

KAISER IN GRAND COUNCIL WITH CHANCELLOR AND CHIEFS; TO DECIDE ISSUE WITH U. S.

Falkenhayn and Hotzendorf Join in Momentous Conference at Army Headquarters

German Press Indicates Rupture Is Unlikely—Financiers Opposed to Break Despite Inflamed Popular Feeling

Washington Expects Intimation of Reply on U-Boats by End of Week Administration Will Not Recede From Demands in Wilson Ultimatum

BERLIN, April 27.—A momentous conference, with the attendance of friendly relations between the United States and Germany in the balance, was in progress today at grand army headquarters.

The Kaiser received the views of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, General Falkenhayn, chief of the General Staff of the army, and Admiral von Holtzendorf, chief of the Admiralty Staff. He lacked only further word from Washington, expected through Ambassador Gerard before many hours, defining more accurately the American submarine demands.

With the return of the Chancellor, it is expected the formal reply to the American note will be immediately prepared and handed to Ambassador Gerard for transmission to Washington. Unless unforeseen delays occur, it was stated at the Foreign Office today, the reply will be in Washington by Monday.

All external indications are that the crisis has passed and that there will be no break in the relations between Germany and the United States. Analysis of the American note causes it to be viewed by German officials as less stringent than the first hasty personal advance bulletin had indicated.

It is the general understanding here that Germany will not meet fully President Wilson's demand in the reply to be forwarded in Washington early next week. How far Germany will go, no one pretends to know, but well-informed Berlin newspapers believe the German concessions will suffice to prevent a diplomatic break.

The Tagesspiegel today declared that Ambassador Gerard is convinced, as a result of his conference with the Chancellor, that Germany is honestly striving to avoid a conflict, and that he has so reported to Washington. The situation cannot be described as anything but favorable. Washington indicates its disposition, by German officials here, that the United States will not interpose insuperable difficulties in the relations between Germany and the United States.

Through both Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador Bernstorff the German Government is attempting to obtain a more definite statement of President Wilson's position before replying to the American note. Bernstorff has been instructed to make a detailed report as soon as possible.

The official news agency has circulated throughout Germany excerpts from newspapers in all sections of the United States indicating almost unanimous approval of President Wilson's firm stand. This was done obviously to silence those critics of the German Government who insist that President Wilson is bluffing and lacks popular support.

WASHINGTON WAITS WORD FROM BERLIN; NO RETREAT FROM U-BOAT DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, April 27.—With German officials in Washington and American officials in Berlin doing their utmost to avoid a rupture between the United States and Germany on the U-boat question, the general situation was unchanged today. Ambassador Gerard has informed this Government of the progress being made and some official word from the German Foreign Office is expected on its way to Washington by Saturday.

President Wilson has been informed Ambassador von Bernstorff is striving to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties involving the two nations. This knowledge has had a favorable effect upon all of the President's official family. In discussing with the President, Ambassador Gerard has stated that the United States is in a very trying position, and his work is appreciated.

So long as German officials seem to be working vigorously to meet the President's views, it is believed unlikely that the President will demand greater haste or take any other action for the present at least, that might embarrass the German Foreign Office in its work.

It is, however, the intention of the Administration not to make any additional concessions to Germany. At the request of the President, Senator Stone today informed the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the United States has rested its whole case. It is willing to give Germany plenty of time to consider its action, but the demand that present methods of submarine warfare against merchant ships shall be abandoned and public announcement made that this is the intention of the German Government, will not be received from under any consideration. The slightest evidence of weakening now, the President told Senator Stone at a protracted conference, would be fatal.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy and continued cool tonight and Friday with moderate northerly winds.

