

ence, 214-215; declines to order American warships in Mediterranean to fly flag by day and keep ship and flag lighted by night, 216-217; American Ambassador reports arrival of the *Yarrowdale* with neutral prisoners, 220; inquires of Germany if there are any Americans among *Yarrowdale* prisoners, 220; second inquiry made of German Foreign Office as to *Yarrowdale* prisoners, 220; reported that there were Americans among *Yarrowdale* prisoners, 221; German Foreign Office advises Ambassador of presence of Americans among *Yarrowdale* prisoners, 221; list of Americans, 222; will be released at once, 222-223; release conditional on German vessels in American waters not being seized and crews interned, 223; release again promised by Spanish Ambassador at Berlin, 223; formal demand made for release, or measures will be taken to obtain satisfaction, 223-224; ambassador to Spain asked for full report, 224; reports prisoners detained owing to case of typhus fever among them, 224-225; release promised March 7, four of prisoners already in Denmark, 225-226; Spanish doctor approved quarantine, 226; fifty-nine prisoners left Germany, 227; arrived in Zurich, March 11, 227; no complaint made by prisoners of treatment on high seas or at Swinemunde, but treatment at Brandenburg very harsh; knew nothing of contagious diseases, 227; report on prisoners, by Minister to Switzerland, 227-228; last *Yarrowdale* prisoner left for Denmark March 18, 228; does not question at this time right of Germany to cancel exequaturs in occupied territory, 231-232; consuls of United States at Brussels, Liège and Antwerp to continue, 232; acknowledges receipt of Belgian note relative to German note granting temporary recognition to consuls, 232; proposed recognition of consul at Warsaw is satisfactory, 235-236; definite assurances asked Germany relative to Belgian Relief Commission, 236; plan approved by Germany for supplying food to needy in Brussels, submitted by American minister at Brussels, 236-237; informs Great Britain of plan,

237; instructs American minister at Brussels to proceed according to plan, 238; asks whether France will give assurance of recognition of neutrality of goods shipped to Belgian Relief Commission, 239; asks if Germany will permit passage of Belgian Relief Commission ships from the United States to Holland, 239; asks whether there is an embargo on importation of second-hand clothing into Belgium, 239; asks Germany to grant safe passage to British and neutral ships with supplies for Belgium, and for permission for American automobiles to distribute food, 239-240; informs German Ambassador of notification that Germany will grant safe passage to unneutral ships carrying food to Belgium and having certificates endorsed by German Ambassador, 240-241; regrets no suitable naval vessels can be utilized for carrying supplies for Belgian Relief Commission and suggests charter of neutral vessels, 242; transmits thanks of Belgian Relief Commission for assistance of German Government, 243; inquires whether German civil commander of Province of Limberg is exacting import tax on foodstuffs sent by Belgian Relief Commission, 247; asks report on removal of tax on foodstuffs in Limberg, 248; informed Limberg tax removed and money refunded, 248; Belgian Relief Commission advised of exemption of cattle and their food from requisition, 253; acknowledges receipt of note from Germany relative to exemption of Givet and Fumay from requisition of foodstuffs, 254; informs London Embassy of attack on *Elftand* and German suggestion as to mark on upper deck of Relief ships, 256; statement to the Press on withdrawal of American Legation from Belgium, 256; advises Germany of action of German military authorities in Belgium in demanding list from *Comité National de Secours et d'Alimentation*, 258; advises Germany of unfortunate impression created in neutral countries by Belgian deportations, 259; protests to Germany against deportation, 260; transmits to Great Britain the peace note of Central Powers, 276; transmits to Central Powers,