

POWDERLADEN SHIPS LEAVE PORT

Russian Vessels Defy U-Boats and Sail for Siberia Via Canal

\$2,000,000 IN CARGOES

Big Corporations Here Offer Services to Nation

Among the corporations in Philadelphia which already have offered the services of their plants or equipment to the Government if needed are:

- The Baldwin Locomotive Works. The Pennsylvania Railroad. The Philadelphia and Reading Railway. William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company. The Electric Storage Battery Company. The Bernstein Manufacturing Company.

Defying the German submarine threat, Russian steamships laden with \$2,000,000 worth of smokeless powder for the Allies, left the port of Philadelphia today for the coast of Siberia.

The ships were the Albatross and the Volga. They are in the service of the Russian government and are the first munition-laden ships to leave the port since the German "wholesale-striking" policy was declared.

Each ship has 1,000,000 pounds of powder on board, valued at \$1,000,000. Before leaving, the captain intimated that the Germans undoubtedly would make every attempt to catch them on the high seas. The boats probably will try to make the Siberian coast by way of the Panama Canal and the Pacific.

Clearance papers for the steamships were obtained in Wilmington late last night. The ships had left the port at 11:30 p. m.

The sailors on each voiced opinions of bravado, but admitted that a torpedo would make short work of the ships and their lives.

The naval militia in Philadelphia has received orders to prepare for a possible call to service.

The Pennsylvania National Guard is virtually ready. Governor Brumbaugh and Adjutant General Stewart at Harrisburg are awaiting orders.

Director Kessen, of the Department of Public Health and Charities, has completed plans for the organization of a staff of physicians and nurses, with quarters, for the care of 10,000 patients in case of war.

The State Constabulary has been pronounced ready to act in any emergency. Orders have been received to allow no coastwise trading ship to leave this port without clearing at the Customs House.

Warships stationed in the river to enforce the rule have been ordered to fire upon offenders.

If the vessel does not stop a blank shot will be fired across her bows. If this is not effective a second shot will follow. The third shot will be aimed to hit. It is said to be the first time that American vessels engaged in coastwise trade have been required to obtain papers from the Customs House.

United States officials here have announced that they are taking no chances. Baldwin's Locomotive Works and other large concerns in this city have offered the use of their plants to the Government in case of emergency.

The foregoing were among the other developments of the last twenty-four hours in the American-German crisis.

WILL START RECRUITING

The orders to the Naval Militia were received from the War Department in Washington. Two divisions already have been organized and officers have been instructed to bring the divisions up to full strength.

Recruiting for that purpose will begin tonight at the First Regiment company headquarters.

Alba B. Johnson offered the use of Baldwin's Locomotive Works to the Government. He telegraphed to the War Department that all the Baldwin plants were at the disposal of the Government.

Mr. Johnson said Baldwin's alone could turn out thousands of shells daily for the Government.

Both the Pennsylvania and the Reading systems have announced that they are ready to move troops on short notice.

In regard to calling out the National Guard, Governor Brumbaugh, after a further conference with Adjutant General Stewart, said:

"We are awaiting orders. We are simply the agents of the Government and will do all in our power to back it up." It was announced that all the remaining Pennsylvania troops at the order were being held there awaiting orders.

Employees in the department of the adjutant general are working night and day completing plans for the mobilization of the National Guard regiment now in the State should such orders be forwarded from Washington. General Stewart declared that the guard will be ready for duty at almost a moment's notice. Every detail of mobilization of the soldiers now in Pennsylvania is being considered by General Stewart and the others in the adjutant general's department.

Orders from Washington would find the militia in excellent shape, hardened by service on the border and fit for almost any emergency," he said.

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, has ordered guards placed about the city's big pumping stations at Belmont, Torresdale, Queen Lane and Lardners Point.

NAVY YARD STILL CLOSED

There evidently has been no let-up in the censorship that covers the movements of the men, ships, stores and munitions at the navy yard. Detachment of marines has been sent out to guard the German wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J.

Since the outbreak of the European war this station has been under the control of a naval officer, acting as censor. It was said that the Government probably will take the station over in its entirety.

The wireless station of the Philadelphia Turbinenbau, Broad street and Columbia avenue, has been closed. This action was taken by the radio section of the organization to remove the association from any suspicion that it might use the wireless for purposes detrimental to the Government.

Work which will expedite the arming of every seagoing craft under the American flag has begun at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Orders have been received from the Navy Department to extend the hours of workmen in the shops from 4:30 until 5:30 p. m.

BIG COP GUARDS GERMAN CONSULATE



At the request of Governor Brumbaugh, Mayor Smith has ordered the offices in West Washington Square kept under constant police surveillance. The Governor acted upon a request from Secretary Lansing.

