

URGES PROTEST BY U. S. AGAINST U-BOAT WARFARE

Resolution in Senate Declares Berlin Decree Menace to Country

MAY DELAY ACTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A resolution protesting against recognition by the United States of Germany's order threatening to torpedo armed vessels was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Sterling (Rep., S. D.).

Sterling's resolution declared "the Senate views with concern the late order of the German Admiralty that armed ships of any of the Allies, whether armed for offensive or defensive purposes, may be torpedoed without warning after February 23."

A postponement may be necessary, because the German memorandum sent by cable contains only a bare reference to the appendices, which are en route by mail, and which contain the so-called British secret orders to neutral naval commanders to attack submarines on sight.

Secretary Lansing said the Berlin dispatches already published contain substantially the full text of the German memorandum. A similar memorandum from Austria reached the State Department yesterday.

President Wilson definitely abandoned his planned additional swings around the circle in behalf of his peace policy. It was learned today, because of the increasing serious complications facing this country in its international relations, that it is impractical to believe that the coming six months must bear far more directly on the future of the United States than in any period in the past.

This decision is due to the report from Colonel House. This report, absolutely confidential, is more or less a tale of woe. The Teutonic allies believe that this Government has not been frank with their cause. The Colonel was frankly told that if the whole truth of the Teutonic allies' cause was known in the United States the entire sympathy of the "western world" would be with them.

Great Britain and France are bitter because "America is enriching herself from the war," while Italy and Russia, although comparatively indifferent, back up the sentiment of the Allies. Colonel House, it is understood, was told by French officials that if the United States had supported France as France has supported this country in the past the war would be over now. The French position, he has been told, and part of this report already in the President's hands, is that no suggestions of peace can even be entertained until French soil is cleared of France's enemies. England was even more unresponsive. The United States was accused by the highest British officials as "playing the German game" through making protests for a "political" effect. The British feeling against the United States was more than doubled by the suggestion from this country that all of the belligerents agree to disarm merchantmen, and Colonel House has been warned, it is known here, that the suggestion of such a policy can be considered "only as unfriendly" by the Entente Powers.

The records of the State Department show the following pressing questions of foreign policy awaiting disposition: With the Teutonic belligerents—Lusitania and Ancona settlements; explanation of attack on Petrolite; acceptance or rejection of theory that armed merchantmen are naval auxiliaries and can be sunk without warning by submarines; whether

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with a consignment shall be lifted or modified. With Great Britain and her Allies—Recognition of right under International Law of American mail to go to and from neutral nations unmolested; disposition of British demand that steamer Appam be taken from German control at Norfolk and turned back to former British owners; recognition of right of neutral traders to traverse the high seas unmolested by belligerents. In connection with the latter question this Government has had prepared for months a sharp protest against the making of cotton contraband and amplifying the general protest against trade interference generally. This has been held up pending final settlement of the Lusitania controversy expected this week.

GERMAN PLANES USED BY AUSTRIA IN ITALIAN RAIDS

Series of Attacks Made Upon Cities of Northern Italy

DAMAGE WORKS OF ART

ROME, Feb. 15.—The Austrian air raid over Milan Monday was only part of a great series of attacks against cities in northern Italy. Reports received today show that 19 persons were killed and that extensive damage was done by fire set by incendiary bombs.

Among the air craft in the fleet which made the attack were big armored battle planes which had evidently been furnished to the Austrian military authorities by Germany.

Six persons were killed and several wounded when the Italian town of Schio was bombed by Austrian aeroplanes, it was learned today. The town was attacked on Monday.

In addition to the attack on Milan bombs were dropped upon Monza, where one person was killed and seven wounded. One shell fell within the memorial chapel erected to the memory of the late King Humbert. Another fell upon the grounds of the Villa Reale, the former summer palace of King Victor Emmanuel. Many windows were broken in the cathedral of St. John, a fourteenth century structure of the Lombard-Gothic style of architecture.

At Bergamo a man was killed by a shell which was thrown in the cotton and silk mill district.

Two persons were killed at Treviglio, where three bombs were dropped. Treviglio is the birthplace of Michael Angelo, the famous Italian painter and a monument to his memory was damaged.

A squadron of six aeroplanes tried to attack Brescia, but news of the approach of the machines had been telegraphed ahead and they were greeted with such tremendous fire from the high angle guns that they had to retire. A big fire was set in Monfalcone, northeast of Brescia, where the Austrian airmen bombed the railway line.

