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France, Russia, England, Serbia and Belgium All Of One Mind

Respecting Reprisals Against Germany, Austria and Turkey

Foodstuffs And Cotton To Be Made Absolute Contraband

Asquith to Make Clear Britain's Reply to American Note

It is Now Clear That Ships Reported Sunk by Mines Were Victims Submarine Attacks

London, Feb. 27.—France, Russia, Serbia and Belgium are said by British officials to be in absolute accord as to reprisals to be made against Germany, Austria and Turkey in retaliation for German submarine campaign.

Britain was in conference with the Allies concerning the reprisals before the receipt of last Note making informal representations and looking to the discontinuance of submarine activity and admission of foodstuffs to Germany for her civil population. While it can be authoritatively stated that the nature of the reprisals has not been agreed upon absolutely as yet, Britain and her Allies have decided upon the main points, which will be announced on Monday by Premier Asquith and a statement for the Press simultaneously, with submission of the position of all opponents of Ger-

many and neutral countries, whose trade is so vitally affected by present naval methods.

Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador from the States to Britain, and the British Foreign Office have refrained from discussing the terms of the American Note, but the Foreign Office intimated that the probable statement from Premier Asquith on Monday will not be a direct answer to the American Note, but the long-promised elucidation.

Intimation was made by Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and other Cabinet members that reprisals against Germany would doubtless be necessary. There is every reason to believe that Britain fully intends to make all foodstuffs for Germany absolute contraband, thus cutting off movement of ships to German ports and making export trade by sea impossible.

Great interest is being shown by British Press and public in the probable treatment of cotton under new system of reprisals. The belief seems to be general that cotton and food will become absolute contraband.

British officials are now persuaded, they state, that several ships which were first reported as having been destroyed by mines, were victims of submarines.

Bombardment Of Dardanelles

Operations Continue—Heavy Fighting on the Niemen

London, Feb. 26 (official).—The Admiralty reports the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles renewed yesterday. All forts at entrance of Straits successfully reduced and operations are continuing.

The French Government reports progress in Champagne maintained. The enemy's stations, trains and concentrations have been effectively bombarded by aeroplanes.

The Russian Government reports heavy fighting on the Niemen and in Northern Poland.—HARCOURT.

David Beatty Admiral

Admiral David Beatty, although but forty-three years of age, has seen a lot of fighting, having had experience in Egypt and China. In the former country he won the praise of Kitchener by getting gunboats over almost impossible narrows and then bombarding Dongola.

St. Michael Mission

The services at St. Michael's Mission Church during Lent on Sundays will be as usual.

On Fridays—Children's Service at 4.15. Evensong with Sermon and Intercessions at 7.30.

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FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY AUSTRIAN MINE

Paris, Feb. 26.—The French torpedo boat Danube has been sunk by Austrian mine at Antivari, Montenegro; 38 perished.

Russians Report Successes

Petrograd, Feb. 26 (official).—According to supplementary information our successes in Przasnysz region (northern Russian Poland) during Feb. 24th and 25th and the night of the 26th, were extremely important, the Russians courageously shattering the resistance of the Germans.

With rifle and bayonet, we progressed vigorously, the enemy retiring along the whole front, abandoning prisoners, cannons, machine guns and commissariat.

During Feb. 24th and 25th we captured 30 officers, 2,600 men, 7 cannons, 11 machine guns, a huge quantity of equipment and supplies.

Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland, 26 February, 1915.

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OF INTEREST

Mr. James Murphy, that indefatigable laborer among dusty tomes, has furnished us with some interesting particulars of a ship that was damaged by contact with an iceberg and put in here for repairs some thirty-six years ago. This incident is brought to mind by the Mongolian's mishap.

In 1879 the Gulon liner Arizona struck an iceberg when 240 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, in lat. 46 deg. 13 min. N.; long. 47 deg. 05 min. W.

Considerable damage was done the ship and a large portion of the berg remained in her bows. She had a goodly number of passengers on board, among them being the late Walter Greave.

The Arizona was one of the largest ships afloat at that time. She was 5,400 tons, 464 feet in length and 46 feet in breadth.

