

DR. ZIMMERMANN CANNOT EXPLAIN

His Justification of Mexican Plot Does Not Satisfy.

U. S. HAS GERMAN CODE

Kaiser's Secretary For Foreign Affairs is Having an Uncomfortable Time, Both in Public and in Private.

Copenhagen.—The German-Mexico alliance incident, it is evident from reports brought by persons recently arrived from Germany and from press reports of the Reichstag sessions, continues to provide unpleasant moments for Dr. Zimmermann, secretary for foreign affairs. His defense of his action behind the closed doors of the Reichstag committee and in the open house has not availed to check either public or private criticism of the act itself and, still more, the greater crime of being found out.

Dr. Zimmermann's latest explanation in the Reichstag is dismissed by the Tageblatt as avoiding the real crux of the matter, namely, the wisdom of the step as a matter of policy. Formal justification for the proposal is unquestioned, but, as the Tageblatt points out, the vital point is the effect that the overtures might be expected to have on Mexico, on Japan, and on public opinion in the United States, particularly in the Western and Southern States.

Regarding Dr. Zimmermann's statement that the manner in which the American government obtained cognizance of the instructions is still under investigation.

The channel whereby the instructions were conveyed to Count von Bernstorff, the former German ambassador at Washington, is described mysteriously as a "special and particularly secure" one, but it is considered not impossible that the Foreign Office took advantage of the State Department, which allowed the American embassy at Berlin now and then to transmit communications between the German government and Count von Bernstorff. Embodied within such dispatches were other messages, in a second "inside" code. One such message was transmitted by Ambassador Gerard about the date of the Mexican discussion.

The text of the instructions as made public from Washington has never been published in Germany. An ostensible text has been made public in Germany, but that was subjected to a few, though important, revisions, including omission of the offer to Mexico respecting Texas. Even at that, the Socialist critics have ridiculed the idea that the Mexicans would consider the possibility of conquering Arizona and New Mexico and have characterized the idea of a war between the United States and Japan as a dogma like the earlier one of "the inevitable Russo-English collision."

50 AMERICANS CAPTIVES.

Taken Into Germany By Raider Moeve On Second Trip.

Washington.—Official dispatches from Copenhagen confirmed reports that two American seamen had arrived there from Germany with the story that some 50 others taken in raids by the commerce raider Moeve were held in detention camps. Reports from many sources have convinced officials here that Americans captured on this British steamer Emeraldas are held. As yet no reply has come to an inquiry sent through the Spanish Foreign Office a week ago as to whether there were Americans among the crews of vessels captured.

NEW AMBASSADOR ON WAY.

Ignacio Bonillas, Of Mexico, Traveling To Washington.

San Antonio, Texas.—Ignacio Bonillas, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, accompanied by his family, left here for Washington to assume duties of his office. The Ambassador expressed the belief that an era of complete understanding between the United States and his country is at hand.

HERMIT LEFT \$100,000 BEHIND.

Civil War Veteran Had Lived Alone For 25 Years.

Boston.—More than \$100,000 in cash was found by executors of the estate of Albert F. Whitmore, an aged recluse, when they searched his house in the West Roxbury district and a safe deposit vault. Whitmore, a Civil War veteran, had lived alone for 25 years.

RUSSIA DROPS DEATH PENALTY.

Penal Servitude For Life Will Be Substituted For It.

London.—The Russian Provisional Government has decided to abolish the death penalty, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. Penal servitude for life or for a term of years will be substituted for the death penalty in cases where such a penalty is prescribed by the penal code or by military law.

285 FROM NEW RAIDER.

Germans Send In That Many Prisoners To Rio.

Rio Janeiro.—A new German raider, slipping past the British warships on guard in the North Sea, has reached the South Atlantic and sent nine or more merchantmen to the bottom. According to survivors from the sunken vessels the raider is the Seeadler (Sea Eagle), a formidable armed craft, operating with the same success and daring as its predecessor, the Moeve.

THE WAR BILL PUT AT BILLIONS

Army and Navy Experts Figure on Vigorous Campaign.

