



U. S. IS PREPARED FOR EVENTUALITIES, WILSON TELLS BERLIN IN NOTE

Contents of Note to Germany Will Be Announced as Soon as It Is Presented to Officials For Delivery; Chief Executive Realizes Gravity of Meaning in Message and Is Prepared For Eventualities That Might Arise From the Presentation

Washington, May 12.—The United States government in a note to Germany to-day formally demands of the Imperial government a strict accounting for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania and violations of American rights in the war zone. It also asks guarantees that there will be no repetition of such events or practices.

WITH THE PLAIN INTIMATION IN IT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MEET ANY EVENTUALITY THAT MAY ARISE FROM A NONCOMPLIANCE, THE COMMUNICATION, PHRASED IN UNMISTAKABLY EMPHATIC LANGUAGE, WAS PREPARED TO BE CABLED TO BERLIN BY NIGHTFALL.

Written by President Wilson and approved unanimously by members of the cabinet the note was being carefully examined by Counselor Lansing and the law officers of the government and the State Department to-day to make sure that its phraseology covered every point of law involved.

The White House officially announced the fact that the President had finally determined the course of action to be pursued in the following statement issued by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with the President: "The course of the President has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as it is proper to publish the note now in preparation."

Await Reply From Berlin This was taken to mean that the American government, observing the usual diplomatic amenities, would await the receipt of the communication in Berlin before making it public. At first there was some suggestion that the communication be sent personally by the President to Emperor William, but Mr. Wilson determined that it should be addressed not to an individual but to the German government and through it to the German people.

As for reparation, the United States naturally will seek financial reparation, but its protest now is in the name of international law and humanity to obtain a guarantee that such tragedies will not be repeated and lives of noncombatants sacrificed.

While high officials and cabinet officers were reticent to discuss its contents, it was agreed that the note voiced the intense feeling of the United States over the occurrences in the war zone and wanted an explanation of them as well as a guarantee that they would not be repeated.

Reviews Every Case The communication lays stress on the inhumanity of the attacks without warning, on merchant vessels. It reviews in a general way every case in the war zone in which the rights of American citizens have been transgressed—the sinking of the steamer Falaba with the loss of Leon C. Thresher, an American; the attack by German airmen on the American steamer Cushing, the torpedoing of American steamer Gulfport while flying the American flag, and finally the destruction of the Lusitania, with the loss of more than a thousand noncombatants, more than one hundred of them Americans.

The note, while firm and pointed, does not abandon tones of friendliness, giving room for a disavowal by Germany of her acts or an abatement of her practices. This is intimated in the suggestion that the German govern-

LAST LEG OF 3-DAY PUBLICITY RUN TODAY

Tourists Begin to Arrive in City Late This Afternoon After Great Trip

ONE WOMAN IS INJURED

Cars Make Good Scores; Reception in Wilmington; Harrisburg Widely Advertised

Late this afternoon the tourists on the three-day Publicity Run of the Motor Club of Harrisburg began to arrive home, coming from Lancaster where the autoists stopped for the noon control and luncheon.

The last leg of the trip was begun at Wilmington this morning. The pilot car and pathfinders arrived in the city before 3 o'clock.

Wilmington, Del., May 12.—Leading the members of the Motor Club of Harrisburg into this city yesterday afternoon on the final lap of the second day's run was I. W. Dill, who has checked first at Wilmington, with one exception, throughout the run. As a result of this achievement he will be awarded the Du Pont Fabricoid trophy, offered the first entering Wilmington with seats fitted in imitation upholstery. The officials, including Secretary Myton, Referee Forrer and the pathfinder car, went before Mr. Dill.

One of the greatest receptions ever given an automobile club was arranged in this city by members of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Club. Immediately on their arrival committees from these two bodies met the men and arranged them in numerical order for a parade over the city streets

JAPS EXPRESS SYMPATHY

Tokyo, May 12.—The Japanese Government has sent to Great Britain and the United States messages of sympathy upon the loss of life in the Lusitania disaster.

BELGIANS ARE AGAIN HAVING SOME SUCCESS

Reported to Be Pushing Forward, According to Official Dispatches

From the Belgian coast to Arras, across the border in Northern France, one of the principal battles of the war thus far is now under way. The Belgians, in the little section of their fatherland which they still hold are pushing forward, apparently with some success. Near the border the French are attacking furiously in an attempt to break through the German lines.

17 Bodies Taken to Queenstown Aboard Tug

Queenstown, May 12.—The bodies of nine men and eight women who perished in the sinking of the Lusitania were taken to Queenstown, Ireland, aboard a tug.