ALL AMERICANS URGED TO LEAVE GERMANY; MAY ORDER WAR TODAY

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A formal belligerent. It looks for a declaration of war momentarily. But in the meantime, regarding the peculiar diplomatic situation created by the fact that America is not yet officially an enemy of Germany and has merely broken relations, officialdom is taking great care in dealing with American Ambassador Page to regard the United States as still a neutral.

England's Governmental leaders united in speeches at Central Hall in expressing their belief that Germany's latest "frightfulness" was actuated by desperation and knowledge of her impending defeat.

Premier Lloyd George declared to a vast audience assembled to further the work of the national service plan that Germany's treatment of war prisoners and civilians in France and Belgium "coupled with the sinking of merchantmen on sight was organized, studied savagery of the most dangerous form."

Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, declared: "Germany's action shows she found herself in a desperate situation. We must save ourselves another winter of war by sending more young men to the trenches."

Other Cabinet members who spoke at the same meeting were Arthur Henderson, member of the War Cabinet, and Minister of Labor Hodge.

GERMANY MAY DECLARE WAR TODAY IN REPLY TO U. S. BREAK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's notice of a diplomatic break is expected within twenty-four hours. It may be a declaration of war.

Belief is rapidly crystallizing among officials that this final step is inevitable, and it would cause no surprise if Germany took it now. This belief was strengthened by receipt of unofficial Berlin news quoting prominent German officials as saying that "there is no step backward" contemplated following President Wilson's action.

Also it was recalled that last spring, when the Sussex sinking threatened a diplomatic break, Ambassador von Bernstorff said such a break would result in an immediate declaration of war by Germany.

Further, President Wilson told members of the Foreign Relations Committee that he had been "reliably informed" actual war would follow a break. Von Bernstorff recently reiterated his former statement.

Possible action of this kind by Germany took precedence in the discussion of officials today, even over the London Admiralty statement reporting the killing of an American citizen by a German submarine gun. According to the Admiralty report, Richard Wallace, of Baltimore, died from U-boat shellfire while leaving the British steamship Evestone in a small boat.

The report immediately made the international situation more acute, pending investigation.

CALL TO NEUTRALIS MAY BE GERMANY'S EXCUSE

Should Germany make the war decision, some officials say, she will base her declaration on President Wilson's active efforts to align all neutral governments in a break. However, in spite of German declarations to the contrary, they believe she may modify her U-boat campaign before a greater clash results.

While awaiting the step which may mean war, the President is determined that this Government shall make no move not fully and literally justified by the laws of nations and humanity; that nothing shall be done for mere expediency that might merit a reproach from any nation, even Germany.

Neutral action in response to President Wilson was expected today in some countries. Should it develop that neutrals are to follow the lead of the United States it is probable a conference of all of them will be called to discuss the part each is to bear in bringing pressure on Germany to relax its warfare.

Meanwhile, the Government moved rapidly on inaugurating, completing and perfecting details of war preparation.

Every instrumentality in that direction—the President, Congress and the departments—was being used toward getting all arms of the nation's defense strengthened and equipped for their first great service since the Spanish-American War.

The President this afternoon is to meet with his Cabinet and canvass the situation—what has been done and what is being planned toward mobilizing the tremendous resources of the country for threatened war.

Congress was ready to authorize the raising of any sum needed. The Senate is expected today to vote a resolution of confidence in the President and the House will follow. The upper body would have done this yesterday except for parliamentary technicality. Under the rigid Senate rules the Stone indorsement resolution is up today.

RAPID PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE

With machine-like precision, advisory committees in all branches of the national defense work are submitting reports to President Wilson and Secretaries Baker and Daniels.

The greatest effort is now being centered upon the navy. It is probable that work on some of the giant vessels will be stopped in order to hasten completion of submarines and vessels for opposing submarine attack.

So completely and quickly is the work proceeding that if the United States is called upon to strike it can do so immediately and forcefully.

would be to a coward. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small implications and entanglements, and waits for the great opportunity when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of heaven upon its blade."

This is the position of the President today in urging against yielding to "impulses of impatience" and an impulse to settle a thing in some short way.

FOR AND AGAINST WAR WITH GERMANY

A deluge of telegrams indorsing and condemning the break with Germany fell upon the Senate today. Some of them were: Smith, of Michigan, presented a protest of Detroit Socialists against war. La Follette, of Wisconsin, had read into the records about twelve or more telegrams from labor and peace organizations urging peace.

Pittman, of Nevada, submitted a resolution adopted by the Nevada Legislature indorsing the President's course. Jones, of Washington, presented telegrams indorsing the President's action, but praying for peace.

Weeks, of Massachusetts, had read a telegram from George Draper, head of one of the largest cotton machinery concerns in the country, placing his plant at the disposal of the Government.

