

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Wilson Note to ask why and Demand Assurance of Germany's Future Good Behaviour

ITALY RECEIVES OFFERS

Cession of Trentino and Friuli Included—Germany Instructs Submarine Commanders Not to Harm Neutral Shipping.

A draft of a communication to be sent to Germany was submitted to the Washington Cabinet yesterday and approved unanimously. While no official announcement was made, it was learned that the United States would insist upon an explanation of the series of incidents which have occurred since the proclamation of a war zone around the British Isles culminating with the destruction, without warning, of the Lusitania. In what are described by those familiar with the document as firm and unmistakable terms, the President voices the intense feeling of the United States over these happenings, and in the name of international law demands an adherence by Germany to the established rules of maritime warfare. The note asks that some assurance be given hereafter that unarmed merchant vessels carrying non-combatants will be visited and searched when encountered on the high seas by the German navy, and passengers and crew transferred to a place of safety before the prize is destroyed.

The note informing Italy of the maximum concessions Austria-Hungary is willing to make in return for a promise that Italy will continue neutral, which was handed to Foreign Minister Baron Sonnino yesterday, by the secretary of Prince von Luelox, the German ambassador, included in its offer the cession of the Trentino. It also offered the cession of that part of the Friuli still in Austrian hands; the restoration to Trieste of the autonomy enjoyed by that city before 1866; autonomy for Istria for all communities having a predominant Italian population; the cession to Italy of four islands on the Dalmatian coast; recognition to Italy of a free hand in Albania; and privileged commercial treaties between Austria and Italy.

Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, has notified the United States that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts; and that Germany would pay for damages to such ships in the war zone. Neutral ships carrying contraband will be dealt with, the announcement says, according to the rules of naval warfare. If neutral ships are accidentally damaged in the war zone, Germany will express its regret and pay damages without prior court proceedings.

Never since the war began has such a wave of anti-German feeling surged through England as at the present time, and it is due entirely to the sinking of the Lusitania. Workmen in the industrial districts are refusing to labor alongside men of German birth, whether they are naturalized or not. In many towns the premises occupied by Germans have been stormed and damaged or destroyed. There have been riots in Liverpool, Manchester, Salford and Birkenhead. In Liverpool the Germans have been interned, and those who are naturalized subjects of Great Britain have been advised to go to interior towns or seek internment.

Colonel Roosevelt has announced what action, in his opinion, the States should take toward Germany because of the sinking of the Lusitania. He believes that the Government could and should take effective action by declaring that all commerce with Germany forthwith be forbidden and that all commerce of every kind be permitted and encouraged with France, England, and "the rest of the civilized world."

The greatest importance is attached to the French operations in the western theatre, as they threaten the German lines of communication for the armies on the Oise and the Aisne. The result of this battle which doubtless will not be decided for days, is awaited with deep interest. According to the French report, the Germans, their railway lines having been damaged by allied armies, have brought up reinforcements by motor cars. These have been met by the concentrated fire of the French artillery, and in fact, the artillery is becoming more and more the determining factor in the war.

The cost of the war on British ships, not including warships, thus far, has been 201 vessels. The loss of life has been 1,556. Dr. Thomas J. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, gave these figures in the House of Commons in response to a question from Lord Charles Bessford.

N. Y. MARKET OPENING.

Union Pacific	125 1/2	Up 1/2
Erie	26	Up 1/2
Utah Copper	6 1/2	Up 1/2
Reading	144 1/2	Up 1/2
Amn. Locomotive	46 1/2	Up 1/2
Inter-Met.	21 1/2	Up 1/2
Southern Pacific	88 1/2	Up 1/2
Beth. Steel	138 1/2	Up 1/2
Amalgamated	68 1/2	Up 1/2
U. S. Steel	54	Up 1/2
C. P. R.	159 1/2	Up 1/2
Rock Island	25 1/2	Up 1/2
Westinghouse	89	Up 1
Amn. Beet Sugar	45 1/2	Up 1/2
Amn. Can.	35 1/2	Up 1/2

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CLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

American Line is to accept no more contraband freight.

Average price of twelve industrials \$4.55, up 3.11; twenty railroads \$3.50, up 1.55.

There is no let up in the German attacks on the British positions around Ypres.

The Liverpool Cotton Exchange will be closed May 22 to 23.

May 20 is the date set for the re-opening of the Italian Parliament.

John Owen, only letter carrier in the country who was a graduate of Harvard, died in Boston, aged 73.

Independent interests in Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway have formed a protective committee to investigate the situation of the road.

American Locomotive Company will re-open its plants in Providence, which have been idle for two years.

Navy League has adopted a resolution asking the President to call a special session of Congress to authorize \$500,000,000 for naval defense.

The German Government has informed the United States State Department that all neutral vessels will be attacked only when carrying contraband of war.

The Russians continue their attacks in East Galicia, and in Western Galicia are fighting rear-guard actions until re-enforcements can be brought up.

Russian Government is expected to order 2,000,000 pairs of boots from New England shoe manufacturers.

