

AMBASSADOR GERARD DEPARTS FROM GERMANY TO-DAY

Washington Now Believes German Sub Campaign May Prove a Failure

Ambassador Gerard Takes His Departure From Berlin To-day—Crisis With America Has Had Little Affect Upon the German People

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Feb. 9.—Via London, Feb. 10.—Ambassador Gerard's train will leave Berlin approximately as scheduled, but will enter Switzerland by way of Sigen instead of Basle as originally planned. Americans who will travel with the ambassador were informed late this afternoon that their baggage must be at the depot for inspection not later than eleven o'clock to-morrow morning so as to avoid delay and confusion at the frontier. It is probable that the special trains' baggage capacity will be taxed to the utmost as the embassy staff and others permitted to travel with Gerard plan to carry most of their belongings with them. The train will consist largely of day coaches with a saloon car for the ambassador and possibly sleepers for the women. The route decided upon is shorter than the original one by way of Basle.
Despite the fact that details of Mr. Gerard's departure have been indefinite until this evening, the Americans in Berlin have shown

HAVANA HAS A CONSPIRACY

Plot Discovered Against the Government There Involves Many Officials
POLITICAL
Crisis Has Existed in Cuba For Some Months Past

By Courier Leased Wire.
Havana, Feb. 10.—Aurelio Hevia, secretary of the interior, notified the civil and military authorities at an early hour this morning that he had received advices of a plot against the government, involving civil and military officials. It is reported that one or more army officers have been arrested. There is great activity in police circles.
A serious political crisis has existed in Cuba since the presidential election last November. President Menocal was opposed for re-election by Dr. Alfredo Zayas, leader of the Liberal Party, and on account of contests in the provinces of Santa Clara and Oriente, the issue of the election is still in doubt. A couple of weeks ago a decision of the Cuban Supreme Court threw Santa Clara into Dr. Zayas' column and apparently assured his victory. This decision was bitterly resented by followers of President Menocal, who have refused to concede victory to the Liberals and are pinning their hopes on the new election ordered in Oriente, which will be held at the end of the present month.
In the campaign preceding the November elections there were serious disorders in various parts of the island, during which several people were killed and wounded. President Menocal was forced to call upon the military authorities to aid in preserving order and feeling between the two factions ran very high, a condition which, according to subsequent despatches, has not materially altered.

Washington Now Hopes Submarine Campaign May Prove a Failure

In Case of Further Break With Germany, Merchant Ships May be Convoys

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Feb. 10.—An Associated Press despatch from Washington this morning says:
Late reports of ships sunk by German submarines were scanned eagerly by government officials to-day for a double reason.
First, there was the ever present fear that any hour might bring a despatch saying an American ship had been sunk without warning or American lives lost, thus driving the United States to use force to protect its rights.
Second, yesterday's reported falling off of aggregate tonnage sunk, produced wonder as to whether the failure was only temporary, or whether Great Britain has already done something to lessen the force of the submarine attacks.
In reference to the chances of a more pronounced break with Germany, it is disclosed that the precise course of the United States has not been determined. President Wilson will not ask Congress for a declaration of war, but only for power to take necessary measures to protect neutral rights. This would still leave the first act of open hostilities to Germany's choosing. The convoying of merchant vessels by American war craft might be ordered.
Practical interest in the progress of the submarine campaign was based on Lloyd's reports reaching here indicating that not much more than 20,000 tons total shipping was sunk yesterday, although about 21,000 tons was reported sunk on Thursday, and about 28,000 tons each of the two preceding days. A daily destruction of 33,000 tons would be necessary to maintain the rate which the German Admiralty believes sufficient to isolate England.
Industries Hampered
One of the principal questions discussed at the cabinet meeting late yesterday, was the threatened hampering of American industries if ships are held up in American ports much longer by fear of risking submarine dangers. It was said authoritatively, after the cabinet meeting, that no new situation had developed to change the policy of the government.

