

CALL AUSTRIA TO DEFINE STAND U. S. Must Have Clearer Light on the Submarine Question.

FORCE STRAIGHT ISSUE

Ambassador Penfield at Vienna Has Presented a Virtual Demand.

London, Feb. 20.—American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna is said by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister an aide-memoire requesting a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding submarine warfare. The text follows:

"In note number 4,167 of December 3, 1916, the American Government laid down the points of view whereby it was guided regarding the activity of submarines in naval warfare. These points of view were on an earlier occasion clearly expressed to the German Government, and of the opinion that the Austro-Hungarian Government was acquainted therewith. The Austro-Hungarian Government, however, has not only failed to accept the American position, but has also failed to make any statement regarding the exchange of ideas which had taken place between the United States and Germany, and complete knowledge would be gained in regard to the Austro-Hungarian attitude on this incident bore a different character."

Nevertheless, the Austro-Hungarian foreign ministry declared in note number 5,948 of December 21, 1916, that the principle set up in the very same note that enemy private ships, provided they do not offer resistance, should not be destroyed before passengers are placed in safety, the Austro-Hungarian Government is in a position to assist in the main to this view of the Washington conference."

Central News despatch from Zurich today says: "The Austrian Emperor has given a long audience to Count Cernin, the minister of foreign affairs, who previously had a conference with Frederic C. Penfield, the American ambassador."

Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says that the memo submitted at Vienna to the Austrian Government by United States Ambassador Penfield "simultaneously with the communication from the German Government, on the 10th of January, 1916, declared that every merchant ship which, for whatever purpose, was armed with a gun, was to be considered as a combatant vessel, and that, in consideration of these circumstances, the Austro-Hungarian navy was to treat such vessels as warships."

"In conformity with this declaration ships where were American citizens were sunk in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austro-Hungarian submarines. Some of the ships, for example, the English steamer 'Wein', were torpedoed without warning by a submarine under the Austro-Hungarian flag."

"The American ambassador at Vienna requested information regarding these cases, but thus far has received no reply."

After concluding "The assurance given on the occasion of the Ancona case and renewed on the occasion of the discussion of the Persia case in all material respects, the same assurance contained in the note of the German Government of May 14, and that this assurance is more than honored by the declaration of the Austro-Hungarian Government of Feb. 16 and Jan. 31, the memo says: "Since the United States Government would not doubt the necessity of being attached to these declarations, especially the last, it desires to be finally and clearly informed of the position which the Austro-Hungarian Government adopts in these circumstances, and also whether the assurance given in the Ancona and Persia cases is to be regarded as changed or withdrawn."

CAPT. MCKENZIE DEAD.
Sen of Thomas McKenzie, Toronto, Dies in Shorncliffe Military Hospital.

Special to The Toronto World, Shorncliffe, Ont., Feb. 20.—Word has been received in this city of the death of Captain McKenzie, son of Thomas McKenzie, of Toronto. He was killed in action while serving with the 1st Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, and was later detailed to the staff of the military hospital at Shorncliffe, where he died. He was a nephew of Mr. Thomas Logan, city.

LABOR MEN OBJECT.
Special to The Toronto World, Shorncliffe, Ont., Feb. 20.—The trades and labor council has protested against an increase of \$250 made to the staff of the military hospital at Shorncliffe, for three reasons, that prohibition had lessened the work of the department, that there was sufficient margin in \$100 salary to cover the increase in the cost of living, and that the salary was larger in proportion to population than that paid in Hamilton, Quebec or Kingston.

TO HAVE ROTARY CLUB.
Special to The Toronto World, Shorncliffe, Ont., Feb. 20.—Four prominent residents, Messrs. C. J. Stewart, W. H. McKeown, K. C. and Mr. Cooper, of Hamilton, are endeavoring to have a rotary club in this city. A committee was appointed to effect the organization of a rotary club here as one of a chain to stretch across Canada.

SUGGESTS THAT BROKERS WORK.
London, Feb. 20.—Arthur Neville Chamberlain, director-general of national service, went to the stock exchange today to urge the members of the exchange to assist in the national service movement. He suggested that they consider closing the exchange for a day or part of a day each week so that their employees might do work of national importance.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHING SCHOONERS FALL PREY

Lloyds Announces Sinking of Two Little Craft—Brigantine Also Victim.