Eggs Fried Wrong; Wife Hurt Eggs, "fried on the wrong side," are indirectly responsible for the fractured skull of Sarah Johnson, a neeess, 40 years old, of 904 Lombard street. Sarah is in the Pennsylvania Hospital today in a serious condition. Her husband, John, who questioned her culinary ability, is cooking his own meals to prove to himself that his wife is a poor cook. When he returned from work last night he found a meal which displeased him. He protested to his wife. The argument was carried to the front steps, where Sarah fell, striking her head on the ice guard on the lower step.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BALKAN ZONE



1.—Austrians at Durazzo, capital of Albania, which they have occupied. 2.—Albanian irregulars retreat to escape being enveloped by Bulgarian forces at Elbasan. 3.—Germans and Bulgarians concentrating heavy forces and guns along Greek-Salonic frontier in preparation for advance on Allies at Salonica. 4.—Bulgarians drive in French outposts on Greek frontier south of Lake Dolina in first skirmish since retreat from Salonica. 5.—Bulgarian and Turkish troops concentrate on Rumanian frontier to meet concentration of Rumanian forces. 6.—Rumanian troops reported concentrating along Hungarian-Transylvania frontier. The Kaiser is reported to have reminded Rumania that Bucharest is only 37 miles from the border.

BRITISH SPIRIT FIRM, ROYAL SPEECH SAYS

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fall from a horse on the western front. The King's indisposition has at no time been serious, it was stated, but his physicians advised him to exercise caution during the period of convalescence.

The King's speech was read to members of both Houses, who assembled in the House of Lords, by the Lord Chancellor. The fight for better air defenses was opened immediately after the King's speech was read. Joynton Hicks, a member of Commons, offered an amendment to the royal address, urging the placing of the air service upon a firmer basis and "regretting the inadequacy of the present arrangements."

Another amendment was offered recommending that all merchant ships be placed under the control of a central authority, with the power to requisition and direct all vessels.

The sixth session of England's "war parliament" had the following program of business before it: First. The voting of another credit of \$1,250,000,000, which will bring the total war credits to \$2,200,000,000.

Second. Adoption of measures to strengthen the air defenses of England.

Third. Amendments to the policy of blockade to prevent goods from reaching Germany through neutral ports and an extension of the navy's power.

Fourth. Adoption of a policy of economy for both the Government and public, and the possible curtailment of imports in connection with the discussion of national economy it is inevitable that the question of discontinuing the salaries of the Cabinet members will again be before Commons. Another question which will receive serious consideration is that of taxation. For some time Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been engaged upon the troublesome problem of finding new sources of revenue, and this need will be even more urgent when the next war loan is introduced later in the session.

NAVY YARD HERE TO BE SUBMARINE BASE, SAYS REAR ADMIRAL GRANT

"New York Impossible," Former Commandant Tells House Naval Affairs Committee

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Declaring the New York Navy Yard "impossible" for use as a submarine base, Rear Admiral Albert W. Grant, commanding the United States submarines, said today that the first base south of New London, Conn., should be at the western end of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Admiral Grant, who formerly was commandant at League Island, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that bases along the Atlantic coast should be established at New London, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Key West.

"Stone River Inlet," said Admiral Grant, in discussing Philadelphia as a submarine base, "offers an excellent place from which to operate."

Admiral Grant said he had worked out a scheme for 10 submarines at each base. "If we have such bases," the Admiral said, "we would not have ten or three submarines at each of the harbors."

"Would you have any submarines at Boston or New York?" asked Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts. "No. Those harbors would be protected

ASKS LEAVE TO QUIT U. S. IF TREATY FAILS

Colombian Minister Says Issue With His Country Has Become Party Question

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Recognizing the probability that the pending treaty between the United States and his country will not be ratified by the Senate in its original form, Julio Betancourt, the Colombian Minister, has asked his Government for a leave of absence from Washington. It is understood he will seek permanent withdrawal if the treaty is rejected or if the Senate accepts its Foreign Relations Committee's amendments, reducing the indemnity for the partition of Panama from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and making the expression of regret mutual.

In a statement last night Mr. Betancourt said: "I am waiting to know the decision of the Senate in order to communicate a report to my Government, which will then put before the Colombian Congress the treaty with whatever amendments may be made, that is, if it is not approved without change, as my Government expects."

"I see with great concern the conversion into a party question of an international issue, which ought to be regarded as one of continental importance. Could this question be settled by a popular vote in the United States, I feel sure that it would be decided in favor of Colombia."

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