PRINCIPLES OF LAW VIOLATED

Brazil Sends to Germany Protest Against Unlimited Submarine Warfare
RESPONSIBILITY
For Overt Acts Placed Entirely Upon the Teuton Empire

By Courier Leased Wire.
Rio Janeiro, Feb. 10.—The note handed to the German secretary of foreign affairs by the Brazilian minister at Berlin in reply to Germany's declaration of the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, was made public here to-day. It says in part:
Blockade Irregular
"The Brazilian Government, after having examined the tenor of the German note, declares that it cannot accept as effective the blockade which has just been suddenly decreed by the imperial government. Because of the means employed to realize this blockade, the extent of the interdicted zones, the absence of all restrictions, including the failure of warning for even neutral ships, and the announced intention of using every military means of destruction of no matter what character, such a blockade would neither be regular nor effective, and would be contrary to the principles of law and the conventional rules, established for military operations of this nature."
The Protest
"For these reasons the Brazilian Government, in spite of its sincere and deep desire to avoid any disagreement with the nations at war, with whom it is on friendly terms, believes it to be its duty to protest against this blockade, and consequently to leave entirely with the imperial German government the responsibility for all acts which will involve Brazilian citizens, merchandise or ships and which are proven to have been committed in disregard of the recognized principles of international law and of the conventions signed by Brazil and Germany."
The Post Office Department in the past fiscal year had a surplus of \$2,849,271, instead of a deficit, as in the previous year, of about the same size, the improvement being due largely to the war stamp tax.
The first of the lectures on the new Dairy Standards Act, held under the auspices of the Brockville Advertising Club in connection with booster week, was delivered by Mr. Frank Horns, chief dairy instructor for western Ontario.

Humane Consideration Prompted Germany's Submarine Warfare is Plea of Under Foreign Secretary; Hopes For Establishment of Sea Equality

London, Feb. 10.—The Times' Amsterdam correspondent sends a fuller account of the interview with Dr. von Stumm, the German under secretary for foreign affairs, who is quoted as saying that after it was learned from Switzerland that Count von Bernstorff received his passports "such treatment compelled us to adopt the same measure toward the American ambassador here."
Humane Consideration
Dr. von Stumm is quoted as having declared that he considered it unnecessary to justify Germany's submarine warfare, which he suggested, would speedily lead to peace. David Lloyd George, the British premier, he added called it savagery and barbarism, but on the contrary Germany had adopted it from humane consideration and, in a desire to avoid the sinking of neutral vessels and endangering lives, assigned limits to the danger zones and warned neutrals from them. Therein Germany had followed the example of Great Britain which had lately declared a war zone along the German and part of the neutral coasts of the North Sea. Everybody, the under secretary said, would be able to avoid danger by keeping out of the barred areas—even enemy ships could avoid destruction.
The Hun's Aims
"Germany, since the beginning of the war," Dr. von Stumm continued, "has been obliged to renounce her overseas traffic. England only needs to discontinue hers and British seamen who do not belong to the navy will not be exposed to danger. That's what we wish to obtain by our submarine warfare so that England and her allies may be compelled to make war under the same conditions as Germany and her allies. I am decidedly of the opinion that our submarines shortly will establish the equal conditions."
Reported to Turkey
Paris, Feb. 10.—A Havre despatch to the Havas agency says that according to news from private sources, which is fully confirmed, a number of deported Belgians, who were skilled artisans, have been sent to Turkey to work in munition factories.

Recruiting in Paris and Burford Districts

Mr. J. H. Fisher, M. P., Replies in Dominion House to Unwarranted Aspersions in the Matter

The following is taken from Hansard, the official record of Dominion Government proceedings:
Mr. J. H. Fisher (Brant). An item appears in the Toronto World of Thursday last, the 1st instant, which I have no doubt has appeared also in other papers. The item is sent out from Brantford, Ontario, and reads:
Exodus from Village
"Referring to the poor success which has been attendant upon recruiting in Paris, Brant county, an officer who was prominent in recruiting around Burford last year makes the pertinent comment that the village of Burford is now denuded of young men. It was not enlistment that took them, he added, but an exodus to the States."
I wish to say that this item reflects most unfairly upon two important centres in the constituency I represent, namely the town of Paris and the village of Burford. In fairness to the town of Paris, my home town, I desire to say that I doubt if there is any town in Canada of the same size that has a better record in the way of recruiting, and, as the former Minister of Militia has said, "in the way of fighting also. It

Ford Closes Peace Bureau

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 10.—A Reuter's despatch from The Hague says that the Ford peace bureau, established by Henry Ford, the American manufacturer, will be closed on March 1, on account of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

WALKING THE PLANK



Cartoon by Rollin Kerby in the New York World.