London, Feb. 20.—The Newfoundland fishing schooner Mayola (148 tons) and Dorothy (79 tons) have been sunk, Lloyds Shipping Agency announced today. "The nationality of the Dorothy was not disclosed by Lloyds. Some of the London newspapers, however, describe her as the American schooner of that name."

PROBABLY ROSE DOROTHEA.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 20.—It is believed here that in all probability the schooner described as Dorothy in a London despatch, announcing she had been sunk, was the Newfoundland vessel Rose Dorothy. The latter was returning to this port from Oporto, Portugal, with a cargo of fish. She was formerly owned at Provincetown, Mass., but a year ago was sold to local parties, and transferred to British registry.

The British fishing schooner Mayola, also reported sunk, was proceeding to St. John's from St. John's for St. John's, with a cargo of dried codfish.

BRIGANTINE SUNK.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Lloyds reports sinking of the brigantine at the Cape Cod Skimmer at London including the sinking of the British brigantine Netherland, 130 tons.

PTE. GRANT RETURNS

WITH INJURED KNEE

Sixty-First Battalion Man Received Severe Shrapnel Wounds in Somme Action.

Special to The Toronto World, Cornwall, Ont., Feb. 20.—Pte. Fred Grant, son of Duncan Grant, of Cornwall, was injured in the Somme action, and has been invalided to Canada. The young soldier was wounded on Sept. 5 last with shrapnel, during an engagement on the Somme. He is reported at the convalescent hospital, Winnipeg, on March 5. Pte. Grant joined the 61st Battalion at Winnipeg, but was transferred to the 16th Battalion on arrival in France.

BELLEVILLE STARTS CAMPAIGN.

Special to The Toronto World, Belleville, Feb. 20.—A campaign to raise \$75,000 for patriotic purposes will be inaugurated in this city tomorrow, and will continue for three days. This evening in the assembly room of the Y.M.C.A. building the members of the various teams selected to canvass the ladies, who are much interested in the campaign. Addresses of an encouraging nature were given by several prominent citizens. There is every prospect that the amount aimed at will be secured.

GALT LOSES OLD RESIDENT.

Widow of Late Lieut.-Col. Thomas Peck Was in Eighty-third Year.

Special to The Toronto World, Galt, Feb. 20.—The death of Sarah Freeman Gissing, widow of the late Lieut.-Col. Thomas Peck, in her 83rd year, this morning, Galt sustained the loss of one of its oldest residents. Born in Suffolk, England, the deceased came to Galt on May 24, 1855, and had lived here ever since. Her son, Col. Peck, was a distinguished soldier and a member of the Galt family. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Jessie, Carrie and Bessie Galt, all of Galt, Ontario.

WOMEN TAKE A HAND.

Special to The Toronto World, Brantford, Ont., Feb. 20.—A meeting of all soldiers' wives, mothers and other relatives has been called for Thursday evening to consider the existing situation in Brantford, this now being almost at a standstill.

GERMANY TO TRY NEW

METHODS WITH FARMERS

More Stringent Regulations to Conserve Food Supplies Till Harvest.

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Advices from Germany say the government is about to try new and stronger methods to get from the agriculturists the provisions now so urgently needed for the armed forces of the country, and to food regulations for the delivery of meat, cheese, milk, butter, eggs, potatoes and other products.

Large amounts of stocks intended for local consumption heretofore have been returned by the farmers for their own use, for sale at high prices surreptitiously and direct to favored customers at a large scale for feeding to cattle and swine in defiance of the prohibitions of their use as fodder.

Vice-Chancellor Helfferich, speaking at a meeting of the agricultural council in Berlin, appealed to the farmers, saying it was their patriotic duty to turn over everything beyond the absolute minimum for their own use to the government. He gave a strong reminder that those not doing so were helping Germany's enemies, and he announced that a new organization was being perfected to take this matter in hand.

NO GREAT RUSH TO

NEW POLISH ARMIES

Two Army Corps for Central Empires Do Not Materialize.

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—The appeal of the Poles in the newly proclaimed kingdom to enlist in the Polish army and fight under Austro-German banners for the new states has fallen on deaf ears, according to recent information brought from Warsaw by neutral and German visitors.

The cadres of the new army have been formed and a considerable number of officers and men from the old Austrian-Polish Legion and from the Polish army have been brought to the occupied districts of Poland to instruct the Polish volunteers, but only a few hundred troops, most of them students from Warsaw University, who volunteered in the first flush of enthusiasm following the proclamation of the kingdom, are said to have come forward. The two Polish army corps, of which the German advocates of the establishment of the new Poland spoke as the probable contribution from the kingdom to the armies of the central powers, are declared to show no signs of ever coming into existence.

