

BERLIN TO FREE CREW; U.S. NOTE STERN DEMAND

Near-Ultimatum Issued for Release of Yar-rowdale Men

SITUATION THE BEST SINCE BREAK CAME

German Promise Believed to Have Been Made on First Request

MUDDLE ON AUSTRIA

Bryan and Other Pacifists Continue to Harass Wilson in Grave Crisis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Although unchanged in its dangerous potentialities, the German-American situation today was generally regarded by officials as more hopeful than at any time since the diplomatic break two weeks ago.

In fact, the situation is such that it can be stated positively the President has no present intention of going to Congress to discuss it in any way.

No "overt act" has yet occurred and officials see in recent actions by Germany an apparent change of attitude toward this Government resulting in a reflection of more optimism here.

The purpose of the President is unchanged, however. He does not intend to pause in the work of preparing for eventualities simply because there appears to be a material slump in the "daisy bags" of U-boats.

Formal demands have gone forward, as was expected, for the release of the American Yarrowdale prisoners held in Berlin. When last Saturday confirmation of press reports that the prisoners had been released failed to reach the State Department, the Government called its demands.

RELEASE PROMISED

Twenty-four hours later Secretary Lansing was notified by the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin that the prisoners would be released "soon." This, however, Lansing intimated today probably was not in response to Saturday's demands, but rather to inquiries previously sent.

While the Department would not say so flatly, it strongly indicated that the demand is the one which had been prepared some days ago and would have been sent last week had it not been for press reports from Berlin saying the Americans had been or were about to be released.

This demand, it was made clear, was just short of an ultimatum; recited the attitude, policy and steps taken regarding Germans, German property and German ships interned here; and pointed out clearly President Wilson's policy to take no step that could be construed as having been taken for "military expediency."

With this and other critical situations alleviated the President is laying plans for handling the situation after Congress adjourns March 5.

PACIFISTS DISTURBED

Those who say the President will not personally address Congress again at this session point out the pacifist element would probably precipitate a debate which might drag along through the two remaining weeks of the session.

This, it is argued, would create a bad impression.

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VON REVENTLOW ATTACKS AMBASSADOR GERARD

"Thank Heaven, He's Gone," Writes Prime Advocate of German Ruthlessness

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19.—Violent attack on former American Ambassador Gerard was made in today's issue of the Berlin Tages Zeitung, Berlin dispatches asserted.

Count von Reventlow, prime advocate of ruthlessness and one of the leading anti-American editorialists, was author of the attack. He charged that Gerard used his official position as diplomatic agent to transmit information to America—for the purpose of ultimately reaching Paris and London. He specifically charged the Ambassador with the "utmost limit" in connection with the capture of Roger Casement.

"Gerard and his personnel," von Reventlow declared, "appear to have delivered an honorable Irishman to the hangman." The von Reventlow article also assailed American correspondents' stories sent from Berlin and concluded:

"Thank heaven, Gerard has gone."

SKATING INFORMATION

Concourse Lake—Fair. Hunting Park Lake—Fair. All other Fairmount Park lakes, Wissahickon Creek and Schuylkill River—Closed.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain or snow late tonight, followed by clearing Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight, with lowest temperature about thirty-two degrees; fresh easterly winds, becoming westerly Tuesday.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 6:48 a.m. Moon rises... 5:10 a.m. Sun sets... 5:40 p.m. Moon sets... 3:18 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water... 4:15 a.m. High water... 7:03 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

THREE MEN BADLY HURT IN POWDER TRAIN CRASH

Through Freight Smashes Into Work Crew Cars on P. R. R. Near Spring City

SPRING CITY, Pa., Feb. 19.—Three men were injured and two others had narrow escapes from death when a fast through freight train crashed into a work train on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania Railroad below the Spring City station here today.

An explosion of ammunition materials narrowly averted.

Two coaches attached to the work train were telescoped and wrecked. Members of the work train crew in the coaches escaped by jumping.

The wreckage caught fire. The flames threatened to spread in two freight cars carrying inflammable materials to up-State ammunition factories.

Those injured were: P. K. Marsh, of Schuylkill Haven, badly cut and bruised, condition serious.

R. C. Langton, of Port Carbon, member of the freight train crew, suffering from general bruises and cut on the head; condition not serious.

