

CHINESE BREAK  
BERLIN RELATION

Formal Announcement of Diplomatic Severance Expected Today

RUPTURE IS SANCTIONED

PEKIN, March 13.—The Chinese Government was expected formally to announce China's break in diplomatic relations with Germany today.

LONDON, March 13.—A dispatch from Tokio today reported that China had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany because of her submarine warfare.

The report occasioned no surprise here. News of the break had been expected hourly since the Chinese Senate and House approved severance of relations by overwhelming votes.

The Tokio report is confirmed. China is the first neutral Power to follow the example of the United States in breaking off relations with Germany because of the submarine warfare.

The Entente Powers brought heavy pressure to bear upon the Chinese Government to induce China to break with Germany.

China's accession to the ranks of the Allies, if war follows a break, will have principally a moral effect.

PEACE MOVE NEAR, BELIEF AT CAPITAL

Washington Diplomats See Early Action—Point to Growing Upheavals

HUNGER CHIEF DICTATOR

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A general peace move will be launched within three or four months, according to views of diplomats and officials today.

In the opinion of military men, Government authorities and representatives of foreign Powers here, there are many elements at work which are tending to bring the great world war to its closing stage.

These elements include an increasingly acute food situation in all the warring nations, particularly among the Central Powers; a growing unrest among the peoples as indicated by the dissatisfaction manifested toward the Entente Cabinets.

It is now believed here that President Wilson's suggested "peace without victory" will result in fact and possibly not later than July 1.

As a result belief grows here that Germany will do everything in her power to prevent entrance of the United States into the world war.

If this country does enter, the Central Powers feel that it would serve only to prolong the struggle and increase the suffering by another country, possibly another hemisphere and millions of persons.

There are reasons to believe that Germany will exercise every precaution against sinking an armed American merchant ship without first complying with every stipulation of international law demanded by this Government.

By July it is believed that success or failure of the U-boat will have been determined.

If it does the service expected by the German Government, it is believed, the war will degenerate into a contest which will end with the survival of the fittest.

If the U-boat campaign fails, Germany may be forced "for the sake of her women and children" to make further peace overtures.

In all events, the U-boat, whether successful or not, promises to hasten the end of the war.

Political events now shaping themselves in Europe are read here as the handwriting on the wall.

England and France both have their Cabinet crises, while the Russian and Italian situations indicate disruption or weakness.

Germany may drive against Russia or Italy as the most vulnerable adversaries, and this may serve to inflict such a blow as to enormously lessen opposition against the Central Powers.

And aside from political and food questions there is, too, the question of financial stress.

DELaware SENATE KILLS CIGARETTE-BAN MEASURE

Bitter Attack Made in Debate on Bill to Prohibit Them Absolutely

DOVER, Del., March 12.—The Senate today killed the House bill introduced by Representative Welch to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers in the State of Delaware.

Mr. Welch, father of the bill, was given the privilege of the floor and made a bitter attack upon cigarettes, declaring that they retard the growth of youth and have the effect of poisoning the blood.

Mr. Welch then passed Senator Joseph's amendment to prohibit the use of cigarettes by the State.

FRENCH HALT FOE IN CHAMPAGNE

Crush German Attacks With Withering Machine-Gun Fire

BRITISH ASSAULT FAILS

LONDON, March 13.—British forces, pressing beyond Baghdad, had occupied Kadhimiya, taking 100 Turks prisoner, an official Mesopotamian statement declared today.

"Although the Turks industriously sacked the city of Baghdad, nevertheless, British forces captured much ammunition," declared an official Mesopotamian statement issued today further describing occupation of the city of the captives.

PARIS, March 13.—The Germans made repeated attacks last night in an effort to regain lost ground in the Champagne region west of Meuse.

German attacks near Chaumont and also on the northeastern front of Verdun were likewise repelled.

South of the Aisne French detachments raided German trenches that were wrecked by shell fire and brought back prisoners.

The Germans have again bombarded Boisjoux.