WILL BE NO PASSIVE WAR

Rely Upon Country To Back Up Plans—Idea Of Coast Gained From Experience Of Belligerents.

Washington.—Estimates which have been made for military, naval and economic operations against Germany, in the event of war, are based upon plans for warfare of a most thorough character.

These estimates are not describable in terms of millions, or of hundreds of millions. They run into billions, and will tax the resources of the United States, if they are legislated for as army and navy experts will recommend.

No Passive War.

Official comment upon these estimates will be withheld until war comes, and until the President himself has outlined his policy and proposed his program. After that Congress will have to deal with the question of money-revenue on the one hand and expenditures on the other.

Any feeling that may exist in Washington or outside that anything but a passive war may be carried on without grave cost to the country will, it is said, be removed soon after the Army and Navy Departments have spread before Congress the campaign plans, and have confided to the country the expense which will be involved in their execution.

There need be no surprise if \$5,000,000,000 is asked for to finance the first year's work. This is half of the total cost of the Civil War and approximately 15 times the cost of the war with Spain. The cost of the Revolutionary War—\$135,193,000—is a mere bagatelle in comparison and that of the war with Mexico, estimated at \$100,000,000, is but a drop in the bucket.

The enormous totals which have been arrived at in the army and navy calculations have long been before the President. He has gone over them, up and down, forward and backward, in his consideration of all phases of such a conflict as is now ahead. These figures undoubtedly have caused him concern, but it is not to be supposed for a minute that he has hesitated in fixing his policy because of the money which must be spent.

Nor is it assumed here that the country generally, though unprepared for the estimates, will balk when the time comes to pay the bill. It has been vaguely felt in all quarters that the price would be heavy. The experience of other countries now belligerent has shown that modern warfare comes high. Some of the European governments even now face bankruptcy, but not one of them has stopped to count the money cost.

Current taxes will be increased to some extent. The cost of food and clothing will increase to a marked degree. All this goes without saying. But it is unlikely that in any case the Government will exact anything like as much money from the American people as Great Britain, for instance, is demanding from her people. There is no thought here of a 50 per cent. income tax upon individuals or 60 per cent. levy upon corporations.

WILSON INDORSES FUND.

Comments the Work of Raising \$10,000,000 for Jewish Sufferers.

Washington.—President Wilson sent a telegram indorsing the raising of a \$10,000,000 fund for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in which he said, "The Russian revolution has opened the door of freedom to an oppressed people," and urged that they be encouraged.

HEN SETS WORLD'S RECORD.

Kentucky Leghorn Lays 83 Eggs In 83 Days.

Lexington, Ky.—A world's record was made here in the international consecutive egg-laying contest when Lady Walnut, white Leghorn, No. 707, laid an egg. It was the eighty-third consecutive day that this hen has produced an egg. She is owned by Dr. R. I. Ireland, of Louisville, Ky. The best previous record was 82 eggs in that many consecutive days.

SUBMARINE CHASERS HELD.

Two Built For Mexico Ordered Not To Be Delivered.

Chicago.—Two submarine chasers, built by an Illinois company for the Mexican Government and ready for shipment, have been ordered held by the United States officials at Washington. The president of the company which built the boats said the boats had not been commandeered, but simply ordered held. Each submarine chaser is 75 feet long and the building required 130 days.

MAN IN ROWBOAT WHEELS HER BACK TO SEA.

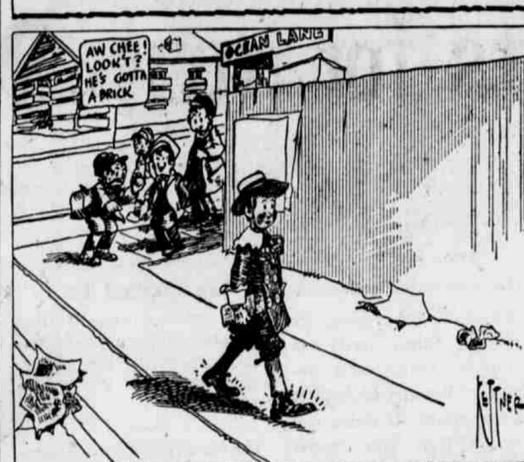
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ARMED NEUTRALITY



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U. S. WILL AGREE TO NO COMPROMISE

War is Inevitable Unless Germany Backs Down.