Daniel Condon, the well-known shipwright of those days, successfully repaired the ship in a temporary way, as she lay at the Wharf of Shea and Company.

She sailed for Liverpool and made a splendid run across.

The weather along the line to-day is—Wind S.W., light and dull, and raining in places. The temperature ranges from 12 to 46 above.

The local train arrived into the city on time. Amongst the few passengers who came to town were H. Windsor, R. Pope and Jas. Cash.

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10,000 Strikers In Clyde Shipyards

Hold up Munitions of War Urgently Needed—The Strikers Demand Increase of Four Cents an Hour

London, Feb. 26.—Through Sir George Askwith, Chief Industrial Commissioner, the Government sent an order to-day to thousands shipyard engineers on strike on the Clyde, that they must resume work on Monday, as important munitions of war, urgently required by the Army and Navy, are being held up.

The strikers demanded an increase in wages of four cents an hour.

RATS

London, Feb. 26.—The Evening News publishes a despatch from Rotterdam, saying that owing to the shortage of food, the German authorities have ordered the expulsion of 500 Chinese.

A strong force of Netherlands police has been sent to the frontier to prevent these men from entering Dutch territory.

Complications are expected, the correspondent declares.

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Stephano Arrives

The Red Cross liner Stephano, Capt. Smith, arrived at 10.30 a.m. to Harvey & Co. The steamer left Halifax on Wednesday, and off Cape Race her route was diverted towards the leaky Mongolian by wireless instructions from the owners and the Government.

Capt. Smith, on learning of the Allan liner requiring no assistance—she having a convoy—returned to this port. She brought a full general cargo and the following passengers.

From New York (in saloon)—Mrs. Clifton Smith and Mrs. (Dr.) A. Lehr; Messrs. J. S. Ayre, A. T. Wood; (2nd cabin)—Mrs. J. Maher and 5 children, Miss K. Griffith; Messrs G. Klip and J. Little.

From Halifax (in saloon)—Miss H. M. Davidson; Messrs E. B. Marshall, A. B. Limham, W. Griffin, G. Coats, R. E. Charlton, J. Browning, J. L. Williams and H. T. ell; (in 2nd cabin)—Miss W. Ishop, Messrs H. J. Fardy and M. Roche.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) — Strong winds with rain to-day. Sunday, strong winds and moderate gales, shifting to west and north, turning colder with snow flurries.

Roper's (noon)—Bar. 29.30. Ther. 40.

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A GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED

Cardiff, Feb. 26.—A German submarine is believed to have been destroyed on the coast of North of Wales; wreckage washed ashore to-day.

Aviator's Daring Flight

Paris, Feb. 19.—A daring flight made the night of February 8, by the aviator — who brought down six projectiles in the vicinity of Ostend, is recounted in a note given out by the War Office this afternoon.

The aviator left his station at 9.40 p.m. in a violent west wind. His first projectile landed on what appeared to be a number of munition and supply wagons near Middleterke.

The armmen then flew to Ostend, and let fall three bombs on the "casino" building. The violence of these detonations caused consternation among the enemy, who flashed their searchlights on the departing aviator. Later two more bombs were hurled on a barracks to the west of Ostend.

Searchlights found the French aviator soon after this, and German machine guns were fired at him, but without success.

During his return flight the French man's machine touched the waves along the coast line.

Guided by the lights of the aerodrome at Furnes, the lieutenant finally landed safely at 10.20 p.m., having been gone forty minutes. The distance from Ostend to Ostend is fourteen miles.

SKATERS RACE

The race between Messrs Squires and Hackett, and which is to take place in the Prince's Rink on Monday night, promises to be very interesting.

Last season Squires was champion, though the race between himself and Mr. Hackett was a close finish.

Torpedoed In English Channel

Dieppe, Feb. 27.—It is reported here that a British merchant ship has been torpedoed in the English Channel off St. Valery.

A torpedo boat destroyer has gone out from Dieppe to the assistance of the British ship.

Several Bodies Picked Up

Christiania, Feb. 27.—Several bodies wearing naval uniforms were found to-day in wreckage of a submarine washed up near Christiania, and there is no further doubt that the wrecked craft was the famous submarine, U9.

