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AUSTRIA CUTS ITS RELATIONS WITH AMERICA

Charge of Austro-Hungarian Embassy Demands Passports; Germany's Ally Declares Diplomatic Cut Was Made Sunday; Spain Will Represent United States' Interests in Dual Monarchy For Duration of the War

Washington, April 9.—Austria-Hungary, under pressure of Germany, has severed diplomatic relations with the United States. Baron Erick Zwiedinek, charge d'affaires of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, called at the State Department to-day, and asked for passports for himself and the embassy staff.

Almost at the same time a dispatch was received from American Minister Stovall at Berne, saying, the dual monarchy had broken off diplomatic relations with the United States in Vienna yesterday. It is presumed this was done by handing passports to American Charge Grew. American Ambassador Penfield, who had left Vienna on Saturday probably did not know of the government's action.

By pre-arrangement Spain will take over the diplomatic and consular interests of the United States in Austria-Hungary. All Austrian consular agents will depart from the United States with the diplomatic mission as was the case with Germany.

Up to the time Charge Zwiedinek asked for his passports no similar action had been taken by Bulgaria and Turkey—Germany's two other allies, and their representative campaign disclaimed having any knowledge of the intention of their governments. It is expected here they will follow by breaking diplomatic relations.

To Declare War Austria's break with the United States undoubtedly is the prelude to a declaration of a state of war. Sixty-two days elapsed between the break in relations between the United States and Germany and the formal declaration of a state of war. How many days will elapse before Germany's chief ally enters a state of war with Germany's newest ally? It is difficult to say entirely by circumstances. The diplomatic history of civilization and the precedents of centuries show a state of war invariably follows a break in diplomatic relations between first-class powers.

Quite aside from this, however, Austria has subscribed even if only accidentally, to Germany's campaign of ruthlessness, although she has not carried it out against American interests. Besides that, it is considered that it would be quite impossible to have abroad in the United States or a friendly status the diplomatic and consular agents of Germany's ally.

Conduct Offensive Anti-American propaganda conducted by Austrian agents, under German direction, has been no less offensive and scarcely less effective than the German propaganda itself. A clean break between the United States and Austria was long since recognized as the logical development. It is quite possible however, that there may not be war-like operations between the forces of the two governments unless Germany carries further her domination of the Vienna government should force it.

Charge Grew at Vienna also will turn over to Spain, British and Japanese interests which this country has looked after since the beginning of the war. Italian, French and Rumanian interests in Austria-Hungary previously looked after by the United States were ordered turned over to the Swiss minister. American ambassadors, ministers and consular officials in France, Great Britain, Russia, Serbia, Japan, Greece, Morocco and Egypt will stand ready to turn over Austrian interests which the United States represented in those countries, since the beginning of the war to whatever nation the Austrian foreign office shall indicate.

Released of Charges The United States has broken in relations is released of the care of probably 2,000,000 war prisoners. In Russia alone it is estimated that 1,250,000 Austrian prisoners were under American protection with a considerable number in France also. In Austria the United States had cared for all the Italian and Rumanian prisoners. Other small groups are thought to bring the total well up to 2,000,000. About 200 native Americans are

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night, with lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Tuesday; freezing temperature to-night; rising temperature Tuesday.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly. A stage of about 7.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning. General Conditions The storm that swept over the Southwest Saturday morning, has moved northward with increasing strength and is now central off the Virginia coast. It has caused general showers and thunderstorms in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, and snow and rain in the Middle Mississippi, Ohio valleys and in the Middle Atlantic and Southern New England States. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 46. Lowest temperature, 32. Mean temperature, 38. Normal temperature, 48.

GERMANY LOOKS TO U. S. FOR AID AT WAR'S CLOSE

Hopes For Loan and Industrial Co-operation With Coming of Peace

Amsterdam, via London, April 9.—Three questions in regard to America's entrance into the war have been put to leading German manufacturers by the Rheinische Westfalsche Gazette of Essen, an important industrial organ. The paper asks: First, whether unrestricted submarine warfare has been bought too dearly at the price of war with America; second, what will be the economic consequences; third, is it possible to make Germany economically independent of America? Councillor Dr. Beukenberg, of Dortmund, answers the first question in the negative. Dr. Beukenberg says:

"Our early reluctance to use our submarines was due to the most far-reaching offense to America, with above all an important commercial relations. America never tried to help us in our distress, caused by England's starvation blockade. Our yielding to America's demands was caused by fear of her military resources but with a view to rebuilding our foreign trade after the war."

