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BRITISH HEAVY INFANTRY ON THE TIGRIS

GREAT FIRE AT PIRAEUS—GERMANS BEHIND CUBAN REVOLT UNITED STATES WILL DEMAND RELEASE OF AMERICAN SAILORS

WASHINGTON ANGERED AT DETENTION OF U.S. SAILORS

Berlin Will Be Told Yarrowdale
Men Must Be Released.

HUN SHIPS NOT SEIZED Wilson Flatly Rejects Proposal for Further Discussion Over Subs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, Feb. 12.—Demands for the release and the repatriation of American prisoners of the steamship Yarrowdale, which was made on Germany, it was said, today.
With the demand, went an explanation that the United States is not seizing German ships and crews, and is interested only in seeing that ships are not sunk and that sailors are not treated as prisoners of war.

MANY SNARLS FOR WILSON.
Washington, Feb. 12.—Berlin's formal announcement, that the United States is not seizing German ships and crews, and is interested only in seeing that ships are not sunk and that sailors are not treated as prisoners of war.

Uncle Sam's Problems.
Among the questions now being carefully considered are:
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A FLAT REJECTION.
Washington, Feb. 12.—The rejection by the United States of Germany's proposal to discuss international differences without first halting the illegal submarine campaign, left one other suggestion of the Berlin government still pending at the state department today.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 7; lowest, 2 below.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecast.

Fresh southerly breeze; some light rain; mostly fair, with higher temperatures today and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria..... 48..... 38..... Cloudy

Winnipeg..... 42..... 32..... Clear

Port Arthur..... 40..... 30..... Snow

Perry Sound..... 0..... 0..... Cloudy

Toronto..... 4..... 0..... Fair

Ottawa..... 4..... 0..... Fair

Quebec..... 4..... 0..... Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO UNDO PIRACY BLUNDER

Proposal to Washington for Further Discussion Considered
"Feeler," Indicating Probable Failure of the Frightfulness Blockade—Wilson's Firm Stand Routs Peace at Any Price Crowd in American Cabinet.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, Feb. 12.—Uncle Sam's cards are on the table. The diplomat in all Christendom could not make the import of yesterday's news. Certainly Germany can be under no further illusions as to what she can accomplish here by pulling strings. With the suddenness of a thunder-clap yesterday afternoon came the authoritative news that what had been speculated about since Saturday was true. Germany had made one last desperate effort to undo what she did two weeks ago and had failed. Her proposal was no more than an attenuated "feeler," put out to see if the United States would be willing to discuss a separate peace.

Mr. Lansing's reply—that is to say the president's—was what 95 per cent of Washington had hoped it would be, a brief but wholly emphatic negative. The whole of it is printed elsewhere, but the nucleus is contained "within a very few words." "The government of the United States," he said, "is not interested in discussing a separate peace. It is interested in the complete defeat of Germany."

TORPEDOPLANE WILL PLAY GREAT PART IN WAR, SAYS FISKE

American Admiral Declares
British Can Shoot Torpedo From Air.

New York, Feb. 12.—America would be safe from invasion through the use of the "torpedoplane," Rear Admiral Fiske, U. S. N., retired, declared in an address at the Pan-American Aeronautical Exposition last night. It is a scheme whereby it is claimed that the regular Whitehead auto torpedo may be launched from an airplane as effectively as from a destroyer.

AMERICAN SHIPS SAILING SENSATION AT BERLIN

A report published in the German press that the United States had decided to allow American ships to sail to and from Germany, caused a great sensation in Berlin.

PIRAEUS, GREECE, FIRE-SWEPT WITH GREY LOSS OF LIFE; ALLIES FIGHTING THE BLAZE

London, Feb. 13.—Fire is sweeping through a large section of the Piraeus and has caused a heavy loss of life, according to a Reuter dispatch sent from the Greek port last night. At the time the dispatch was filed the fire had been raging for four hours, and was uncontrolled, in spite of the combined efforts of all the available Greek firemen and soldiers, aided by French, British and Italian sailors. The conflagration started in a munition factory late Monday afternoon, and spread rapidly over a considerable area.

DIES OF WOUNDS IN 11TH FIELD HOSPITAL



SAPPER FRANK COLBORNE, son of J. J. Colborne of 805 Mal land street, this city, has died of wounds, according to an official telegram received by his parents today, from Ottawa. He died in the 11th Field Ambulance Hospital.

SEVEN DEALERS IN CITY DECLARE THEY ARE CLEAR OF COAL

Not a Pound in Stock They
Emphatically State.

WEATHER MIGHT ASSIST Milder Spell Would Lessen Use and Give Considerable Relief.

The coal shortage is serious, and there is little fuel in sight.
The cold spell has knocked all calculations silly, and the dealer and the consumer are in a bad way.
With zero weather, the consumption is very heavy. It is estimated that fifteen carloads a day are being burned here.

THOUSANDS TAKE PASSAGE ON BERXSTORFF'S SHIP

Extraordinary Precautions Taken to
Guard the German Consul.

