

U.S. MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT RULING ON ARMED LINERS

Seeks Loophole to Avoid In-dorsing Renewal of Sub-marine Campaign

BERLIN NOTE DUE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The summary of Germany's declaration that armed merchantmen will be treated as warships after March 1 reached the State Department from Ambassador Gerard today.

There was every indication today that Secretary Lansing at least will admit that the foundation on which Germany and Austria have built their contention that armament on merchantmen makes visit and search by submarines impossible is sound.

SEE TROUBLE WITH ALLIES

So it is with the Entente Allies, according to State Department officials, that this Government's diplomatic differences seem certain to arise.

It is probable, however, that the United States may seek a loophole through which to avoid acquiescence in Germany's and Austria's declared intention.

Although committed to an extent by its recent proposals to the Entente Powers that they disarm their merchant vessels, to the German contention that armed liners are to be regarded as auxiliary ships of war.

A high official of the department expressed the opinion that night that it would be reckless to assume that the United States would permit such a campaign to be inaugurated without protest.

As an indication of the Government's attitude, another official frankly admitted he has been considering the possibility of a boycott by ship lines of the Allied countries against American goods billed for other ports than their own.

It was learned positively today that agreement in full with argument contained in the forthcoming Austrian and German note would be followed immediately by a formal warning from the State Department for citizens of this Government to keep off Allied ships that carry armament.

The feeling was growing among diplomats representing the Allies today that the United States is willing to concede in a change of rules regarding armament on merchantmen while the war is going on, that it would be only a short step from that to placing such a restriction on arms and all munitions of war.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Probably rain tonight and Sunday; moderate east winds.

High barometric pressure covers Canada and the northern States from coast to coast this morning, while the southern storm has extended in a narrow trough from Texas northeastward to western Pennsylvania.

The temperatures have risen rapidly in the Ohio basin and rain is falling along the river this morning, while light snow has been quite general in the northern States from the Rocky Mountains eastward. A slight retreat to colder is reported from the western half of the country.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Table with columns: Station, a.m., p.m., Wind, Vel., Weather. Lists various cities and their weather conditions.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with columns: Barometer, Wind, Direction, Force, Clouds, Rainfall, Humidity, etc.

Almanac of the Day

Table with columns: Sun sets, Moon sets, Moon sets, etc.

Lamps to be Lighted

Aster and other vehicles. 5:45 p.m.

The Tides

Table with columns: Low water, High water, etc.

L'ALLEANZA TRA ITALIA E FRANCIA E COMPLETA, DICE ARISTIDE BRIAND

Piccoli Combattimenti nell'Alta Valle del Chiaro—Accampamenti Austriaci a Gorizia Cannoneggiati

L'INTERVENTO RUMENO

ROMA, 12 Febbraio. Avendo completato con pieno successo la sua missione a Roma, il presidente del Consiglio francese, Briand per la sera, accompagnato dal ministro delle missioni, Thomas, per la frontiera italiana, dove sarà ricevuto dal re e dove avrà colloquio con il generale Cadorna.

Briand e Thomas hanno avuto una serie di colloqui con il presidente del Consiglio italiano, on. Salandra, e con il ministro degli Esteri, on. Sonnino, e nel corso di questi colloqui si dice che l'Alleanza tra Francia e Italia è completa.

L'on. Briand ha infatti ragione. Il governo italiano ha pubblicato oggi un comunicato in cui si dichiara che l'Alleanza tra l'Italia e la Francia è completamente realizzata. La guerra ha ora una sola frontiera.

In tempi normali un decreto simile, che costituisce un atto di ostilità contro la Germania, sarebbe stato seguito da una dichiarazione di guerra da parte del governo tedesco.

Aristide Briand ha detto che gli alleati sono decisi a stringere sempre più la morsa di acciaio economico mentre gli alleati attaccano le posizioni degli austro-tedeschi.

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SULLA FROSTE ITALIANA.

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica oggi una seconda relazione sul fronte italiano circa la situazione sulla fronte italo-austriaca.

Si sono avuti piccoli combattimenti limitati nel settore di Santa Maria (settore di Tolmino).

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Si sono avute fortissime nevicate nella zona montuosa della nostra fronte di battaglia.

Un dispaccio da Bucarest alla Neue Zuercher Zeitung dice che la Rumania sembra definitivamente alla vigilia di intervenire nella guerra contro la Germania della Quadruplice Intesa.

Il governo rumeno non si oppone più all'aggravamento del rapporto del fronte aerea ad favore della Romania, e che si preparano avvenimenti di grande importanza.