BERLIN, March 13.—Following an artillery fire English detachments attacked on a wide front south of Arras, near Beaumont, but were repulsed with heavy losses, the War Office announced today.

Lively fighting occurred in the Champagne and on both banks of the Meuse. After a drum fire the French again attempted to wrest from the Germans the most-disputed Hill 155, dominating the region south of Epinal.

The French made what the War Office described as "a locally limited gain of ground" on the southwest slope, but with heavy losses, it was stated.

Train Chiefs Warn Wilson of Strike

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After conferences with general and local Brotherhood men continued today their policy of silence toward all reports of the proposed strike over the Adamson eight-hour day.

When shown a report from Chicago that plans were set for a progressive railroad strike beginning next Saturday, W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen's Brotherhood, refused to deny or affirm the story.

ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

"There can be no announcement to the public," said Lee, "until after we have laid our proposition before the committee of railroad officials in New York Thursday. After that a statement will be given out. To make any statement in advance of the meeting would be improper."

Mr. Lee, Warren S. Stone, of the engineers; W. S. Carter, of the firemen's, and L. E. Sheppard, of the conductors' brotherhoods, began an all-day meeting in a local theater with general and local Brotherhood chairmen from the southeastern States. They discussed the form in which their renewed demand for a basic eight-hour day with ten hours pay will be presented. The utmost secrecy concerning this meeting is being maintained.

The railroad brotherhoods represented in the conference are from the Southern, Norfolk and Western, Virginia and Chesapeake and Ohio railroads. Besides the four Brotherhood presidents, the vice-presidents, the trainmen's, conductors', engineers' and firemen's organizations were in attendance.

The only thing that could be learned regarding today's meeting was that the call was issued several days ago from Cleveland, and that all delegates called were to be as quiet as possible about the matter.

LOYAL IN WAR

One point was made clear today, in the event of hostilities there will be no strike. Should a strike be called and war come meantime any strike would be called off instantly.

The Brotherhoods will "not climb to victory on the nation's misfortune."

An evidence of their determination not to embarrass the Government in an emergency, the Brotherhood chiefs, without argument, voted with the labor council unanimously to uphold a resolution expressing the willingness of more than 2,000,000 members of organized labor as represented by the Brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor to "do their bit and do it with all their energy" in any national emergency that may arise.

Chief Lee, spokesman for the four chiefs, indicated that a formal statement regarding the Brotherhoods' position may be forthcoming later today.

Coincidental with its stand to help out in case of war, the labor council, presided over by Sam Gompers, took a firm position against militarism.

AGAINST MILITARISM

In taking this stand, however, a difference was drawn between "militarism" and universal service and it was voted also to demand that rich and poor be treated with unqualified fairness in any universal service plans war heads might decide on.

The council likewise voted against any use of the military in industrial disputes.

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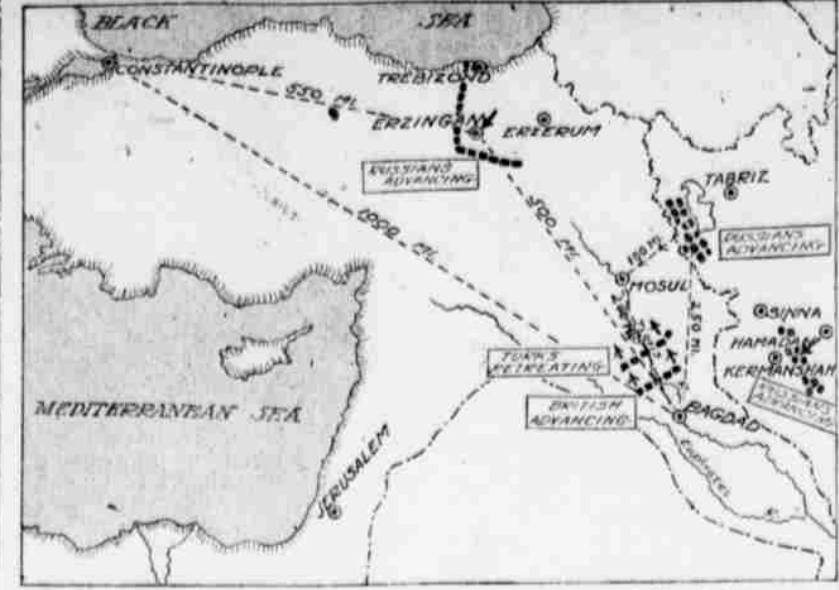
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WHERE SULTAN'S ARMY FACES DISASTER