W. C. Costello, of Norristown, member of the work train crew, slightly cut.

The injured men were treated at Spring City. All are expected to recover. Both Marsh and Langton were in the caboose of the freight train, but the force of the smash knocked them unconscious.

Traffic on the line was held up for more than an hour as a result of the wreck. Fire departments from Spring City and Royersford were called out and kept the flames from spreading to the ammunition cars.

The freight train was on its way to Pottsville. It consisted of nineteen cars. Railroad officials here are investigating, but have not fixed responsibility.

CARDINAL HAS NO WORD FROM VATICAN ON PEACE

Monsignor Gibbons Has Not Received Note in Interest of German-American Amity

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 19.—Cardinal Gibbons today was shown a London dispatch stating that word from Rome said Pope Benedict had asked him to notify President Wilson that the Pope was ready to use his influence to prevent war between Germany and the United States.

The cardinal said he had received no such word from the Pope.

"I have not received such a cablegram, and, therefore, can say nothing on the subject," was all the Cardinal would say.

NEW YORK PIER SINKS UNDER PILED-UP FREIGHT

Congested Shipping Conditions Menace Other Structures on Manhattan Water Front

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Laded to the top of its superstructure by freight that is immovable, owing to congested shipping conditions, a portion of Pier No. 1, of the United Fruit Company here, collapsed today under the added weight of 2000 bags of coffee, each weighing 240 pounds.

The pier is only one of many which are so loaded as to make them unsafe.

An emergency call for 100 longshoremen to assist in moving the freight to a safer place was sent to shipping agencies by the United Fruit Company.

The pier sank three feet, with no loss of freight and with very little damage to the pier.

GIBBONEY ASKS VOTE ON RUM IN WASHINGTON

Law and Order Society Head Tells Committee Populace Must Support Law

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—D. Clarence Gibboney, president of the Law and Order Society of Philadelphia, appeared before the District Committee today in opposition to the bill making the District of Columbia dry.

He spoke for more than an hour of the impossibility of enforcing prohibition or any other summary law unless it had the support of the people.

"Concluding, he said: "As an advocate of national temperance and as a worker for real prohibition, I ask you to report this measure with your rejection, except only that it first be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the District of Columbia."

PLENTY OF AUTO TAGS, SAY STATE DEPARTMENT

All Applications Filled Promptly, Harrisburg Declares in Answer to Complaints

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—"We have enough automobile license tags on hand to meet all demands. All applications filed up to this morning have been filled and the tags shipped. If there are any delays it is because the plates are in transit."

"This was the statement made today by the State Highway Department, when informed that many persons in Philadelphia and elsewhere were inconvenienced by reason of the fact that they are not permitted to use last year's license tags, and that their applications for new tags had not been filled. The department's delay in getting out licenses has been due to failure of the Huntingdon Reformatory, the manufacturer, to turn them out on time."

JAY WILLIAM BIGELOW DEAD

Auto Man and President of Motor Company Succumbs in Baltimore

Jay William Bigelow, automobile man and president of the Bigelow-Willey Motor Company, died in Baltimore Saturday, following a lingering illness. He will be buried in Detroit tomorrow.

Although he was president of the firm that has its headquarters at 304 North Broad street, Mr. Bigelow made his home in Easton, Md. He was moved to Baltimore when his illness became serious. Mr. Bigelow is survived by his widow, a son William and two daughters. He was fifty-four years old.

City Appointments Today

City appointments today include those of Frank F. Doyle, 101 East Haines street, chauffeur, Bureau of Survey, salary \$1000; Fred J. Loesche, 131 Federal street, and Joseph M. Cannon, 115 North Twenty-sixth street, house sergeants, Bureau of Police, \$1200 each; Joseph P. Scott, 2249 Sharewood street, fireman, Bureau of Water, \$550; and William M. Thomas, 714 North Eleventh street, fireman, Bureau of Char-

U-BOAT IS SUNK BY FRENCH SHIP

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RUNNING DUEL 40 MINUTES

Assailant Sends Three Torpedoes Against Intended Victim, but in Vain

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—In a running duel at sea between the French Line freighter Guayne and a German submarine the U-boat was sunk, officers and crew reported today on their arrival here from Bordeaux.

The submarine, they declared, fired three ineffective shots at the ship and went down when the second shell from the sixty-five-millimeter gun on the Guayne struck her squarely.