STRICKEN IN THE STREET

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50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

U-BOATS AFFECT SEA TRADE LITTLE

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ous for that. But its terror lies in anything but wholesale destruction, the actual number of ships sunk bearing a very small proportion to those getting thru unscathed, but in every uncertainty, its erratic strokes.

"However, we are very anxious to meet the wishes of our countrymen, as in all other matters, even when we do not think they are well founded. We, accordingly, are arranging in certain cases, where we are satisfied the vessel concerned is not trading in the interests of our enemies, that they shall be examined at some other British port, such as Halifax.

"This course does not mean the abandonment of the right of visit and search, which, obviously, it would be impossible for us to abandon. It means that we substitute one form of exercising that right for another, and, in order to make our action quite clear, we are declaring at the same time that vessels trying to run the blockade with goods to or from Germany, directly or indirectly, will expose themselves to condemnation in a prize court. We are adding that if they fail voluntarily to enter a British port for examination they will not complain if their conduct exposes them to suspicion and, indeed, constitutes a prima facie case that they are engaged in enemy trade. This is the meaning of our new proclamation. It will not, I hope and believe, make any practical difference in the present situation, but it will proceed exactly in the same way it has proceeded hitherto, except that certain ships will be examined at Halifax instead of at Liverpool."

"In regard to Belgian relief ships, we will not place the slightest obstacle in the way of any agreement whereby they may be able to reach Rotterdam, even should such an arrangement mean a different route from the one they now pursue thru the danger zone."

The proclamation referred to by the minister of blockade is a new order in council, which will be issued tomorrow, covering the attitude of the British Government towards neutral ships.

GALT INCREASES SALARIES.

Boosts City Officials All Round to Keep Up With Conditions.

Special to The Toronto World, Galt, Feb. 20.—The council has made a complete revision of the salary schedule, as a result of which most of the officials receive an increase. The new schedule provides the following salaries: City Engineer Fairchild, \$1800; City Clerk McCartney, \$1600; City Treasurer Hood, \$1400; Fire Chief Keyes, \$1100; Assessor and Collector Welland, \$1000; Market Clerk Culham, \$1000; Fire Driver Laur, \$800; City Solicitor Da'ell, \$700; assistant to city clerk, Carr, \$600, and M.O.R., Dr. Davidson, \$500.

GAS INSPECTOR DIES

James Stephen, Windsor, Passes Away Suddenly While Reading Meters.

Special to The Toronto World, Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20.—James Stephen, for more than thirty years an inspector for Windsor Gas Co., dropped dead of heart failure today while reading a meter in a local residence. He was born in Scotland 64 years ago, and came to this country quite young. For a number of years he taught school in Cobourg, Ontario. He was active in fraternal circles, being a member of the Great Western Masonic Lodge, Oddfellows and United Order of Workmen. His widow and a daughter survive.

W. F. CARLETON DEAD.

Was Nineteen Years a Resident of Toronto, and Came from Tweed.

Special to The Toronto World, Tweed, Feb. 20.—William F. Carleton, who left Tweed in 1893 for Toronto, where he lived for nineteen years, has passed away at his residence in Perth, where he had of late resided. He had been confined to his bed by illness for the past eight months. Mr. Carleton was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1849. He is survived by his wife, one son, Sgt.-Major J. W. Carleton, C.E.P., Montreal, and by four daughters.

I.O.D.E. OFFICERS.

Special to The Toronto World, Coborn, Feb. 20.—At the annual meeting of the St. John Coborn Chapter of the I.O.D.E., the following officers were elected: Regent, Mr. C. T. Hest; vice-regent, Mrs. C. J. Greenwood; treasurer, Mrs. G. Keyes; secretary, Miss W. H. Colton; standard bearer, Mrs. Spurrell.

The report showed that over \$1200 was raised during the year.

FARMERS MAKE MONEY.

Special to The Toronto World, Port Hope, Feb. 20.—A local shipper has just shipped 70 hogs, for which he paid \$1040, while a farmer from near Bethany delivered a quantity of alkali and other grain, and returned home with \$1411.

RUSS SUBMARINE SINKS NINE TURKISH SHIPS

Allied Airmen Worst German Machines in Many Combats.