Attacks T. R. For Calling Disaster Act of Piracy

Berlin, via London, May 12.—The attention of Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, who, after long years of diplomatic service, is now occupying a high position in the German foreign office, has been called to the sharp criticism of Germany in the American press in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania, the words attributed to ex-President Roosevelt that the sinking of the Lusitania was the greatest act of piracy in history being especially emphasized. The baron authorized the following statement: "If Mr. Roosevelt used these words, then he hurled an insult at the whole German people which we bitterly resent, even at a time when we have to submit to the hatred and falsity of enemies and former friends. He insulted, without excuse, men who, ceaseless of death, discharged their duty to the fatherland in the hour of need, WITHOUT HOPE OF BOOTY."

Dismiss Complaint Against Lemoyne Light Company

The Public Service Commission has dismissed the complaint of Ira B. Bixler and others against the United Electric Company of Lemoyne. The complainants reside in the southwestern part of the borough of Camp Hill and wanted electric light service extended to that locality. There was no evidence presented which indicated that the company could furnish the service at present or for years to come except at a loss, and the commission holds that it cannot reasonably be expected to construct a pole line of 1,200 feet when there are neither sufficient customers in sight nor in prospect to cover the expense of the construction. It is understood, however, that the complainant and respondent are considering a compromise proposition.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN WANTONLY SLAIN BY GERMANS IN WAR ZONE, BRYCE SAYS; HORRORS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

LADY WARWICK ON ENGLAND'S "WAR BABIES"



London, May 12.—"To my mind there is more immorality, more glaring offense to the Creator in one battlefield full of dead and mangled humanity than has gone to the creation of all the unfortunate children who will come crying and unwelcome into our tear-stricken world before the year draws to an end. Those who rule over Europe are responsible." So said the Countess of Warwick, England's most distinguished social worker. She continued: "War is a monstrous immorality that seeks to destroy the world. The ill-fated unions are but a side issue which I am interested in because of those who will pay the price, the mother and the child, and it all is really a minor immorality from which with a little care, a little loving kindness and a little foreknowledge, much good, much deep morality may spring."

Deliberate and Systematically Organized Massacres of Civil Population, Report Says; Wilful Destruction of Property Ordered and Countenanced by German Army Officers; Rules and Usages of War Broken in Many Ways; Women Misused

Former Ambassador Gives Harrowing Recital of Occurrences at Various Points in Devastated Territory; Bedridden Old Men Taken From Homes and Bayoneted by Kaiser's Soldiers; Diary of German Soldier Tells of Debauchery

London, May 12.—Viscount Bryce, former British Ambassador at Washington, and now chairman of a special government committee appointed to investigate and report on "outrages alleged to have been committed by German troops during the present war," has submitted the report of the committee to Premier Asquith.

The document is considered as probably the most severe arraignment thus far made of the German military sweep across Belgium, mainly because of the position of Viscount Bryce as a historian, and also because of the care with which the investigation was made, the great number of witnesses whose testimony was examined, and the mass of evidence now submitted with the report of the committee.

Associated with Lord Bryce on the committee were Sir Frederick Pollock, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, H. A. L. Fisher, vice chancellor of the University of Sheffield, Harold Cox, and Kenelm E. Digby. The committee was appointed by Premier Asquith on January 22, last, and was

given broad instructions to investigate "alleged outrages, the maltreatment of civilians and breaches of law and established usages of war." Important Findings The most important findings of the committee are summed up in the following conclusion at the close of the report: "It will be seen that the committee have come to a definite conclusion upon each of the heads under which the evidence has been classified: "It is proved: "First—That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systematically organized massacres of the civil population, accompanied by many isolated murders and other outrages. "Second—That in the conduct of the war there were generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated, and children murdered. "Third—That looting, house burning, and the wanton destruction of property were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German Army, that elaborate

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS

Harrisburg—Governor Brumbaugh signed the following bills: Requiring Allegheny county to establish a pension fund; establishing forty-five pounds as standard bushel for apples and fifty-six pounds for beets, authorizing boroughs to collect annual rental for use of public sewers, and authorizing first class cities to regulate the size, location and use of buildings and giving park commissions like authority. He vetoed the bill validating the facts of building and loan associations whose charters have expired.

New York, May 12. — Frank Fuzia, 38 years old, a tailor, arrested by detectives investigating the so-called ripper murders in which five-year-old Leonore Cohen and four-year-old Charles Murry, were the victims, was held to-day without bail for further examination.

London, May 12, 2.25 P. M.—Anti-German outbreaks of particular severity occurred to-day in the neighborhood of the East India docks. Sixty or seventy German shops were wrecked. Germans in the vicinity are uniting for self defence and police reinforcements are rushed to the scene.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION BILL

The House bill establishing a State Commission of Agriculture to take the place of the Department of Agriculture was passed finally by the Senate to-day. It has the support of Governor Brumbaugh.

