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Preparations for Arming Merchant Ships Reveals a New Emergency

MANY HUN SEAMEN Among Union American Crews Might Cause Discord

WAGE BONUS OFFERED To Crews Sailing Aboard Armed Vessels

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, March 13.—The Associated Press this morning carries the following:

Sailors Needed
Preparations to send out American merchant ships armed and guarded against submarines have revealed a possible shortage of American sailors. It is understood the American Line, none of whose passenger vessels has sailed for Europe since the beginning of the German blockade, will need 2,000 men. Gustave A. Braun, secretary of the Atlantic district of the International Seamen's Union of America, expressed doubt that so many men can be furnished for the purpose at a short notice.

German Crews
Other difficulties, according to Mr. Braun, may arise from the fact that many of the union seamen are not American citizens. Some are Germans, others are citizens of the Entente nations and reluctant to go to ports where they might be held for army service. Six thousand of the union men, Mr. Braun said expect to go to the Great Lakes, where navigation will open next month.

Wage Bonus
The union will meet to-morrow night to consider the offer of the International Mercantile Marine, owners of the American Line, of fifty per cent wage bonus. The union has demanded a 75 per cent bonus. The steamship company also promises to take care of the dependents of the seamen who may lose their lives in service to insure their clothes in case of loss and to assure them transportation back to New York if their vessels are sunk.

SUCCESS FOR THE BRITISH IS ADMITTED

Germany Cannot Deny Victory for Allies in Fall of Bagdad

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 13.—The Koelnische Volks-Zeitung is quoted by the Central News Amsterdam correspondent as describing the occupation of Bagdad as an undeniable success for the British, especially as they also have succeeded in driving the Turks from the Sinai peninsula. The event must be regretted, but it has not the least influence on the decision of the war the newspaper says, Mesopotamia being a secondary theatre of operations. The loss of Bagdad it comments, is nevertheless painful to the Turks.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Mar. 13. Pressure remains very high to the northward of the great lakes, while a depression is spreading north-eastward from Texas. Fair weather prevails over the Dominion except that light snow has occurred in Manitoba. Forecasts: Fresh to strong north to east winds, today. Snow during the night, turning in some localities to sleet or rain.

SUSPENSION OF RUSSIAN DUMA REGRETTED BY ALL

It Alone Maintained Hope and Confidence of the Russian People—Stood For Overthrow of Germany and True Principles of Russia

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 13.—(New York Times Cable)—The Daily Telegraph publishes an article on the sudden suspension of the Russian duma "by a correspondent," who says:

Regretted by All
"Whatever may have been the ground for the government's action, the step which it has taken will be regretted by all who know Russia from personal experience. Ever since it became clear that things were not going well on the eastern European front there have been two views as to the influence of the duma on the suspension of the Russian people. One of them has regarded it as a blast of air to the furnace of an overheated boiler.

Safety Valve
"That has been the view of a comparatively small but unfortunately powerful section of the official body. The other regard it as a safety valve which might avert a dangerous explosion and that was the view of all the rest of Russia and of all foreign observers resident in that country. Whatever the pretext of prorogation, the safety valve has now been screwed down for at least a month and probably for longer.

Duma the Anchor
"There can be no doubt of one thing. During the gloomier phases of the war, the duma has been the sheet anchor of the Russian people whether fighting the foe at the front or laboring at the manufacture of arms and ammunition in the rear. The sessions of the Duma have all been periods of sunshine, of hope and confidence. Its prorogations have been periods of eclipse.

True Russian Policy
"Ministers, either with no ascertainable policy or with one in irreconcilable conflict with the views of their colleagues in the cabinet, have followed one another into retirement without the public having any assurance as to why they had been dismissed. The vast majority of the nation was, on the other hand, absolutely confident that the duma stood for the overthrow of the Germans and final eradication of their influence in Russia and was wholeheartedly behind it in this policy.

At Vancouver the city council ordered that all the information collected by the high cost of living committee be sent on to Ottawa without comment.

AMERICAN WINNER OF LEGION OF HONOR

Sergt. Major Raoul Lufbery, Aviator in French Army, Wins Honor For His Exploits on Field.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, March 13.—Sergeant-Major Raoul Lufbery, the aviator, has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. The announcement gives the following reasons: "Listed under French flag for the duration of the war, has given proof as aviator of remarkable boldness and has brought down up to December 27, 1916, six enemy machines, has assisted twice mentioned in army orders and decorated with the Military Medal."

