



BELIEVE BREAK WITH GERMANY WILL NOT EXTEND AS FAR AS WAR

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PREPARATIONS FOR EVENTUALITIES STEADILY GOING FORWARD IN U. S.

Emergency Amendments to Naval Bill Rushed Through Congress; Swiss Turn Down Wilson's Suggestion to Follow American Lead; Recent Actions of Spain Lead to Belief That She, Too, Will Refuse; Loss of American Life in Destruction of Eavestone Not Believed to Be Overt Act

Washington, Feb. 6.—Germany's disposition to regard the break with the United States with calmness and deliberation and in a peaceful spirit, as is expressed by Foreign Minister Zimmermann brings new encouragement to those who hope the break between the two countries will go no further than a severance of diplomatic relations.

Real Test Comes in Campaign The real test, however, comes on the actual performance of the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare and while all American officials fervently share the hope that the break will go no further, there is no disposition to recede from the position that American lives and rights will be protected by whatever measures are necessary.

The work of preparing for eventualities were steadily going forward to-day in all branches of the government.

Pass Emergency Measures Three emergency amendments to the naval bill were presented to the House by Chairman Padgett, of the Naval Committee, after conferences with administration officials. They propose:

Issue of \$150,000,000 of three per cent five-year bonds to cover cost of quick delivery of ships and war supplies, including more submarines, destroyers and ammunition.

Appropriation of \$1,000,000 for purchase of basic patents for the manufacture and development of air craft.

Blanket authority to the President and Secretary of the Navy to order ships or war material from any plant within the limits of appropriation to take possession of any plants that refuse to give the government precedence and to draft employees of private plants into the naval establishment.

The War Department, through its quartermaster's agents into the market to bring reserve stores up to the maximum supply at once.

Information to Switzerland will not adopt President Wilson's suggestion, that, in the interest of world peace, other neutrals follow the lead of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

Spain Likely to Stay Out Spain's taking over of American interests in Germany and Switzerland's similar action for German interests here, are interpreted as removing both these neutrals from participation in the break in Switzerland.

Spanish Minister Riano, who conferred with State Department officials to-day said he had advised that Spain's answer to the German ultimatum would be made public to-day or tomorrow, but that he did not know its contents. He intimated it was doubtful if Spain would formally reply to President Wilson's note to neutrals, as her taking over of American interests in Germany indicated that no matter how seriously he might protest Germany's action she would not as yet sever diplomatic relations.

Break With Austria Certain Spain is the largest neutral now absolutely free from entanglement in the world war and is by far the best equipped diplomatically to serve as an intermediary between the belligerent groups. The practical certainty that an American break with Austria also cannot be avoided makes it more desirable than ever that Spain should remain outside the struggle.

King Alfonso has been officially stated on several occasions to be waiting for an opportunity that may present itself to further moves toward peace and now that the usefulness of the United States has been impaired, stands as the most likely mediator.

Await Eavestone Reports With prospects for another day of waiting for development of the ruthless submarine campaign that may bring war between the United States and Germany, immediate interest here centered today upon the destruction of the British steamer Eavestone, in which an American seaman lost his life.

Apparently officials are confident that this incident will not prove to be the overt act that will cause hostilities, but nevertheless complete reports are awaited with grave anxiety. Earlier in the war the State Department received several similar reports of the shelling of vessels by submarines and the injury of passengers or crew in life boats but investigation in each instance led to the conclusion that vessels were resisting or trying to escape. If this is found to be the case with the Eavestone, the act will not be regarded as illegal.

Neutral Conference Discussed Meanwhile, a conference of neutral nations is being discussed, on suggestion of one of the European neutrals most severely affected by the war, and although it is believed the idea has been favorably received by President Wilson there is no definite indication that the plan will mature.

Relations with Austria are not on a sound foundation owing to the known adherence of the dual monarchy to Germany's submarine war program, but certain differences in not announced intentions make it uncertain just what the United States government may decide to do.

