

GERMAN GETS PLAIN ANSWER FROM BRAIN OF BERNSTORFF PROPOSALS

Washington, April 21.—The United States government replied today to the recent memorandum in which Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, declared that "if the American people desire to observe true neutrality they will find means to stop the exclusive importation of arms to one side, or at least to use this export trade as a means to uphold the legitimate trade with Germany especially the trade in foodstuffs."

The American note, which is signed by Secretary of State Bryan, was drafted at the state department but was finally penned by President Wilson himself. After pointing out that the language used by Count Von Bernstorff, "is susceptible of being construed as impugning the good faith of the United States in the performance of its duties as a neutral" the note "takes it for granted that no such implication was intended" and suggests that evidently the German ambassador "is laboring under certain false impressions."

It is then declared that while the relations of the United States with any one of the belligerents "cannot wisely be made a subject of discussion with a third government" such correspondence between the United States and the Allies, as has been published shows "the steadfast refusal" of the American government "to acknowledge the right of any belligerent to alter the accepted rules of war as set in so far as they affect the rights and interests of neutrals."

The attitude of the United States on the question of exportation of arms is re-stated—namely, that to place any embargo on arms during the progress of a war would be "a direct violation of the neutrality of the United States."

The note refers to the spirit of friendship which the United States desires all ways to manifest toward Germany and its people, and concludes with the declaration that the neutrality of the United States "is founded upon the firm basis of conscience and good will."

The communication was delivered by messenger to Count Von Bernstorff late today, and by mutual arrangement with the German embassy, the state department made it public tonight.

OBITUARY

Henry Wilnot Crawford.

"Nor blame I Death because he bore
The use of virtue out of earth;
I know translated human worth
Will bloom to profit, otherwise."

Giving up his life in the service of his country, Henry W. Crawford, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crawford, of Upper Hamptown (N. B.), passed away on Wednesday morning last, at Rockhead hospital, Halifax, after a short illness of pneumonia. Just a month ago he joined the Canadian Cyclist Corps, while at King's College, Windsor, and expected to leave at once for foreign service. A severe cold, contracted while in Halifax, settled in pneumonia. Although only in his seventh year, physical and intellectual endowments beyond his years, promised for Harry Crawford a brilliant career.

On securing the medal "for highest standing in High school entrance, he attended Glasgow Grammar school, where in two years he completed the entire course, patiently overcoming difficulties that would have taxed an older student. On matriculating at King's College, in July, he entered the King's College, with the intention of studying for Holy orders in the Church of England. At King's, high scholarship and prominence in studies characterized his career. Above these qualities must be mentioned a character marked by unusual spirituality, high ideals and manliness, a son of whom any parents might well be proud.

He needed for the Cyclist Corps he enlisted in what is considered the most hazardous post in the army. Besides a father and mother who are lovingly bearing a great affliction, he leaves one brother, Wallace; two sisters, Ruth and Margaret, and a wide circle of friends by whom he will be sorely missed. The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved family.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, from his late home in Upper Hamptown, to St. John's church, and were conducted by Rev. Wm. Smith.

Mrs. Mary E. Barto.

Mrs. Mary E. Barto, an old and highly esteemed resident of Leonardville, Deer Island, passed away on the night of March 19th, in the 72nd year of her age. She had been a widow since 1910, when her husband died quite suddenly at the age of 71. She leaves nine children to mourn her loss, three sons and six daughters. The sons are Arthur G. and Leonardville; William E. and J. Cleveland, of Portland (Me.); and the daughters are Mrs. Edward C. Leonard, of Deer Island; Mrs. William of Portland (Me.); Mrs. Frank Stone, of Yarmouth (Me.); Mrs. J. L. Stone, of North Conway (N. H.); and Mrs. Melvin Edridge and Mrs. Robt. Barry, of Beaver Harbor, New Brunswick.

The funeral service, held in the Christian church at Leonardville, at 2 p.m., March 16, was largely attended, and words of comfort were spoken by Rev. C. A. Brown, acting pastor at Leonardville, Deer Island. The following hymns were very touchingly rendered by the choir: Asleep in Jesus; Does Jesus Care; We Are Going Down the Valley.