ISSUE HAS NOW BEEN MADE

Von Bethmann-Hollweg's Speech Brings No Change in the Situation—President Sound- ing Sentiment.

Washington.—Only the cessation of Germany's ruthless campaign of death and destruction against American shipping can alter the course which President Wilson and his advisers have laid down for the United States. This was the determination of the administration following the receipt in Washington of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's discussion of the German-American crisis before the German Reichstag. The German Chancellor, while he declared that Germany has never desired and does not now desire war with the United States, made no announcement as to any change in Germany's campaign of devastation at sea. His statement that if the United States considers the submarine campaign a cause for declaration of war, Germany will not "have to bear the burden of responsibility for it," and that the German nation "shall also bear and overcome this," was accepted in Washington as voicing Germany's determination to maintain the war against American shipping in the face of the obvious preparations of the United States for impending war.

Germany, it was said, was consistently attempted to lay the blame for her acts on other nations. On previous occasions President Wilson has taken the position that Germany is in no way justified in carrying on submarine ruthlessness because of the British blockade.

CANADA DISCUSSES HEAD TAX.

Charge Of \$8 On Travelers Entering United States.

Toronto, Ont.—A head tax of \$8 on all travelers entering the United States from Canada, said to be under consideration by the Dominion Government, was discussed at a meeting of Canadian Railway officials at Niagara Falls. The new tax will become effective after May 1, it is understood. The money is to be refunded on the traveler's return to Canada.

TO MAKE GEORGIA "BONE DRY."

Legislature Passes Bill Barring Liquor From State.

Atlanta, Ga.—A "bone dry" bill, barring liquor absolutely from the State except for medical, mechanical and sacramental purposes, was passed by both houses of the Georgia Legislature and Governor Harris is expected to sign it shortly. The Legislature, which was called primarily to consider "bone dry" legislation, then adjourned.

TUNNEL UNDER U. S. ARSENAL.

Three Men Discovered Trying To Enter the Reservation.

Watertown, Mass.—An attempt by three men to enter the Watertown arsenal reservation by burrowing under a fence was reported by Patrolman David A. Thompson, who said he fired five shots at the men after two of them had fired at him. While the officer was pursuing two of the intruders, the other ran through the fence hole into the arsenal grounds.

MEANEST KIND OF GHOUL.

Put Ground Glass In Red Cross Bandages.

New York.—Instances of ground glass in bandages prepared for the American Red Cross have been discovered, it was declared in a statement from the organization authorized by Albert W. Straub, director of its Atlantic division.

HIS MARE SWIMS TO SEA.

Man in Rowboat Wheels Her Back With Hay.

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FACE TO FACE WITH HINDENBURG LINE

British Now Getting Their Big Guns to Work.

FRENCH GROUND CLEARER

British Armies in France (via London).—The warfare on the western front is becoming somewhat stationary again, as the British outposts and patrols have come face to face with the so-called Hindenburg line, where the Germans undoubtedly will make a determined stand. The position is strong, as they have had unlimited time in which to prepare it far from shellfire, so that the problem again arises of smashing down this defense with sufficient artillery to permit another move forward.

Minor actions continue all along the line between the German rear guard machine-gun detachments and the British infantry and cavalry patrols, but nothing approaching the proportions of a battle has yet developed. The Germans have placed great reliance on their machine guns, as many as a score having been found grouped in one position during the retreat. They also have fortified every possible position in the line of retreat, including barbed wire entanglements about cow barns and pigpens.

The German heavy artillery is coming into play again from fixed positions back of the Cambrai-St. Quentin line. It is reported that the German Emperor recently visited the territory over which the Germans retreated, having come with Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and given his approval of the methods adopted during the retreat.