The Cross of the Legion of Honor is only conferred on men in the ranks for exceptional distinguished services. Sergeant Lufbery spent his early years in New Haven, Connecticut. His parents died when he was very young and he was adopted by a family in the city of France. At thirteen he ran away and wandered all over the world, turning his hand to many trades. In Asia he met the aviator, Maro Pourpe, who trained him as an aviator.

Lufbery discovered for the first time that he was an American when he attempted to enlist with Pourpe at the outbreak of the war and was rejected on account of his nationality. He was finally permitted to go to the front as Pourpe's mechanic.

OPEN EARLY.

By Courier Leased Wire. Quebec, March 12.—Old shippers on the river say that the river will be open for navigation as far as Montreal very early this spring. It is feared, however, heavy floods will be felt along the river. In Three Rivers, Champlain, Lotbiniere and Nicolet. In the Beauce region inland, on the shores of the Chaudiere River, freshets and washouts are feared, for the melting of snow will be exceptionally brisk and quick, this year owing to the heavy and loose snow that covers the earth.

It will take two weeks to repair the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince John, which recently grounded at the Wrangell Narrows. Ex-Ald. J. P. Langan has sued the aldermen of Port Couillard for diverting \$7,500 from the sinking fund for other purposes.

At Victoria a distinguished party of Japanese naval officers called upon Hon. J. A. Macdonald, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal. Sub-Lieut. Walter Holden Leggo is just reported to have been accidentally killed while flying in England. He belonged in Okanagan, B.C.

SUBMARINES ARE SUPPLIED IN ATLANTIC

Two Large Submersibles of Deutschland Type at Work There

ARE SUPPLYING MORE Germany Prepares For Immediate War With U. S.

LOSING NO EFFORTS To Destroy All Shipping in the Atlantic

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 13.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch from Amsterdam yesterday says:

News brought from Germany to-day is to the effect that two of the largest submarines of the Deutschland type are now acting as supply ships for smaller craft operating in the Atlantic. Four others of the largest submarines are also about to be commissioned for similar service. Great efforts are being made to sink shipping, especially between America and England. Germany is attempting to perfect a plan whereby in case of war with America a decisive submarine campaign could immediately be put into operation.

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SPLENDID LOCAL RESPONSE TO CANADA'S NEW WAR LOAN

City Takes \$20,000 Worth—C. O. F. Down For \$1,000,000

The City of Brantford is setting a good example by subscribing for \$20,000 of the new Canadian war loan.

This will be for Sinking Fund Investment. The course was decided at a meeting held this morning of His Worship, The Mayor, W. A. Hollinrake, Chairman of Finance Committee, and the City Treasurer. These gentlemen being constituted by By-law as the Trustees of this Fund.

Other Local Investments
Local firms having the flotation in charge speak well of the outlook. K. V. Bunnell & Co. report a large total of offerings. Mr. J. L. Dowling said "we have had a good opening and many enquiries. It is gratifying to notice that small investors are interested."

Mr. Cook, of Harris & Cook, Co.—"There was a good start yesterday and indications are for a large local offering."
Mr. S. G. Read—"Going well. The enquiries are also numerous with prospects of many being closed."

Big Sums
There is one report of \$50,000 worth of bonds taken and others of \$25,000. It is the small investor, however, whom Finance Minister White is most anxious to interest and it is pleasurable to know that they are responding in excellent style.
The Royal Loan directors are meeting this afternoon and will undoubtedly take a handsome sum.
The C. O. F. headquarters here announce that the organization is taking \$1,000,000.

DID BERNSTORFF SMUGGLE SECRET DOCUMENTS FROM U. S.

Strange Story of a Mysterious Trunk Aboard the Frederik VIII; Bernstorff to Attempt an Explanation of the Mexican Fiasco

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 13.—The story of a mysterious trunk which was on board the Frederik VIII steamer, which brought Count von Bernstorff from the United States to Copenhagen, is given prominence by The Express. The trunk is said to have been consigned to Stockholm by the Swedish minister to the United States and to have borne the seal of the Swedish consulate in New York.

The story says that the trunk was held at Halifax because its seals had been broken and that it will be sent to England by a British warship. After it reaches the British capital it will be turned over to the Swedish legation, where its contents will be examined in the presence of British officials. The Express suggests that the trunk was opened between New York and Halifax to permit the insertion of secret documents belonging to Count von Bernstorff.

His Alibi
Copenhagen, via London, March 13.—Count von Bernstorff, dismissed German ambassador to the United States, prepared a statement on Germany's dealings with Mexico after his arrival here. This statement will be forwarded to the Berlin foreign office and if approved will be made public through the Wolff Bureau, the official German news Agency. It is understood that the statement deals with the way in which Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico City, fell into the hands of the American Government.