The capture of Baghdad by the British forces of General Maude is perhaps only the prelude of military operations on a still greater plan by both British and Russians. While it is reported that the former are in hot pursuit of the enemy north of Baghdad, along the Tigris valley, and aim at the capture of Mosul, some 200 miles to the north, it is known also that the Russians are pushing westward from their Persian front toward the valley of the Tigris, while engaged in holding their positions in the Armenian mountains.

Conditions at this time, it was believed, would be even worse, in view of high food prices.

A strike before April, it was pointed out, also might delay the calling of Congress since it would be impossible for Senators and Representatives from far away States to reach Washington on time.

BROTHERHOODS TO MEET OFFICIALS ON THURSDAY

NEW YORK, March 12.—A nation-wide railway strike hinges on a conference between the railway Brotherhood leaders and the railway executives here on Thursday.

Brotherhood leaders are confident that Thursday's conference will bring capitulation from the railroad executives. It is known here that the Brotherhood leaders are confident of an agreement. On the other hand, the officials today did not turn their attention to "peace moves," but rather discussed the powers of the President to sever in the railroad employees and operate the railroads under military law.

Statements made by railway managers indicated the railroads had prepared but little for a nation-wide strike such as is threatened to start Saturday.

Only a few men who are carried as extras all the time are immediately available. Plans have been made, it was stated, for filling the places of the men with strike-breakers.

COLOMBIAN TREATY UP TOMORROW IN SENATE

Amendment Before Foreign Relations Committee Again Asks \$25,000,000 Indemnity

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Senate adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow. Senator Stone immediately called a session of the Foreign Relations Committee for consideration of the Colombian treaty.

After much discussion the committee instructed the chairman to lay the treaty with amendments before the Senate tomorrow morning.

One of these amendments again makes the proposed payment to Colombia for its Panama Canal rights \$25,000,000 instead of \$15,000,000. Another expresses virtual regret that there should have been any difficulty over the settlement and a third provides that the title of the United States to the canal zone shall become unquestioned at once.

What Nation Will Rule World Next? Prophets Named It Says Minister

DOCTOR WILKINSON will lecture tonight in PARKWAY AUDITORIUM (Odd Fellows' Hall)

"Will Germany or the United States Rule the World?" will be the unusual lecture theme tonight of Doctor Wilkinson in the Parkway Auditorium, better known as Odd Fellows' Hall, on Broad street.

The doctor, a lecturer who has been drawing large crowds to his meetings, "God foretold through his prophecies," said the doctor to a reporter, "the rise and fall of both Germany and America. His prophecies predict that a nation will soon bind all Governments into one and rule the world, and they have named that nation. Mr. Wilkinson will speak every night this week, starting for his subject tomorrow evening. 'Will Every Eye See Christ Come, and Will There Be a Rapture?' The lectures are free to the public and begin at eight o'clock."

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ATLANTIC RESERVE MAY GO IN

It is expected that many of the 400 Philadelphia men who went into training last summer with the Atlantic reserve fleet will be incorporated into the naval coast defense reserve. Several, however, have enlisted in the naval reserve. It is estimated that there are more than 200 naval reservists in Philadelphia and vicinity.

Most any minute, said Commodore Longstreth, "I expect to receive orders to get into the service. My boots are ready and I will be ready to get into the game at ten minutes' notice."