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LOST AND FOUND

CERTIFICATE—Lost, Certificate No. 545, issued by the National Bank of the North Atlantic for one share of stock, in the name of John M. McNamee. All persons who have or claim to have possession of this stock, and the stock will be sold, please return it to the National Bank of the North Atlantic, 100 North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

STOLEN—Lost, brown leather, white top, saddle, with stirrups, and a pair of spurs, stolen from the residence of Mrs. M. J. Rife, 1218 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Reward for return, \$10.00. Return to Mrs. Rife, 1218 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

U. S. BEGINS PROBE OF IRISH ACTIVITY AGAINST ENGLAND

"Neutrality Squad" Seeks Facts in Alleged Revolt Conspiracy

VON PAPEN IS INVOLVED

Government Hears Dublin Insurrection Received Support in America

WASHINGTON, April 27.

A country-wide investigation of the activities of anti-British Irish-Americans was undertaken today by the "neutrality squad" of the Secret Service and the Department of Justice. Inquiries were ordered in a score of cities as to the possible connection of Irish-Americans with the Irish revolt which swept Dublin early in the week. New York, Chicago, Washington, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis are among the cities where Federal agents have been ordered to secure information.

Reports to the Secret Service and the Department of Justice, following the anonymous letter sent to British Ambassador Spring-Rice threatening to hold British subjects in the country responsible for the treatment accorded Sir Roger Casement, ill-fated leader of the Irish revolt, were disquieting to the officials. Information pointing to the probable complicity of Irish-Americans in the Dublin rebellion was transmitted from various agents, particularly in New York. While the Department of Justice declined to comment on the situation, it was understood that sweeping orders had been issued which will result in the surveillance of scores of suspects.

Irish-American leaders in Washington, while they declined to talk for publication, expressed sympathy with the Irish Separatists. Groups of Irish-Americans both in New York and Washington have been in close touch with the "Free Ireland" movement, and information as to the outbreak was available in Irish-American circles in the United States 24 hours before the British censors passed news dispatches telling of the revolt. American members of the order of Sinn Fein are can members of the order of Sinn Fein are

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HELEN KELLER LISTENS TO CARUSO THROUGH HER FINGERS



As the tenor began the lament of Samson from "Samson and Delilah," the famous blind and deaf woman placed her fingers on his lips and throat and whispered, "Wonderful, wonderful! Though I cannot see your face, I can feel the pathos of your song."

AVOIDS SLAYER'S FATE, DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Harry Chappelle, Wife Murderer in Eastern Penitentiary, Dies of Shock After Burns

Harry Chappelle, serving a sentence for wife-murder in the Eastern Penitentiary, died in that institution from shock incidental to scalds received last night while making repairs to a caudron used for cooking.

According to Warden McKenty, Chappelle's death was not due to the burns, which were dressed by the prison physician and appeared to be trivial. He was working a rivet on the caudron and the job was about completed. He asked that steam be turned into the caudron to ascertain if the rivet was tight.

The sudden influx of the hot vapor into the caudron caused the "dished" bottom of the caudron to swell upward, scattering the steam in all directions. Chappelle's hands and feet were scalded, but otherwise he appeared to suffer no injury. Prompt treatment was administered at the infirmary, and Chappelle's recovery in a day or two was expected. Less than an hour after his admission he showed signs of collapse and died within a few minutes. Heart weakness is believed to have caused his death, but the coroner will make a post-mortem examination.

Chappelle was admitted to the penitentiary on June 15, 1915, under a sentence of not less than 14 and not more than 15 years, for second degree murder.

On September 15, 1915, Chappelle, then living at 258 North 34th Street, shot and killed his wife, Millie, 21 years old, during a quarrel at their breakfast table. The woman was shot in the heart and right arm, dying instantly. After killing her, Chappelle fired a bullet into his forehead. He remained in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital many weeks before his condition permitted his arraignment on the murder charge. He was tried three times, the first trial resulting in a verdict of guilty in the first degree, the second in a disagreement of the jury, and the third in the second degree verdict, on which he was sentenced.

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30,000 TEXTILE MEN DEMAND TEN PER CENT. WAGE INCREASE

Fall River Unions Reject Compromise of Five Per Cent.

FALL RIVER, Mass., April 27.—The Weavers', Carders', Slaters', Spinners' and Loom Fixers' Unions voted last night to reject an offer by the Fall River Manufacturers' Association for a wage advance of 5 per cent. and to strike next Monday unless the union demands for a 10 per cent. increase are granted.