S. B. Gates.

Tuesday, April 20.
Fay C. Gates, manager of the Dufferin Hotel, received word yesterday of the death of his father, S. B. Gates, at his home in Winn (Me.), yesterday morning. The late Mr. Gates was 87 years of age, and a native of Winn. For a number of years he had been engaged in business, but several years ago retired. Besides F. C. Gates, of this city, the survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Phair, of Presque Isle, and Mrs. McKeechie, of Bangor. F. C. Gates left for Winn last evening, where the funeral of the deceased will take place.

Mrs. Sarah Neaves.

Tuesday, April 20.
The death took place yesterday in the city of Mrs. Sarah Neaves, wife of Samuel Neaves, Sheriff of the county, well known in the North End, having been born and brought up in the city. Besides the husband there are left to mourn three sons, James, William and Frederick, and one daughter, Mrs. William Bunell, all of St. John. There are also two sisters, Mrs. H. Lowe and Mrs. Peacock, while William Clarke is a brother.

Mrs. Ellen Harris.

Tuesday, April 20.
Mrs. Ellen Harris, widow of the late Daniel Harris, died after a short illness yesterday, at the home of her brother, Cornelius Keane, 97 Winter street. She

had suffered from pneumonia. She leaves two sons, Walter and Thomas, of the city, two brothers, Cornelius and Patrick Keane, also of St. John and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Doody. The funeral is to take place tomorrow at 2.30.

Thomas Alexander Glennie.

Tuesday, April 20.
The death of Thomas Alexander Glennie, who for more than twenty years had been a valued and popular employe of M. R. A., Ltd., occurred last night at his home, 46 Summer street, after an illness of about two months. He leaves to mourn his wife, two sons and three daughters. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. McEachern, of Fairville, and Mrs. E. Edgely, of Clairmont (N. B.). The funeral is to take place on Thursday.

Patrick Donahoe.

Wednesday, April 21.
Many friends about the city heard yesterday with regret of the death of a well-known resident, Patrick H. Donahoe, which occurred yesterday at his residence, 16 Cliff street. He had been in failing health for some time, but able to attend to his business. He is survived by his wife and one son, Henry R. Donahoe, of this city. The funeral is to take place on Thursday.

Mrs. Jane Meating.

Wednesday, April 21.
St. George, April 20.—Mrs. Jane Meating, widow of Nicholas Meating, died this morning. Mrs. Meating was taken ill before Christmas. She was sixty-four years of age and had resided in West St. John for thirty-one years. She was in the grocery and provision business, was one of the most prominent Liberals of the West Side and was prominent in the Odd Fellows, Foresters and Orange Lodge.

Mrs. William R. Morgan.

Thursday, April 22.
The death of Rebecca L., wife of William R. Morgan, occurred last night at her home, 80 Vihart street, after an illness of five weeks. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Hooper and belonged formerly to St. Martin's. Many friends will learn of her passing with sincere regret and the bereaved ones will receive sincere sympathy. She leaves to mourn, besides her husband, one child, her parents, one brother and two sisters. The funeral is to take place on Friday morning, and the body is to be taken to Brown's Flats for interment there.

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HANDING DOWN

(By Harold Begbie, in London Chronicle.)
Soldier, what are you writing?
By the side of your cooling gun?
Sir, since I'm stopped from fighting,
A word to my little son.

Tell me the thing you've written,
For I love the writer's art;
Sir, that to be a Briton
Is worth a broken heart.

Show me so fine a letter
That you write in trench's mud;
Sir, you could read it better
Were it not for the stain of blood.

Soldier, tell me your story—
Your eyes grow bright and wide;
Sir, it's a taste of glory
To think of the young one's pride!

Would you like to be a soldier,
Little Tommy—all-my-own,
Would you like to tip the Kaiser of his high and mighty throne,
Would you like to be with father in a well-dug trench,
Knocking spots off German generals and saluting General French?

