

GERMANY HAD 810 U-BOATS IN WAR

Admiral von Cappelle Tells Why More Submarines Were Not Built

SKAGERRACK BATTLE HURT

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Nov. 12.—Vice Admiral Eduard von Cappelle, former minister of the navy, was bombarded with questions as to why more submarines were not built, so as to have made the submarine campaign successful.

Members at the national assembly subcommittee's investigation into the war, having failed to get much information as to why the submarine campaign was not avoided, changed their tactics to questioning the former minister of the navy on submarine construction.

The admiral replied succinctly in an endeavor to show why submarine construction was retarded in 1916, and why it jumped enormously in 1917 and 1918.

Count von Bernstorff gauged the session correctly when he asked the correspondent: "Are you going to attend the performance this afternoon?"

810 U-Boats Built
A summary of his contribution to U-boat construction was read by Von Cappelle at the start of the session.

Two and 579 were built by me in the two and a half years I was in office. "I took office in April, 1916, and in the nine months remaining in that year I ordered built ninety U-boats. In 1917 I ordered 200; and in the nine months I was in office in 1918 I ordered 220."

It was here his questioning began. "Why was there such a discrepancy between 1916 and the two following years?" demanded Herr Gothein.

Von Cappelle replied sharply: "There are a number of reasons why so small a number was ordered in 1916—first, the Reichstag took an overwhelming stand against the submarine, and I could not start to build, because I saw myself in opposition to the government; second, I had been out of the naval service and was unaware of the technical improvement in U-boat building and had to give intimate study to the subject; and third, the Skagerrack battle caused serious damages to our boats. Their repair held up the construction of other boats."

Mines Made U-Boat Work Difficult
Germany had decided to live up to international law and not sink merchantmen without warning, continued Von Cappelle, but he said he thought that in the fall of 1915 the admiralty had issued a second order to attack British ships because England, "poisoned against us," had made the work of U-boats very difficult by mines which covered the entire North sea. There was a demand for mine searchers, torpedo-boats and motorboats, which further reduced U-boat construction, he added.

Admiral von Cappelle asserted he had been consulted three times with regard to submarine construction by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the first time when Herr Struve (a member of the Reichstag) had presented to the chancellor a memorandum urging increased U-boat construction, which had been signed by George Gothein (another Reichstag member); the second time when in 1917 the chancellor wrote, saying U-boat construction must not be left out of considering, showing Von Cappelle said that the chancellor counted on a long war, and third, when Von Bethmann-Hollweg telegraphed that Deputy Fischbeck had expressed doubts whether Germany had enough U-boats, whereupon Von Cappelle said he visited the chancellor and assured him that everything was going well.

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Nitti Assicurato che la Questione Adriatica Sara' Risolta con l'Onore d'Italia

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Parigi, 12 novembre. — Francesco Nitti, Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri d'Italia, ha ricevuto dal Primo Ministro d'Inghilterra Lloyd George

l'assicurazione che una sistemazione della questione Adriatica sara' raggiunta con onore per l'Italia e gli interessi di tutti gli Alleati. Cio' secondo una intervista concessa dall'Onorevole Nitti e pubblicata dalla Presse de Paris, rappresentante l'unione dei giornali di Parigi.

Nitti ha detto che egli considera i piani per la soluzione del problema di Fiume, preparati dal Ministro Tittoni, eccessivamente moderati in carattere.

Roma, 11 novembre. — Il Belgio dopo aver sofferto i terrori della invasione, conosce oggi gli orrori della ingratitudine. L'Italia e' anche vittima della ingratitudine degli uomini. Cosi' disse Gabriele D'Annunzio al poeta belga Leo Kochinziuk che paragono' D'Annunzio nella sua calma risoluta alla "passione per il sacrificio agli ideali che animarono i santi, i perfetti ed i martiri da San Francesco d'Assisi a Giuseppe Mazzini, il grande patriota italiano e rivoluzionario."

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getto del Ministro degli Esteri Tittoni. Il Presidente Wilson rigetto' la soluzione proposta dall'Italia, la quale era insufficiente ed interamente disapprovata da me. Invece il Presidente Wilson replica con nuove restrizioni; solo la malattia che lo ha colpito puo' spiegare, se non giustificare, la sua accanita opposizione senza precedenti.

"In seguito a cio' questo e' il dilemma: se l'Italia e' disposta a sottomettersi, accettando le condizioni del Presidente Wilson, cio' equivarrebbe a divenire servo o al suicidio di una

grande potenza, o il Governo Italiano rinunzi al mandato affidatogli e dichiararsi alla Conferenza della Pace: Noi non possiamo ottenere l'abbandono di Fiume da parte delle truppe che l'hanno occupata, o provate, invece, voi stessi di sistemare le cose qui!"

"Riguardo a me—ha detto D'Annunzio—la soluzione e' molto semplice. In dietro rimanere qui con i miei compagni, con Fiume, solo contro l'intero universo. Noi accettiamo la responsabilita' del nostro atto. Se at-

taccati ci difenderemo strenuamente. Fiume e' pronta per il martirio. Noi combatteremo da soli contro le offese e le ingiustizie."

Raid I. W. W. Meeting at Portland
Portland, Ore., Nov. 12.—Police last night raided I. W. W. headquarters here and took forty men, who were attending a meeting, to the city jail.

France to Trade With Hungary
Basle, Switzerland, Nov. 12.—General Graziani, the French representative on the interallied military commission to Budapest, has informed the Hungarian Government that the French Government has declared reopened commerce between France and Hungary, according to a Budapest dispatch to the Gazette of Frankfurt.

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