The British have discovered a plot to spread disease among cavalry horses, a German agent having been found with a vial of bacteriological cultures in his possession and instructions how to use them. The Germans left behind all manner of traps, of which, however, the British and French received information.

TO IMPEACH ALABAMA SHERIFF.

Governor Orders Proceeding After Escape Of Seven Convicts.

Montgomery, Ala.—Governor Henderson ordered the State's Attorney-General to file impeachment proceedings against Sheriff Batson, of Jefferson county, from whose jail D. D. Overton, convicted slayer of Judge Lawler, recently escaped with six companions.

FOR PANAMA DEFENSE.

Board Named To Consider Arming Civil Employees In Zone.

Washington.—A board, consisting of Lieutenant-Colonel Hardins, Canal Zone Governor; Major Oliver Edwards and Commander Cone, was appointed by the War Department to consider the advisability of organizing the Canal civil employees for the defense of the Panama Canal.

BIDS ADIEU TO WEST INDIES.

Danish King Thanks Islanders For Their Loyalty.

London.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the King of Denmark has issued a proclamation of farewell to the people of the Danish West Indies. The King thanks the people for their loyalty in the past.

GIRLS ON HUNT FOR RECRUITS.

Score In Khaki and Army Hats Become Auxiliary Officers.

Chicago.—Twenty girls in khaki overcoats and army hats joined the First Illinois infantry as auxiliary recruiting officers. The girls were assigned to the automobile detail which is searching the city for recruits.

EGG ROLLING TRANSFERRED.

Shifted From White House To the Washington Monument.

Washington.—Egg rolling within the White House grounds on Easter Monday, a custom almost as old as the White House itself, will be abandoned this year because of the international situation, and the grounds around the Washington Monument will be used. Under the present rule, policemen keep all unauthorized persons at a distance from the White House.

TOMMIES SING IN FACE OF DEATH

British Soldiers Maintain Best Army Traditions.

SHIP HAD STRUCK A MINE

Paraded On Deck In Perfect Order. Rescuing Vessels Took Them Off and the Transport Was Also Saved.

London.—The British transport Tyndareus, with a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment aboard, struck a mine on February 9 off Cape Agulhas, the southernmost point of Africa. The men were paraded on deck, and after roll-call, began to sing while they waited for the ship to sink.

The Tyndareus, however, was saved and the troops were transferred to two rescuing steamers, having upheld, as expressed in the official admiralty report, "the cherished traditions of the Birkenhead."

The admiralty issued the following statement on the incident: "The admiralty transport Tyndareus, with a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment aboard, struck a mine at 8 in the evening of February 9 off Cape Agulhas. A strong southwesterly gale was blowing and immediately after the explosion the ship began to settle by the head, with propellers out of the water.

"Assembley was sounded and the men donned lifebelts and paraded in perfect order. Roll was called and upon the order 'Stand easy' the whole battalion began to sing.

"Two steamers dispatched to the rescue arrived on the scene within half an hour. During this trying time, although faced by the probability of imminent death, the troops maintained steadfast courage and discipline. Never was the tradition of the British Army more worthily upheld than on this occasion.

"Thanks to the devotion and perseverance of the captain and the officers, the ship was saved. The troops were transferred to the two steamers and taken to Simontown, where the Tyndareus subsequently returned under her own steam, with two holds flooded and another leaking."

NO ATTEMPT TO DESTROY SHIP.

American Liner Did Not Slight Any Submarine.

London (delayed by censor).—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived Monday morning. She carried a meager number of passengers—33 all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the St. Louis they made no attempt to destroy her, but kept carefully away from the guns of the American ship.

LATEST PEACE RUMOR.

A Bourse Report That Germany Has Offered Terms To Russia.

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says: "According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

BRITISH WILL GET APPAM.

Supreme Court Orders German Prize Returned To Former Owners.

Washington.—The Supreme Court Monday ordered a mandate issued immediately turning over the German prize steamer Appam, interned at Norfolk, and her cargo to British owners. The mandate was asked for by the owners. Several weeks ago the Court said Germany could not retain the steamer.