GERARD AWAITS WORD FROM AMERICA; PLANS TO LEAVE BERLIN THIS WEEK

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—American Ambassador Gerard is awaiting word from Washington regarding details of the United States Government's arrangement for departure of German Ambassador Bernstorff before completing his plans for leaving Germany. He is planning to leave Berlin this week, possibly tomorrow.

Yesterday Gerard held another lengthy conference with Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, at that time formally requesting his passport.

With one exception—the Socialist organ, Vorwarts—the German press today firmly supported the Government in its determination to continue the submarine warfare. It was noticeable, however, that every newspaper comment referred to the situation as "President Wilson's break with Germany" and carefully avoided use of the word "America."

Bernstorff, in the Vossische Zeitung pointed out editorially today President Wilson's "had changed his mind about merchantmen." He referred to a purported statement by Secretary of State Lansing in January declaring that armed merchantmen would be considered warships and added: "This decision was changed after Entente Ambassadors in Washington rushed about convincing Bernstorff that it was a mistake. Bernstorff said. He paid glowing tribute to Ambassador Bernstorff and in this a number of newspapers joined."

"The pledge Germany made after the Sussex case has not been broken," declared the Tagblatt. "Because that pledge was conditional upon America's success in obtaining a change in England's illegal blockade against Germany."

The Berlin press continued calm today in the face of Gerard's preparations to leave. Extra guards stationed about the American Embassy were the only outward indications of anything unusual there, but inside there was a bustle of preparation and packing for departure of the embassy staff.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN OFFER AID TO GOVERNMENT IF WAR ENSUES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—"Put us down for scrubbing floors—anything!" These were the words of a long line of women volunteers who gave their names to the League for Women's Service here.

"We'll do anything we can to help if war comes," they said. One Englishwoman thought she might be of some service as a spy.

Another Englishwoman, who said she had had experience, wanted to drive an ambulance. The Girls' National Honor Guard, 6000 strong, is preparing for service.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is honorary president, in on record today as favoring universal military training. The vote was taken at the suggestion of Mayor Mitchell at the twentieth annual dinner at the class.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—The Hospital for Consumptives of Maryland at Towson, Md. was today offered to the United States Government for hospital purposes in case of war.

The board of directors of the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, also offered that institution to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Representative William S. Green, Fifteenth Massachusetts District, called on Secretary Daniels and on behalf of A. S. Phillips, head of the Mechanics' Foundry and Machine Company, of Fall River, Mass., offered the use of the plant to the Government in case of war.

WAR SCARE SPEEDS RECRUITING INTEREST

Marine Corps Accepts Six and Army Takes Two—Many Applications

The "war scare" continued this morning to have a slight stimulating effect upon enlistment in the marine corps and army and the navy.

Out of the ten men applying at the marine recruiting station at 1409 Chestnut street were accepted. All these men were from eighteen to twenty-one years old. The marine corps does not need a great many men, and is more exacting than in other branches of the service.

The navy recruiting station at 1316 Arch street in the scene of more activity. Word of the coming of a batch of recruits from the recruiting stations at Allentown, Reading, York, Lancaster and Bethlehem was received this morning. Officers at that station have prepared telegrams to be sent to all the men on the reserve list of the navy—those men who have served over twenty years in the service.

While it is not generally admitted that these reserves are going to be called to the colors, the general feeling among headquarters is that before midnight word from Washington will be received, and immediately the wires will sing with the summoning telegrams.

At the army recruiting headquarters, 1219 Arch street, a number of recruits were this morning, but out of these only two were accepted.

BORDER TROOP MOVES ROUTINE, BAKER SAYS

Funston May Use Force in Case North Mexican Conditions Become Menacing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The sudden changes in scheduled border troop movements, announced yesterday, were a result of "local conditions," Secretary Baker said today.

He explained the original orders for outward movement of Pershing's Mexican column and homeward movement of the militia still stands, as far as the War Department is concerned.

It has been previously explained, however, that should northern Mexican conditions become bad, Major General Funston could move his border troops as he saw fit. War officials would not discuss possibility that reports of heavy fighting about Chihuahua City had anything to do with Funston's shift of orders.

GOVERNOR NAMES PRINTER

Nominates Long, of Chambersburg. Confirmation Up to Committee

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6.—The nomination of Edward Long, of Chambersburg, as Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding, which was sent to the Senate last night by Governor Brumbaugh, probably will be in the Senate committee on executive nominations indefinitely.

The Governor made the nomination as the first of his important appointments. The position pays \$3000 a year. Long was appointed to succeed A. Nevin Pomeroy, also of Chambersburg, who was ousted by Brumbaugh for failing to support the anti-Penrose state ticket in the campaign for election of delegates to the Republican National convention last year.

The committee on executive nominations can bury all nominations just as Senator Snyder's "peeling" committee buried bills in the past. It can report out the nomination at its own convenience. The committee is controlled by Penrose.