CANADIANS DOUBLE GUARDS AT NIAGARA

Rumor That Teutons in U. S. Intend to Destroy Factories Causes Action

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Following rumors last night that Germans from the United States were planning a move of some sort, detachments of Canadian soldiers with machine guns were rushed from Toronto and Thorold, Ontario, bringing the garrison on the border across the river today to 2700 men and 15 machine guns.

The guards at the powerhouses, bridges and manufacturing plants were doubled and provided with machine guns. Other artillery was wheeled in position early today at advantageous points between the upper powerhouse and the lower bridges.

Shortly before midnight a terrific explosion of dynamite caused considerable damage to the plant of the Castner Electrolytic-Chemical Company.

Superintendent Charles T. Vaughan, of the plant, scouted the idea of a pro-German plot, and said his company manufactured only caustic soda and bleaching powder used in the dye trades.

Large quantities of liquid chloride and chlorine gas are said to be liberated in the manufacture of the company's product. This by-product, it is said, has been collected and sold to both the Allied and Central powers.

WAVERING OF WILSON IS SHOWN IN HIS MANY CHANGES OF POLICY

The important questions on which President Wilson and ex-Secretary Garrison failed to agree:

MEXICO Garrison advocated a strong policy, including armed intervention. President Wilson favored "watchful waiting."

THE PHILIPPINES Garrison regarded the measure to give the Philippines independence within four years as "an abandonment of the duty of that nation."

THE TARIFF Garrison stood for modest protection. President Wilson indorsed the Underwood bill of low tariff and no reciprocity.

THE ARMY Garrison insisted on the creation of a continental army of 400,000 men and did not include the State militia in his plan.

OTHER POLICIES OPPOSED BY GARRISON Secretary Garrison, it is understood, chafed under the repeated changes in Presidential opinion on important pending questions.

Reversal of Wilson's "too proud to fight" belief as enunciated in his Philadelphia speech.

Reversal of the President's Mexican policy as evidenced in the final recognition of Carranza.

Reversal of his Philippine ideas for unexplained reasons.

Parts of Administration's railroad legislation held to be contrary to the declaration of the Baltimore platform to which the President fully subscribed.

Whereas, the President wanted to find some means "to knock Bryan into a cocked hat," he later made the Nebraskan his trusted political advisor and premier.

BRITISH RELIEF CORPS MAKES GALLANT DASH TO ARMY PENT IN KUT

Native Munition Bearers Commanded for Bravery Under Fire of Turk Snipers

TIGRIS FLOODS BANKS

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The gallant efforts of General Sir Percy Nixon's army in Mesopotamia, to relieve the beleaguered army of General Townshend in Kut-el-Amara, is exciting the admiration of the British public as no other operations have done.

In addition to the overwhelming numbers of Turks that are attacking the relief columns of General Aylmer and General Campbell on the Tigris River, the British have to contend against adverse weather conditions and mud, which is described as being worse than that of Flanders.

An official statement issued by the War Office takes the operations up to January 9, on the 12th the British have captured the Turkish new positions five miles above Sheikh Saad, on the left bank of the river, the attack lasting 15 hours, when the Turkish trenches were penetrated.

A hurricane which intermittently swept the mud flats on both sides of the Tigris was accompanied by torrential rains, which caused the river to rise more than four feet.

Fighting side by side, the British and Indian soldiers pushed forward on both sides of the river in the mud, sometimes sleeping on wet blankets that were stretched over the thick, black mire.

War conditions in this sphere are carried on after the fashion of old times. Most of the modern appliances which are to be seen in France, Russia and the Balkans are lacking here.

On the English side the gallantry of the ammunition carriers has been a conspicuous feature of the recent fighting and some of them will be recommended for decorations for bravery.

During the fighting from January 7 to January 14 it is estimated that 1500 Turks were killed and wounded and an equal number made prisoners.

Local Reserve Bank Statement The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, as of the close of business yesterday, compared with the previous week follows:

Table with columns: Gold coin and certificates, Federal Reserve notes, etc.

LIABILITIES Capital paid in, Government deposits, etc.

JACOBS FOR BOOKS Social Stationery

JACOBS 1628 CHESTNUT STREET

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SLAVS DELIVER TRIPLE ASSAULT ON FOE'S LINES

Offensive Resumed in Bukovina, Volhynia and Dvinsk Sector in North

CZAR, AT FRONT, INSPIRES

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The arrival of Czar Nicholas at the front has been the signal for fresh assaults by the Russians against the German and Austro-Hungarian troops, says a dispatch from Petrograd today.