The submarine, Captain Rousselet said, appeared on the vessel's port side on January 22, when the ship was one day out from Bordeaux. He said the submarine fired three shots at his ship, none of which took effect. The Guayne, he said, was swung around so that her sixty-five-millimeter gun could be trained on the submarine.

Two shots were fired by the Guayne gunner, he said, and the second struck the U-boat. The submarine, he said, disappeared.

The gunner aboard the Guayne, a Breton, refused to discuss the incident, but others talked of it, paying tribute to the quickness and accuracy of his fire.

The ship had to swing about while the submarine was firing, they said, and narrowly escaped being struck. Both gunners fired simultaneously as the ship swung into position for the fight, but each shot missed its mark by a few feet.

Every one aboard knew that the next shot would settle the battle and that all depended upon the next shot. The Breton fired a moment before the German and the shot struck squarely.

The U-boat, Rousselet for a moment, desperately striving to keep aloft, but finally disappeared, Captain Rousselet said. His number stopped firing when he saw that the submarine had been hit.

The Guayne is a steel freight ship of 2400 tons net. She has carried millions of dollars' worth of munitions to the Allies since the beginning of war and has had her sixty-five-millimeter gun aboard since the submarine operations began to be a menace.

The gun is the same as that carried by other French ships, mounted astern, so that the vessel must turn unless the submarine approaches from the stern.

A resolution was introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies last week providing that 500,000 francs (about \$100,000) shall be paid the captain of any allied or neutral merchant vessel who succeeds in sinking a German submarine.

Explosion Kills Young Man

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 19.—William Aurand, twenty-three years, is dead, and David Fragle is at the local hospital with serious injuries as the result of a brentwood explosion at the James sand works, near Burnham. The men had set a heavy charge of dynamite which failed to explode and waiting half an hour he turned in time to receive the full force of the explosion.

Aurand was married only three weeks ago.

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'SIXTH' BACK HOME IN FIGHTING TRIM

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PARADE IN BROAD STREET

Brief Facts About the Sixth Regiment

REGIMENT has 1056 men, including officers. Commander, Colonel Thomas Biddle Ellis.

Commended for being in the best physical condition of any regiment on the border.

Arrived at El Paso, July 12, 1916. Left El Paso, February 12, 1917. Arrived Philadelphia, today.

Cheers that would have warmed the heart of Napoleon himself greeted the boys of the Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry when they rolled into the station at Broad street and Washington avenue today, after a seven months' stay at the border.

A somewhat stony sun tried to struggle through the haze to add to the glory of the welcome. It flashed here and there and glinted on the "brasses" of the incoming warriors, to remind them that good cheer awaited them.

Troubled heads popped from two score windows as the first section came into the station and a fusillade of wireless kisses were exchanged by the forces on the platform and in the coaches. An instant later there was a banging and clattering of windows. The heads leaned out further and outstretched arms gathered in loved ones in kisses that were chapters in history.

One of the boys got an extra thrill to learn that another little soldier had arrived in the family since he left the domestic fireside. The latter's pudgy little face was extra amiable when he saw the dust-covered daddy who greeted him. Judging from the way he clinched his fists and his lusty laugh he, too, will no doubt follow in his dad's footsteps.

In many cases, too, tears mingled with kisses, for in some instances sorrow came to many firesides since the willing warriors left to serve their country.

The first section of nine coaches and one baggage car arrived at 8:45. It carried Colonel Thomas Biddle Ellis, commander of the Sixth Regiment, his staff, and the Schuylkill battalion under the command of Major A. M. McFeynolds. This battalion, composed of companies A, B, F and G, came from Pottstown, Norristown, Phoenixville and other parts of the State. Their wives, sweethearts and sisters came here last night to greet them and kept a vigil of many hours to extend the welcome.

BRING MANY MARCOOTS

In many of the car windows of the first section were numerous marcoots, mostly Spanish dogs that barked viciously and seemed to enjoy the general excitement. By way of a reminder to those who lack patriotism, the incoming soldier boys scrawled a number of announcements on the cars. Some of these were: "We Joined the Army, Why Don't You?" and "Action Is Better Than Words." To show their appreciation of home, one company's car

DRIVE ON SANTIAGO MAY QUELL REVOLT IN CUBA

Test to Come When President's Troops Attack Stronghold of Rebels

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—A blockade of the entire south coast of Cuba was established by the Government today to prevent the escape of ex-President Gomez and his party of revolutionary aids. Santiago harbor also falls under the ban, and shipping will be restricted until the Government is ready to force the issue with General Fernandez, the rebel leader, who controls the city.