The Senate to-day was ready to endorse the President's action in breaking relations with Germany, and the House is expected to place itself on record in a similar way.

Mobilizing All Forces The War and Navy Departments continued to formulate plans for mobilization of industrial and commercial forces, as well as military, so that these might be placed in operation under government direction in short orders. The Navy Department issued a list of manufacturing companies which have offered their services in case of war. Appropriation measures and bills to clear a legal path for freer and speedier action by army and navy agencies were given close attention in both houses of Congress.

Count Von Bernstorff, his staff and all German consuls in this country, composing a party of more than 200, will sail next Tuesday from New York on the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII for Christiania, and the State Department feels assured of guarantees of safe conduct for them from the allies.

President Wilson's proclamation forbidding transfer of American ships to foreign registry, although recommended by the shipping board before the present international crisis developed, is expected to have a highly important effect in the retention of tonnage which would be needed in case of war.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WHO IS RECALLED AND HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN BERLIN



The American Embassy in Berlin has been officially closed and Ambassador Gerard and Mrs. Gerard, with the embassy staff and all American consuls and other representatives in Germany, have been directed to leave at once.

154 MERCHANTMEN OF 336,997 TONS SUNK LAST MONTH

New York, Feb. 6.—The destruction of merchant tonnage due to submarines, mines and kindred war causes was greater during January than in any previous month according to statistics published to-day by the Journal of Commerce. The gross tonnage lost was 336,997, involving the sinking of 154 vessels, the statement says, and this brings the total destruction during the war to 4,268,766 gross tons, or 2,361 ships. The heavy January showing is attributed to the activities of one or more German raiders in the Atlantic. British shipping suffered heaviest in January, according to the statistics, with 54 vessels destroyed. Norway ranked second with 24 ships lost, and France third with 25. No American, German, Italian or Turkish merchant vessels were reported sunk.

RATS DRAG OILY WASTE TO STEAM PIPES; FIRE IN OIL PLANT IS THE RESULT

Prompt Work of Firemen Prevents Big Blaze in Great Western Oil Property; Chief Kindler Warns Against Use of Flames to Thaw Frozen Water Pipes

With a thousand gallons of highly inflammable oil within a few feet and a gasoline tank holding several hundred gallons near by, firemen this morning extinguished a small blaze at the Great Western Oil Company's plant, 2147 North Seventh street, before any serious damage was done.

Fire Chief John C. Kindler said he believed rats dragged oily waste near a heated steam pipe, the waste ignited and in turn set fire to the flooring. Firemen were on the scene before the flames spread to the barrels of oil stored in the basement. The damage will not exceed \$25.

In a statement issued this morning by Fire Chief John C. Kindler, he emphatically advises against using flames at any time to thaw out frozen water pipes. It is almost sure to result in a fire, he said.

"If you are forced to thaw frozen pipes, always do it with rags dipped in hot water," advises Chief Kindler. "This will not only do away with the possibility of a fire, but will also prove just as effective as more drastic and dangerous methods."

CONGRESS PASSES CLOSE NET AROUND IMMIGRATION BILL ALLEGED SLAYER OF LEWIS HIPPLE OVER WILSON VETO

Senate Votes 62 to 19 on Measure With Literacy Test Provision Now a Law

Slowly and carefully District Attorney Michael E. Stroup began closing the net around James White, colored, to have him convicted on a charge of murder in the first degree—the same fate as meted out by jury to Elwood Wilson, jointly indicted with White. The two men are held on a charge of shooting Officer Lewis C. Hipple, of the city police force, last June, while being arrested.

Only one of the jurors called for [Continued on Page 12]

Chas. A. Kunkel Thanks School Children for the Tribute Paid His Brother

Charles A. Kunkel, brother of the late Samuel Kunkel, "Father of Romper Day," to-day publicly thanked the school children of Harrisburg for the tribute they paid to the memory of their friend last Thursday afternoon by singing his two favorite hymns at the hour the funeral services were held. Mr. Kunkel's message of thanks is as follows:

"To the children of the public schools of Harrisburg: We would have the many friends of our deceased brother know of our love for them and the deep sense of our appreciation of their estimation of him so beautifully expressed in the singing of the favorite hymns of our brother. A sweeter tribute could not have been conceived." "CHARLES A. KUNKEL."