Attacks are being delivered by the Russian forces at three widely separated points on the long battle line. The zones of activity are:

First, On the Dvina River, north and south of Dvinsk.

Second, In the Volhynian triangle (on the northern border of Galicia).

Third, On the Bukovinian frontier, north of Czernowitz, particularly in the sector of the Dniester River.

Russian military experts regard as particularly important the capture of the heights southeast of Lemberg, in the Strypa River region.

Although the Russians suffered severe losses, the Austro-Hungarians and Germans withdrew heavily in the fighting which followed the capture of their main positions.

Artillery duels are a chief feature of the operations at the northern end of the line.

HOUSTON LOOMS UP FOR WAR SECRETARY

Continued from Page One said to stand somewhat in the way of the builder of the Panama Canal, President Wilson, however, has given immediate and apparently insistent orders by precedent.

In General Goethals' favor it is urged that he stands high with Congress. His appointment, it is argued, would command instantly the confidence of the entire country.

The report that Henry M. Phinell, of Peoria, Ill., is being seriously considered was received with ridicule.

A report gained currency that Senator Stone, of Missouri, had recommended the appointment of Judge Harmon, of Ohio, for the post.

NEW FIREHOUSE DEDICATED

Mayor Smith Takes Part in Festivities at Byberry

The visiting guests were met at the railroad station at Somerton by officials of the fire company and citizens of Byberry.

Hotel Dennis

ATLANTIC CITY TRAYMORE

THE LEADING RESORT HOTEL OF THE WORLD

Westminster

THE INN IN THE PINES

Charles J. Bender & Co.

Today in the War

The French have pierced the German line at Messines, in Champagne, and captured 300 yards of trench. The loss is admitted by the Berlin War Office.

The renewed Russian offensive against Austria is threefold. Attacks are being delivered at three widely separated points—on the Dvinsk, Volhynia and Bukovina fronts.

Rumania has registered formal protest against the raid made this week by Bulgars. According to reports, Rumania has virtually decided to cast its lot with the Allies.

DISCORD IN CABINET THREATENS DISRUPTION

Secretaries Lane and Redfield Reported Ready to Follow Garrison's Example

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The resignation of Secretary of War Garrison is carrying with it repeated and persistent rumors that further resignations from the Cabinet are to follow.

Secretary Lane was a firm admirer and a devoted adherent of Secretary Garrison. It is said authoritatively that he would be the first to follow the Secretary of War in defiance of the President.

Secretary Redfield, likewise, is disgruntled. He is openly hostile to the President's plan to create a tariff board, contending that such a board is unnecessary by reason of the fact that it would merely take over the work being done by the construction section of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The political effect of Secretary Garrison's resignation and the ensuing unrest in the Cabinet is gravely disturbing to Democratic leaders. One effect that it will have, it is pointed out, will be the strengthening of the position of W. D. Bryan, whose influence virtually had waned to nothing before the national preparedness agitation.

All Snyder County Licenses Granted MIDDLEBURG, Pa., Feb. 12.—After deliberating less than 30 minutes, Judge Johnson and Associate Judges Field and Hendricks yesterday granted 16 retail and one wholesale liquor licenses, all renewals.

New Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph

Ludwig Piano Co.

Union National Bank

Under the Tropic Moon

16-Day Cruise, \$94.50 and up

Porto Rico Line

U. S. STOCKS SHOW BETTER TONE AS GARRISON QUIT

Resignation Suits Financial Interests, Says Editor of the Economist

TALK OF ANOTHER LOAN By FRANCIS W. HIRST

The resignation of Secretary of War Garrison is carrying with it repeated and persistent rumors that further resignations from the Cabinet are to follow.

The expeditionary policy, with its effect on freights, will, I hear, be raised in the address next week.

Professional interests are working hard to convert Walter Runciman's restrictive proposals into a tariff reform scheme.

The size of our floating debt suggests the proximity of a loan unless excessive bonds are still further postponed.

Much curiosity is expressed regarding German peace feelers, but the Belgian legation denies there have been any negotiations.

Lincoln Night at the Hanover

Why is it that on every "red-letter" day on the calendar almost everybody seems to celebrate at the Hanover?

We know of but one reason—the happy-go-lucky, cheerful atmosphere that prevails nowhere else, plus the good eats, excellent music, refined dancing and our prompt, "on-the-instant" service.

Table reservations should be made at once. Music, of course, and a special menu. Souvenirs.

The New Hanover