



BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE CERTAIN

ANNOUNCEMENT OF U. S. ACTION EXPECTED SOON

Nation May Know What Course Government Has Decided Upon to Answer Germany's Declaration of Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Tonight or Tomorrow; Officials Convinced Ties Will Be Severed

RUMORED GERARD HAS BEEN GIVEN CHANCE TO GET ALL AMERICANS OUT OF GERMANY

Measures to Prepare the Country Physically For a Break With a First Class Power, Which in History Has Always Been Followed by War, Are Being Carried Out Secretly but With Expedition

Washington, Feb. 2.—The new submarine crisis seems to have resolved itself into another day of waiting.

To-night or to-morrow the American people may know what course their government has decided upon to answer Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare.

President Wilson and the limited few who know his plans continued their silence to-day but it was expected that this afternoon the cabinet would be informed of what steps have been taken or are proposed.

On every hand officials are convinced that nothing less than a break in diplomatic relations is the ultimate development. It may be delayed, but they all expect it to come unless there is some wholly unexpected development in the situation.

Warning Americans Out

As another day of tension began opinion was about even as to whether any communication actually had been dispatched to Berlin. There was no doubt that Secretary Lansing had yesterday prepared a document for President Wilson, but whether it had gone further was not known. There seemed to be no doubt, however, that some communication had gone to Ambassador Gerard, probably warning him of the steps the United States felt compelled to take and giving him an opportunity, however, limited, to make some arrangements to alleviate the possible hardships of Americans in Germany. The government's best information is that there are about 3,000 there. Doubtless some efforts would be made to get them over the line into Holland or into some of the other adjacent neutral countries.

ment's action irrespective of the protests of neutrals will be the winning factor of the war.

Prepare Secretly For Break The entente embassies, fully expecting the United States to break with Germany, seem to be confident that the new campaign of ruthlessness will be of little greater effectiveness than the campaign which the entente governments contend the German submarines have been waging all along despite the pledges given in the Sussex note. A few more ships may be sunk they think, but they expect the British navy to meet the attack successfully.

Whatever measures are to be taken in the United States by the administration to prepare the country physically for a break with a first class power which in history always has followed sooner or later by war, are being carried out secretly but with expedition. It is denied that any orders have been given to army, navy or coast guard, but there are evidences

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REAL FIGHTING BY U. S. IF WAR COMES

Washington, Feb. 2.—The United States would organize as rapidly as possible to take a real share in the war, if it entered the conflict at all. This was the opinion among officials here as the hopes of avoiding a break with Germany dwindled.

This country would not be satisfied, it was declared, to stand on the outside and watch the other powers of the entente fight its battles against Germany. At the present moment it is unprepared to send an army to Europe, but it could and would send its navy to protect American commerce.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with lowest temperature about zero; Saturday fair, continued cold. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and continued cold to-night; Saturday fair and continued cold; fresh to strong northwest winds.

