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U. S. ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY RUMORED

Von Bernstorff Expects to Get His Passport.

Recall of Gerard Indicated--President Acts Promptly in New German U-Boat Crisis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany have nearly reached the breaking point. A state of war between the two countries is imminent.

Following conferences with members of the Cabinet, which lasted practically all of last night and continued throughout the day, President Wilson gave no hint of the attitude of this country toward the announcement of Germany that she would withdraw all the restrictions that have surrounded her submarine warfare and establish a blockade that would tie up the commerce of the world with belligerent countries.

Secretary of State Lansing today said he would have no announcements to make and would answer no questions.

Behind this screen of secrecy much has been done. Orders have gone forth to the navy and to the ships of the Treasury Department.

There is good reason to believe that a 24-hour ultimatum has gone to Germany demanding a modification of her blockade plans. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has told his personal friends that he expects his passports at any time.

Rumors are in circulation here—not confined at this time—that Ambassador Gerard has been recalled from Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Congressional leaders close to the administration this afternoon heard a well-defined rumor that President Wilson already has notified Germany that if the intentions outlined in yesterday's note are adhered to there is no other course open to this Government than to hand Count von Bernstorff his passports and recall Ambassador Gerard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The State department has suspended for the present issuance of passports.

No explanation for this action is at present forthcoming. None have been issued today. At the offices of the passport bureau it was stated that this action had been ordered by Secretary Lansing.

When asked how long the suspension was to last officials said they could not tell. It was suggested that the action had been taken pending a decision by the President as to what action the administration would take on the latest German note.

President Wilson conferred for 20 minutes this afternoon with Dr. Paul Ritter, the minister from Switzerland. While the conference was arranged several days ago, it was admitted that the German submarine note had been discussed. Dr. Ritter refused, however, to comment in any way on his visit.

Rumors were afloat that, in the event of a break with Germany, Switzerland would be asked to look after the United States' interests in Berlin, but it was impossible to secure the slightest confirmation anywhere in official quarters.

President Wilson already has taken action in the new crisis precipitated by the German submarine ultimatum.

The nature of this is a carefully guarded secret. It is suggested, however, in official quarters, that inquiry has been directed to Ambassador Gerard as to whether the German note implies a "blockade of entente territory or the ruthless use of her submarines against all shipping."

There was however, no possibility of confirmation of this as all inquiries at both the White House and the state department were returned unanswered.

Indicative of the gravity of the situation Secretary of State Lansing closeted himself in his office and refused to see any callers. Secretary of War Baker broke an engagement that he had to address the annual meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce, while President Wilson was closeted with Colonel E. M. House in his study at the White House.

Secretary Lansing unexpectedly left his office at the state department just before noon today and went directly to the White House. Under his arm he carried a mass of papers. He refused to answer questions, declining to say even whether an announcement would be made later.

Secretary Lansing waved aside all questioners as he entered the White House and was shown directly to President Wilson's office.

Mr. Lansing left the White House at 1 p. m.

"I can say nothing now," he said.

The secretary promised to see the newspapermen at 3:30 o'clock.

B. R. & P. RY. GETS OUT WALL MAP

A well mounted wall map 24x36 showing the northeastern section of the United States, has been issued by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway, the lines of that company showing up in a striking color, and also including other railroad lines as far west as Kansas City.

The map is complete and up-to-date in every detail and gives a good idea of the main line and 19 branches of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. Copies of the map are being distributed by local agents of the railway company.

DISTRIBUTES AMERICAN GIFTS TO WAR'S STRICKEN



Americans have given more gifts to France and Belgium than to any of the other warring countries. A great part of these offerings have gone through the hands of our ambassador in Paris, William Graves Sharp, seen here at his desk.

PLUMBERS IN BASEMENT OF JAIL DETECT SCHEME OF PRISONER TO ESCAPE

James E. Waterhouse, the alleged forger who is awaiting trial in the county jail, made an unsuccessful attempt to gain his freedom by sawing the rivets on his cell door last night. He deadened the sound of the sawing by letting the water in his cell run. The poise was heard by plumbers working in the basement of the jail and investigation led to the discovery of Waterhouse's work. The prisoner will be handcuffed at night hereafter.

VERNON H. TAYLOR BUYS COAL

Vernon H. Taylor, of this place, last week purchased from the Winslow estate, the holdings of the Perry Coal Co., near Valier.

The purchase of the property carried with it a large cash consideration which gives Mr. Taylor a fine field of coal, together with a well equipped mining plant the present capacity of which is 400 tons daily. The plant is located near Valier on the B., R. & P. Ry., and has been in operation for several years but the greater portion of the development work is yet to be accomplished.

In addition to having a modern plant on the property Mr. Taylor's holdings embrace a number of dwellings for the accommodation of men employed around the works. It is the intention of the new owner to build a number of new and modern houses and as development work is accomplished to employ more men and increase the tonnage of the mine.

The business of this operation as well as several other mines operated by Mr. Taylor, is conducted from the general office at Indiana.

MISS GAILY ENTERS NEW WORK

Miss Alice Gaily of East Oak street, has opened an office in Room No. 309, Savings & Trust Company, where she will attend to public stenography work. An office of such character has long been needed in Indiana and it is expected that the move of Miss Gaily will meet with well-merited success.