London, Feb. 20.—Today's Petrograd official statement follows: "Russia, and Galicia. The enemy, about a battalion strong, attacked in close formation our position in the region of Slavutina, northwest of Podgast, being met by our concentrated fire and forced to return to his entrenchments."
"In the region of Smorgon, on Sunday and Monday, our pilots had a number of successful aerial engagements with the enemy. One of our aeroplanes, piloted by Sub-Lieut. Tannison, had a desperate combat with two enemy machines and forced both to return to their positions."
"Rumanian and Caucasian fronts: Scouting reconnoissances and reciprocal firing are proceeding."
"In the Black Sea one of our submarines sank a steamer, and eight schooners near the Bosphorus."

WELLINGTON RIFLES

TO BE STRENGTHENED

First Hint of Enforcement of Militia Act is Seen in Announcement.

Special to The Toronto World, Guelph, Feb. 20.—The first hint of the bringing of the militia act into force in Guelph and Wellington County was given this morning by Lieut.-Col. Mulrie, chief recruiting officer for the Guelph mobilization centre. He stated that inside of a few days an effort would be put forth to recruit the 30th Wellington Rifles up to full strength. The various companies of this regiment are scattered throughout the county.

GAS GOES UP IN PRICE.

Kingston Utilities Commission Can No Longer Supply Commodity at One Dollar.

Special to The Toronto World, Kingston, Ont., Feb. 20.—Owing to the fact that during January it cost \$1.17 to manufacture a thousand cubic feet of gas, the utilities commission decided it could no longer sell gas at \$1.00. Accordingly on Jan. 20, after the first of March, Kingston users of gas will pay \$1.20.

General Manager Folger reported to the commission that if it continued to sell dollar gas the plant would show a deficit of \$12,000 at the end of the year. Gas oil which was very difficult to get was costing fifty per cent more than last year and the present coal was selling at 100 per cent more.

FOREIGN-OWNED MINES

IN MEXICO IN DANGER

Carrazza Gov. Movement Will Take Over All Mines Not Now in Operation.

Washington, Feb. 20.—All mines in Mexico not now in operation, and whose owners have not filed reasons why resumption of work has been delayed, are to be taken over by the Carrazza government.

United States Ambassador Fletcher reported today that the Mexican Government had announced that in the cases of properties where reasons have been officially given to account for failure to reopen on Dec. 14, the last day provided under a decree issued several months ago, extension of time has been granted.

It is understood that owners of the larger mines have filed their reasons for not opening, but scores of smaller foreign-owned properties are in danger of confiscation.

HAMBURG PRIZE COURT

TAKES DUTCH BONDS

Confirms Confiscation From Steamer Prins Hendrik On Way to New York.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The Overseas News Agency announces that the Hamburg prize court has confirmed the confiscation of Dutch bonds held for New York, which were seized on board the Dutch steamer Prins Hendrik, which was taken into a German port. Claims amounting to 5,000,000 francs were made as the result of the seizure. Of this amount 4,000,000 francs were claimed by Madame Lebaudy, wife of Jacques Lebaudy, known as "Emperor of the Sahara."

FOE ATTACKS ITALIANS

THRU SNOW GALERIES

Heavy Hand to Hand Fighting Ends in Austrian Repulse.

Rome, Feb. 20.—"Last night the enemy entered thru galleries dug under the snow one of our trenches near Casero Zebio Pastore," says today's war office statement. "After heavy hand-to-hand fighting the enemy was repulsed with considerable loss, leaving some prisoners in our hands."

"Yesterday we again shelled the railway station of Tarvis."

"On the remainder of the front there were artillery duels, which were more intense in the area east of Gorizia and on the Carso."

WOULD RETAIN WHITELOCK.

Berlin Makes Statement on Belgian Relief Work.

Berlin, Feb. 19, via Sayville, Feb. 20.—The question of hauling down the American flag on the U. S. Embassy at Brussels has never been discussed between Minister Whitelock and any member of the German administration, the semi-official Overseas-News Agency states in an announcement made today. The desire that he continue his interest in the Belgian Relief Commission work was known to him by the German governor-general, it is declared, and the minister and his staff are to keep on with their former activities in this connection.

DIES AT KINGSTON.

Special to The Toronto World, Kingston, Feb. 20.—William Martin, aged 40, of Oshawa, serving a short term in the penitentiary, died suddenly of heart failure last night. The remains were forwarded to Oshawa. He was a barber.