Would I like to be with Tommy,
Little Tommy—all-my-own,
Would I give a month of Sundays just to see how he has grown?
Yes! I'd like to be a dudsman in the poorest London streets
For the chance of seeing Tommy with a gumboll made of sweets.

If you want to be a tyran, then I want to be with you,
But I'm here to show a wiser, than a Briton's word is true;
We must stand by little Belgium, we must fight till fighting ends,
We must show the foe of Britain that we don't desert our friends.

Don't you go and think my Tommy, little Tommy—all-my-own,
That we're squabbling here for nothing, that we're grinding for a bone;
We are here for Britain's honor, for our freedom, for our peace,
And we're also here, my Tommy, that these wicked wars may cease.

Don't you say that I am funky, don't you say that I am sick,
Boy, I'm half afraid to tell you, but I love it when it's thick—
When the shells come screaming, bursting and whistling bullets wall,
God forgive me, but I love it, and I fight with tooth and nail.

But it's after-looking round us, missing friends, and finding dead,
If it then the British soldier gets a fancy in his head,
And he swears by God in heaven that the man who starts a war
Should go swimming into judgment down a catarract of gore.

That's what makes us such great fighters, and I'd have you be the same;
Love your country like a good 'un, hold your head up, play the game.
Be a straight and pleasant neighbor, be a cool, unflinched man,
But when bullets want a thrashing, why you thrash 'em all you can.

While you say your prayers, my Tommy, little Tommy—all-my-own,
Asking God to save your soul, I send this one to His Throne—
Save my little lad from slaughter, guard his heart and mind from wrong,
Keep him sweet and kind and gentle, yes, but make him awfully strong.

Good night, my little Tommy, here's your daddy's good-by kiss,
Don't forget what I have told you and remember also this—
If I don't come back to see you I shall die without a groan,
For it's great to fall for freedom, little Tommy—all-my-own.

WEDDINGS

Brown-Joyce.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity church on Monday evening by Rev. Father Walsh, V.G., of Susie Joyce, daughter of Patrick Joyce, of the North End, to George Harfield, of the city. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Cotter, and five brothers, William J., Howard J., Arthur, Charles and Sergeant Francis L., of the 26th battalion.

Douglas C. Macaulay.

Thursday, April 22.
The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Macaulay will extend to them their sympathy in the death of their son, Douglas Clarendon, which took place last evening after only ten days' illness from pneumonia. Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Donnelly, Mrs. E. R. Sewell and Miss Eunice Weston Macaulay. The late Mr. Macaulay had been with his father in the business of Macaulay Bros. & Co. for some years, latterly in the gentlemen's furnishing department, and he was liked by all in the business house as much as he was in private. He was an ardent yachtsman and a member of the N. K. Y. C. and a Mason. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Welch-Bowers.

Wednesday, April 21.
A quiet wedding took place last night at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. F. S. Porter, 31 Queen street, when Freeman Daniel Welch of Westport (N. S.), was united in marriage to Cynthia Sophia Bowers, of the same place. The ceremony was solemnized in the presence of a few relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Welch will leave for their home today, where they will reside.

Recruits for 55th Battalion Physically Good

Medical Examinations Now Being Made—26th Men on the Range.

A medical examination of the latest recruits for the 55th taken in St. John was conducted yesterday and most of the men were found to be physically fit. The strength of the battalion, Captain Gardner, the medical officer, who had just returned from Campbell, reported that the recruits there and in most parts of the province were physically a good class of men. The only other item of interest in the 55th yesterday was that the thirty-five men transferred from the 26th to the 55th, and will be quartered there.

The 26th battalion spent the day in rifle practice at the range and a part underwent training in the neighborhood of Little River, having a stiff march out. The drill was of regulation order.

The first death of a member of the battalion since its mobilization in the city took place yesterday, when Corporal George H. McKee died at his boarding house, 86 Horsfield street. He was a Frederickman, and was married with two small children.

John Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Orange, of Moncton, received word from Kingston that he had successfully passed examination for a captaincy, and it is expected that Captain Price will be gazetted shortly.

A letter was received this week from Alex. Walling, of Amherst, who is with the Ontario Highlanders at the front. Mr. Walling writes that he has been in the trenches for some months and took part in the Neuve Chapelle engagement. He says that the fighting was very close in the same light with a Montreal regiment.