President Wilson's biased judgment of the German peace proposals showed that America does not want German victory and prefers to aid British arms in the dismemberment of Germany and Austria-Hungary. We were thus compelled to resume unrestricted submarine warfare in order to force a victorious conclusion to the war. Consideration of future developments of our trade must wait while danger exists of our losing the fruits of victory."

In regard to the second question, Dr. Beukenberg, after pointing out in detail that American exports to Germany were two and a half times bigger than German exports to America, says after the war America will not want to cut off her German customer. It would harm us grievously if America were to refuse to us later a large loan to help us over our difficulties. After calling attention to the huge increase in America's financial strength Dr. Beukenberg says, in answer to the third question:

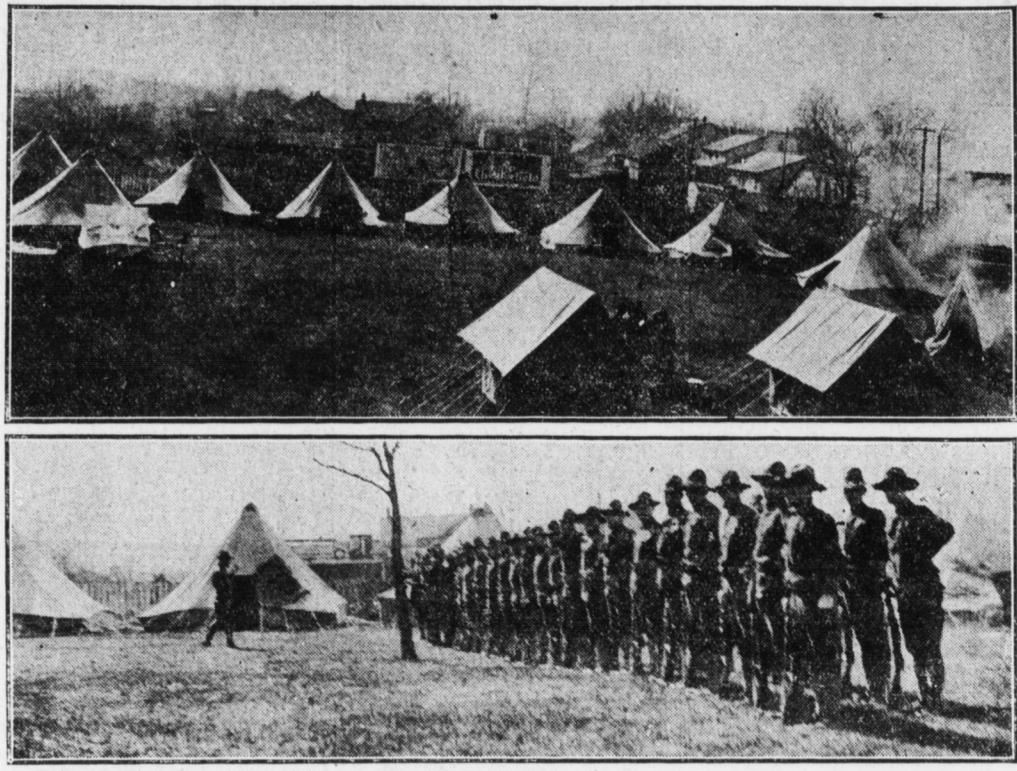
"Germany cannot become wholly independent. In the case of cotton, for instance, under the most favorable circumstances it would take decades to meet our needs from our colonies or Asia Minor. To a certain extent we can be independent if we live sparingly and use all our available substitutes, but a large part of German imports are raw materials which are exported as manufactured goods. Thus increases in the difficulties of importing would hurt us badly. This, however, applies equally to the United States. Americans do not grow cotton for nothing and they will welcome their old customer back again."

"After all, the submarine war spells victory, and if we are to dictate peace, adequate guarantees may be negotiated. Now that America is an open enemy we no longer have our hands tied and there is no longer the fear that we might have to make an undignified peace through exhaustion. The slogan is now victory or death with honor."

