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U-BOAT WAR TO GO ON IS "LAST WORD" OF GERMAN EMPIRE

WILSON WORKS ON FATEFUL MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Hope of averting war between the United States and Germany has been dissipated by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's address to the Reichstag today, in the opinion of nearly all administration officials.

Those officials who read the quotations from the speech carried by the press cables tonight said that they now have no doubt President Wilson will propose a declaration of war with Germany when he appears before the extraordinary session of Congress next week.

The speech setting forth the attitude of Germany toward the threats of war proceeding from the United States was searched in vain for any hint of an intention to yield to the demands of President Wilson.

The declaration of German policy fails to meet in the slightest degree the irreducible minimum of President Wilson's demands. The President takes the position that friendly relations between Washington and Berlin cannot be restored until Germany withdraws the ruthless submarine warfare decree of January 31, and returns to the observance of international law. Germany now discloses a firm determination to disregard the President's contentions even at the risk of adding the United States to its enemies.

Considerable surprise was manifested by some officials that the chancellor made no statement allowing even an inference that Germany intends to modify its submarine warfare even to the extent of according immunity to American ships. It was expected in some official quarters that the chancellor would give utterance to assurances of a character designed to deter Congress from declaring a state of war. Consequently the chancellor's disregard of American war threats was learned with surprise, if not chagrin.

A copy of the Bethmann-Hollweg address was supplied to the President early in the evening, but no comment was forthcoming from the White House. Mr. Wilson was engaged, it was stated, in preparing a rough draft of his war message to Congress. Secretary of State Lansing declined to comment upon the speech and said he would form no opinion in regard to it until he receives the official text.

ISELINS PURCHASE 551 MORE ACRES OF COAL IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICT LITTLE MORE THAN \$48 PER ACRE FOR INDIANA COUNTY TRACT

The Iselins, through their representative, Attorney B. M. Clark, of Punxsutawney, have secured another valuable coal tract in this county.

Among the transfers recorded in the register's office this week is a deed for 551 acres in Washington township, recently purchased by Attorney Clark, who is trustee of the coal interests of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad company. The block, which lies along Crooked creek, west of Indiana, adjoins the coal territory purchased some time ago by the Iselins, who are financing all the railroad and coal developments identified with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh operations.

Another deed for coal land was filed by Samuel Streams of this place, who sold 157 acres in Rayne township to W. F. Snyder for \$10,900.

"GERMANY WANTS NO WAR BUT—"

BERLIN, March 29.—"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America and does not have such intention now. It never desired war against the United States of America and does not desire it today," was the declaration made by the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a speech in the Reichstag, today.

"How did these things develop?" asked the chancellor, in speaking of the relations with the United States. He then proceeded to answer the question by reviewing the causes which led up to the German use of the submarines in unrestricted warfare.

Declaring that Germany had undertaken unrestricted submarine warfare for its defense, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation, with which it has lived in peace for more than 100 years; if this action warrants an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the burden of responsibility for it."

Concerning German relations with the United States, the chancellor, whose speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency (the German official news bureau), said:

"Within the next few days the directors of the American nation will be covered by President Wilson for an extraordinary session of Congress in order to decide the question of war or peace between the American and German nations."

ENDS LIFE WITH A ROPE

Thomas Hamilton Millen, aged about 50 years, a well known farmer of Armstrong township, ended his life by hanging in his barn near Parkwood, Saturday afternoon. He had been in ill health practically all his lifetime, and it is believed that despondency resulting from brooding over his physical condition, caused him to end his sufferings.

Millen's body was found by Ross Campbell, a neighbor, and his sons, who had been summoned to the telephone by Miss Sara Millen, an aunt of the dead man, who had resided with her nephew for several years.

Funeral services were held at the Millen home Sunday afternoon and burial was made in the West Union cemetery.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL AND M. RODZIANKO ARE LEADING FIGURES IN RUSSIA'S CRISIS



Photos by American Press Association.

Michael V. Rodzianko, president of the Russian duma (shown at the left in the accompanying picture), rose to be one of the commanding figures in Russia when he, with startling boldness, headed the deputies who unanimously decided to oppose the imperial order for a dissolution of the house. They continued their sessions, and M. Rodzianko informed the emperor, then at the front, that the hour had struck when the will of the people must prevail.

At the right is Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch (Michael, son of Alexan-

der), only other of Czar Nicholas II., who has been named as regent of the empire until young Crown Prince Alexis reaches his majority. He is considered a much stronger man than his brother is credited with being an antagonist of the German influence at court. As to his other characteristics, articles written for English readers represent him as strongly sympathetic with England, and those Americans credit him with being a capable student of American history and acquainted to American manners. Hismorganatic marriage to a woman of

nonroyal rank cost him the favor of the czar, and he was exiled from court for a year.

According to all accounts, the married life of the new regent has been an extremely happy one, and his return to the army and to a successful command has given him a high degree of popularity with the Russian people. He is thirty-eight years old.

The center picture shows a view of Petrograd, formerly St. Petersburg, the Russian capital, with government buildings in the foreground.