Salisbury Red Cross Entertainment.

Salisbury, N. B., April 22.—The Salisbury people enjoyed a rich treat on Wednesday evening in the lecture given for the benefit of the local branch of the Red Cross Society for patriotic work by Rev. T. Porter Drummond, of St. John's Presbyterian church, Moncton. The theme of the lecture, which was so clearly portrayed in both picture and story, was the Isle of Man.

Rev. A. D. McCully gave the speaker splendid support in putting the pictures on the screen.

During the evening a number of well-rendered patriotic selections were given by the members of the Salisbury male double quartette. After the close of the lecture hearty votes of thanks were tendered the Rev. Mr. Drummond, Rev. McCully and the male chorists. This part of the evening's entertainment closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which a pleasant social hour was spent when the energetic president of the society, Mrs. E. E. Price, and her fellow workers in the society served ice cream and cake. Something over \$50 was realized.

Mrs. and Mrs. Drummond were the guests while here of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnes. They returned home on the early train Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Triles, who took a leading part in making the entertainment a success, are showing a fine patriotic spirit. Their eldest son, James W. Triles, was among the volunteers who went from New Brunswick to South Africa during the Boer war, and their third son, Stanley Triles, who has recently been promoted in rank, is with the second Canadian contingent now at Sherrillville, England.

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ST. JOHN MARKETS

The feature in the local market quotations this week is the uncertainty in the prices of all sugars. During the week the values fluctuated, in some cases there being an increase of ten cents and in others, a decrease. Standard granulated went down twenty cents and, it is expected, this decrease will be permanent.

Ontario and Manitoba flour have taken another advance. The former advanced forty cents and the latter twenty.

The wholesale prices yesterday were as follows:

COUNTRY MARKET.

Potatoes per bbl.	1.00 to 1.20
Beef, western	0.11 1/2 to 0.12 1/2
Beef, country	0.07 1/2 to 0.12
Mutton, per lb.	0.08 to 0.10
Pork, per lb.	0.09 to 0.11 1/2
Eggs, cases, per doz.	0.10 to 0.13
Tub butter, per lb.	0.25 to 0.27
Creamery butter, per lb.	0.30 to 0.32
Fowls, fresh killed, per lb.	0.00 to 0.25
Becon	0.28 to 0.31
Bacon	0.00 to 0.20
Ham	0.18 to 0.20
Turkey	0.80 to 0.90
Cabbage, per lb.	0.08 to 0.09
Squash	0.00 to 0.02 1/2
Turnips, bbl.	0.90 to 1.00
Spinach (bus)	0.00 to 1.00
Rhubarb, lb.	0.00 to 0.05
Cauliflower	0.00 to 0.85
Tomatoes	0.00 to 0.80
Cucumbers	0.00 to 0.12
Radishes	0.00 to 0.07
Mushrooms	0.00 to 6.50
New Beets	0.00 to 0.12
Sweet potatoes	0.00 to 0.10

GROCERIES.

Choice seeded raisins, 10 1/2	0.10 1/2
Fancy, do	0.10 1/2
Currants, cleaned, 1s.	0.08 1/2
Cheese, per lb.	0.19 1/2
Cream tartar, pure box	0.40
Ricarb soda, per box	2.10
Beans, hand picked	3.45
Beans, yellow eye	3.70
Split peas, bags	6.00
Pot barley, bbls.	6.85
Commeal, per bag	1.85
Granulated commeal	1.75
Liverpool salt per sack	5.10

CANNED GOODS.

The following are the wholesale quotations per cases:

Salmon, pink	4.90	5.00
Salmon, red spring	7.75	8.35
Finman haddies	4.50	4.60
Kipper herring	4.50	4.60
Clams	1.00	1.10
Oysters, 1s	1.70	1.75
Oysters, 2s	2.65	2.70
Corned beef, 1s	2.75	3.40
Peaches, 2s	1.00	1.00
Peaches, 3s	2.25	2.30
Pineapple, sliced	2.00	2.05
Pineapple, grated	1.85	1.80
Lomhard plums	1.10	1.20
Raspberries	0.07 1/2	0.10
Corn, per doz.	1.00	1.05
Peas	1.00	1.05
Strawberries	2.30	2.35
Tomatoes	1.10	1.15
Pumpkins	0.90	1.00
String beans	1.00	1.05
Baked beans, 2s	1.00	1.05
Baked beans, 3s	1.45	1.50

PROVISIONS.

