

UNITED STATES AWAITS OVERT ACT

Unlawful Sinking of First American Ship Will Be a Declaration of War

ITALY DOES NOT LOOK FOR ENTRY OF U. S. INTO WAR

Expects That Uncle Sam Will Draw in His Horns; German Not Yet Prepared For Departure

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, via London, Feb. 5.—The news of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany was made known here today through newspaper despatches. No official information has yet been received at either the United States embassy or the foreign office, so Ambassador Gerard's plans have not been definitely decided. He will probably leave Germany by way of Denmark and return home through Russia, taking the trans-Siberian railway. It is expected that American interests will be entrusted to the Brazilian minister.

Italy's View.
Rome, via Paris, Feb. 5.—The Osservatore Romano does not believe that the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany is likely to lead to actual war, partly because of the difficulty of armed conflict between the two countries on account of their physical situation. "Probably the neutral nations," says the paper, "are protesting and will suspend the departure of their steamers to avoid further complications, hoping thus to hasten the end of the conflict. Consequently the German threat would remain without effect."

Huns Confer.
London, Feb. 5.—The German emperor, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, left his headquarters on Friday with a large suite and visited the Bulgarian king at Poeshtyn, where the Bulgarian monarch is undergoing medical treatment. The two rulers conferred privately for several hours and the German emperor returned to headquarters Sunday evening.

HUNS DAMAGE INTERNEED SHIPS

Gunboat Geier is Fired by Crew in Honolulu; Other Vessels Injured

By Courier Leased Wire.
Manila, Feb. 5.—The naval authorities at six o'clock this evening seized the seventeen German merchant vessels anchored in Manila Bay. All the German crews were removed.

Manila, Feb. 5.—Customs officers, aided by navy experts, have discovered that every one of the seventeen German ships anchored here have been extensively damaged.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The extent of the damage to the interned German gunboat Geier, which arrived yesterday from Honolulu stated was on fire in the harbor there, probably will remain unknown until the government censorship has relaxed. Messages sent from this city to Honolulu seeking information regarding the Geier to-day brought only the reply: "Censorship in operation."

Honolulu, Feb. 5.—The interned German gunboat is burning in the harbor here. She was set on fire by her crew, according to the local authorities.

The Geier, of 1,004 tons, was interned here shortly after the war began. She was built at Wilhelmshaven in 1894.

Washington in Silence Awaits Further Developments, Hoping For Best But Prepared For the Worst—Small Hope For Peace Now

By Courier Leased Wire

Berlin, Feb. 4—8 p.m.—via London, Feb. 5.—According to information obtained in official quarters there is no prospect of any modification of the orders to submarines.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—via London, Feb. 5.—Up to a late hour this evening, the United States embassy had received no official instructions in regard to the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Still fervently hoping for peace, but taking every possible step to prepare the country for war, if it must come, President Wilson to-day appealed to Congress to dispose quickly of all routine business, appropriation bills and pending legislation and clear its decks for action to meet any eventuality.

The President wants Congress ready to act if it becomes necessary for him to address it again and ask for authority to use all the resources of the United States to protect American ships and lives on their peaceful and lawful errands on the high seas.

The safe arrival of American ships in English harbors, reported this morning brought an air of relief to the tensely, which has prevailed everywhere. Officials still hoped Germany would not violate her pledges to the United States, despite her threat.

All officials realized that the situation had resolved itself into one of tense waiting and careful preparation. They realized that the hoped-against overt act may come soon or be long delayed. Meanwhile they are putting every agency of the government in motion to meet it.

Apparently the next question of great moment to be decided relates to Austria's participation in Germany's campaign of ruthlessness. President Wilson is ready to sever relations also with the dual monarchy as soon as it officially subscribes to the German declaration.

Urges Others to Follow

Washington, Feb. 5.—Besides breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, President Wilson has made a bold stroke to range the moral force of all other neutral countries along with that of the United States in the interest of peace.

The President has followed his message to the joint session of Congress on Saturday, in which he announced the break by suggesting to all other neutrals that they also break off diplomatic relations with Germany, and has instructed all American diplomats in those countries to report immediately how the suggestion is received. The opinion in diplomatic quarters here is that European neutrals, at the very doorstep of Germany, threatened by her military power, will hesitate to take such a step. The effect of the suggestion in other countries is being eagerly awaited. This was the only known development of first importance which came out of a day of tense waiting, which followed the actual announcement Saturday of the break with Germany.