A Brooklyn progressive club, composed largely of German-Americans, tore portraits of Theodore Roosevelt from the walls.

Thomas A. Edison has accepted the proposal of the government to place his new storage battery in the American submarine E-2.

A contract for the construction of a big building at Edgemoor, Pa., to cost about \$500,000, was let by the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Controller of the Currency Williams received an application at Washington to organize the American National Bank of Racine, Wis., capital \$200,000.

Seaport at Archangel, closed by ice for months past, is reported now open, and Russia will be able to get arms and ammunition from Great Britain.

The French offensive north of Arras continues successfully. These operations if carried through will threaten the German lines of communication for the armies of the Aisne and the Oise.

National Conduit & Cable Co.'s plant at Yonkers will work overtime replacing a shipment of cable and copper wire and copper plates lost on the Lusitania.

The American Oxonian declares that it was only upon Lord Kitchener's threat to withdraw British troops from the Continent if Paris surrendered that the French decided to hold that city last fall.

Three masked men gagged three employees of the Monmouth Electric Co.'s employees in the car barn at Shrewsbury, N.J., and blew open the safe, escaping with more than \$500.

Offer of a building and site to cost not less than \$500,000 has been made to Rochester Chamber of Commerce by George Eastman, president of Eastman Kodak Co. on condition that the chamber raise \$100,000 to equip building.

The United States Supreme Court granted a temporary injunction sought by the State of Georgia to prevent the Tennessee Copper Co. from discharging injurious sulphur fumes from one of its smelters, the Dockton Copper Co., which damaged vegetation in Georgia.

James A. Nelson, representative of American metal interests, returning from Europe, says Germany's copper supply is exhausted and that there is hardly enough iron and steel left to finish work on ships under way. American shells are pronounced 90 per cent. efficient against 40 per cent. for French and Russian shells.

New York, May 12.—Curb market steady. United Cigar Stores sold at 9 1/2, Braden Copper 7 1/2; Penna. R. R. 4 1/2's 98 1/2, off 1/2.

Prairie Oil, Indiana 42 1/2, 42 1/2. Standard Oil, Indiana 42 1/2, 42 1/2. Chile Copper 19 1/2, 19 1/2. British American Tobacco 15 1/2, 15 1/2. Do, new 16 1/2, 16 1/2. Braden 7 1/2, 7 1/2. McCrory 5 1/2, 5 1/2. Int. Pet. 9 1/2, 9 1/2. Anglo 16 1/2, 16 1/2. United Profit 3 1/2, 3 1/2. Riker 7 1/2, 7 1/2. United Cigar Stores 9 1/2, 9 1/2. Amn. Zinc 38 1/2, 38 1/2. N. Y. Transp. 13 1/2, 13 1/2. Film 4 1/2, 4 1/2. Jonsen 14 1/2, 14 1/2.

New York, May 12.—The curb market was firm. Prairie Oil and Gas sold up 6 points at 330. Standard Oil, Indiana, sold 42 1/2, up 3. Other oil stocks quiet and firm.

McCrory stocks, common, sold from 55 down to 51 1/2.

New York Transportation 13 1/2, up 1/2. Kelly Springfield 133, up 2 from low.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.
New York, May 12.—Sugar futures market opened firm.

May 12 3.92. Bid. 3.92. Asked. 3.92. July 4.02. Bid. 4.02. Asked. 4.02. September 4.12. Bid. 4.12. Asked. 4.12. December 3.86. Bid. 3.86. Asked. 3.86. March 3.50. Bid. 3.50. Asked. 3.50.

An American newspaper says that Canada has sent 170,000 troops to assist the Allies. No such luck. If we had there would be less grumbling all over the country at the lackluster manner in which the various contingents are being pushed—one cannot say "rushed"—forward.

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Heard Around the Ticker

Despite the war and all the bearish arguments that can be advanced, including the old theory that the summertime is always a dull period, there are many reasons for believing that the next few months will be characterized by marked activity on the stock exchanges.

Instead of going to Europe as formerly, the big Wall Street leaders will stay at home where they can keep in touch with market movements. Then the two or three hundred millions usually spent in Europe will be kept at home, while war orders and the unprecedented prosperity of the farming community will prove big factors in stimulating trade.

Prof. Harnack, a Berlin theologian, says that by Kultur the Huns indicate the wish to "form a union wide as human life and deep as human misery." If they are given time and opportunity they will get to the depth of human misery, all right. That's where they most display that other attribute of Kultur called "efficiency."

Senator Nathaniel Curry is now in New York City arranging the final details of the sub-contracts for the \$3,000,000 worth of war material, which was secured by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company. Although this concern can only handle a small portion of the whole directly it is understood that a handsome profit will be reaped in the shape of commissions from companies located across the line.

In the manufacture of the five million shells involved close to twenty million pounds of copper, it is estimated, will be used. Senator Curry estimates that the enormous contracts for war supplies now being filled in the Dominion aggregate \$150,000,000, and that to directly and in conjunction with the shell committee will be roughly \$250,000,000. President Curry's estimate of business already placed in the United States is \$300,000,000 which amount can be multiplied two or three times with any prolonged duration of the war.