DYNAMITE BOX UNDER BRIDGE.

Federal Authorities Making Investigation Of Find.

Charleston, W. Va.—The finding of a box such as is used in discharging dynamite and other high explosives under the West Virginia end of the Ohio river bridge at Point Pleasant was reported to the United States District Attorney's office here. An investigation is being made by Federal authorities.

MORE CHASER BIDS.

Navy Department Plans To Open Offers On Wednesday.

Washington.—Cutting down delay by days and hours, the Navy Department announced it would endeavor to open bids for a number of new submarine chasers on Wednesday instead of next Saturday.

MARINE INSURANCE DOWN.

Rates Drop As U. S. Prepares Plans To Protect Ships.

New York.—Marine insurance rates on trans-Atlantic vessels have declined 1 or 2 points here since the Government announced its stand for the protection of American shipping.

Russ Admiralty Loyal.

Petrograd.—The Admiralty Council has made a formal oath of allegiance to the Provisional Government, it was announced here.

EXPECT TO LEVY STATE WAR TAX

Opinion Expressed by Chairman Woodward That Legislature Will Meet Contingency

PROVIDE FUNDS AT ONCE

Large Appropriations Will Be Necessary, as Soon as Active War Conditions Exist, to Put Pennsylvania in the Forefront of the States.

Harrisburg.—Chairman Woodward, of the House Appropriations Committee, indicated that it will be necessary for the State of Pennsylvania to levy a "war tax" in the event of active hostilities with Germany. He expressed the conviction that the Legislature would meet the contingency patriotically.

Mr. Woodward said that in his opinion a large appropriation would be necessary as soon as active war conditions exist, to make possible Pennsylvania's stand in the forefront of all the States in the Union. He declared that such an appropriation would make necessary the raising of additional revenues which would be levied by the Legislature to the fullest amount necessary. Such appropriation and revenue-raising measures, Mr. Woodward said, will take precedence over all else in the consideration of the Appropriation Committee of the House of Representatives and will be acted on with the utmost speed.

"I believe not only the Appropriations Committee but the entire Legislature will do anything to provide the necessary funds or any other organization or legislative work necessary to have Pennsylvania take her place in support of the Government," said Mr. Woodward. "I think it safe to say that the funds for such purposes will be provided regardless of what happens to other projects in case war is declared."

Jug Mishap a Liability.

The State Compensation Board, in an opinion in the claim of Miller vs. Maloney, Pittsburgh, affirms the finding of Referee Christley, in awarding compensation to the mother of a man who, while intoxicated, fell from the seat of a wagon which he was driving and was fatally hurt.

The employer argued that the accident occurred at a point which was not in the most direct route that the deceased could have adopted to drive the team to the place of business, and that he was so intoxicated at the time of the accident that he must necessarily have been outside of the scope of his employment.

It is held that the road taken was not out of the direct route and was one naturally taken, and the opinion says: "The evidence showed that the defendant was thoroughly cognizant of the intemperate habits of his employee. . . . The defendant was on notice that he was entrusting his team, as well as his property, in the hands of an employee of well-known intemperate habits, and it now comes with bad grace for him to urge that he ought to escape the liability of law because of the condition of the deceased."

SEEK 4000 MEN.

About 4000 men from eastern Pennsylvania are expected to enroll for military training camps this season by the recruiting committee, which is composed of C. Willing Hare, Howard Henry and B. Franklin Pepper. From New York 15,000 will go to Plattsburg, and even little Rhode Island has promised 1000.

CAMPS SCHEDULED AT PLATTSBURG.

Camps are scheduled at Plattsburg this year as follows: First, June 2 to July 1; second, July 7 to August 5; third, August 11 to September 9, and fourth, September 15 to October 14.

JUNIOR CAMPS FOR BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND EIGHTEEN YEARS.

will be held at Fort Terry, Plum Island, New York, and Portland, Maine, from June 30 to July 28, and August 2 to August 30.

AN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT, AND IT WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF 25,000 POSTERS.