Peremptory Call to National Service Made

Railway Commission Summons Skilled Labor to Deal With the Coal Situation and Other Difficulties

By Courier Leased Wire.
Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The practical value of the man power inventory recently completed by the national service board is now being demonstrated. A peremptory call to national service has already been made.
The coal situation and other transportation difficulties have been traced largely to scarcity of locomotive engineers, roundhouse mechanics and other skilled labor. The names of many such men are available through the national service cards which they have filled out and Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the railway commission has now requisitioned several hundred men of these skilled trades through the national service board.
A special staff was immediately put to work at the national service statistical branch locating the men needed from among those who are skilled in the trades required and who are now occupied in other lines but have expressed a willingness to go back to their old occupations during the war. If needed in the service of the country.
Within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the call the names of hundreds of men capable of solving the situation were in the hands of the railway commission.

GERMAN HUMANE CONSIDERATION

Is Cited When Teutons Agree to Pay Damages to Norway

By Courier Leased Wire.
Christiania, via London, Feb. 9.—It is announced that Germany has notified Norway of her intention to pay damages for loss of life on Norwegian boats torpedoed in the Arctic Ocean and also for those killed when two Norwegian boats were sunk in the North Sea last fall. These cases have been the subject of prolonged negotiations. Germany stipulates that the payment is made without admission of any violation of any international law, but out of humane and sympathetic consideration for the hardships suffered by the families of the dead sailors.
The long wrangle over the political situation in Norway has been ended by the decision of the party controlling parliament that there shall be no reconstruction of the cabinet. The retirement of certain ministers, demanded by the leading newspapers has been one of the principal bones of contention.

MISSED PRESENTATION

Captain Alan Mair Jackson, of the 25th railway construction battalion, formerly the 215th battalion, left this morning to join his unit in Toronto, thereby eluding the officers of the 215th battalion who had prepared a surprise for him in the form of a presentation of a handsome set of pipes as a slight expression of their feelings of comradeship and esteem for him. Arrangements were made, however, and Capt. Slemmin, who is leaving to-morrow night for Toronto, will convey the gift to Captain Jackson, on behalf of his former fellow officers.
The feature of the meeting of the Hamilton Hospital Governors was the light it threw on the rapidly increasing cost of living, the board allowing one-third more for meat account this year.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The eastern disturbance is now vented over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and gales with snow and rain have occurred in the Maritime provinces. Snow has also fallen in Quebec and eastern Ontario and cold weather prevails from Saskatchewan to the St. Lawrence valley.
Forecasts.
Fresh to strong west and north-west winds, fair and very cold to-day and on Sunday.

SURVIVORS OF THE DAUNTLESS

Three Englishmen and an American Negro Picked Up at Sea

WITHOUT FOOD
For Five Days, the Castaways Were in a Bad Plight

SURPRISE ATTACKS BY FRENCH FORCES

Result in the Taking of Many Prisoners—Artillery Fighting

KARLSRUHE,
German Town, is Bombarded by a French Aviator

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Feb. 10.—The following official report was given out here to-day:
"We made surprise attacks last night on enemy posts west of Arras and in the sectors of Pezange and Parroy and took prisoners. There was violent artillery fighting last night on the front between Vacheranville and Gaurieres wood (Verdun front), but no infantry action."
"A German aeroplane was brought down yesterday near Regnieville-Haye by the fire of our special cannon."
"Last night one of our aviators set forth to drop bombs on the railway stations and barracks at Karlsruhe (in Germany, about 50 miles from the French border). His objectives were attained. He set forth in a French machine at 10.59 p.m. and returned at 2.10 a.m. this morning, his mission having been accomplished."
"German aviators dropped bombs this morning in the region of Dunkirk and last night and again this morning on Amiens. There were no victims at Dunkirk. One woman was killed at Amiens. Bombs also were dropped on Nancy and in the region of Pont-St. Vincent. One civilian was killed and four were wounded."

FALSE ALARM.

The motor truck from the Central Fire Hall, and the East End department last night made a trip to the new building being erected at 338 Colborne street, for the occupation of the Hygienic dairy. Gas stoves had been placed throughout the structure for the purpose of drying the plaster that had just been placed on the walls, and the policeman, seeing the steam issuing from the second storey window phoned in an alarm.

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