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HAVANA, Feb. 19.—The Cuban revolution is expected to reach a crisis this week. Minor successes have attended every move of the Government forces in putting down the revolt so far, but the real test will come when the troops of President Menocal endeavor to wrest Santiago from rebel hands. The Government is understood to be concentrating its troops now in Oriente for the drive against the city.

Reports that the revolutioners were swept away today by an official statement, which said that the Government would not under any circumstances negotiate with its enemies.

Doctor Ferrara, liberal leader, now in the United States, and one of the prime movers in the revolt, probably will not be allowed to return here.

SIX MEN FROM U. S. IN WAR CASUALTY LIST

One Dies of Injuries in Canadian Army, One Keeps Post, Though Wounded

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 19.—Six former United States residents are listed in the week-end casualties.

Lieutenant C. Clark, Cleveland, O., is reported dangerously wounded.

The others are: Wounded—Lieutenant R. White, Omaha; Private A. Anderson, Mobile, S. D.; Private J. McMillan, Metamora, Mich. (remaining on duty); Private E. Nason, Liberty Corner, N. J.

Died of Wounds—Private C. Hertzog, Bismarck, Minn.

QUICK NEWS

P. R. T. EARNINGS GOOD

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company today issued a good earnings statement for January and seven months of the fiscal year. The gross for the month was \$2,427,787, compared with \$2,153,920 in January, 1915; net \$1,042,371, against \$953,352. Increases were also shown for seven months.

U. S. EXPORTS JUMP \$100,000,000 IN MONTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Exceeding by nearly \$100,000,000 the previous high monthly record, total American exports in January amounted to \$913,441,020, according to a statement issued today by the Department of Commerce. Higher prices rather than increased volume are responsible, the report said.

'CHIEF' BENDER IN TOILS OF LAW

Once star pitcher for the Athletics was held without bail today to await the action of the Coroner on the charge that it was his automobile that killed John Curran at Broad and Poplar streets last Saturday night. The police say Bender was in the car at the time

U. S. ORDERS 100,000 TONS OF STEEL CABLE

YOUNGSTOWN, Feb. 19.—It is stated in steel circles here that the United States Government has placed an order for 100,000 tons of steel cable with John A. Roebling & Son.

U. S. SHIP SAFELY IN MEDITERRANEAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Barber Steamship Line today announced it had received wireless word from the freighter Doehria, the first American ship to leave an American port after the German submarine warning had been issued, stating that the ship was in the Mediterranean.

COLVER AND FORT NAMED TO TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Wilson today nominated William B. Colver, of St. Paul, Minn., and John Franklin Fort, of East Orange, N. J., to be members of the Federal Trade Commission.

MIDVALE STEEL BUYS 116 ACRES AT MARIANNA

The Midvale Steel Company, which recently bought the Marianna properties of the Pittsburgh-Butte Company, has secured a tract of 116 acres of a nearby tract for \$350 an acre. The field is to be tapped by a new branch railroad.

NEW YORK CITY WILL SELL MILK AT EIGHT CENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—New York city is going into the milk business. Commissioner of Food John Dillon announced today that the municipality would be selling milk at eight cents a quart by April 1. Dillon's plan is to buy milk from farmers and dairymen, eliminating middlemen and their profits.

RUSSIA PLANS RADICAL JEWISH REFORM

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—Removal of all present restrictions on entry of Jews into business and extension of full freedom of movement to Jews who were wounded in the present war, as well as the Russo-Japanese War, is planned by the Government, according to semi-official press agencies today. The Premier, it is stated, approves of enactment of such reforms into laws, holding it will aid the solution of the Jewish problem.

ORDERS NEW JERSEY COAST PATROL DOUBLED

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—Rush orders from Washington yesterday to coast guard stations on the Jersey shore caused the doubling of patrols from Sandy Hook to Cape May. The new rules provide for the flashing of advices by fused signals across bays and inlets where the coast telephone system is not directly effective. In addition to the patrols, watch houses are to be maintained at every guard station, ready to signal the approach of any craft of hostile appearance.