Wilson Drafts War Plans As U. S. Prepares

Immediate and Decisive Action Decided Upon When Congress Meets In Special Session On April 2--Form Still To Be Determined

LAWMAKERS GET READY TO BACK UP PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 30.—With every agency of government rolling restlessly toward preparedness for impending war, President Wilson and his advisers tonight devoted themselves to the task of fixing the administration policy to be submitted to Congress in extraordinary session next week.

While the White House was shrouded in secrecy and the President made no announcement, administration officials declared that immediate and decisive action has been decided upon. The sole question now remaining is what form that action shall take and how it shall be taken.

The exact form of the recommendations which the President will make to congress in his war address were considered today as Colonel E. M. House, the President's closest adviser, went over the international situation in detail with the chief executive. Tonight there was a general feeling in administration circles that the German crisis will be disposed of by a joint resolution of Congress reciting the German violations of American rights and declaring that these violations have brought about the existence of a state of war between the two nations.

Active Steps Taken

Thereafter the activities of the Congress will be devoted to placing at the President's disposal all of the means and authority necessary to the successful prosecution of hostilities.

Active steps to meet the President's recommendations when they are made were taken by conferences of congressional leaders today. Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs committee and other Democratic members of the committee made an exhaustive digest of former war declarations and framed a tentative resolution declaring the existence of a state of war. The congressional leaders declared that when the President's views are expounded, action by congress will be prompt and effective.

They took up in conference today the problem of furnishing the "sinews of war." The first routine business to be taken up will be the passage of the army appropriation bill which failed in the closing days of the last session. It would provide \$279,000,000 as framed in the last session, but emergency additions made necessary by the events of the past few weeks and the dire possibilities of the future will bring the total up to probably double that amount.

STATE COLLEGE WILL WIDEN TRAINING SCOPE

STATE COLLEGE, PA., Mar. 30.—Extensive preparations are being made for military drill at the Pennsylvania State College this spring. The cadet regiment, numbering more than 1,400 students, will resume training under the direction of three United States army officers at the close of the Easter vacation, April 11.

Owing to the lack of an armory, the State College regiment has been compelled to cease its tactical work during the winter. Field maneuvers and battle formations will have a prominent part in the program, the college schedules having been adjusted so that the sophomore companies will have a full half day under arms.

The freshman sections will have a two-hour drilling period. One day each week the entire 12 companies will unite for a joint regimental drill.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA OHIO AND W. VA. GUARDS NOT TO BE CALLED NOW

The Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry and other Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia or Ohio National Guard units are not to be ordered into the federal service for some time, if at all, according to Brig. Gen. Mann, chief of the Militia Affairs Division of the War Department.

When Gen. Mann was asked about these regiments the reply was that those already ordered to report were all that would be called for the present.

NORMAL STUDENTS ORGANIZE MILITARY COMPANY; CARRY RIFLES

A well-drilled military company, composed of students of Indiana State Normal school, has been equipped with the old Springfield rifles and is drilling daily. Bert Lentz, who saw service with the regular army in China, is captain; Robert Bush, who served with the regular army in the Philippines and at Vera Cruz, is first lieutenant.

The national colors are raised on the school campus each morning at sunrise and lowered at sunset and there is daily guard mount. The regulation military bugle calls are used for daily routine of the members of the company.

PROPAGANDA ON WAR ACTIVE ALL OVER THE STATE

ENLISTMENT BOOM IS ON

HARRISBURG, March 30.—Reports coming to the state capital tonight tell of organized efforts being made in many cities and boroughs of the state to stimulate recruiting in the army navy marine corps and organizations of local committees to arouse popular interest in defense measures. In other communities steps are being taken to form committees on relief and to care for families of men entering the national service. Not in recent years has such a wave of patriotic endeavor to raise an army and navy to strength to meet a crisis been reported throughout the state.

Reports also tell of work done by commanders of national guard units to raise their commands to maximum strength and to list men who will enter the service in event of calls for active service. No general orders have been issued for recruiting, but commanders are being given encouragement to secure men.

Numerous telephone messages have been received at the capital informing guard officials that organizations are ready for calls to active duty and that preparations and drills are under way.

JEANNETTE "DISPATCH" IS NOW WESTMORELAND PATRIOT.

The "Jeannette Dispatch, the oldest paper in Jeannette, appeared Thursday afternoon under a new name and announced a new policy. The Dispatch was issued the first time May 3, 1899 when the town was 8 months old, and has been owned and edited for 28 years by ex-Sheriff John H. Trescher. The paper had always been Republican in politics.

Today the paper appeared under the name of the "Westmoreland Patriot," with James W. P. Hart, formerly editor of the "Washington (Pa.) Democrat," as editor. The policy of the paper has been changed from Republican to Democratic. There are 27 papers published in the county and 26 are Republican in politics.

THE STYLE SHOW.

Hundreds of persons visited the Indiana stores and viewed the artistic spring displays of local merchants.

Out of town demonstrators in several of the stores were features of the show.

W. F. ELKIN TO CLEVELAND LAND FOR TREATMENT

Attorney W. F. Elkin, of Sixth street, left here Tuesday for Cleveland, O., where he will be treated. For some time Mr. Elkin has been suffering from liver trouble. He was accompanied by Mrs. Elkin and Dr. Buterbaugh.