If a strike is declared, union leaders say that 30,000 cotton mill operatives will be thrown out of employment, and that the strike may affect not only the mills controlled by the Manufacturers' Association, but also textile mills of the Fall River Iron Works and the Charlton Mills.

BERNSTORFF RENEWS APPEAL FOR PAPERS

Ambassador Will Not Identify Von Igel Documents as "Official"

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, Wolf von Igel and John H. Stanchfield, the latter's attorney, held a lengthy conference at the Embassy today at which plans for obtaining from the State Department all of the papers seized when Von Igel was arrested in New York were thoroughly canvassed.

The Ambassador has written another note to Secretary of State Lansing requesting the return of all of these papers. This note recalls the promise made by Counselor Fink of the State Department, that the papers would be turned back as Embassy property.

Attorney Stanchfield planned to make a formal call upon Counselor Fink during the day to ask for the papers. It is stated that if the papers must be identified as "social" that duty will be undertaken by Von Igel as Count von Bernstorff says he has no knowledge of the documents and never saw any of them. All of these papers, including the photographic copies made by the Department of Justice and District Attorney Marshall, of New York, are now in the possession of the State Department, having been turned over to it at the request of Secretary Lansing personally.

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BRITISH FLEET TRAINS GUNS UPON DUBLIN

Shelling of City Not Deemed Likely, as Military Control Situation

200,000 TROOPS READY

London Papers Demand Chief Secretary and Lord Lieutenant Resign

LONDON, April 27.—The whole of Ireland has been placed under martial law, Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons this afternoon.

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Reports that the insurrectionists had sacked part of Dublin, were given official cognizance when Premier Asquith announced that there was no reason to believe that the banks were unsafe. The Government and five financial institutions in the Irish capital are guarded by troops, and machine guns have been mounted upon the roofs of many buildings to sweep the streets. The proclamation, stating that civil law has been suspended, makes it evident that the Sinn Fein members, who took part in the uprising, will be tried for treason.

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QUICK NEWS

RUSSIAN AIRMEN SHELL CONSTANTINOPLE

ATHENS, April 27.—Russian airships have bombarded Constantinople destroying a powder factory.

ATTACK ON REGISTRATION LISTS UPHELD IN PART

The hearing of petitions to strike alleged fraudulent names from the registration lists began today. Out of 65 3d Ward petitions heard, 40 names were found to be properly registered, while deaths and removals accounted for irregularities among the remaining 25.

THREE NEUTRAL SHIPS, LIGHT TONNAGE, BLOWN UP

LONDON, April 27.—The blowing up of three ships, two Dutch and one Norwegian, was reported today in dispatches to Lloyd's Marine Agency. The Dutch ships were the Duhbe, 323 tons, and the Maashaven, 269 tons. Both hailed from Rotterdam. The Norwegian victim was the Stromnaas, which blew up off South Jansen. It is believed that all struck mines.

U. S. TREASURY GETS \$5000 "CONSCIENCE" PAYMENT

WASHINGTON, April 27.—An envelope containing \$5000, contributed to the conscience fund, was received at the Treasury Department today. It was one of the largest contributions to that fund ever received. No word of explanation accompanied the money, which was in five \$1000 gold certificates.

CINCINNATI VOTES \$6,000,000 FOR BELT LINE

CINCINNATI, April 27.—Cincinnati voters, by a majority of about 8 to 1, have approved a project to issue bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of building a belt line railway around the city and also to erect a terminal station for the entrance of interurban lines.

POSTOFFICE ADDS 24 TO MOTORTRUCK FLEET

Twenty-four new motorcars are to be added to the Philadelphia postal service equipment within the next two weeks, according to announcement made today by F. E. Frazier, postal expert from Washington, who was largely instrumental in effecting the recent reorganization of the postoffice in this city. When the new automobiles are put in service the Philadelphia postoffice will have a fleet of 85 motorcars, all Government-owned, a larger number than any other city in the United States, except Chicago, Mr. Frazier said.

