader of the Irish Unionist party and was active in forming the Ulster volunteers to resist the putting of home rule into force. In May, 1915, when the coalition Cabinet was formed, Sir Edward assumed the portfolio of Attorney General. He resigned the following October because of dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war.

COLONEL HOUSE LEAVES PARIS FOR LONDON

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Colonel E. M. House, special diplomatic agent of President Wilson, began the last lap of his European journey today, when he left for London. The impression prevails in Paris that Colonel House came abroad to make a study of conditions in England, France and Germany, and that he will report his views fully to President Wilson upon his return to the United States late this month.

BELEAGUERED BRITISH TO HOLD KUT-EL-AMARA

LONDON, Feb. 8.—British military authorities have no intention of abandoning Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, says a Reuter dispatch from Delhi, India. According to Turkish claims, the British army of General Townshend in Kut-el-Amara is surrounded, but the Delhi dispatch indicates that the road eastward along the Tigris River is open if the English care to take advantage of it. There has been a lull in the fighting in Mesopotamia because of bad weather. British operations there are being directed by Sir Percy Lake, Chief-of-Staff of War for India.

ALLIED CRUISERS SCOUR SEAS FOR RAIDERS

ROME, Feb. 8.—Speedy British and French cruisers are scouring the Mediterranean and east Atlantic steamship lanes for German submarine bases and for German commerce raiders which are believed to be at large in that vicinity. A large amount of provisions and oil have been confiscated on islands in the Grecian Archipelago on the ground that they were to be used by German submarines. Landing parties of British and French sailors have been put ashore at numerous points to search for supplies intended for German submarines.

ALLIED CRUISERS ON WATCH FOR PRIZES

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 8.—British shipmasters arriving here report that two allied cruisers—one British and the other French—are patrolling the coast off the Virginia Capes. Since there is no probability the German prize Appam will put to sea in the near future marine men take the presence of the warships to mean that the allied Governments expect other prizes captured by the mysterious German raider to be taken to Hampton Roads.

BRITAIN DENIES ZEPPELIN SANK CRUISER

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The following official statement has been issued here: "A German wireless message quotes Koelnische Zeitung reports from the Dutch frontier that on the occasion of the recent air raid on England H. M. S. Carolina was struck by a bomb in the Humber and sunk with great loss of life. Neither the Caroline nor any other of His Majesty's ships nor any merchant ship, large or small, was struck by a bomb in the Humber nor in any other port."

AUSTRIAN PRINCE AND PRINCESS WIN EXCHANGE

PLYMOUTH, England, Feb. 8.—Prince and Princess Emmanuel de Salm-Salm of Austria, who were held as British prisoners of war, have been exchanged for Colonel Gordon V. C. who was captured at Mons. The Salm-Salms arrived here yesterday from Gibraltar, where they have been held since they were captured while on a hunting trip in South Africa. Prince Emmanuel, an Austrian cavalry officer, is the eldest son and heir of Prince de Salm-Salm. Princess Emmanuel is the eldest daughter of Archduke Frederick, the commander-in-chief of the Austro-Hungarian army. King Alfonso of Spain is credited with having arranged this exchange of prisoners.