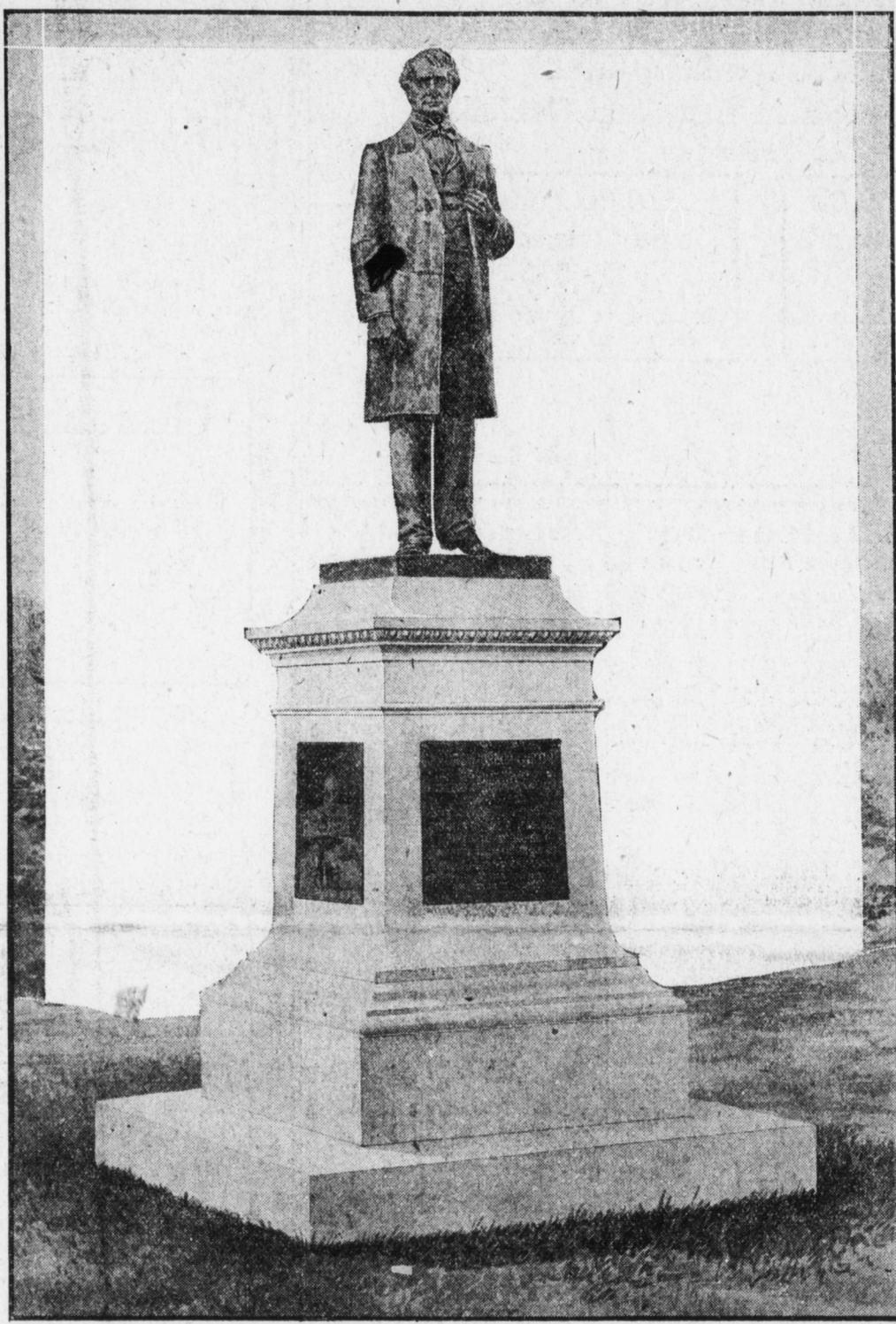
River: The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary, except local rises may occur where the channel becomes choked with ice. The amount of ice will increase. The river at Harrisburg will probably remain at a stage of about 9 feet.

General Conditions: The storm that was central over the Middle Atlantic States, Thursday morning, has moved northward and is now passing seaward off the North Atlantic coast. It caused light rain and snow over most of the eastern half of the country in the last twenty-four hours; light snow was falling in the Upper Ohio Valley, Western New York and in North Carolina. The cold wave has overpassed the eastern half of the country, with a temperature over all the territory east of the Mississippi river, the line of zero weather reaching into Kentucky.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 12. Sun: Rises, 7:12 a. m. Moon: Full moon, February 6, 10:28 a. m. River Stage: 9.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 43. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 28.

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED ON SITE OF OLD CAMP CURTIN



This is the proposed monument of Governor Curtin to be erected on the site of old Camp Curtin upon approval of the Beideman bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purpose.

The bill introduced in the Senate Tuesday, provides \$8,000 for the purchase of a small portion of the original tract; \$10,000 for the erection of the monument; and \$7,000 to park the area. Ordinarily it would cost a great deal more than \$10,000 to erect a monument of this type, but the old soldiers who are back of the movement plan to use plates of another monument of the War Governor already in existence, so that the sculpture fees will be practically nothing. Bids will of course be asked and if another and better figure of Curtin can be obtained for the same or a lesser amount, it will of course be selected.

WHATDAYAMEAN "JOY RIDING" IS BLACK'S QUERY

Highway Commissioner Asks Governor Brumbaugh For "Information"

Highway Commissioner Frank B. Black, who was asked by Governor Brumbaugh to stop any "joyriding" in automobiles of the State Highway Department has informed the Governor that he would be pleased to have any information the Governor has on the subject as he does not have any himself. He also informs the Governor, who had suggested that State cars be marked so that he who sees them should be able to know they belong to the government, that when Mr. Black came into office he found all cars marked and that the policy has not

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ZERO TO-NIGHT: Groundhog's Nose Bitten When He Pokes It Out

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Not only that but he had his nose so badly frost bitten that it is not likely he will attempt another debut for some time to come. If he is the prophet that his supporters claim he will not try the great outdoors for several days at least. It will be zero to-night says the official forecaster, E. R. DeMain. The lowest temperature last night was 12 above. It was 10 below in Chicago.

RAIDER REPORTED SUNK Rio Janeiro, Feb. 2.—Persistent reports have been received by the newspapers here that the German raider has been sunk in an engagement with British squadron. The British cruiser Amethyst is said to have been in an engagement with a German submarine.