The departure of the Frederik VIII from Christiania was decided upon so suddenly that several passengers were left behind in the Norwegian capital. The impending arrival of the steamer here was known early and the German colony assembled at the dock to give the returning ambassador a hearty welcome.

The German and Austrian ministers went on board and exchanged greetings with Count von Bernstorff, whose face lacked its familiar smile. The dismissed ambassador talked with the newspapermen about his trip, but declined to discuss politics. According to the other passengers the Count had no wireless communication with Germany until he reached Norwegian waters. An extraordinary number of police had been detailed to control the crowds at the water front, but there was no demonstration.

While talking in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel this morning Mr. Gerard saw one of the German agents, who had been most obtrusive and persistent in his efforts to shadow him. Mr. Gerard hastened up to the man, who was a typical German. The spy, taking alarm, fled. The former ambassador's trail was taken up immediately by another German who followed him to the steamship aboard which the spy had reserved a stateroom. Through an authority close to Mr. Gerard it was learned that the persistent efforts made by Germany to stop the American diplomatist from reaching Washington. I am in a position to say that Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a more unfavorable position than she has yet occupied.

According to men close to Mr. Gerard, important developments are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with President Wilson. The Gerard train is due to reach Washington at half past twelve on Wednesday afternoon.

TAX RATE LIKELY TO BE TWENTY-SEVEN AND A HALF MILLS

Meeting of the Estimates Committee of City Council—Comparrison of Items With Last Year

The Committee on "Estimates for Civic Requirements" met yesterday afternoon. A draft report was submitted by the Treasurer, but no decision as to the rate of taxation for 1917 was come to, on account of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee. It is hoped that the rate may not be more than 27 1/2 mills, which would compare with the 1916 rate as follows:

	1916	1917
General Rate	24	24 1/2
Ontario Government	1	1
War Rate	1	1
Local War Rate	1	2
	26	27 1/2

The increase in the general rate is accounted for by the extra requirement for school purposes. The increase in the local war rate is necessitated by the larger contribution to Patriotic Funds, subscription to Sailor's Fund, etc. The Committee were strongly of the opinion that all contributions made by the City for war purposes should be raised by taxation and pay as you go, rather than by resorting to borrowing on debentures.

CANADIAN HONOR ROLL

DIED OF WOUNDS.
Hespeler—Pte. H. L. Morel.
Preston—Pte. Joe Thomas.

WOUNDED
St. Thomas—Sapper John Ryan.
Pte. W. J. Crook.
Hespeler—Pte. Gordon Murdoch.
Ayr—Pte. Edward Hawes.
New Hamburg—Pte. W. W. Perry.

MISSING.
Thedford—Flight Lieut. A. E. Watts.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.
St. Thomas—Corp. George Haynes.
ILL.
Hespeler—Pte. Jack Lush.

HUNS FEAR EVIDENCE OF GERARD

Efforts Made to Prevent Ambassador From Reaching Washington Safely

BEARS INFORMATION Which Will Shed Light Upon Fresh German Frightfulness

HE WAS SHADOWED During Time of His Stay in Havana

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, March 13.—A despatch from Havana dated last night says: Secret agents of Germany trailed James W. Gerard from the moment he landed at Havana until the time of his leaving here on board the Steamship Governor Cobb of the Peninsular and Occidental Service, this morning. When the vessel started one of the German agents occupied a stateroom near that of the returning American diplomatist. A high official of the steamship company informed me that this agent will be turned over to the authorities at Keywest, when the Governor Cobb arrives there.

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ALTERATION OF BLOCKADE MAY BE MADE

Arrival of Bernstorff in Europe Creates Renewed Discussion ON THE SUB. QUESTION Diplomats Are Confering at Berlin

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 13.—The arrival in Europe of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has caused renewed discussion in Berlin of the submarine blockade, between political, naval and diplomatic representatives, according to the Norwegian mercantile shipping Gazette, says Reuter's Christiania correspondent.

"Some German naval attaches in neutral countries have been called to Berlin for a conference, and it is expected that the alteration, but not the raising of the blockade is probable."

These conferences, it is indicated by the publication, arose out of developments during Count von Bernstorff's stay in Christiania, when direct efforts, it says, were made to prevent the situation between Germany and America developing into war.

In B.C. two divorces have just been granted, one to Mrs. Lillian Gunn of West Point Grey, and the other to Walter Head, a Nanaimo miner.

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