Watchful Waiting
Washington, Feb. 5.—While preparing and with an air of conviction that the nation's course will be shaped immutably for it as Germany makes effective her announced measures of unrestricted sea warfare, the United States Government has begun a tense vigil that may be broken

momentarily or may be long drawn out.

Hope for Peace

Despite the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, President Wilson believes his long struggle to preserve the country's peace has not yet been lost. He still hopes not only that hostilities will be avoided, but that other neutrals adding their voices to that of the United States will unite the major moral force of the world to compel peace in Europe.

It had not been revealed to-day whether any responses had come from the suggestions to neutrals, presented with a notification of the break with Germany that they follow the example of the United States, and thus bring to bear to end the war the united pressure of the whole neutral world. The president is known to be very hopeful that this new stroke for peace will, if not immediately successful, at least hasten the end of hostilities.

With distinct anxiety cable and wireless communications bearing of Germany's new announced war plans are being watched for the first indication of American lives lost or ships sunk without warning.

Housatonic Sinking Legal

It appears that the sinking of the American Steamer Housatonic Saturday by a submarine, was not an illegal act, since she carried contra-

band cargo of wheat, and warning was given and the crew saved. Officials to-day heard with considerable satisfaction the reports that the German Government had ordered the immediate release of the American sailors taken from British ships by the German raider in the Atlantic, as demanded by the United States shortly before the severing of diplomatic relations. This action was interpreted in some quarters as an indication of a conciliatory attitude on the part of Germany since formerly that government had maintained these men were legally prisoners of war, having accepted service on armed belligerent merchant vessels.

The situation in regard to Austria had not changed this morning, and in some quarters, it was suggested that the Austrian Government might not find it necessary to ratify formally the submarine policy of Germany and in that event relations might be continued between the United States and Austria.

STORY HOUR

"The Lost Prince," by Frances Hodgson Burnett will be related to the children at the story hour at the library on Tuesday afternoon, while on Thursday, "The Wonder Child of Warsaw," a story of Chopin, the musician, will be told by Miss Midlemis.

SPAIN HAILS VICTORY OF JUSTICE WON BY AMERICA OVER GERMANY

BRAZIL WILL JOIN IN PROTEST

Will Reply to Germany's Sub Warfare Statement After a Consultation

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Feb. 5.—Reuter's Rio Janeiro correspondent says there is reason to believe the reply of the Brazilian government to the German note, respecting naval warfare, will be in harmony with the attitude of the United States.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 5.—The note of protest which Brazil will dispatch to Germany in answer to her declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, will not be sent until after an exchange of views between some of the American governments. President Venceslau Braz will summon a special meeting of the cabinet to discuss the situation.

The Paiz publishes an article inspired from a high authority. It says:

"Up to the present the reserve of our chancellor has been justified by the Monroe doctrine, our lack of military and economic preparation and the consideration due to the United States upon which falls logically the role of leader in the continental policy. But to-day Brazil has been directly touched."

The paper concludes: "In a conversation to-day with Dr. Tauro Muller, we received the impression that he is profoundly affected by the gravity of the situation created by the attitude of the United States, and is disposed, in accord with the other South American republics, to support the protest of the Washington administration, whose action ought to be sustained by all governments in order that Europe may receive the impression that this time it is not only the United States, but all America that speaks."

Hudson Seal Coats and all furs clearing at big reductions.—W. L. Hughes.

Though Prepared to Defend Herself, Spain Would Prefer to Protect Neutral Interests at Berlin

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Alejandro Lerroux, Spanish deputy and leader of the Republican party in Barcelona, interviewed here to-day declared that Spain should protest energetically against the German submarine campaign and make clear her intention to defend herself if necessary.

"Spain possesses," said Deputy Lerroux, "the means of making herself self fully respected. She can, and will say to Germany: 'Halt, you have here 100,000 of your compatriots, fifty of your ships. He helpless in our ports and you have besides important material interests in Spain; therefore avoid all acts likely to affect the lives and interests of Spaniards.'"

"Should there be a diplomatic rupture between Spain and Germany you will note that I hesitate to say that there will be—there is one thing that should be remembered: If Spain recalls her ambassador from Berlin, the last representative of a great country disappears from that capital. In the interests of the Empire some one ought to remain in Germany as an authoritative witness of the violation of the law of nations and the barbarities which are evidently going to be committed. Who can protest against them in the name of the civilized world? There must be some one to defend the prisoners and the unhappy populations of the invaded territory and those who have been deported."