FEAR TROUBLE WITH JAPS OVER LAND MEASURES

Representations Against Bills Considered Serious at This Critical Juncture

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2.—Oregon's antialien land bill was withdrawn from the Legislature here to-day by Senator George R. Wilbur, Democrat, who introduced it, because, as he said, he did not want to handicap President Wilson with possible Japanese complications during the present international crisis.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Japan's representations to the United States against the anti-alien land bills pending in the Idaho and Oregon Legislatures, although made informally through her embassy here, are considered no less serious at this critical juncture of international affairs than her protests against the California laws four years ago. Absolutely nothing has been per-

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MCLEAN STEPS UP Robert B. McLean, former circulation manager of the Harrisburg Telegraph and for the past few years connected with the management of the New York Evening Post, has been made business manager of that newspaper. Mr. McLean became circulation manager of the Evening Post three years ago and was recently made assistant business manager. Mr. McLean is a son of the Rev. Robert McLean, of Mechanicsburg.

\$50,000 PAVING FUND CITY NEED SAY ENGINEERS

Lack of Money For Intersections Prevents Extensive Operations

Need of a fund of at least \$50,000 to pay for paving street intersections and streets fronted by unassessable properties was pointed out to-day by city engineers, in discussing street improvement plans for 1917.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The fourth municipal loan was placed before the voters, the \$50,000 fund provided for

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SENATE PASSES ANNUAL FORTIFICATION MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 2.—The annual fortification bills, carrying \$51,000,000 passed by the House Monday, passed the Senate yesterday unamended. The usual objections to the large coast defense items were lacking in the brief Senate debate, the only Senators who suggested changes expressing concern as to whether the amount would be sufficient in view of the situation with Germany.

40 SLEEPING PEOPLE DIE AS GAS BLAST WRECKS TENEMENT

Building in the West Side Ghetto of Chicago Fire After Explosion; Rescuers Hauling Persons Still Alive Are Buried

CHILDREN TOSSED FROM WINDOWS INTO ARMS OF POLICE AGENTS

Temperature of 10 Degrees Below Zero Makes Many Have Survived; Shock Feels Surrounding Houses Badly Battered

Chicago, Feb. 2.—An estimate of forty persons killed in an explosion and fire in the West Side at 1 a. m., may be materially reduced as, many hours of debris enabled firemen to rescue three unconscious adults. Firemen, police and laborers, encouraged by sounds which indicated others were living, worked frantically to remove wreckage.

At 11 o'clock two women and two girls unconscious, were rescued and sent to the county hospital. Dog Saves Man A tenant of the building told Fire Marshal O'Connell that at midnight he saw a neighbor moving through the building with a handful of matches, which he lighted from time to time, apparently looking for a leak. The explosion may have resulted from this. The barking of a dog led to the recovery of the unconscious form.

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OPERATORS DISPUTE CONNOLLY'S TESTIMONY

New York, Feb. 2.—When the Congressional "leak" inquiry committee adjourned to-day to meet in Washington to-morrow the testimony of F. A. Connolly, the Washington broker, regarding his sending a resume of President Wilson's peace note to E. F. Hutton and Company, New York brokers, had been disputed by every telegraph operator in Hutton's employ, who, Sherman L. Whipple said, might have handled Connolly's message.

STOCKS SUBJECTED TO SELLING

New York, Feb. 2.—After a rally from yesterday's crash, the stock market was again subjected to heavy selling during the late trading this afternoon. Selling broadened in the last hour, the entire list then making lowest prices of the day on further liquidation of rails. The closing was weak. Stocks yielded again to pressure to-day, average prices of standard shares, rails and industrials falling considerably under yesterday's lowest levels. Sales were estimated at 1,200,000 shares.

CUT EASTER VACATION

Harrisburg.—City School Directors this afternoon cut three days from the time given for Easter vacation.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Customs collectors at all ports of the United States, Hawaii and Porto Rico, were instructed by the Treasury Department to-day to exercise the utmost vigilance to see that neutrality regulations of the United States were enforced in their ports.

While at work on the blast furnaces in the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, shortly before noon to-day, Ilija Dujaklja, a Serbian, was asphyxiated by gas. Death was instant.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The government has decided to mobilize for purposes contributing to the national defense, the entire civilian population of French of both sexes, between the ages of 16 and 60.

SENATE BLOCKS IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 2.—Immediate reconsideration of the immigration bill passed over the President's veto by the House last night, was blocked in the Senate to-day by Reed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Christopher Lawler and Catherine Mullen, Williamstown. Charles Casper Hart and Hattie Blanche Campbell, Harrisburg.