Three persons were killed in an explosion that blew up a powder factory at Fontana Liri, Italy. It never did pay to monkey with the band wagon.

The recent heavy orders secured by the Westinghouse Company has been reflected in the strength of the company's stock. The Westinghouse Company has been somewhat adversely affected by the prevailing hard times, but before it fell on evil days was doing a remarkably profitable business. The company was started many years ago by the late George Westinghouse, who was of an inventive turn of mind. He invented the air brake and went with it first to Cornelius Vanderbilt, who was then the greatest American railway magnate. Westinghouse was ushered into the sanctum of the old railroad and told his story, but it fell on unappreciative ears. Vanderbilt continued to read letters while the young inventor told of the wonders of his invention. When he finished, Vanderbilt looked up long enough to say: "I am not such a d—d fool as to believe that you can stop any of my trains with wind. Get out!" Finally Westinghouse secured permission to try it on a rival road and fortunately was able to avert an accident at a level crossing through the use of his air brake. It immediately became a success and so revolutionized railroad travel that old Cornelius Vanderbilt was forced to go hat in hand to the man he had snubbed and acknowledge that he was wrong and to ask that his trains be equipped with "the device which would stop them by wind."

Mayor Martin may have a supremely good opinion of himself but he recognizes that he is no match for the Law. Rather than expend \$600 in an appeal to the Privy Council, he has paid the \$37.50 fine and costs involved as a result of his noted automobile ride in Mount Royal Park.

Misleading reports having been circulated in the United States with respect to the admission of tourists into Canada, an official circular has been issued declaring that no passports are required from United States citizens who enter Canada for purposes of pleasure or business. In fact, the tourist regulations remain the same as for several years past. It is expected that many American tourists, who have hitherto spent their vacations on the European continent, will come to Canada this year.

Another reason why the Germans sank the Lusitania is discovered. There was \$100,000 in the safe of the vessel contributed in the United States to the Belgian Red Cross Fund.

The Detroit United Railway, which, up to the moment, has refused to purchase any additional rolling stock on the supposition that its lines were to be taken over by the civic authorities, is now reported to be contemplating the ordering of one hundred cars. This is taken to mean that the management have come to the conclusion that a satisfactory arrangement cannot be reached and that the municipalization of the system is out of the question. It was on April 7th, 1913, that the voters of the city of Detroit ratified an amendment to the city charter authorizing the municipality to acquire by purchase all the lines within the city and those extending to a radius of 10 miles from any portion of the city limits. Since then spasmodic negotiations have been in progress, resulting finally in a suggestion that the shareholders might sell the property of the company in the city for \$24,900,000. The shareholders are to meet toward the latter part of the month to consider this proposition and it now looks as though the decision would be adverse.

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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Southern Utilities Company reports for March an increase in gross in gross earnings of \$2,874, or 3.58 per cent., while the gain in net earnings was \$8,994, or 6.54 per cent. over March, 1914. There was a surplus for the month after the payment of preferred dividends of \$5,462, compared with a deficit of \$1,975 last year. For the twelve months ended March 31, 1915, gross earnings aggregated \$1,068,531, an increase of \$129,812, or 13.32 per cent. Net earnings were \$290,499, a gain of \$59,664, or 25.8 per cent., over the previous twelve months. Net earnings were approximately three times total interest requirements, and the balance against preferred dividends was \$85,486, as against a surplus of \$54,717 for the preceding twelve months.

At the result of the increased consumption of gas in San Francisco, due partly to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is adding to its generating capacity by installing at the Potrero station two improvised Jones oil-gas sets, which are nearing completion. These sets have a diameter of nearly 19 feet. The primary generator is 49 feet high, the secondary one 63 feet, and each has a rated capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet a day. New methods of construction make the generators more easily controlled than before, and cut down production cost accordingly.

All Bylles electric properties reporting for the week ended April 24 showed net connected load gains of 335 customers, with 247 kilowatts lighting load and 373 horse-power in motors. New business contracted for included 996 customers, with 489 kilowatts lighting load and 433 horse-power in motors. Output of the properties for the week was 7,983,246 kilowatt hours, an increase of 13.3 per cent. over corresponding week of 1914. Manufactured gas output increased 5.6 per cent.

Below is given a statement of the exports of flour, wheat and oats from the Atlantic ports, with the names of the markets to which exported for the week ending May 8, 1915:

	Flour,	Wheat,	Oats,
	Bbls.	Bu.	Bu.
Liverpool	25,300	625,000	2,000
London	55,300	101,000	744,000
Glasgow	2,500	58,000
Bristol	3,800	8,000	3,000
Other English	16,100	521,000	149,000
Antwerp
Germany
Holland	83,700	637,000
France	174,400	1,075,000	1,126,000
Other Continental	21,100	883,000
Elsewhere	57,200	1,000
Total	443,400	3,906,000	2,060,000

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