Not Hamburger Any More Harrisburgers Instead Williamsport, Pa., April 9.—As an evidence of his patriotism T. O. Lapp, a Newberry restaurant proprietor, has erected a sign that hereafter in his eating house "Hamburger" sandwiches will be known as "Harrisburgers."

SEIZE STEAMER By Associated Press Newport News, Va., April 9.—The Austrian steamer Budapest, tied up here since shortly after the outbreak of the European war, was seized about 12.30 to-day by Federal officials following receipt of advices that Austria-Hungary had severed diplomatic relations with the United States.

EASTER IN CAMP OF SOLDIERS GUARDING ROCKVILLE BRIDGE



Easter in the camp of the soldiers guarding the Rockville bridge was spent in drilling, "setting up" exercises and other camp routine. This morning the troops were forced to break ice to get water. Several are in the Harrisburg Hospital threatened with pneumonia.

CULTIVATION OF VACANT LOTS IS WIDELY URGED

Agricultural Committee of Chamber of Commerce Seeking Names of Owners

The Agricultural Committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, of which Donald McCormick is chairman, is interesting itself to see if the cultivation of vacant lots in the city of Harrisburg can not be stimulated during the coming season. An effort is going to be made to

HARDSCRABBLE CASES MAY BE SETTLED SOON

City Solicitor Fox May Ask Special Session of Court to Try Appeals

City Solicitor John E. Fox may ask the Dauphin county court to set a date, probably for early in the fall, for a special session to hear all evidence in the appeals of property owners in the Hardscrabble district, who claim the awards in the viewers' report are insufficient. Application was made to the court this morning to have issues awarded in more than twenty, so that they can be tried before a jury. This was opposed by attorneys for the property holders, who contended the city had filed no bond as required by law, with the result that their clients had no protection against further damages which might accrue.

City Solicitor Fox, while he admitted the law makes it mandatory on municipalities to file a bond, declared no time is set and that this can easily be done just before taking over the properties.

Safest Way For City He consented, however, to meet this requirement, after President Judge George Kunkel advised from the bench that the safest way for the city to proceed would be to adhere strictly to the law.

Senator E. E. Beidleman, representing some of the appellants, agreed at once to accept the city's own bond and not put an added expense on the municipality by requiring security through an outside bonding company. Later other counsel agreed to this also. City Solicitor Fox will make arrangements at once, he said, to determine the amount of the bond, file it, and then ask the court to award the issues.

BRITISH GAIN IN OPENING OF NEW OFFENSIVE DRIVE

Penetrate Into Strong German Lines on Ten-Mile Front

London, April 9.—British troops to-day penetrated the German lines all along a wide front from Arras to Lens, the war office announces. The statement says that in the direction of Cambrai the British have stormed the villages of Hermies and

RICHARD OLNEY, EX-SECRETARY OF STATE, IS DEAD

Won Fame by His Handling of Wrangle With England

Boston, April 9.—Richard Olney, Secretary of State under President Grover Cleveland, died at his home here last night. Mr. Olney, who was 82 years old, has been ill several weeks, although it was

House Asked to Convey Its Greetings to the Entente

Washington, April 9.—The House was asked, in a resolution introduced to-day by Representative Medill McCormick, of Illinois, to convey to the legislative chambers of the entente nations its greetings and "the hope that peace shall witness the restoration of Belgium and Serbia and the establishment of a united and self-governing Ireland and Poland."

The preamble to the resolution recites the fact that the United States is now at war with Germany and declares that the other great powers at war with Germany "have voiced their purpose to secure the rights of the small peoples, no less than of the great."

GROSS REQUESTS ASH COMPLAINTS AS LAST RESORT

Will Be Used in Penalizing Reduction Co., Commissioner Says

Each resident of the city whose ashes and garbage have not been collected for a week or more is asked to send a card to Dr. J. M. J. Kaunick, city health officer, giving full name and address, and the exact date, if possible, of last collection. This call was made to-day by Commissioner E. Z. Gross, who declared he wants this information to be used in penalizing the Pennsylvania Reduction Company because it is not making regular collections.

