



OFFICIALS DISTRUST KAISER'S PEACE PLEA

Berlin Asks Parley, but Washington Says Move Is Insincere; Rejection Predicted Unless U-Boats Are Stopped During Negotiations

LITTLE HOPE IN GERMANY THAT WAR WITH U. S. IS AVOIDABLE

Emperor William Calls Conference Presumably to Discuss Submarine Campaign and Position of Neutrals; May Try to Divide Public Opinion Here

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The German proposal delivered to the State Department...

Sharp Refusal Forecast Sharp refusal to consider hints for a discussion of the submarine situation...

Official opinion has solidified that Germany's suggestions of negotiations cannot be considered...

Officials admitting to-day for the first time the receipt of such an offer through the Swiss minister...

It was made clear everywhere in government circles that there was nothing to discuss unless Germany held...

In connection with the German suggestion special interest attached to this country or any attempt to feign the American viewpoint consideration...

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF COUNTRY'S RESOURCES

Washington, Feb. 12.—Definite steps to hurry mobilization of the nation's resources as a part of the national defense program were taken to-day at a special joint session of the National Defense Council and its advisory commission.

Director Gifford, of the commission, explained that steps now contemplated did not bear directly on the present international situation.

No special legislation will be sought at this time, although the commission will frame suggestions as to necessary measures to be urged at a later date.

TENSION RELIEVED BY ARRIVAL OF GERARD PARTY

Safely Reach Zurich Where Ambassador Tells of Being Held Prisoner

PRESSURE PLACED ON HIM Kaiser Tried Hard to Get Him to Sign Treaty Protocol

Zurich, Switzerland, Sunday, Feb. 11, 10 p. m., via Paris, Feb. 12, 4.45 a. m.—Most of the members of Ambassador Gerard's large party gave a genuine sigh of relief this afternoon...

Ambassador Gerard met cordially the horde of newspapermen which crowded about him on his arrival at Zurich...

The combined result was uncertainty and petty friction which was only increased when the foreign and military authorities shifted the responsibility for the delay in Gerard's departure from one to another.

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The Soul Of Lincoln

It steals from out the shadow of the tomb And cries to all America, "Make room, In this your fated hour for memory!"

The soul of Lincoln passed through grilling fires, Yet rose to meet a nation's high desires While none knew grief therein than he.

Can we allow the flag our fathers' blood Stained with its crimson sink beneath the flood While all the waiting world stands by to see?

The soul of Lincoln calls the souls of us, "Remember, oh REMEMBER! Put your trust In God whose Hand controls the land and sea.

"If blood be shed, there is no other way, Through tribulation cometh perfect day. The King shall lead you as He once lead me."

—ANNA HAMILTON WOOD. Written For the Telegraph.

SEVEREST COLD WAVE OF YEAR SWEEPING IN

Weather Bureau Issues Warning to Prepare For Below Zero Weather

Warning that a cold wave was on the way was the best that the Harrisburg Weather Bureau could promise this morning to the thousands shivering in the zero-like breezes.

The lowest temperature in several years was the forecast for to-night. Advice from Washington shortly before noon were to the effect that an extreme cold wave, extending from the Middle West to the coast, would sweep down upon Pennsylvania districts late to-day.

A temperature of at least 4 below zero is expected. This will be eight degrees lower than the official record this morning.

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READS WITH HIS TONGUE Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 21.—William McPherson, of Highland Park, Ill., who lost his sight and both arms in a mine explosion in 1906 and who since then has learned to read with his tongue...

DUKE TO INSPECT TROOPS London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Connaught will be appointed inspector general of overseas troops, according to the Times.

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THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK TO-DAY BRING GRAND TOTAL TO 85

During the morning and early afternoon to-day only one large vessel was reported a victim of the new German submarine campaign—the British steamer Netherley, of 4,227 tons. She was last reported from Philadelphia for Dunkirk, France.

In the field and military operations the British are pushing ahead on the Somme front, according to their latest reports, which recorded a gain of ground along a front of more than three-quarters of a mile north of Beaumont-Hamel in the Ancre region.

Berlin reports the British operations to have been a series of attacks extending from Serre to the Ancre river which were sanguinarily repulsed, the British, however, occupying some abandoned trenches.

The French on the western front are confining themselves at present to raiding operations, several of which are reported by Paris to-day to have resulted successfully.

Outpost encounters and surprise attacks in comparatively small force are the only events along the Russian front recorded in the current communications.

CARRANZA WANTS TO STOP EXPORTS Washington, Feb. 12.—General Carranza has sent a note to the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, as well as to all other neutral nations, asking them to join in an agreement to prohibit the export from their countries to the warring European nations of foodstuffs and munitions of war.

BRINTON HURT IN AUTO CRASH Martin A. Brinton, head of the Brinton-Packer Company, real estate, of Camp Hill, suffered a broken kneecap and other injuries when the automobile which he was driving, ran into a telegraph pole in the eastern part of Camp Hill, late this afternoon.

STEAMER LYCIA SUNK LATE TO-DAY London, Feb. 12.—The steamer Lycia has been sunk, Lloyd's Shipping Agency announced. The crew was saved. The British steamer Lycia was a Cunard Line vessel of 2,715 tons, built in 1896, at Middlesbrough.

1,002 ALLIED PLANES LOST Berlin, Feb. 12.—By Wireless.—From the beginning of the war to January 31, 1917, German battle planes and anti-air craft batteries destroyed 1,002 hostile machines, or 167 enemy squadrons of six machines each, according to official statistics obtained by the Overseas News Agency.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night, with lowest temperature, 12 degrees below zero; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and continued cold to-night; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly except local rises may occur. The channel becomes clogged with ice. A stage of about 6.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions The area of high pressure that was over the Upper Missouri Valley, Saturday morning, has apparently united with the high over the Southeastern States, forming an extensive system of unusually high barometer covering most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, with its center over Indiana.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 4 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 7:01 a. m. Moon: Rises, 11:16 p. m. River Stage: 6.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 19. Lowest temperature, 12. Mean temperature, 16. Normal temperature, 22.

GOLD

READERS of the Star-Independent will find a continuation of the serial story, "Gold," on another page of the Telegraph this evening.

This story will run in the Telegraph each evening until completed. A synopsis of "Gold" has been supplied in order that Telegraph readers also may enjoy the remainder of this really remarkable story of the days of '49 in the gold fields of California.

Another treat in store for publication shortly is "Nan, of Music Mountain," one of the best stories of love and adventure in the Old West that has ever been written.

Just the kind everybody likes. Watch for it.