Philadelphia, May 12. — John J. Rahilly, Philadelphia, was elected state deputy at the final session here to-day of the State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. He succeeds Andrew S. McSwigan, Pittsburgh, who withdrew from the race for re-election.

Lancaster, Pa., May 12.—Sixty-two Harrisburg motorists checked here shortly before noon to-day on the final lap of their three-day publicity run. The first car left here for Harrisburg at 1 o'clock, the others following at one-minute intervals. A heavy rain made the going difficult.

Rome, May 12, via Paris, 3.45 P. M.—What is considered the last definite proposal of Austria concerning the territorial concessions demanded by Italy was received by the Italian government. The cabinet at once went into session to consider the communication.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph D. Griffin, Boston, and Elizabeth Ellenberger, city. John Loderbach, Steelton, and Bertha Shoop, city. Wayne B. Shope and Elizabeth A. Keener, Middletown. John R. Miller and Beulah E. Wolfe, Williamstown.

To big business

You set the pace for the little fellow to follow. Assert your confidence by buying NOW instead of "waiting a while." Then the smaller ones will buy and we all be sellers. This is the time of all time for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy.

Buy-It-Now

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled this afternoon, to-night and Thursday, probably showers; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Thursday, probably showers; moderate winds, mostly southeast. River The Susquehanna river and its principal tributaries probably will not change materially. Some of the streams may rise somewhat as a result of showers in the next thirty-six hours. A stage of about 4.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning. General Conditions The moderate disturbance that was central over the Middle Gulf region, Tuesday morning, is now central over Northern Alabama, apparently moving slowly northward. It has caused general rains in the last twenty-four hours south and east of the Ohio river with heavy showers. Temperature: 8 a. m., 56. Sun: Rises, 4:54 p. m.; sets, 7:09 p. m. Moon: New moon, May 15, 10:31 p. m. River Stage: 4.2 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 74. Lowest temperature, 49. Mean temperature, 62. Normal temperature, 60.

LEGISLATURE WILL ADJOURN ON MAY 20

Decision Reached When Governor and Leaders Confer on Revenue Raisers

The general assembly of 1915 will adjourn finally on Thursday, May 20. This date was determined upon to-day at a conference in the executive chamber between Governor Brumbaugh and the legislative leaders. Immediately afterwards word went out and all efforts were bent toward clearing up the work of the two houses. A resolution fixing May 20 as the date was presented in the House by W. H.

PUSH WORK ON CITY PAVING OPERATIONS

Traction Company Finishing Its Share of Job Between Tracks in Derry Street, Eastward

While Stucker Brothers and the West Construction companies are pushing work on the River Front wall and the Paxton creek improvement jobs, respectively, the street paving part of Harrisburg's 1915 public improvement program is being worked out with equal celerity.

CIVIL SERVICE FOR THIRD CLASS CITIES

Bill Passed Putting Police, Firemen, Electricians and Engineers Under Regulations

There was a lively little contest in the Senate to-day over the House bill establishing civil service for the police, engineering, electrical and fire departments in third class cities. It was passed 31 to 14.

PROHIBITION COLORS WORN BY BARTENDERS

Vigorous Opposition Is Voiced at Sessions of Penna. Federation of Labor Convention

White ribbon badges worn by delegates to the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor convention, were scored by Edward McElroy, of Philadelphia, to-day. McElroy represents Bartenders' Union, No. 115. In open convention he called attention to the fact that white ribbons are the colors of the Prohibition party.

TWO ZEPPELINS OBSERVED

London, May 12.—A Zeppelin airship was seen passing over Sunderland last evening, according to the Daily News, and another was observed from Yarmouth sailing toward the east coast. Nothing later has been heard from the machines.

\$50,000,000 ROAD LOAN UP IN 1918

Resolution Presented by Sproul Resubmitting Proposition Will Be Passed

Senator Sproul, of Delaware county, to-day introduced in the Senate a joint resolution providing for again submitting to the people of the State the question of making a loan of fifty million dollars for the improvement of the roads of Pennsylvania.

False Rumor of the Sinking Heard About Town

"Is it true that a German submarine has torpedoed the Transylvania?" That query not only came over the Telegraph's phone wires with startling frequency this morning, but the report got about on the streets and the question was passed from lip to lip. Up to a late hour this afternoon the dispatches carried nothing to provide any basis for the rumor.

The Transylvania is a Cunard liner, as was the Lusitania, which was sunk with so much loss of life by a German torpedo off Schiermonk-Oog, an island in the North Sea. The wreck is still burning and nothing is known regarding the fate of the crew.

UNIDENTIFIED STEAMER HIT

London, May 12.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says an unidentified steamer was torpedoed and set afire off Schiermonk-Oog, an island in the North Sea. The wreck is still burning and nothing is known regarding the fate of the crew.