

VON BERNSTORFF GIVES PASSPORTS BY WILSON

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Cabinet and senators, came to the conclusion that there was only one course for the United States to pursue.

Breaking off diplomatic relations brings the United States to the verge of war.

Never in the history of the world have two first-class powers severed their diplomatic relations without hostilities following.

When the President returned from the Capitol last night he apparently had made up his mind that nothing remained but breaking off relations.

No announcement of the break was made at the White House as that was reserved for disclosure to the public in the address to Congress.

Immediately all the machinery of the government was set in motion to safeguard the national interests and further prepare the country for the unprecedented and momentous situation in which it now finds itself.

Secretary Daniels issued an order barring all but officers and men from navy yards, ships and stations.

Not unmindful of the possibility of disturbances by German sympathizers, officials said steps had been taken to meet the situation.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Just at the time when the decision to break became known Secretary Lansing went over to the White House and had a brief conference with the President.

At the Capitol the news of the President's decision came like a thunder clap. Everywhere there were expressions of support and approbation.

Administration leaders in the Senate who had talked with the President last night were not surprised, but were deeply moved by the climax.

Thought There Would Be Another Note

One of the first to hear the news was Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican, of the Foreign Relations Committee.

"Can that be true?" He fairly shouted. "I did not believe the President would do it. I thought there would be another note.

Vice-President Marshall, notified to arrange for a joint session of Congress, said:

"It is sincerely to be hoped that this necessary break will not drag the United States into the war.

Only Thing to Be Done

"It was the only thing that could be done," said Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

"I thought last night that this would happen," said Senator Fletcher.

Count Von Bernstorff, apparently very much affected, when the information came to him his eyes moistened and he said to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I am so sorry. However, I expected it. There was nothing else left for the United States to do. I wonder how I am to get home."

Felt Break Was Coming

The ambassador and other officials of the embassy seemed to feel this morning that break was imminent, although they said they had no definite information that it was coming.

Details of the transfer will be arranged when the German ambassador says good-by to Secretary Lansing.

Bernstorff's First Experience

Count Von Bernstorff said he did not know the manner of his leaving the United States or what steps would have to be taken.

"The President has done the only thing that any self-respecting nation could do," said Senator Reed, of Missouri.

"I approve the President's action," said Senator Poindexter, Republican.

"We have to show our virility as a nation," asserted Senator Saulsbury, Democrat.

Chances of Avoiding War Remote

Secretary Lansing, questioned as to

CHANCE OF AVOIDING WAR

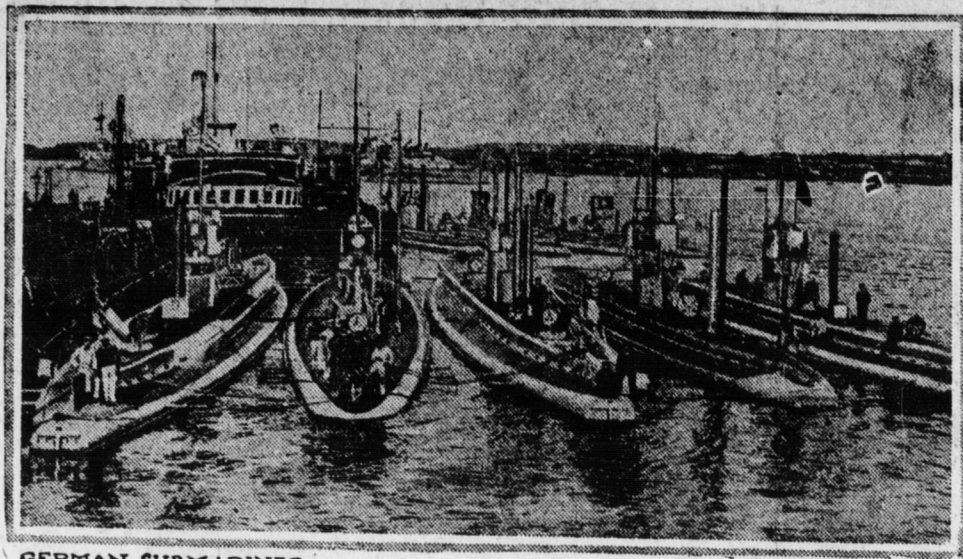
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A NEST OF GERMAN SUBMARINES



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According to report, the Germans are prepared for the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare with several hundred super-submersibles.

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May Use Interned Ships

The ninety-five or more German merchant ships tied up in American ports since the beginning of the war may be used by the United States, but the German owners ultimately must be compensated.

Halls Will Continue to Move

Mails will continue to move under the Geneva convention and other existing special conventions.

Continuing to Move

There is, however, one relation between the United States and Germany which ceases through diplomatic rupture.

Nonintercourse Acts

Nonintercourse acts can be passed by Congress to stop commerce between the United States and Germany.

Harrisburg Will Be Busy Center in Case of War Says McCaleb

"We will be ready to do our part if war is declared," said R. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

PRICE DENIES CHARGES

Washington, Feb. 2.—W. W. Price, a newspaper correspondent at the White House, named by Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, according to Thomas W. Lawson, as a go-between for Secretary Tumulty and others in alleged Wall Street operations connected with the peace note leak, categorically denied before the investigating committee to-day that he had any knowledge of the President's note from the White House or any connection whatever with Secretary Tumulty in the matter.