New York, Feb. 12.—The assurance of safety from German submarines has been taken by the police of Hoboken where today and reported having passed through the war zone without being stopped or anything unusual.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON DECLINED KNIGHTHOOD

Toronto, Feb. 12.—It is understood that Sir Robert Borden offered J. Ross Robertson, the Toronto Evening Telegram, knighthood, and a senatorial nomination, but Mr. Robertson gratefully declined both honors.

CALM NIGHT ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT OF FRENCH

Paris, Feb. 12.—2:10 p.m.—"The night was comparatively calm on the entire front," says today's war office announcement. "A strong German attack was dispersed with losses by our fire in the Aschbach sector (Alsace)."

GRAHAM SELECTING TITLE

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Sir Hugh Graham has selected the title he will use in the new book he is writing. It is "The Story of the Canadian Expeditionary Force."

KAISER GOES TO STIFFEN THE WAVERING VIENNA ALLY

Austria, Feeling the Pinch of
Hunger, Would Throw Up
Fight.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, Feb. 12.—Whether Kaiser William's visit today to Vienna for conference with Emperor Karl was not brought about by desire to stiffen up Germany's ally was a subject of considerable speculation here today.

It was pointed out here today that the United States has not broken relations with Austria-Hungary, and there have been hints that the American Government was negotiating with Vienna, hoping that Austria would not endorse the German policy of unlimited submarine warfare.

DAILY TOLL OF THE SUBS

London, Feb. 12.—The Norwegian motor vessel West has been sunk, according to a shipping agency announcement today. The crew was landed.

THE RECORD.		Ships.		Tonnage.	
Sunk	February 1-10	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 11	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 12	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 13	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 14	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 15	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 16	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 17	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 18	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 19	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 20	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 21	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 22	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 23	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 24	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 25	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 26	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 27	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 28	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 29	1	11,187	1	11,187
Sunk	February 30	1	11,187	1	11,187

BRITISH ARMORED CARS USED ON ROMANIAN LINE

Advance on Tauton Positions and Bombardment of Artillery.

ONE EYE ON CUBA

Washington, Feb. 12.—The government was keeping a watchful eye on Cuban political conditions today following the report that the state department had received a communication from the Cuban government regarding the situation in Cuba.

GARRISON SEIZES GOVERNMENT

Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 12.—The Santiago garrison has seized the government of the town, arresting the governor-general, Manuel Fuentes, and other officials.

ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE ON FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Via Saville.—Considerable artillery activity, to other war reconnoitering operations, has occurred along the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today.

BOY MURDERER IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—Bert Spain, the 15-year-old murderer of Mc. and Mrs. James Vincent of Stonewall, this morning sentenced by Mr. Justice McDonald to be hanged on May 15.

TRIED TO SANDBAG ME, SAYS GERARD

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 12.—The attempt of the German government to negotiate through James W. Gerard, who had retired as ambassador to Germany, desired concessions and changes, was of a nature to lead Mr. Gerard to characterize it in a conversation with a foreign office representative as sandbagging. He refused even to transmit the text of the concessions desired unless he was allowed to report in code—a privilege of which he has been deprived since the rupture of relations.

GERMANS GOING TO CUBA; REBEL PLOT EXPECTED

Mysterious Exodus of Teutons
From New York City to
Island Republic.

UNCLE SAM WATCHING Revolt Would Necessitate Employment of Many U. S. Soldiers.

Havana, Feb. 12.—Official announcement was made here today that the United States government has offered 5,000 rifles, and 5,000,000 cartridges to the Cuban government.

WOULD OPEN PORTS OF UNITED STATES TO ALL WARSHIPS

Senator Has Measure to Cope
With Ruthless Submarine
Warfare.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A bill directed against ruthless submarine warfare and proposing to open the ports, harbors and waters of the United States in time of war to warships or vessels of belligerent nations against which such warfare is waged, was introduced today by Senator Taft of Ohio.

BIG GIFTS BY BANKS TO PATRIOTIC FUND

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The subscriptions to the local patriotic fund for this year, set at \$250,000, brought, that total which each reach today. The big contributions today, which came from the banks, included: Bank of Montreal, \$50,000; Bank of Commerce, \$25,000; Bank of Montreal, \$25,000; Bank of Commerce, \$25,000; Bank of Montreal, \$25,000; Bank of Commerce, \$25,000.

TEUTONS STORM A HILL ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

Berlin, Feb. 12.—In the Cerna Bad yesterday our troops, after effective artillery preparation, attacked the enemy's hill position east of Paravovo, and drove them from the hill.

MUNITIONS FACTORY IN YORKSHIRE IS BLOWN UP

London, Feb. 12.—An explosion occurred at a munitions factory today in Yorkshire. An official statement issued by the British government says that apparently no lives were lost. Some damage was done in the neighborhood.

"SIR EDWARD" KEMP

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, one of the recipients of the honor knighthood, has decided to take the name of Sir Edward Kemp.