GROSS "HOPES" TO RIPRAP THE RIVER SLOPES

Tells Council Work Will Likely Be Done During Coming Season

Commissioner E. Z. Gross, superintendent of parks, in his annual report to Council this morning stated that he hopes the work of rip-rapping the river slope from Calder to Maclay streets, will be done this year.

This is what Commissioner Gross says about this important improvement work:

Mention might also be made of the proposed rip-rapping of the River Front from Calder to Maclay streets, which we hope to be able to complete during the coming year.

Commissioner Gross' report was submitted to Council this morning.

Need of better facilities for swimming in the river basin is pointed out by City Playground Supervisor J. K. Stabler in an annual report was submitted together with that of the Parks Superintendent's. He also suggests that the salaries of playground instructors be raised.

Asks Action Supervisor Staples says he knows of "no reason why there should be any further delay in providing proper

[Continued on Page 11] Council to Give Medals to Harrisburg Guardsmen

The City Commissioners are arranging to give each of the Harrisburg boys in the Eighth Regiment and the Governor's Troop a bronze medal, suitably stamped, for their service on the Mexican border.

Members of the Legislature were laughing to-day at the criticism of Lieutenant-Governor McClain's ruling that the Democratic proe commission

[Continued on Page 8] GERARD ON WAY HOME? London, Feb. 6, 12:40 P. M.—The Central News says it understands Ambassador Gerard departed from Berlin to-day and is due in Switzerland in the course of the day.

WAR RUMOR CAUSES MARKET BREAK New York, Feb. 6.—Rumors widely circulated in the financial district at noon that Germany had declared war upon the United States caused a sharp break in the stock market.

CARRANZA FELICITATES KAISER London, Feb. 6.—A Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam quotes the Telegraaf as saying that a wireless telegram has appeared in the German papers stating that General Carranza has sent his best wishes to the German Emperor from Queretaro.

FIRE ON AMERICAN STEAMSHIP London, Feb. 6, 6:05 P. M.—Five shots were fired by the German submarine U-45 at the American steamship Westwego on January 31, it was announced officially here to-day. None of the shots took effect.

BRITISH LOSS 2,000 IN TIGRIS BATTLE Berlin, Feb. 6.—By Wireless to Sayville.—The British lost at least 2,000 men in killed, in their attack on the Turkish lines south of the Tigris, near Kut El Amara, on February 1, Turkish army headquarters announced in its report of February 2. The attack was a failure the statement declares.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK IN RUTHLESS CAMPAIGN London, Feb. 6.—Three British ships and a Norwegian were sunk to-day by the Germans in their ruthless U-boat campaign. The victims were: The sailing vessel Belford of 1,955 tons from San Francisco, the steamship Floridian of 4,777 tons, after sixteen members of her crew had been landed; the Warley Pickering, of 4,196 tons, and the Norwegian bark, Tamara, of 453 tons.

Another steamer believed to have been sunk is the British steamer Watenfels, 4,511 tons gross, the Lloyd's agency announced.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Archie M. Shafter, Painter, and Clara Lavina Ford, Harrisburg. John Morris, Highspirer, and Iva Hamman, Lemoyne.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday, with rising temperature; lowest temperature to-night about 15 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday, with rising temperature; moderate to fresh west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly stationary without any important changes in general level.

General Conditions The storm that was central over southern New England, Monday morning, has passed off the North Atlantic coast and the winds have subsided, but are still strong at a few coast stations.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 19 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 7:05 a. m. Moon: Sets at 2:12 p. m. River: Stage: 2.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 21. Lowest temperature, 4. Mean temperature, 19. Normal temperature, 29.