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States Gives Germany Last Chance to Amend Submarine Warfare

Wilson's Draft of Communication to Germany on Submarine Issue Was Completed To-day—Will be Published in Berlin Tomorrow—Will be America's Last Word

DOCUMENT IS A LENGTHY ONE

Reviews Germany's Submarine Activities Since Sinking of Lusitania—Makes Plain Only Immediate Change of Policy on Germany's Part Can Hold Friendly Relations Between Two Nations

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The communication which he has drafted as the last word of the United States to Germany on the submarine issue was completed to-day by President Wilson and probably will be despatched to Berlin tomorrow. The document reviews Germany's submarine activities since the Lusitania was sunk, almost a year ago, and makes plain that only an immediate change of German policy can make possible the continuance of friendly relations between the two nations. As President Wilson was putting on the finishing touches to the Note, on which he and Secretary of State Lansing has been working for nearly a week, the official word was received by the State Department that the lives of two Americans have been endangered by the attack on the Russian barque Imperator by an Austrian submarine.

The American Consul-General at Barcelona, Spain, who sent the report, said this attack was without warning, and that one American on board was wounded by shrapnel shells fired by the submarine. A full investigation of the incident was ordered at once by the State Department.

Have Captured Submarine Which Torpedoed Sussex

LONDON, April 18.—The Daily Mail says the French have captured the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex and have made prisoners of the captain and crew.

President's Speech Is Well Received

Says America's Only Excuse To Fight Would Be In The Cause Of Humanity—His Words Enthusiastically Applauded By Delegates From All States

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson, speaking before the Daughters of the American Revolution here to-day, decided that the only excuse for the States ever to fight would be in the cause of humanity. America will have forgotten her traditions, said the President, if she fights merely for herself, and he added, the United States must not fight under such conditions as would show it had forgotten her traditions. When America ceases to be unselfish, he said, it will cease to be America. The President declared that the nation was formed for the purpose of serving the rest of mankind, as much as itself to afford an asylum for all men. Those traditions, he said, must be continued. His words were enthusiastically applauded by delegates from all parts of the country.

On Flanders Front

LONDON, April 17.—There was heavy shelling to-day about Voormezele and Dickebusch, also in the area between St. Eloi and the Ypres-Comines canal. There was some artillery activity by both sides to-day about Hebuterne, between Carnoy and River Somme, and about Souchez and Noeux les Mines. There has been mining activity to-day in the Hohenzollern sector. West of Vimy yesterday there was considerable artillery activity.

Knows Nothing of Finding Villa's Body

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The War Department officials announced that none of the over-night despatches of early telegrams brought any confirmation of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, April 18.—At Verdun, the fighting, though intermittent, has been very severe at points, but enemy attacks were repulsed. On the British front there has been mine and grenade fighting, but the position has not been materially altered. The Russians have gained a small success on the Strypa and repulsed the Turks east of Erzerum, the enemy retreating disorderly. British naval airplanes have bombed the powder factory at Constantinople and railway at Adrianople. The British force has advanced further towards Kut, but operations have been impeded by bad weather.

BONAR LAW.

Says Gen. Nixon Is Responsible For Townsend's Retirement

LONDON, April 17.—Responsibility for the advance of British troops on Bagdad, which resulted in the forced retirement of General Townsend to Kut-el-Amara, where he is still besieged, rests with General Sir John Nixon, who, at that time, was in command of the British forces in Mesopotamia.

This statement was made in the House of Commons to-day by J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, who added, "no communications were made to the Government of India or the Imperial Government."

Statements Are Refuted by Runciman

President of Board of Trade Says There is No Justification For Charges That British Shipowners Are Bleeding Italy in Matter of Freights

LONDON, April 17.—The controversy which has been carried on in the newspapers between ship owners in Britain and certain interests in Italy, charging British steamers with taking unfair profits at the expense of Italian merchantmen, was aired in the Commons to-day by means of a series of questions and answers. Robert H. Houston, Unionist, a large ship owner of Liverpool, who, in letters to the Press, denied the Italian charges, opened the matter by first asking whether Italy had declared war on Germany. The answer by Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, was in the negative. Wm. M. Pringle (Liberal) asked why she had not done so. Lord Robert refused to be drawn out along this line, demanding that notice be given of question. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, replying to further questions, based on the Italian charges said, there was no justification for the statements that British shipowners were bleeding Italy in the matter of freights.

The discussion closed by the War Trade Minister's statement that the British Government fully realized the importance of providing sufficient shipping facilities for Italy, and is doing everything in its power to ensure ships to be made available at reasonable rates.

LONDON, April 17.—Neutral ship owners were warned by the British Foreign Office to-day that all cargoes or bunkers of coal of German origin on neutral ships would be liable to seizure under the Order-in-Council of Mar. 11. The Foreign Office advised neutrals to obtain certificates from British Consular officers, showing that the coal in their ships did not originate in Germany.

One American Wounded

WASHINGTON, April 17.—One of the several Americans aboard the steamer Imperator from Gulpport for Marseilles, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by the Austrian submarine off the Columbrede Islands, according to official advice to the State Department to-day.