All her crew of 25 men are believed to her perished.

A scrap of paper—was its surface blank? Or was there scrawled across it something fine.

Write by a starveling poet of no rank Without the wit his flash of wit to sign?

Or was it just the crumpled word "to-night" Flung from her casement window to the lawn,

Crowning its snatcher in the world's despite Its happiest of mortals—till the dawn? Held it a note of music by Mozart.

Or beauty caught immeshed by magic line? Was it a cubic missive of New Art,

Or one which sweetly bade us "Come and dine?" 'Twas none of these—for on its face was stamped The word of Kings, and all mankind may see

To keep its pledge a million men are camped While crumpled ships stand guard on every sea; To break its pledge 'twas twisted as a taper, They singed a world who lit this scrap of paper.

German Submarines In Irish Sea Compel Liners To Keep To Port

Causes Big Sensation In Maritime Circles—Americans In England Must Pine In Exile Till Danger Is Past

London, Feb. 26.—Successful operations of German submarines in British waters have resulted in the issuance of secret orders for all transatlantic liners to remain in port until further notice, according to reliable information secured here to-day.

This news caused a sensation in Maritime circles when it became known. Officials of steamship lines, comment on the order and the Admiralty maintained its customary reticence, but reports are in circulation that British naval authorities have secured information that a fleet of submarines has succeeded in reaching the Irish sea and is lying in wait for big liners.

Pending revocation of order no Americans can leave for the United States from English ports, those wishing to return to America can do so only by going to France and if they do this they will risk their lives in the English Channel.

Germans Again Bombard Arras and Soissons

Paris, Feb. 27.—Germans again bombarding Arras and Soissons as he result French troops concentrations in those cities. The big German mortars have done terrific havoc at Arras and a great part of the city is in ruins. Despite rainy, foggy

weather the work of the heavy artillery is still in progress there. Considerable amount of French artillery has been placed at disposal of Belgians, who are shelling German lines near Ostend. Infantry fighting in forest North of Verdun has cost Germans heavily. Further to the South in the Meuse Valley near St. Mihiel the French have repulsed with heavy losses the attempts of Germans to retake some of ground they lost.

Britain's Big Submarine Gun

New York, Feb. 27.—Britain's reply to German submarine warfare is "Powerful gun that will spread shrapnel with deadly force beneath the water" said Rev. Canon James C. Hannay, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on his arrival on the Baltic.

Canon Hannay came over at the request of friends in this country to lecture on Ireland and the war. One gun has already been finished and completion of others is being rushed day and night. He added, the people in Britain feel certain that Germany has established a base for her under sea fighters on Irish sea.

Furness Withy boat Graciana will be next direct boat from Liverpool, sailing about April 7th.

General Recall German Armies In Northern Poland Predicted Russian Report to Effect German Line From Niemen to Vistula Cut Through

Petrograd, Feb. 27.—A general recall of the German armies in Northern Poland is predicted at the War Office as a result of the Russian victory at Przasnysz. It was asserted that the Russian advance in Przasnysz region had cut through the German front extending from the Niemen to the Vistula, and that the troops of Grand Duke Nicholas were proceeding slowly towards the East Prussian frontier, thus menacing the Germans along the Niemen on a narrow front.

What F.P.U. Councils Have Intimated re Bowring-Kean Outrage

BONAVISTA—"Bonavista Council convened last night (Friday) unanimously endorse your position re Kean and strongly condemn Bowring's deception and defiance."

MORETON'S HR.—"We are with you a solid unit in this fight to protect the fishermen's interest against such wrongdoing as caused the loss of 78 of our fellow countrymen last Spring. We strongly back demand for Kean's arrest. Let the Government refuse to do so if they dare."

FOGO—"Our resolve is to back you with all our strength in this Kean-Bowring matter. Kean must be punished for his conduct last Spring. Whatever you do we will stand by you. Right must prevail."

WINTERTON—"Winterton will support any measures taken by Spaniard's Bay Convention regarding Bowring and Kean. If Morris don't arrest Kean as Conception Bay has demanded, he will be to blame if Kean goes to the ice, and God pity any Grabbal candidates coming to face Trinity Bay in the future."