It became known today that the business and professional men who cruised last summer with the Atlantic reserve fleet have been training every day for the last two weeks at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

MAY MOBILIZE QUICKLY

The medical reserve corps in this city is ready for action at the call of the Government. Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, 1625 Spruce street, a member of the corps, said today: "I look for an order to mobilize most any time. We will be ready to go when we are needed."

In addition to the naval reserve there are some 100 retired naval officers in the Philadelphia district who can be called into service at once in the event of a declaration of war. One of these officers is Edward E. Leiper, superintendent of the Episcopal Hospital. He retired from the United States navy several years ago with the rank of commander.

"According to law," said Mr. Leiper, "the Government can call all retired naval officers back into the service in the event of actual war. There are about 100 retired naval officers in the Philadelphia district and we will be ready to respond to our country's need."

Among the retired naval officers in this district are: Captain Harrison A. Biapham, Clayton, Del.; Lieutenant Commander Richard M. Lisle, Paoli; Ensign Henry H. Longmeyer, 2915 Chestnut street, this city; Post Assistant Engineer William H. Pratt, 426 South Forty-second street, this city; Chief Machinist, Fred J. Korte, 1522 South Broad street; Chief Carpenter, Luther L. Martin, 1313 West Erie avenue; Knigh I. C. Cooper, Dover, Del.; Ensign Charles E. Lynch, Greensburg, Pa.; Engineer Robert E. Carney, 918 South Forty-eighth street; Boatwain, William Johnson, 1529 South Broad street; Chief Machinist Robert E. Tucker, 820 North Fifty-seventh street; Machinist W. C. Stauffer, Lamerch Manor, Pa.; Machinist August Ansheutz, Lackawaxen, Pa.; Machinist Harry Demond, Chambersburg, Pa., and Pay Clerk H. W. Bell, 5044 Chestnut street, this city.

Among Philadelphia surgeons who are members of the medical reserve corps are Dr. J. Chambers De Cosin, 2945 Walnut street; Dr. Judson Daland, 317 South Eighth street; Dr. Robert A. Hare, Eighth and Spruce streets, and Dr. John F. X. Jones, 1815 Spruce street.

RISES FROM SICK BED TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES

Man Ill for Months With Pneumonia Burns Hands, but Saves House

Rising from a bed, where he had been confined for several months with pneumonia, Michael Perri, of 1208 Kimball street, fought the flames which started in the rear third story of his home today.

This first was discovered by Perri's four-year-old son George, carrying breakfast to his father, who lay in the third-story front room. When the lad saw the blaze he dropped the breakfast, ran screaming into the room and notified Perri, who rose from the bed and, despite his weakened condition, poured buckets of water on the flames and threw some burning bed clothing out of the window.

The firemen who responded to a local alarm, extinguished the fire with only a slight loss. Perri was burned on the hands. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

NOTED TEUTON FLIER KILLED

Hans Vollmoeller, Builder of New Aeroplane, Falls During Flight

BERLIN, March 12.—The noted German flier Hans Vollmoeller was killed in a fall during a test trip, the Transoceanic News Agency reported today.

During 1910 Vollmoeller won fame as the constructor of a new aeroplane. He held several prizes. His brother was the well-known German poet and author of Sun, Sea and Mistletoe which have been staged in the United States.

ONCE RUSSO-GERMAN, NOW AMERICAN CITIZEN

Knotty Legal Points Involved in Naturalization of Ernest Alexander Lawrence

Here's a German-Russian who was naturalized. Now he's American, at least in part. It happened in this way. Ernest Alexander Lawrence came to America from Germany ten years ago. Ten days ago he was told by the firm where he is employed that he would lose his job unless he applied for citizenship papers.

He did so, but that's where the hitch came in. His parents were German, but he was born in Libau, Russia, which now is in German hands. In making his application, Lawrence did not know whether he should forewear allegiance to the Kaiser or the Czar. Washington was appealed to. It was decided that Libau, although in German hands, is still Russia, and Lawrence a Russian. His job is safe for some time, at least.

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