A Gentleman to See Enver Pasha

Newspapers Advocate Overthrow of Gov't on Grounds of Inefficiency

Another Fierce Attack on Government by Papers Devoted to Conscription — Denounce Government For Blunders at Antwerp Dardanelles, Mesopotamia and Contrast Air Service With That of Enemy Countries—Times Contends British Forces in France and Flanders Lack Necessary Reserves to Meet Any Big Attack

LONDON, April 18.—To-day is the date fixed for the Cabinet Council to make a final decision as to whether married men should be conscripted. Attacks on the Government by newspapers devoted to the cause of conscription reached a climax of vehemence. All the Government's alleged blunders at Antwerp and in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia, its alleged mistakes, its delays in connection with munitions and air service were reviewed and contrasted with the perfect organization reigning in enemy countries.

The Times military correspondent printed an article with an elaborate map purporting to show the exact dispositions of enormous forces of German troops massed along the British front in Flanders and France, drawing the conclusion that Great Britain is still lacking in the necessary reserves to meet the big attack. These newspapers are openly advocating the overthrow of the inefficient Ministry of expert members of Parliament and not to lose the opportunity of the approaching debates to compel the Government to either conscript married men or resign.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

608 Staff Sergt. Major (Record Office) Frederick W. Marshall, 13 Long's Hill; Dangerously Ill; Gastric Ulcers; Auxiliary Military Hospital, Southall London.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Men deliberately lie, while women merely suppress the truth.

Numerous Casualties As Result of Air Raid

LONDON, April 18.—In the British air attack on Constantinople last Friday evening two bombs dropped by the raiders burst near the War Ministry Office, according to a report from Salonika forwarded by an Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. The despatch adds that another bomb burst near the powder factory at Makreki which blew up. There were numerous casualties.

No Help For Shackleton Until January Next

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Sir Douglas Mawson, Antarctic explorer, reached here to-day from Australia on his way to London, where he will assume duties at the British War Office. "It will be impossible to reach Lieut. Ernest Shackleton, supposed to be marooned on the Antarctic Continent until next January," Sir Douglas said.

French Air Raid On Strumitza Station

PARIS, April 17.—Raids by two French aerial squadrons stationed on the Salonika front, are reported in a Havas despatch from Athens. One squadron dropped bombs yesterday morning on the Bulgarian forces assembled at Strumitza station. The other attack was on the German positions at Begdantze. Both squadrons returned undamaged.

On His Way to London

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Premier Ryan, of Queensland, Australia, arrived here to-day on his way to London on a mission arising directly out of the war. He would not explain further. He left to-night for New York.

Air Raid Entire Success

SALONIKA, April 18.—22 French aeroplanes bombarded the headquarters of the Bulgarian Staff at Dolran this morning. French officers say the raid was an entire success.

Germans Again Swept Back by the French With Heavy Casualties

Germans Again Launch Powerful Attack Against French Positions Extending From the Meuse to Douaumont — French Inflict Heavy Losses on Invaders Along Two and a Half Miles of Battle Front

RUSSIANS REPULSE GERMANS IN GALICIA

Russians Capture Town of Surmeneh and Push Farther Westward Against Retreating Turks — Czar's Forces Now Within Twelve Miles of Trebizond — Austrians Are Repulsed Everywhere Along Austro-Italian Front

LONDON, April 18.—Again the Germans have launched a powerful infantry attack against the French positions extending from the River Meuse to Douaumont, and again have been swept back, except where they obtained a footing in a small portion of Chaufour Wood, by the guns of the French. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the attacking forces along the two and a half miles of battle front. The Germans have kept up their heavy shelling of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, also the second lines of the French in this region, probably with the intention of again throwing their infantry forward in an endeavor to capture these important points, which are the keys to the Verdun positions on the west. Elsewhere along the lines held by the French there have been only bombardments and mining operations. Numerous German positions have been bombed by French aircraft. On the British front in Belgium and France, heavy bombardments by big guns continue unabated. Artillery activity in the sector between St. Eloi and the Ypres-Comines Canal has been especially marked.

The Germans have poured shells on the Russian positions along the Dvina River, at the Ikskull bridgehead, and about Dvinsk. Vigorous artillery duels have been in progress in the Lake region south of Dvinsk. In Galicia, along the Strypa River, the Tenthons have made several attempts against the Russian trenches, but all of them were repulsed, according to Petrograd.

The big guns of both sides are in action along most of the Austro-Italian front. In the Sugana Valley, the

Austrians delivered an attack against the Italians from the Larganza Torrent to Monte Collo, but they were everywhere repulsed.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians on the Black Sea coast have taken the town of Surmeneh, pushing farther westward against the retreating Turks to Arsoke Kelessi, less than 12 miles from the important fortified town of Trebizond. The Russians are not anticipating an early conquest of Trebizond, according to unofficial advices from Petrograd.

The British Government hereafter will regulate the shipments of American packing houses to all neutral European countries for the period of the war, according to the agreement reached between the Government and the packers in the settlement of cases arising from the seizure by Great Britain of cargoes of the packers' products.

Another Railroad Smash Up

Smash up on New Haven-Hartford Railroad Leaves Score of Persons Buried or Crushed to Death—Express Crashes Into Local at Station

BRADFORD, R.I., April 18.—Thirty, or more, passengers are reported crushed or burned to death in a collision between trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad here to-day. Most of them were in the rear car of a four-coach local train bound from Boston to New London, which stopped at a local station, when it was run down by the Gilt Edge Express, bound from Boston for New York.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The vice president of the New Haven R.R. declared shortly before midnight, that reports to the effect that 30, or more, persons had been buried to death in the wreck at Bradford, R.I., was without foundation. Only three had been killed, if that many.

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