BANQUET FOR LEBANON CO.

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 2.—A banquet was given to the members of Company H, Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry last evening.

RUN OFF TO NEW YORK

Elsie Sinton, 627 Reilly street, and Minnie Frazier, 139 Samaritan street, decided that they would not report for school yesterday morning so told their friends they were going to New York City.

REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT

Answering Roosevelt's criticism of the league, Mr. Taft said in his prepared speech:

"With deference to the ability of our opponents to grasp our proposals by intuition, we submit that before they are contemptuously rejected or scattered into bits by a verbal lynchite they are entitled to study.

Border Troops Held Ready For Trouble by U. S. War Department

El Paso, Feb. 3.—Evidence of War Department preparations for difficulties was received here last night, when General George Bell, Jr., received orders to hold the 11th Cavalry here instead of sending it to border duty at Brownsville and also to hold the 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th Cavalry regiments of Pershing's army here.

HOLLAND LINER RECALLED

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 3.—The Handelsblad, says that the Holland American line Nieuw Amsterdam which was on her way to America, had been recalled by wireless, arrived off the Hook of Holland this morning.

BRITAINS ARE NOT WORRIED

See German Desperation and Abandonment of Hope of Military Victory

London, Feb. 3.—Twenty-four hours reflection over Germany's latest threat appears to have left the British public less worried than appears to be the state of public mind in most neutral countries.

It cannot be said that the British public is displaying any special alarm.

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CITY RED CROSS READY; IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Prepare to Start Work at Once Making Bandages in Case of Hostilities

SHORT ON LINENS

Ask Public to Contribute Funds to Help Carry on Society's Operations

"Harrisburg's Red Cross Society is prepared to start work at once upon a call from the National Association," declared City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, president of the local organization.

"We would be only too willing to turn over with little material we have on stock in preparation for foreign shipment to the National Association," said Miss Anne B. McCormick, chairman of the Red Cross Committee.

The Red Cross Committee has just started work on preparing a shipment of a new lot of bandages, and children's kits to foreign countries.

The committee needs volunteers to assist in making these essentials for the work, declared Miss McCormick.

Members of the volunteer corps who have been for sometime making these things for the foreign countries have shown their patriotic spirit in discussions at several of the meetings.

A small stock of linen is in the hands of the Red Cross Committee but much more is needed and the committee appeals to the public for contributions in linen and money.

Note Makes Germany Outlaw, Hall Caine Says

London, Feb. 3.—"Such a combination of cant and criminality as is contained in the German note to neutral nations and the German Chancellor's exposition of it, is not to be found elsewhere in printed words.

Germany is the Uria's Heep of nations, but she has out-Heeped herself.

To talk about attaining peace by methods of murder is like trying to force the gates of heaven with skeleton keys that have been forged in hell.

These were the phrases in which at Caine described the German threat to America in a speech delivered to an audience of American businessmen in London at their weekly luncheon at the Savoy.

Asserts U. S. Knew It Was Coming

Hall Caine said Englishmen had not been surprised by the latest German threat, except by its barefaced barbarity.

The United States also knew it was coming, and its imminence was the true cause of President Wilson's latest note and speeches.

1,425,000 Teutonic Aliens in America; Protected For Nine Months by Treaty

Washington, Feb. 3.—There are in the United States approximately 1,425,000 unassimilated Germans and 1,075,000 Austrians and Hungarians who still are aliens.

These are the residents of the country who would be subjected to the rules of war in the event of developments more serious than a break in diplomatic relations.

But the treaty with Prussia would exempt the German citizens from deportation for nine months after war is declared, and German merchants may depart without restriction.

The same applies to America in Prussia. The foregoing figures are based upon the number of unassimilated immigrants from the Central Powers in the United States at the time of the Berlin agreement, which was in effect from those countries up to January 1.

League Island Closed First Time Since 1898

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—The Philadelphia navy yard was to-day closed to all visitors for the first time on a week-day since the Spanish-American war.

Extra marine guards were placed about the entrance and a censorship of information regarding activities within the yard, it was said, probably would be put into effect.

The torpedo boat destroyer Beale has steamed up ready for immediate service in connection with the enforcement of neutrality regulations.

Loading of steamers is proceeding as usual, and as fast as the ships are ready they will sail.

Half a dozen boats with capacity cargoes, obtained clearance papers yesterday and some of them were expected to leave soon.

Among the number is the American tanker Gold Shell with gasoline for Bordeaux river and Floren.

Two torpedo boat destroyers were to-day patrolling the lower Delaware river to enforce neutrality regulations.

One of them was stationed just inside the breakwater and the other below Wilmington. Their commanders had instructions to examine the papers of every outward bound vessel and to detain any that could not show proper clearance credentials.

DEMAND RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Washington, Feb. 3.—The United States has formally demanded of Germany the immediate release of the Americans who were taken prisoners on prize ships by the raiders in the South Atlantic.

In all there were sixty-four Americans taken from the steamers Georgia, Missouri, Temple and Voltaire.

Sixty of the prisoners are confined in the prison camp at Duermen in Westphalia.

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