NEW YORK CLOSES PORT TO ALL SHIPS AT NIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Beginning tonight, the port of New York will be closed at Quarentine at nightfall. No vessels will be allowed to arrive or depart during the night until the Government situation changes.

BRITAIN WILL INSIST ON NEW GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Addressing a meeting in London the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. James William Lowther, declared that it was impossible for British statesmen to make any agreement with the German Government as now constituted. It would be necessary before signing any peace or any agreement, he said, to insist that it must be with a government different in essence and constitution from the present one.

HUGH L. OGDEN MAY BE U. OF P. TRUSTEE

Hugh L. Ogden, of Boston, may be appointed to the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, according to the announcement made by his friends at a meeting of the New England Society of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni in Boston. Mr. Ogden is a partner of Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the organization.

TRANSIT LEASE FAVORS P. R. T., TWINING HOLDS

Would Complete Virtual Steal of 1907 Agreement, Says Director

Experts Will Report Says Mayor's Experts Will Show Flaws and Offer Cures for Them

With the definite knowledge that Ford Bacon & Davis, New York experts employed by Mayor Smith to analyze the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's proposed lease of the city's high-speed system, will recommend in their report material changes in the form of the lease to better protect the rights and interests of the city, Transit Director Twining today issued a statement to the public asking that in the present situation the matters of construction, and operation of the high-speed system be understood as subjects entirely separate and distinct.

"The Director did not hesitate to forecast 'rough sailing' for the present draft of the lease if the people heed the recommendations and suggestions to be contained in the report of the New York firm and in his own report, now about ready to be sent to the Mayor.

"Under the terms of the 1907 agreement," the Director said, "the city sold its birthright for a mess of pottage; under the proposed lease it looks as though the company would like to take the coat and shirt too."

WHAT REPORT WILL SHOW

In order not to give the people the analysis piecemeal he declined to divulge any of the suggestions and recommendations which would be contained in the two reports. He said, however, that the report among other things would show:

- 1. Where the city is not properly protected under the present form of the lease.
2. Why it is not properly protected.
3. What changes should be made in the lease to protect the city.

Director Twining appealed for a full and frank consideration of all phases of the leasing question by the public before any step is taken which may work irreparable damage through all the years the lease is effective.

The statement from the Director follows in part:

"The public mind seems to be very much confused at present over the recent developments in the transit situation.

"It should be clearly stated at first that the transit problem consists of two distinct parts:

"First, The construction program, which has been definitely approved, authorized, financed, settled and is now behind us.

"Second, An operating problem which must be settled before the people can secure what they most desire, namely, rapid transit service.

"The lease now before the public presents the terms upon which the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has expressed its willingness and ability to lease the city's system.

"An analysis of their proposal is now being made by this department and will be made public in a short time.

PUBLIC SHOULD UNDERSTAND

"The public, however, in the meantime should clearly understand that this department regards the construction of the systems as authorized not to be open to further discussion except as such construction may be forced by the requirements of the lease when executed.

"The people should understand that the transit situation today, with construction authorized and no leases or operator of the lines provided, is like a man who purchases a buggy before making arrangements for a horse.

"The lines are being built to run cars on; the city has no desire to purchase the cars or equipment, but desires to lease the right to operate these lines upon fair and

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2 NEUTRALS, 2 BRITISH SHIPS, U-BOATS' TOLL

Record Since February 1, 125 Victims, 38 Nonbelligerents, Total Tonnage, 255,000

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Four more ships have been sunk today in the renewed German U-boat war. Two of them were Britishers and two were neutrals.

The British ships were the Iolo, 3500 tons, and the Oakmont, 4345 tons.

The neutral vessels were the Spanish Maraditico, 2410 tons, and the Norwegian Del Mata. Both sailed from New York for French ports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Fleets of airplanes are being used by the British Admiralty in the search for German submarines in the barred zone waters around the British Isles, it was declared here today by persons who have just arrived from Europe.

These air machines are equipped with wireless so that they can keep in communication with the flotilla of destroyers which are constantly combing the seas. Also, the aviators carry bombs so that they can attack any hostile submarine that may be sighted.

Up to today the Germans had sunk 125 ships in their U-boat warfare which began February 1, 1917, having been inaugurated on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1916, an aggregate tonnage of 255,000 tons.

Eighty of them were British, 38 were neutrals and 7 were German.