COAL FAMINE NEARS AS COLD GRIPS STATE

Situation Serious in Wilkes-Barre—Zero Weather Reported in Many Towns

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 6.—The coal supply in the Wyoming Valley is so scarce that unless the Wilkes-Barre Company, which supplies steam heat to 20,000 persons in this city, is able to get a supply by today at noon the fires in the boilers will have to be drawn.

Coal companies admit there is a shortage. They say that there is a scarcity of cars, and that even though cars could be supplied it is difficult to get the coal from the mines to fill them. The supply of the heat company is practically run out, and every one of the companies here has been asked to supply the needs.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 6.—The worst blizzard in years has gripped this section, causing untold suffering and tying up railroad and trolley schedules. In Altoona, Pa., the temperature fell to 20 below zero, registered at Roaring Springs and Juniata. At Gap a fierce wind was blowing for twenty-four hours, piling the snow in drifts three and four feet deep. Passenger service over the Pennsylvania main line was badly crippled, trains running from one to five hours late. Freight traffic was also affected, trains being reduced to forty-five per cent of normal.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 6.—The southern part of Fayette County supplied by the Dunlap Gas Company endured the zero weather without gas, the pipe-pressure lines of the gas company having frozen. Thousands of families have been without heat. It is attempted to throw out the gas lines, several explosions occurred, resulting in minor injuries to gas company employees. The temperature in Uniontown was six below zero.

WAR DEPARTMENT GIVES CARTRIDGE CONTRACTS

65,000,000 Rounds Ordered—Navy Places Contracts for 40,000 Tons of Structural Steel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Contracts have been entered into by the War Department for 50,000,000 rounds of munitions from the Western Cartridge Company, Alton, Ill.; 10,000,000 rounds pistol cartridges from the Winchester Arms Company, Winchester, N. Y.; New Haven, and 5,000 pistol cartridges from the Maxim Company, Watertown, N. Y.

The Government has issued plans and specifications for wire nets and is understood already to have placed contracts for steel chains to be used in protecting harbors against submarines.

United States Navy Department has recently placed orders for 40,000 tons of structural steel for extensions and improvements at navy yards. Numerous other improvements are still under way. Contracts are now being taken for 1,000 tons of steel for dirigible hangars, one at Pensacola, Fla.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT BARRED TO STRANGERS

Vigilant Watch Kept on Building—All Business to Be Conducted in Code

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—For the first time since the break with Germany the great Treasury Building was today closed to all but officials and employees. From the moment it was known that Germany and the United States had reached the parting of the ways the utmost vigilance has been maintained day and night and all strangers have been barred from the building.

The Treasury Department today also issued orders that all official business bearing in the slightest on the crisis be conducted in code.

BATTERED SHIP REACHES PORT

Vessel Bearing German Refugees From Mexico Ends Tempestuous Voyage

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Landing to port and with her hull leaking badly, the steamship Espana came into port today bearing German refugees from Mexico. The steamer had a dangerous voyage and battled with high seas and gales during the entire passage.

Among the passengers were Captain Edward Beach, of the American cruiser Memphis, wrecked at Santo Domingo, and Commander Roscoe C. Buimer, of the American cruiser Sacramento.

SUPPLY MILK TAKES FIRST PRIZES

The Supply Milk Company of this city won first, second, third and fourth prizes at the show of the Pennsylvania Dairy Union at Altoona, Pa., today. The award was a United States Government expert. The company's milk received a score of 99 points out of a possible 100, said to be the highest score ever given to any milk in competition. In making this award, flavor, richness, cleanliness and low bacteria count were considered. The Supply Dairy, Espana, came and made good its reputation for excellence at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, two years ago.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

WEATHERY.—F. M. at Norwood. Pa. JOSEPH REEVES WEATHERY, funeral services Thurs., 11 a. m., at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Weatherly, 1218 N. 12th st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

POSSIBLY.—F. M. MAX POMERANTZ, aged 43; Mrs. MAX POMERANTZ, aged 47; SAMUEL, aged 20; MEYER, aged 16; BENJAMIN, aged 14; and EDWARD, aged 11, of 1218 N. 12th st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

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MORDE.—Sudden, Feb. 6, ELIZABETH NOTON, widow of John Ford, 85 Elizabeth st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

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SITUATIONS WANTED.—FEMALE

CHAMBERMAID, Norwegian, first class, wishes position in hotel or restaurant. Address 1218 N. 12th st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

BOOKKEEPER, assistant, 4 years experience, position in office. Address 1218 N. 12th st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

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GIRL, white, for general housework; family of two; good wages. Apply after 7 p. m., 495 N. 12th st., Phila. Int. at Laurel Hill Cem.

OPERATOR wanted on ladies' waists. Metropolitan Dress and Waist Co., Harris Bldg., 525 and Market st., seventh floor.

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