"Spanish policy, in my opinion, should dictate a reply protesting energetically against German pretensions and making clear our intention to defend ourselves. At the same time our representative at Berlin should remain there to continue his work of humanity and justice. The of course could only last until our national honor was insulted. However, the world thanks America to-day for having won a victory of justice, a certain prelude to the victory of arms which I look for."

War Must Follow Action of America' Says Petrograd

"No Retreat for Germany," Says Russian Leader; Believe U. S. Fleet Will Fight

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 5.—It is officially announced that a special committee has been formed by order of Emperor Nicholas to discuss the future political organization of Poland under the Emperor's liberation scheme previously announced. The premier will preside over the committee, which will include several members of the cabinet, former Premier Goremykin and Sergius Sazonoff, the newly appointed ambassador to Great Britain.

End of Patience.
Petrograd, Feb. 4.—via London.—The diplomatic breach between the United States and Germany became known here at noon today and aroused general enthusiasm. The consensus of opinion was that it was a step calculated to bring an early end to the war. The Vechnee Vostaja, under the caption "End of patience reached," says:

"The severing of relations is the best proof of President Wilson's mistake in inviting the warring nations to begin peace conferences."

Last Days Come.
M. Dmitrieff, secretary of the Duma, declared that President Wilson's action was "of tremendous moral importance for Germany, for whom the last days have come."

War Must Follow.
The common opinion among Russian leaders was that war between

the United States and Germany must follow and Prince Galitzin, of the Imperial Council, expressed the view that the American move would prove of great assistance. F. I. Radtcheff, leader of the Liberals in the Duma said:

"There would appear to be no retreat for Germany."

Ford Would Serve the U.S.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Feb. 5.—Henry Ford manufacturer and pacifist, announced here today that in event of war he would place his factory at the disposal of the government and operate it without profits.

POSTPONE WORK.
Owing to the fact that the directory of the city is to be issued at an early date, the assessment department has discontinued their changing of the house numbers for another year, so as to avoid complications resulting from the numbers listed in the directory being removed from some of the houses. The work, will, however, be resumed later in the year when it will be completed.

RELIEF FUNDS.
The Courier gratefully acknowledges the sum of five dollars for Serbian Relief from Mrs. E. Hunt, 141 Rawdon St., also five dollars from Miss A. M. Hunt, for Armenian Relief.

"Hurrah For Wilson; Hurrah For America"

France Acclaims With Delight Action of the United States; Neutrality Exists no Longer in America

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Feb. 5.—"President Wilson has accepted Germany's challenge," says Georges Leygues, president of the Chamber of Deputies in a statement given out here for publication. "This act, accomplished with calmness and firmness, is characteristic of the eminent statesman who presides over the great American republic. It is an event of immense political significance."

"The near future will show us what will be the economic and military consequence, but the fact that the greatest and most pacific of neutral peoples declares before the world that concerns for its dignity and security, obliges it to break with Germany, is most important. It is probable other neutrals will answer the moving appeal of the United States to impose on the Central empires respect for their rights and for the elementary laws of humanity."

Among other commentators, Jos.

Reinach says in The Figaro: "There would have been no more of the great American republic. The Washington government had resigned itself to Germany's threats. It was impossible. Uncle Sam has drawn himself up to his full height. Even the patience of good giants has a limit."

Gustave They writes in The Neuvre: "Without looking for hidden meanings and reservations in the clear discourse of President Wilson, we are perhaps nearer to intervention than appears on the surface. The Neuvre asked yesterday: 'Who is neutral now?' Mr. Wilson has just replied, 'Nobody.'"

Gustave Herve says in The Viteire: "President Wilson has just written his name in the history of mankind beside the immortal names of Washington and Lincoln. Hurrah for Wilson! Hurrah for the great American people!"

Bomb Outrage in New York

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Feb. 5.—Customs Collector Malone at New York, reported to the treasury department today that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

An hourly bus line service will be inaugurated between St. Thomas, Aylmer and Port Burwell. The contribution of Hamilton and Wentworth county to the Patriotic Fund may finally reach \$675,000. Frontenac County Council voted \$24,000 to the Patriotic Fund, and raised the pay of the councillors by \$1 a day.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 5.—A fairly important disturbance is centred near Nantucket while pressure is high over the central and western portion of the continent. The weather has been cold over the greater part of the Dominion, but it is now moderating in the western provinces.

Forecasts
Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair today and on Tuesday, not much change in temperature.



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