\$5,146,969.39 IN CITY TREASURY

The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$383,827.71 and the payments to \$428,635.06, which, with the sum on hand last week, not including the sinking fund account, left a balance of \$5,146,969.39 on hand at the close of business last night.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES INCREASED TO 2,518,264

AMSTERDAM, April 27.—The latest official casualty lists published in Germany increase to 2,518,264 the total of Prussian losses during the war. This total includes killed, wounded and missing. It does not comprise the losses of the Saxon, Bavarian or Wurttemberg armies.

GERMANS CONFESS GUILT IN FIRE-BOMB PLOT

NEW YORK, April 27.—Complete confessions, given in return for immunity, have been made by two of the eight Germans recently arrested in the alleged conspiracy to place fire-bombs aboard munitions ships. They have told their story to the Federal Grand Jury. This was made known last night by Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood, in charge of the investigation of alleged German plots. The two men are Captain Charles von Kleist and Ernest Becker, an electrician aboard the German steamship Friedrich der Grosse, tied up at Hoboken, where the bombs alleged to have been placed on various ships were partly manufactured.

BULGARIAN PATROL CROSSES GREEK BORDER

PARIS, April 27.—A Bulgarian patrol penetrated the region of Kukush, in northeastern Greece, and carried off four Greek refugees, a Havas dispatch from Salonica says. Over the remainder of the front no actions are under way with the exception of skirmishes.

2000 HASTINGS STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, April 27.—More than 2000 workers in the plants of the National Tube and Conduit Company here who have been on strike for higher wages and who voted yesterday to accept the company's offer of 2 cents an hour increase, returned to work today. Four companies of the National Guard called here to stop rioting in the streets and near the factories began to leave this morning. The company from Flushing, L. I., will remain on guard until Saturday morning, although there is no need for their presence.

PERU TO GET APOLOGY FOR McADOO'S FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The State Department will send an apology to the Government of Peru if a protest is made against the unceremonious departure of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo from Lima. The department will offer its assurance that no slight was intended. Neither the department nor the Peruvian Legation has received the protest reported sent to Washington as a result of the incident.

MEAT SIXTY CENTS A POUND IN BERLIN

LONDON, April 27.—The Vorwarts, of Berlin, is quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam as saying that the most significant development of the Easter holidays for the people of Berlin was the steadily growing scarcity of meat. Housewives rushed from shop to shop, the Vorwarts says, in order to obtain at least a piece of meat. Those who were able to buy pork, which is sold by the municipality at a relatively cheap price, went home happy, but there was dissatisfaction on the part of those who were compelled to buy the meat which sells for 3 marks (60 cents) a pound and also among those who went home empty handed.

DEMOCRATS UNABLE TO AGREE ON PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Despite the reading of a letter from President Wilson urging favorable action on the Senate bill, the House Democrats, in caucus last night, failed to reach an agreement on the Philippine independence measure and took a recess until tonight, when attempts will be made to prevent a large number of Democrats from leaving the party reservation and jeopardizing the Philippine measure. There were reports last night that about 30 Democrats are now threatening to absolve themselves from the caucus action.

BOLIVIAN INDIANS SLAY AMERICAN ADVENTURER

BUENOS AIRES, April 27.—Captain Fritz Duquesne, of New York, noted adventurer and soldier of fortune, has been killed in a battle with Indians on the Bolivian frontier. His command was dispersed by the attacking band, which captured all the supplies of the expedition. This is the first word regarding Captain Duquesne since he left New York in December, 1913, with a motion picture equipment to follow Colonel Theodore Roosevelt into South America. His wife is said to have gone with him, but whether she has also been killed or is in South America has not been learned.

CRISIS SENDS SHIPPING SHARES DOWN IN BERLIN

LONDON, April 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following dispatch: "A semi-official telegram from Berlin indicates that shipping shares have dropped to figures hitherto unknown, as a result of the crisis with America which is regarded as of the utmost gravity, though official circles continue to hope for an adjustment of the differences. Responsible German statesmen are continuing the negotiations, a large number of telegrams being sent to and received from Washington daily."