This year the Government will pay all expenses and will furnish outfits. Recruiting blanks can be obtained at the office of the Military Training Camps Association, Room 117, Commercial Trust Building, Fifteenth and Market streets, Philadelphia.

REVOLUTIONARY INN BURNS.

The home of Charles Carey, the old stone hut known in Revolutionary times as Russell's Tavern, several miles from Gettysburg, was destroyed by fire.

FIRE STARTING IN THE LOADING YARD OF THE JEANVILLE IRON WORKS.

where shells are being made for the Russian Government and the State War Department, caused an expense estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and resulted in the loss of life. John Pettit, a guard, was killed to a crisp.

JOHN C. BRADLEY, SON OF THE POSTMASTER JOHN BRADLEY, HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY CONGRESSMAN DEWALT TO SUCCEED HIS FATHER.

Carlisle firemen will form a company to offer its services to the Government. Agricultural experts from the State College will be placed in Clinton, York, Dauphin, Franklin and Cumberland counties. The Greib Manufacturing Company, which recently purchased the shoe factory at Palmyra, has completed plans for the erection of a large concrete factory building.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

A movement has been inaugurated to save an hour of daylight for Pennsylvania by turning back the clock.

Twenty-nine Pittsburgh district mines have shut down, throwing 20,000 men out of work, caused by shortage of cars and other troubles.

Skeletons of the heads of two horses were found in the walls of the old Irvine house on Carlisle's Public Square by workmen making alterations.

Disapproving the accepted conclusion that Indians were not agriculturalists, 100 boys of the Carlisle Industrial School have formed an Agricultural Association.

The plant of the Weatherly Power and Machine Company, which makes anchors for the United States navy and buoys for the light-house service will be enlarged.

Announcement was made at Harrisburg that the widows and children of 14 miners killed by an explosion at the mine of the Henderson Coal Company near Cannonsburg, March 12, will receive approximately \$35,000 in women's compensation from the State fund.

Following vandalism for junk Carlisle, Dora Kuhn and Benjamin Epstein have been arrested.

Threatened with suits, Mayor Harvey has ordered Hazleton policemen to pay Philadelphia tailors for the uniforms.

Electric lights have been strung on the Lehigh Valley Coal Company Drifton shops to aid guards in protection against war plots.

Brooding over his inability to get word from a sister and two brothers in Antwerp, Belgium, Peter Leuchter, aged 75, committed suicide by shooting at Greensburg.

Convicted of dynamiting the Schuquehanna River to secure fish, George Burgess and Curtis Vanderpool were fined \$100 each and costs, by Judge Meredith, at Towanda.

James N. Lightner, captain of the Lancaster company of the National Guard, will drill Franklin and Marshall students.

H. K. Ober, of Elizabethtown College, a Church of the Brethren minister, has been appointed a notary public.

Vincent K. Keesey, attorney for the Board of Poor Directors of York county, is endeavoring to obtain a writ suitable for the new almshouse authorized by a recent act of Assembly. The farm must be within seven miles of York City.

Commission men of Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre are already bidding for the 1917 crops of farmers in the surrounding valleys. It is feared that may be another scarcity of produce and the wholesalers want to be on the safe side. This year they were cash short by placing too much dependence on houses in the larger cities instead of buying nearer home.

Fire destroyed the Mills department store at Reading. The loss is about \$150,000. A watchman said that fire was due to the collapse of a hot water furnace in the basement. It simply fell apart and immediately thereafter the flames communicated to the first floor. This is the third disastrous fire in the business block of the city in a few weeks.

David Price, Carlisle, is recruiting a company of colored troops.

A. P. Hall, Philadelphia, has been appointed an inspector in the Department of Labor to specialize in plants.

Dr. A. B. Gioninger, principal of the Lebanon Sanitarium, has tendered the use of his hospital and land to the State and nation in the event of war.

A flock of 30 snow geese flew over Fredericktown, bound north.

The Boyertown Sportsmen's Association is arranging to restock streams in that vicinity with different varieties of fish.