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GERMANY'S POSITION

President Wilson has yet to be heard from on the issues he is negotiating with Germany. It is, however, taken for granted that the undertaking of the German government that no passenger liners will be sunk without warning will be regarded as satisfactory by the United States. Yet the undertaking is small enough and the situation as between the two countries is a very curious one. In the very beginning of the war Germany made an outlaw of itself among the nations. It tore up its treaty with Belgium, and in the eyes of the world ruthlessly violated its national bond. At the very beginning therefore it stood by its own actions, discredited in the face of the world. What is the worth of an undertaking from any individual, society or nation which, when occasion calls for it, regards a solemn treaty as nothing more than a mere scrap of paper? Germany fully realized what would be the effects of her action, and openly defied the opinion of the world. Drunk in her arrogance and lust she massacred Belgium and embarked on a policy of frightfulness which so far has involved the perpetration of every known crime against humanity. America has been aware of all this, and the true American press has denounced the revolting atrocities of Germany in unmeasured terms. But the atrocities did not come directly home to the people of the United States, and the war was none of their business. They were away from it, and it has always been the policy of America to keep out of European troubles. At the same time many of the most authoritative writers have claimed that Great Britain and her allies were fighting for the cause of America. Still the government did not see in Germany's

murder and spoliation of the Belgian people, her repudiation of all the principles agreed to at the Hague convention, and her crimes against humanity any sufficient reason for interference of any sort. She only took up the issues with Germany when American property was directly destroyed and American lives sacrificed on the German altar of frightfulness. The American government was then forced to open up negotiations with an outlaw nation, and now professes to have received satisfaction from a power which has forsaken its most sacred obligations. To the question so often asked, whether Germany will respect her undertaking or not, the only answer that can be returned is that Germany cannot help herself. She has not gained but lost in her submarine warfare. The British admiralty had the situation almost under control, and Germany is giving up nothing to the United States. If at any time she saw advantage in repudiating the undertaking there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that she would do it. Even if the undertaking she has given reference is made only to passenger liners. Presumably she will still continue her war against peaceful merchantmen, the destruction of fishing trawlers, and the torpedoing of refugee and hospital ships without regard to the lives aboard them. The arrangements between the two countries may be satisfactory in a diplomatic sense, but it will not remove from the German nation the stamp and stigma of the Blackhand.

Few complaints are heard these days of the censor. People have apparently realized the real necessity for his being, for never has his hand been laid so heavily on live news. Just take the doings of the navy. There are all kinds of rumors current of the number of German submarines that have been captured, but never a word from the Admiralty. There was a big naval battle in the Gulf of Riga in which a British diver is reported to have sunk a big German battleship. The battle has never been announced by the Admiralty. And we have a lost Italian army. There have been rumors of its whereabouts since it left the shores of Italy, but where it is the public has never been told.

RUSSIA OFFERING STIFF RESISTANCE TO ENEMY.

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credited Overseas Agency, the official press bureau of the German government from which so many false reports have been sent out, that dispatches from Sofia reported that "off the entrance to the Dardanelles a British transport had struck a mine and had sunk with 320 officers, 1,250 soldiers and 300 members of the crew, all of whom were drowned, six hundred bodies being recovered." It was pointed out, as so frequently is the case with Overseas News Agency reports, no date of the sinking was given and that the story bore a curious resemblance to the true account of the sinking of the transport Royal Edward on August 11, when, as was stated by the British admiralty, about 600 were saved.

Little interest was manifested here today in the conference yesterday between President Wilson and Cardinal Gibbons.

It was noted with satisfaction that President Wilson practically had declared there was no hope of any effort he might make proving successful at the present time, this being taken to indicate that it is realized throughout the world that there will be no looking backward on the part of the allies until German militarism has been crushed.

The reports that Bulgarian troops were holding manoeuvres near the Greek frontier were viewed from several angles. The consensus of opinion, however, was that the situation in the Balkans from the standpoint of the entente powers still was most promising and that an alliance between any of the Balkan states and Turkey was out of the question. Suggestions that the Austro-Germans might attempt to strike by way of Odessa to relieve Constantinople were deemed most improbable, the difficulties in the way of such a campaign being too great with winter rapidly approaching.

Dispatches stating that Italian troops had advanced to the vicinity of Rovereto were taken to indicate that the Austrian defence was weakening, and predictions were made that before long the constant battering of the Italians would show results on both the Trentino and Isonzo fronts.

Zurich, Sept. 3.—Innsbruck dispatches today reported that the Italian artillery is almost within range of Rovereto and that the civilian inhabitants are evacuating the city.

Leibach dispatches reported that Austrian reinforcements to the number of 200,000, mostly youths, had arrived at the front, as well as eighty new batteries and large quantities of ammunition. It is thought the Austrians are preparing to attempt to assume the offensive. Despite this, the Italians have made marked progress on the Carso plateau.

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Thomas Pickup, L. F. Mottishaw, David Thomas, H. B. Martin, Chas. Webster, Joseph Sumpton, Joseph Fielding, Leonard Ramsell, W. A. Yeo, William Waltho, H. J. Sanford, J. A. McAllister, Henry Mason, H. Brown, R. G. Fielding, J. C. Piper, Frank Bateman, G. H. Brown, Jos. Rayson, Robt. McCourt, Frank Macdonald, Lechlan McMillan, C. R. H. Borgess, Arthur Morton, Walter Parkin, W. C. Brice, F. J. Fielding, H. W. Butler, James Anderson, W. J. Willis, A. E. Lightfoot, D. L. Williams, J. J. Evans, William Fletcher, John Glen, E. Dickinson, Thomas Hughes, W. G. Randall, J. H. Greg, E. A. Neave, Harold Wotten, L. E. Priestley, transferred to 72nd. H. T. M. Bryant, transferred to 104th.

IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The United States public health service announced today that cholera is raging in German prison camps in Silesia, Brandenburg and Posen, and also is prevalent throughout Austria, Russia, China, Egypt, Ceylon, the Philippines and the Balkans.

LOCAL LAW FIRM HAS ENLISTED

Among the latest Nanaimoites to enlist are Messrs Leighton & Elder, the well known members of the local law firm of that name. Mr. Elder who was only called to the bar a few weeks ago, has enlisted as a private in the 72nds at Vancouver. At present he has leave of absence in order to enable him to straighten out the affairs of the office.

Mr. Leighton has secured a commission in the 72nds, and will leave on Monday for Victoria where he will attend the military school. Mr. Leighton has already seen active service, having served a year with the Strathcona Mounted Rifles in the Boer war. Since the outbreak of the present war he has been itching to get to the front but found it difficult to make proper arrangements for the business of the office. His many friends in the city will be pleased to learn that he has been honored with a commission.

The office of the firm will be kept open as usual. Mr. J. Ross of Vancouver, has been placed in charge and during the absence of Messrs. Leighton and Elder, will look after the

interests of their clients and attend to all the business of the office.

Lieutenant Hamilton, of the 72nd. Highlanders, who has been stationed here for the last three months left yesterday morning for Vancouver enroute for Ottawa where he will take a machine gun course.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

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pile, and the total height being 30 feet at the deepest point would naturally start a fire under favorable circumstances.

I am informed by Fire Chief Parkin that since Tuesday the daily call to the City of fighting the fire has been between \$30 and \$25.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
W. A. OWEN,

City Engineer.

Ald. Ferguson informed the Council that last Tuesday night he had instructed Fire Chief Parkin to keep a record of the number of men he had at work on the fire in the refuse heap. There were still 155 cubic yards of ash to be removed at an estimated cost of \$75. Last Wednesday Mr. Mainwaring promised to put some men to work digging trenches to isolate the fire but he did not do so and would not even move some barrels of tar which were obstructing operations. It was a serious matter to have the Department spending days on such a fire for its services might be needed in other parts of the city at a moment's notice.

Mayor Planta remarked the Gas works' fire was an exceptional case and he was not acquainted with the legal status. He had every reason to believe, however, if it was proven that the work was something the Fire Department should not be called upon to do, the Gas Company would be willing to pay a portion of the cost. Mr. Mainwaring felt that as he was paying heavy taxes he was entitled to protection. When the department first went to the fire prompt action was necessary for the fire was reaching the slab pile and if the flames had reached the slabs it would have been a serious matter. But it was a question if digging trenches was work for a Fire Department to do.

Ald. Young did not think it was the work of the Fire Department to dig trenches and he felt that the Gas Company should not have asked the City for help in putting out a fire. The W. F. Co. had a more serious fire than the one now burning at the Gas Works but they did not ask the city for help.

Mayor Planta remarked the Gas Company had men working on the fire for some time and had pumps putting water on the fire.

Ald. Busby felt the fire must be held in check. It was rather expensive for the city to pay \$1 an hour for men digging trenches. Mr. Mainwaring was present and he felt he might tell the Council what the Company proposed doing.

Mr. William Mainwaring informed the Council he had not had much to do with the fire. Last night his father and Mr. Thomas had been called out of town and were unable to be back today. His father did not tell Ald. Ferguson he would put men to work digging trenches but he understood from Ald. Ferguson, Killen and Young that it would be much cheaper to sluice out a trench around the burning area and let the fire burn itself out and he was under the impression this would be done. He thought the Gas Company was entitled to fire protection for it had paid taxes for 26 or 27 years and during that time the Fire Department had seldom if ever been called to the Works.

Ald. Ferguson, Young and Killen all stated Mr. Mainwaring had promised to put men to work in digging a trench around the fire but had not done so.

Mr. Mainwaring stated the Company had men working on the fire for

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the past five weeks. Had three men digging trenches and had two pumps throwing water onto the smouldering ash heap, and until the fire had gotten beyond their control they did not summon the Fire Department.

City Engineer Owen informed the Council it was necessary to remove 155 yards of material before the trench was completed, and the cheapest plan would be to remove the material with pick and shovel as the trench was too deep for effective sluicing.

Ald. McKenzie was of the opinion

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the question was not so much fighting fire as isolating a menace and he felt it was up to the Gas Company to isolate something they originated themselves. He was of the opinion the Company should be called upon to mitigate the danger and apparently the Company realized the trouble was their own for they fought the fire for five weeks themselves before calling upon the City for assistance.

Ald. Young moved the City Clerk notify the Gas Company to isolate the fire burning in its ash heap and in failing to do so the work be done by the City and charge the cost of the work to the Company.

Ald. McKenzie seconded the motion. Ald. Forrester thought the Council was taking the proper action and felt the Gas Company could have no kick as the City had gone to considerable expense in the matter and he thought the Company should now take it onto themselves to complete the trench.

The motion was adopted by the Council by a unanimous vote.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

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