Pork, Canadian mess.	24.00	24.50
Pork, American clear	25.25	25.00
American plate	25.00	25.00
Lard, compound, tub	0.11	0.11 1/2
Lard, pure, tub	0.13	0.13 1/2
Molasses, fancy Barbadoes	0.35	0.40

SUGAR.

Standard granulated	6.80	6.90
United Empire	6.80	6.90
Bright yellow	6.70	6.80
No. 1 yellow	6.70	6.80
Paris lumps	7.60	7.75

FLOUR, ETC.

Roller oatmeal	0.00	8.00
Standard oatmeal	0.00	8.50
Manitoba, high grade	0.00	9.05
Ontario full patent	0.00	8.50

GRAINS.

Middlings, car lots	31.00	31.50
Mid, small lots, bag	32.00	33.00
Bran, small lots, bag	30.00	31.00
Pressed hay, car lot	17.00	18.00
No. 1	17.00	18.00
Pressed hay, per ton	18.00	20.00
No. 1	18.00	20.00
Oats, Canadian	0.75	0.75
Oats, local	0.87	0.70

FRUITS.

Marbet walnuts	0.16	0.17
Almonds	0.17	0.18
California prunes	0.09	0.10
Filberts	0.14	0.15
Brussels	0.18	0.17
Peanuts, roasted	4.90	4.50
Bag Bgs, per lb.	0.10	0.15
Lemons, Messina, box	6.50	7.00
Cocoanuts, per doz.	0.60	0.70
Cocoanuts, per sack	8.00	8.25
New Java, box	0.15	0.19
California oranges	4.00	4.50
California peaches	1.75	2.25
California plums	1.75	2.25
California pears	0.25	0.35
Oranges	4.00	4.50
Onions, American	3.75	4.00

FISH.

Small dry cod	4.25	4.50
Medium dry cod	5.25	5.50
Graddock	8.00	8.70
Pollock	8.00	8.20
Grand Manan herring	8.20	8.50
Half-bbls.	3.80	4.00
Smoked herring	0.17	0.18
Pickled hadd, half-bbls	12.00	12.00
Fresh cod, per lb.	0.08 1/2	0.09
Blathers	0.18	0.20
Halibut	0.12	0.16
Kipper herring, per dozen	0.00	0.90
Swordfish	0.12	0.13

OILS.

Alcaine	0.14	0.18
Royalite	0.17	0.18
Turpentine	0.00	0.64
Extra lard compound	0.90	0.91
Extra No. 1 lard compound	0.00	0.82 1/2
Premier motor gaso.	0.00	0.80 1/2
Penmoline	0.14	0.14 1/2
Fish oil	0.40	0.41

HIDES AND WOOL.

One dealer's quotations yesterday were:		
Green hides	0.60	0.12
Salted hides	0.13 1/2	0.14
Calveskins	0.14	0.16
Tallow	0.00	0.05 1/2
City market prices on the goods that to the firm handles follow:		
Hides	0.12	0.16
Calveskins	0.15	0.16
Sheepskins, April	1.00	1.50
Tallow	0.08	0.08 1/2
Wool, washed	0.25	0.35
Wool, unwashed	0.18	0.22

St. John Bank Clearings.

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were \$1,589,928, corresponding week last year, \$1,689,139.

Halifax Bank Clearings.

Halifax, April 22.—The Halifax bank clearings for the week ended today were \$1,972,049 and for the corresponding week last year \$2,104,922.

SOLDIER WITH EIGHT WOUNDS IN HALIFAX

Private George Wales, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, Saw Much Fighting in the Western Theatre of War—Letter from Prisoner in Austria Village.