FEARED CROPS ARE DAMAGED BY SEVERE COLD

Believed Peaches Affected; Colder Weather Predicted Tonight

Just when the Easter parade was at its height old man Boreas played his last card, it is hoped, by showering Harrisburg with a snowstorm that drove the Easter paraders from the streets in short order. The morning weather however, did not prevent Harrisburg from turning out en masse in a regular Atlantic City parade. Front street as usual was crowded during the morning and early afternoon. When the snowflakes

Minimum Wage Law For Women Upheld by Court

Washington, April 9.—Oregon's law fixing minimum wages for women, the first compulsory minimum wage statute ever before the Supreme Court, was to-day upheld as constitutional by an equally divided court. Similar compulsory laws of Washington, Colorado, Wisconsin, California, Utah, Minnesota and Ohio were likewise sustained.

MAY SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT WAR

Congress Studies Plan Whereby Body of Twelve Would Confer With President and Executive Heads of Departments; Widest Powers of Investigation Given; Democrats to Have Majority of Two; Is Republican Plan

Washington, April 9.—A decision to introduce the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue measure on Thursday in the House was reached to-day by Secretary McAdoo and Representative Rainey, of Illinois, ranking Democratic member of the Ways and Means Committee. The rank of brigadier general in the regular army of the United States is abolished by a provision of the army appropriation bill taken up to-day by the Senate. All general officers after its enactment would have no less rank than that of major general.

Washington, April 9.—A joint resolution for a Congressional "joint committee on the conduct of the war" was introduced simultaneously to-day by Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, and Representative Madden, of Illinois, both Republicans.

The committee would be composed of six members of the Senate, including four Democrats and two Republicans, six from the House, evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

The resolution provides that the committee shall be known as the "joint committee on the conduct of the war" and "shall sit during the sessions or recesses of Congress, shall make a special study of the problems arising out of the war, shall confer and advise with the President of the United States and the heads of the various executive departments and shall report to Congress from time to time in its own discretion or when requested to do so by either branch of Congress." The committee would be clothed with the widest powers of investigation, compelling testimony under oath.

\$20,000,000 PROPOSED FOR BELGIUM

Washington, April 9.—Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, introduced a bill to-day to appropriate \$25,000,000 for relief of Belgians made dependent by the war, to be disbursed by the American Relief Commission.

MAYOR MEALS IN FINE SPIRITS

Harrisburg.—Mayor Meals, who yesterday was in a serious condition, was to-day so far improved as to be able to be out of the hospital in a wheel chair, bundled up against the cold, but in fine spirits. "I'm feeling fine," he told Commissioner Lynch and others who called on him. "I am going to get well and fool the doctors. I have a lot of things to do the next few years and intend to be a very useful citizen during the remainder of my official term."

TENT IN MAJESTIC THEATER

Harrisburg.—Captain Harrall, recruiting officer here, will have a tent erected in the lobby of the Majestic theater where recruiting will be actively carried on. Captain H. M. Stine procured the tent from the arsenal to-day and it will be set up tomorrow morning.

AGED WOMAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Harrisburg.—Report has been made to the Harrisburg police department of the assault and robbery of Mrs. C. H. Moyer, of New Market, late Saturday night. Mrs. Moyer, who is 70 years old, was alone when a stranger broke open the door, assaulted and beat her and fled with \$400, her savings of years.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER ARRESTED

Harrisburg.—Assistant Postmaster Edward A. Atticks, of Steelton, has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by the federal authorities charging him with embezzlement. The hearing will be held before United States Commissioner LeRoy J. Wolf, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

30 YEARS FOR DESTROYING MUNITIONS

Washington, April 9.—The administration bill imposing a penalty of thirty years imprisonment on any person who destroys an ywar material in the United States in time of war passed by the Senate to-day in five minutes without debate.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Seibert Rowe, Harrisburg, and Sarah Elizabeth Garsuch, Harbronck Heights, N. J. Howard Leland McDowell, Littlestown, and Florence Emma Klunk, Hanover. Albert Fitzgerald Souberer and Charlotte Ruth Abright, Harrisburg. Frank Kuhn and Pauline Marie Polli, Enbush. Paul Hans Walker and Cora Bell Hoyer, Harrisburg. Harry B. Bauchmoyer and Blanche E. Vohl, Middletown. Roy Henry Walter, Camp Hill and Ada Estella Morgan, Enola.