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TRADE OF CANADA STILL INCREASING

January's Figures Show a Gain of Eight Million Dollars.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Canada's trade for the month of January, according to a return issued today, increased by \$8,000,000 over January of last year. Total trade for the month was \$177,946,207. Total trade for the ten months of the fiscal year amounted to \$1,878,284,697, an upshot of approximately \$718,000,000 over the corresponding period.

January imports totaled \$72,323,074, increase \$22,000,000. Ten months' imports, \$675,964,548, increase over \$280,000,000.

January exports \$92,106,259, increase \$16,000,000. Ten months' exports \$1,203,320,149, increase over \$437,000,000. The figures include coin and bullion movements.

HAIG'S STATEMENT

WAS NOT REVISED

Subordinate Erred and Interview Was Published Without Proper Authority.

London, Feb. 20.—Regarding the interview with Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, published in French newspapers last week, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the house of commons today that the field marshal had a frank conversation with certain French journalists. The proofs were sent to general headquarters, but owing to the action of a subordinate they were not submitted to the commander-in-chief. The members of the British cabinet knew nothing of the matter until the interview appeared, the chancellor said.

ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS

BEING HELD ON BAIL

Sander and Wunnenberg to Be Given Hearing Next Tuesday.

New York, Feb. 20.—Albert A. Sander and Charles Wunnenberg, arrested yesterday charged with violating the neutrality of the United States by participating in a military enterprise for the benefit of Germany, were held in \$5000 bail each for a hearing next Tuesday, when arraigned today before a United States commissioner. Neither would make a statement in court.

This is not the first time that Sander has been under police suspicion for certain near-spying.

BIG ARCHANGEL EXPLOSION.

Berlin Hears that 1500 Persons Were Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—A Copenhagen telegram says that travelers returning from Russia declare that the last great explosion at Archangel of an ammunition steamer killed 1500 persons and wounded 3000, and did \$500,000 roubles damage.

The Petrograd report on Feb. 4 stated that an explosion on an ice-breaker killed 30 and wounded 300 persons.

FREE BUYING LIFTS UP WHEAT PRICES

Return of Many Empty Cars Stimulates the Demand.

ALLIES WANT MORE

Comparative Failure of Submarine Campaign Makes Trade Brisk.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Free buying on the part of commission houses did a good deal today to lift values in the wheat market. Prices closed nervous, 1/4 to 1/2 net higher, with May at \$1.79 1/2 to \$1.80, and July at \$1.82 1/2 to \$1.83 1/2. Corn finished unchanged to 1/4 up, oats gained 1/4 to 3/8, and provisions finished unchanged at an advance of 3/8 to 3/4.

Reports that great numbers of empty cars had been started from the east to relieve railway congestion, helped materially to stimulate the demand for wheat and to give the market an upward tendency, which was at no time entirely overcome even for a brief period. In addition to the prospective clearing up of railway traffic hindrances, there were signs of a revival of export purchases for use outside sales, and it was said that indications pointed clearly to main dependence on America for shipments, as long as available supplies would allow. Statements, purporting to show that the submarine campaign of the Germans was falling far short of the results which had been intended, served also to create a bullish sentiment.

Snowfalls in the southwest, where winter wheat has had insufficient protection from cold and also moisture has been seriously lacking, made prices for the new crop less, as compared with the May option. Nevertheless, the strength of the nearer-by delivery caused July and September contracts to advance to a noticeable degree, especially in the last hour of the session. Corn hardened with wheat. Long evidence of dependence on the east for improved demand from the east gave independent firmness to oats. Offerings were not liberal.

Record prices for hogs brought about heavy purchasing of provisions and a corresponding jump in prices.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

J. P. Bickell & Co. report:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev.
Wheat—	178 1/2	180 1/2	176 1/2	180	178
May	150 1/2	152 1/2	148 1/2	152 1/2	150 1/2
July	133 1/2	135 1/2	131 1/2	133 1/2	131 1/2
Sept.	102 1/2	104 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2
May	100 1/2	102 1/2	98 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2
July	57 1/2	59 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2	55 1/2
Sept.	30 1/2	32 1/2	28 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2
May	29 1/2	31 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2
July	17 1/2	19 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2
Sept.	16 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2
May	16 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2
July	16 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2
Sept.	16 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2

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