CHILD UPSETS MATCHES INTO WOODBOX; A FIRE; HOUSE, CONTENTS, GONE

The dwelling house of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houck at Tanoma and its contents, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon when a child upset a quantity of matches into the woodbox. They later became ignited and started a blaze that was beyond control when discovered.

DETECTIVE BURNS "GUILTY"

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—William J. Burns, detective, was found guilty in the Court of General Sessions today of publishing private papers taken from the desks of men in the offices of Seymour & Seymour, attorneys, in this city.

Martin Egan, publicity manager for J. P. Morgan & Co., was found not guilty of the same offense.

BIGGEST OFFICE BUILDING IN WORLD NOW OCCUPIED

New York, Feb. 1.—The Equitable building, largest office structure in the world is full. When it was erected, real estate experts mostly predicted it would be a white elephant and would never pay. But it is announced today that every inch of the 1,250,000 square feet of rentable space has now been leased. The total rent per annum is about \$3,000,000.

Licenses Increased in This County

Two new liquor licenses were added to the list in Indiana county by the decisions handed down by Judge J. N. Langham Saturday. Homer City, which has been dry for many years, was made wet, the other new license being at Heilwood. Applications from Dilltown, Starford and Dixonville were refused. The Indian Brewing Company of Indiana, the only brewery in the county, was given a license. The decisions rendered Saturday give the county 17 retail licenses and one brewer's license, an increase of two retail licenses over last year.

The four hotels in Indiana, the county seat, were penalized for alleged violations and their new licenses do not become effective until March 12, the present ones expiring February 15. This will make the county seat dry for a short period.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION AFTER JANUARY 1 NEXT MITCHELL BILL PROVIDES

JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSEMBLYMAN INTRODUCES DRASTIC MEASURE

HARRISBURG, Feb. 1.—State-wide prohibition to be effective Jan. 1, 1918, is proposed in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Lex N. Mitchell, Jefferson county. The bill forbids the manufacture and sale of liquor "for beverage purposes", but does not prohibit any person from manufacturing wine or cider for his own use nor the making and sale of liquors for sacramental, medical, scientific and mechanical purposes. Neither does it provide for seizure of liquors in homes or prohibit serving personal guests at home.

Representative Richard Powell of Luzerne introduced a bill to amend third-class city registration laws so that voters absent on federal or state service on registration days may register by mail. First and second-class cities have the privilege under existing laws.

WILL TRY TO PASS ALIEN BILL OVER WILSON VETO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The sentiment of the House on the immigration bill vetoed by President Wilson because of the literacy test provision was being ascertained today by its champions in an effort to repass the measure over the President's head. The chairman, Mr. Burnett, of the House Immigration Committee, has given notice of his intention to move Thursday to override the President's veto.

This was the fourth time that an immigration bill has been vetoed because of the literacy test feature. President Wilson has exercised the veto privilege twice, and Presidents Taft and Cleveland once each. Former attempts to repass the bill over the presidential veto have failed in either the Senate or House.

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

HARRISBURG, Feb. 1.—Governor Brumbaugh has appointed the following as the Board of Examiners of Bituminous Mine Inspectors: George S. Baton, Pittsburgh; Robert H. Kay, Saxton; A. E. Watters, Leechburg; William H. Gates, Gracetown, and Stephen Arkwright, Mount Pleasant.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK IN JOHNSTOWN

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 1.—Smallpox discovered among negroes brought here to work in local industrial plants has resulted in two being placed in the municipal hospital, fourteen are under quarantine on the outskirts of the city.

FLOTILLAS FIGHT STORM

ROME, Feb. 1.—The Austrian destroyer Hussar was put out of action in a naval engagement in the Adriatic a few days ago, according to the Tribuna.

The paper says that two Italian destroyers engaged an Austrian flotilla in the midst of a tempest and that the Hussar was hit several times and set afire. She was towed into a neighboring port by torpedo boats. The Italians suffered no loss, the report says.

HARRY SPENCE DIED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Harry Spence of Indiana, who was serving a 20-year sentence in the Western Penitentiary for the murder of Mrs. Belle Clark, here, several years ago, died in the penal institution some time in the night. The body will be brought to Indiana tonight and interment will be made in the Oakland cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana postoffice January 27, 1917:

S. F. Byers, Marshall Boor, Miss Lillian Craig, L. A. Hannon, Joseph Hoffner, J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Helen Kramish, Fero F. Lydick, Miss Florence Milliron, Edward Miller, Miss Rosineparcal, Miss Mary Shields, Mrs. Valery Petit Liemore, John George Smith, Mrs. Maggie Baker Smith, W. A. Taylor, Michael Vilet, Mrs. Elias C. Whitman, Glenn Wolfe, J. M. McFeaters, Bill McKnight, Mary A. Quinn.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE,
Postmaster.

Bernstorff At "Movies"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—If Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, is concerned over the outcome of Germany's drastic U-Boat warfare he did not show it this afternoon, as he went to a "movie" theatre where official German war pictures are shown and viewed the Kaiser in film.

Members of the Embassy staff accompanied the Ambassador to the theatre. All carried themselves as if nothing unusual was occurring.

AS USUAL

The W. C. T. U. women, as usual, occupied the Jury box. The strange part of this jury is that they never yet have had the opportunity of handing in their verdict.—Indiana County American.

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